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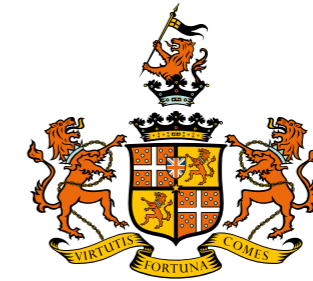


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FROM THE
EDITOR



The cover shows the front of the new Modern Languages Institute which has been built on what was the Hopetoun car park, or for those who have not visited the College for the last two decades, the site of the “up-turned boat”. The Institute is symbolic of the new Wellington, academic in its intent and world-wide in its aspirations.

Those aspirations are also reflected in the numerous conferences to which the College now plays host. Princes and Politicians, Captains of Industry and Headmasters of international renown attend; Wellington has become a reference point in world education.

It would, of course, be invidious to place emphasis on the current without making mention of the past. Tuesday 20th January 2009 will be the 150th Anniversary of the first pupils entering the College. That it was a Royal foundation from the outset was underlined by the formal opening by H.M. Queen Victoria nine days later. Those royal links continue, not only through the College's President, H.R.H. The Duke of Kent, but also with the increasing interest taken by H.R.H. The Duke of York. Indeed he has graciously accepted the position as President of the Wellington Academy on Salisbury Plain.

This new school of 1,150 pupils will have Houses and a C.C.F. based on those at College, thus helping to keep those traditions intact. Nevertheless its foundation as an Academy indicates the College's aims to be at the forefront of innovatory partnerships in education, thus leaving the sterile State v. Public School debate behind.

To return to Crowthorne. In David Newsome's *A History of Wellington College* we read that “The boys arrived on the 20th, a little bewildered at the strange, gaunt structure which waited to receive them, with its smell of paint and numerous traces of last minute activities by workmen and decorators”. In 1859 were just 76 boys, in 2008 there are over 890 boys and girls, but they can eat in the *Victoria & Albert Café*, where it is the smell of coffee and not paint that pervades.

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SPEECH DAY

SATURDAY 24TH MAY 2008



— THE VICE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH —

SIR ANTHONY GOODENOUGH

The Vice President welcomed all present and thanked their Graces, the Duke and Duchess of Wellington, for their presence and continued:

We value enormously the Duke's Patronage.

Wellington has had an excellent year: return to the first academic division; double triumph at Twickenham; Les Miserables; exceptional concerts; several County cups won by the girls: to name some highlights. They reflect Wellington's strengths as a first class, all round co-education school. New standards have been set. We must raise them still further in the years ahead.

Underpinning these strengths have been the intangibles: I quote one parent, "academic rigour, moral standards, duty, loyalty and commitment".

We have just received a glowing report from the Inspectors.

This year has seen also Wellington's decision to sponsor the Wellington Academy in Wiltshire thanks to the generosity of Tim and Sarah Bunting and the hard work of Brigadier Michael Lord and his team. We aim to open it next year, our 150th Anniversary, as further proof of Wellington's commitment to service to the nation.

Congratulations pupils, on your achievements, particularly today's prizewinners. Good luck in your exams, and to this term's leavers. Please spread the good word about this extraordinary place. You are our best Ambassadors. We look forward to learning of your fortunes in the years ahead.

Parents, thank you for entrusting your splendid

children to our care, for your support... and for paying those formidable fees.

Congratulations to the Master for his inspirational leadership, both of Wellington but also in the important national debate on education in Britain—and thank you, Dr Joanna Seldon, for all you do, unseen, behind the scenes.

Congratulations and thanks to the Senior Management Team, to the Common Room, the Bursar and our support staff for your loyalty, enthusiasm, hard work and professionalism; and to your spouses for all they do for Wellington.

The Queen has approved the election as Governors of Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean, General Sir Redmond Watt, both here today, and Robert Perrins of the Berkeley Group. We welcome them all.

In the last 18 months three of our Governors have been awarded Knighthoods for their professional achievements: Sir Michael Rake, Sir Nicholas Kenyon and to add to his KCVO, Sir Redmond Watt. Congratulations to them.

My warm thanks go to my fellow Governors for their work for Wellington and for their support to me personally.

Sadly, we bid farewell to three members of the Governing body: Anthony Bruce, Chairman of the OW Society; David Christie, former Warden of St Edward's School and Chairman of the Academic Committee; and Martyn Gowar, past senior partner of Lawrence Graham and Clerk to the Governors for 18 years. We thank them all for their wisdom, experience and good humour. From September, the mantle of Clerk will fall on the Bursar, Susan



Meikle. Lawrence Graham will remain Wellington's legal advisers as they have been since the Foundation. We are most grateful for all they do for us.

Martyn Gowar has kindly agreed to present the Master's

academic effort certificates to the Third, Fourth and Fifth Forms today; and David Cowley, who retired as a Governor last year, to the Lower Sixth and Upper Sixth.

I now invite the Master to give his annual report. ■

— THE MASTER'S SPEECH —

DR ANTHONY SELDON

Your Royal Highness, your Graces, my Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to Speech Day in the 149th anniversary year of pupils first arriving at Wellington College.

This is a wonderful and exciting moment in our history. Today will see a marking and celebration of the remarkable things that the school has achieved over the past year.

It will afford you further a vision of how Wellington will develop in our 150th year next year, and beyond.

Wellington seeks to measure itself not against the best schools in the South East, nor indeed in the UK at large, but against the best schools in the world.

Having proved ourselves most emphatically with our performance in our two inspections last month, Wellington is now set for the next stage in the ascent.

We seek to become nothing less than a world class school. We seek to lead schools, and education debates, not only in the UK but internationally.

But we have a very long way to go until we reach that level, as I make clear later.

The first Duke, in whose honour we were founded, was one of the great leaders of the 19th century. We must now lead in the 21st century.

It is a pleasure and honour to have the 1st Duke's distinguished great-great-grandson present with us today, together with Her Grace, the Duchess.

We hope you enjoy the new format for the day. The separate sessions in the Sports Hall in the morning will allow all pupils and guests to attend, and more time to celebrate the achievements of the year groups represented.

The new format will allow more time to visit the wonderful exhibitions: please do see the stunning art, DT and textiles work the pupils have created.

Please also look at our latest building, the palatial Modern Languages Institute, between the Orange and Hopetoun.

Do visit also the wonderful gardens, including the College, Swan Lake and after lunch the Master's gardens, and walk down the flaming laburnum grove.

Enjoy watching the cricket, the polo and the field gun run, as well as your picnics. For the first time in three years on Speech Day the weather appears to be kind.

From 3:45, please start assembling on South Front for the innovation of *The Pageant*. This will be a glorious celebration of some of the highlights of the year which parents ordinarily would miss. Three and a half thousand people will watch.

It will be performed and presented entirely by the pupils themselves. It is their show, and it will be stunning.

Please remember to take your programme, which contains the School Song, one of many traditions, along with Waterloo Day on 18th June, which we are resurrecting after many years.

The loss of those traditions happened long ago, and well before the arrival of any of the staff who will be sadly leaving us this summer, and whose departure we now mark.

Mark Sayer has been a hugely successful Housemaster of Lynedoch and teacher of Classics. The House deservedly won the Toye Challenge Trophy last year, and came second this year. A deeply committed and caring figure, he has received well-deserved promotion to become Headmaster of the prestigious Elstree Prep School.

With him goes Sarah, who has given such excellent help in the Lynedoch, and the Modern Languages department.

Nick Diver's departure will leave a hole no man could ever adequately fill. He has been a brilliant History teacher, a sports coach of Sam Allardyce style, a tutor, organiser of Speech Day, and an all-round inspirer of fun and mirth. He becomes Head of History at King Edward's Southampton.

Philip Crawford has taught Biology, directed plays, including the remarkable *Francis*, which he also put on in



Assisi itself, and the pageant this afternoon, in which you will see his unique flair and directorial genius. Philip leaves to work in the theatre in his native Northern Ireland.

Chris Warner is another music and theatrical impresario, who has contributed massively to school music, music technology and performance over the last seven years. His infectious skill, warmth and enthusiasm have left an indelible mark on many.

Mike Getgood has been Wellington's own Simon Sharma of Art History, Richie Benaud of cricket coaching, and Jeremy Clarkson commentator on school life. Again, a unique and irrepressible figure, who has given much.

Andrew Richards has served remarkably in the hardest job of any school, School Chaplain. He has made Chapel a warm and caring place for all, taught RE with a deep knowledge and enthusiasm, supported the down-hearted, and kept us all supplied with free-range eggs. He moves with Beverley to become Chaplain at The Duke of York's Military School in Dover.

John Arton Powell, Wellington's most politically incorrect teacher, even by Diver's standards, has been an excellent teacher of Economics, tutor, coach and Acting Head of 3rd form. He is the complete all-rounder, and leaves with Jenny and the girls for life back in Australia. He will miss our sunshine.

Rosie Fielder has been a warm and caring Housemistress of Apsley for three years, and an excellent Chemist. She leaves to become Head of Chemistry at Austin Friars School, where husband Mike will be one of her bosses. I am sure the girl power she has learnt from the Apsley girls will quickly sort out her new boss.

Rob Lancaster, 'Mr Cool', has been a scintillating teacher of Maths, Assistant HM in White Cairn, Master in charge of Hockey, and coach of many sports. He is leaving for the City, but we hope he will return before long to school teaching to make some serious money, perhaps even back to Wellington.

Tim Filtness, a popular teacher who uses chocolate as a reward system in his lessons, an excellent device, leaves after a very committed and successful two years as Head of Biology for Merchant Taylor's in Northwood as Head of Biology.

Our best wishes to our excellent post-graduate assistant teachers who are leaving us to continue their studies—Ben Allberry, Chris Bland, Patrick Lundie, Peter Murison and Massie Payne. They have made a tremendous contribution to the school.

Maurice Hynd, Will Williams, and Richard Halsall all left earlier in the academic year, and I spoke of them in end of term assemblies and in my letters to parents.



We thank all our leavers for everything they have done. 2007/8 has been a vintage year for the school, and the year saw us emerge as a major school on the national stage, with a prominence not seen for many years.

Wellington is again the hot ticket in town, the school that everyone wants to join.

Some years ago, we were struggling a little for pupils to join. Now, we are having to turn down wonderful children, with up to four applying for every one space.

Some years ago, Wellington was in the third division academically. Now we are in the first division, with 86% of A Level grades at A or B last year, and 70% A or A* at GCSE.

Some years ago, culture and the Arts at Wellington were little known beyond Crowthorne. Now our artists have a wide reputation.

If you saw *Les Miserables* or the dance show, listened

to the Gala Concerts and the Montgomery, witnessed the pantomime, *King or Twelve Angry Men*, saw the Art, DT and Textiles exhibitions today, or read pupil writing in the e-Wellingtonian or *South Front*, you would know why.

The Arts Week at the end of term will showcase further talent. Our own pupils will be joined by distinguished professionals, including OW, Rory Bremner.

At sport, Wellington is well on its way to being one of the co-ed powerhouses of the UK. The girls are rivalling the boys at records and cups, while the boys' highlight of the year was the historic double victory at Twickenham.

The quite extraordinary achievement by the 1st XV and the U15 XV has made the whole school proud, and brought great honour to it.

It was said that co-ed would ruin rugby. Well, the U15s are the first full co-ed year group, while the 6th form

but ultimately successful first year in their strange new environment.

When I spoke to them at the beginning of the year, I told them that they had one year to become Wellingtonians, to learn from the example of the 1st Duke, and to absorb the aspirations and honour of what it means to be a pupil at this great school.

None of what the pupils have achieved would have been possible without the work of our extraordinary teaching staff. They are the best teachers you will meet in any school.

Can we also thank all our support staff, led by our Bursar, Susan Meikle, whose work you see today in the beautiful gardens, buildings and arrangements.

And so to inspection. Staff anticipated the prospect of two inspections earlier this term, by ISI, the Independent Schools Inspectorate, and by OFSTED, with all the enthusiasm of the UVith for their impending A Levels.

Everyone knew it was to be a major test for the school. Were the improvements of the last three years just superficial, or had they become deeply embedded into our fabric?

Would the inspectors find us out, either as individuals or overall as a school? In short, would we be hauled over the coals, as schools regularly are by inspectors?

To lighten the tone in assembly on the day the men in grey suits arrived, I offered some advice to pupils:

Should an inspector turn up for one of your lessons, I said, do not ask your teacher why they haven't returned any work since September, nor should they ask why they are not watching videos as normal.

But one piece of advice I had to drop at the last minute. Just before the assembly, I disclosed to a Housemaster of similar Herculean size to myself that I was going to caution the pupils not to ask in front of inspectors, "Why are there flowers suddenly everywhere?"

"You can't tell them that, Master", he stuttered. "Of course I can", said I. "Why ever not?" "Well, Master", he said, "I have just placed thirty geraniums all around the house".

His opposite number at the Talbot was determined to get a better inspection report than the Beresford—when you hear of Head/Boscher, think Blair/Brown, Obama/Clinton, Wenger/Ferguson.

So when two ladies arrived at the Talbot, the good Dr Boscher fell all over them, and gave them his expansive red-carpet tour around the entire house.

Only on the top floor, and after an hour of enthusiasm,

that produced the 1st XV have had twice as many girls in it than any 6th form in Wellington's history.

Wellington is on its way to becoming Britain's strongest school in golf and in shooting, as well as in chess, and we may achieve this singular distinction, as we have already in rugby, in our Jubilee year in 2009.

This year saw us reach new heights at rackets, athletics, swimming, polo and archery.

Caring for others lies at the heart of our school, and the year saw a huge commitment to Round Square, house charities, the charity fashion show, to Chapel, and the CCF.

We will now hear about the highlights of the year not from me but from the pupils themselves, not only because it will avoid me being misty-eyed but they will also do it much better.

For the 3rd form, it has been a challenging, demanding

did they at last have the chance to explain that Jehovah's Witnesses didn't normally get this kind of thing, and would he like to convert?

Another potentially explosive point came when the OFSTED inspectors found, horror of horrors, a pork pie in a house fridge with a label indicating it was five days past its sell by date.

Would the team in suits demand the school being closed? The sky darkened. A suggestion that a team from the chemical weapons laboratory at Porton Down should come in and blow it up did not go down well with the inspectors. They don't do humour.

What they do do is very precise, very clear language.

Let me explain how the inspectors view the world. Everything they see, even their partners, are awarded one of four grades. 'Unsatisfactory' is a four, 'Satisfactory' a three, 'Good' a two and 'Excellent' or 'Outstanding' is a one.

Ones are very hard to obtain, and much sought after by schools. So what did they make of us?

First, the ISI inspectors. What did they say?

"Pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is outstanding, underpinned by the College's Eight Aptitudes."

"Moral development in the College is excellent." "The demeanour of pupils around the school, in boarding houses and in lessons sees them showing outstanding social skills."

"Excellent trips and expeditions, charity, sports, art and service...outstanding cultural opportunities, drama and music."

"Teaching is good overall, with some excellent. Behaviour in lessons is excellent. Teachers have excellent subject knowledge."

"The quality of pastoral care and arrangements for the welfare of pupils is excellent...there has been a major improvement in relations between pupils. It is now excellent. One older pupil said the College is "a nicer place to be"."

"Meals are outstanding... One ULVith former said his mother's Sunday roast no longer held the same place"—which doesn't strike me as very loyal.

"The quality of links with parents is outstanding and parents have excellent opportunities for involvement in the school."

"Links with the community such as the Academy, are outstanding." "The quality of boarding education has

improved substantially since the last inspection... there is an outstanding range of high quality activities for the pupils during the week and at weekends."

"The quality of governance is outstanding... there is outstanding leadership from the senior management team." etc. etc.

These comments all came from our notes from the inspectors' oral feedback. The full inspection report will be sent to all parents in a month or as soon as the school has it.

The report from OFSTED was similarly glowing, and several 'outstandings' were awarded. The inspectors spent five days in school, visiting all boarding houses, and talking to huge numbers of pupils.

They reported on an excellent quality of pastoral care, with high praise for the staff, the facilities and the activities available.

Most pleasing of all, after all the traumas and accusations over the last ten years, was that the inspectors found relationships and measures to counter bullying, were without question excellent. They found some evidence of occasional name-calling, but no evidence of bullying.

Instead, they found relationships between boys and girls to be excellent. We were told Wellington would take years to go successfully co-ed. Again, the Jeremiahs are proved wrong.

Parents deserved to be singled out for their notably strong commitment to the school—which was evident to inspectors on the 400 questionnaires—and for organising so many wonderful events.

The grand ball last night with Mark Ramprakash was merely the latest highlight.

The Parents' Forum and the WCA are great strengths of the school. This year has seen glittering speakers—Boris Johnson, Richard Holmes, Nikolai Tolstoy, and the Editor of *The Economist*, John Micklethwait, this week, with Michael Portillo later in the term and John Major and a galaxy of others next term.

The Trenches Trip two weeks' ago was described by one parent as "quite simply the most moving, stimulating and enjoyable long weekend I have spent in years." Next year sees trips to Monet's garden, more battlefields and St Petersburg.

Behind these events and the many socials have been Bill and Reena Price, who cease to be school parents this term. I am most grateful to all parents, and would like all governors, pupils and staff to show them our appreciation.



Ticking the Master at Call Over

Good too that the school's service, charitable and community efforts received the 'outstanding' rating.

The Academy in Wiltshire opens under its new Head, Andy Schofield, in 2009, with minimal fuss or cost to Wellington. Andy is present with us today. We wish him every success and look forward to working with him.

Our relationship with the Royal Family is deepened by Prince Andrew becoming President of the Academy.

Some public schools and pundits were hostile when Wellington first talked two years ago about the Academy and social responsibilities. Now they are following where Wellington led: Oundle, Winchester, Tonbridge and Epsom are some of the many public schools that have now announced they will be opening academies.

But we are not complacent. Schools can suffer from complacency and pomposity, and from this Wellington or its Master is not immune.

The autumn will see the publication of the lavishly illustrated *History of Wellington*.

The book recounts the true story of a former Wellington Master, Gus Stainforth, who joined Wellington in 1956 from Oundle where he was Headmaster. His wife was driving him on their summer holiday to the heart of Burgundy. The book picks up the scene:

"Stainforth grew blasphemously impatient with an aged peasant driving an old horse in a narrow lane." "All right, dear, all right." she said. "He obviously does not realise you are the Master of Wellington College".

The wives of Masters are indeed forthright women.

At the tensest moment of the 1st XV match at Twickenham last month, I turned to Joanna—who has not been entirely the same woman since dancing with Ramprakash last night—to see how she was bearing up and found her buried deep in a novel. "What on earth are you doing?" I whispered loudly.

Her reply was heard by the entire front row of the President's Box. "Look, I have no idea what is going on."

Forthrightness is exactly the quality Wellington now needs if we are to continue our ascent and become world class. Ten areas demand attention, and in the interest of total candour, and the belief that we will be stronger for being honest, I share them with you now.

The first two come direct from the inspectors, and constitute their two recommendations. Whereas much teaching at Wellington is excellent, teaching in some cases needs to be improved, above all for the most gifted, and all staff must all follow best practice and agreed policies.

Three, we need to complete our building programme. House renovations are largely complete, but we have more to do on classrooms. The Modern Languages Institute, with its eleven classrooms, is a key step.

Social facilities are coming to the heart of the school. Two years ago today I told you we would build them as soon as numbers rose and we could afford it. Phase one opens in September with a sparkling café, and phase two, a Victorian glass atrium, will open shortly after.

The café will transform the social lives for our young, and bring life back to the middle of the school.



The Sports Pavilion will at last open in September 2009. Our Performing Arts centre and other projects will follow, I hope, soon after.

In all these developments, we need your support.

A world class school demands world class parental involvement. A greatly enhanced WCA with wider participation and involvement from next year on will bring this about. But more is required. Wellington is blessed with its parents, and going the final step should not prove difficult.

Five, we need dramatically to improve work experience. We need to give our existing team, who do gallant work, far more resources. Things have improved nevertheless since the 1950s. The new school history includes the reminiscence of a former Anglesey boy: "The Master asked us to have tea with him in the Lodge, a treat for all leavers. Having observed my progress at Wellington over the years, he gave me his considered opinion that my best prospect lay in entering the second hand car trade. I told him that somehow or other I had managed to procure a place at Cambridge, but I was eager to accept his advice. He seemed pleased. My parents were not."

Six, we need to clarify further our entry requirements. The quite extraordinary surge in interest in Wellington caught us all off guard. We are giving special preference to siblings, but cannot in every case. We need to improve our Admissions process still further.

Seven, still more needs to be offered at Wellington for the child who is not a top musician, academic or sportsperson. Every single child has the right to have all their interests and talents developed, and our unique Eight Aptitude model will help achieve this.

Eight, we need to do more to make well-being and positive thinking an ingrained part of our ethos, and indeed spirituality. Having the leaders of positive psychology speaking at Wellington, including Martin Seligman and Tal ben Shahar will help, as will having Sam Weller speaking on the first evening back after half term.

Ninth, we need to lead education more, setting the standards, starting initiatives and holding conferences at Wellington, as we do in Politics, which are national quality. All our academic departments need to become world class.

Finally, Wellington needs to spread throughout the world. Already we are linked via Round Square and the G20 to some of the world's great schools. Last month I was in Beijing consolidating our link with China's top school, the High School Affiliated to Renmin University.

Wellington is looking to start branches abroad, and I would ask still more parents to help us as are Mark Hanson in Bahrain, Martin Uden in Korea, where he is Ambassador, Ahmed Samea in Abu Dhabi, His Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor, and Simon McDonald from Number 10.

India, Singapore, Japan and Thailand are other countries where we are looking to build contacts.

In January, in a speech that I circulated to all parents, I reminded pupils of a question I posed to them when I joined as Master in January 2006: did they want to belong to an ordinary school which was in the third division, or to an extraordinary, first division school, that could hold its head high?

They responded positively, and Wellington is now a first division school, leading the standard in many areas, with morale high.

So this January I put a further question to them: did they want to be in a school that was merely in the first division, or did they want to belong to a school that was world class?

I referred, as I often do, to the 1st Duke of Wellington, to his courage, hard work and leadership. Rightly he was described by Queen Victoria as the "finest Englishman ever to have lived".

I spoke to them of our founding commitment to 'Godliness and good learning', of a commitment to serving others and serving God. We had become negligent of our calling and traditions, I said.

We are now becoming reconnected, tangibly, palpably and visibly with our tradition and history. There is an extraordinary vibrancy and excitement in this school. A sense that we are in a historical continuum, heirs to a noble tradition.

The new chapter in Wellington's history is opening. You are all part of that tradition. If we can excel in the ten areas I have just described, anything will be possible.

We will indeed become world class. Only a lack of ambition and a lack of nerve will stop us. We will not let that happen.

We must not falter. There is only one way, and that is upwards.

We will become again the school of which the 1st Duke would have been proud. We will, in our Jubilee year, fulfil our promise.

We will indeed become Wellington's College. ■

PRIZEWINNERS



MALIM PRIZES

Winners	Sophie Robertson [O]
. . . . .	.Arthur Cole-Fontayn [Bn]
. . . . .	.Harriette Johnson [O]
Runners-up. . . . .	.Min Ju Oh [Hn]
. . . . .	.Oliver Banks [A]
. . . . .	.Jonathan Patrick-Patel [A]
. . . . .	.Ollie Newland [B]

MASTER'S PROJECT PRIZES

1st Prizes	Richard Addicott [L]
. . . . .	.Oliver Beart [S]
. . . . .	.James Brooks [L]
. . . . .	.James Ellis [L]
. . . . .	.Patrick Garratt [Pn]
. . . . .	.Robert Hinge [Bd]
. . . . .	.Lucy Lloyd-Williams [C]
. . . . .	.Jordan Mann [B]
. . . . .	.Alistair Marjot [S]
. . . . .	.Georgina McCreadie [C]
. . . . .	.Robbie Offer [Pn]
. . . . .	.Henry Orpen-Smellie [B]
. . . . .	.Jake Presley [L]
. . . . .	.Arthur Seaward [Bd]
. . . . .	.Illias Thoms [T]
. . . . .	.Sam Wilkinson [Hn]
2nd Prizes	Rosie Atkinson [C]
. . . . .	.Joe Bamsey [A]
. . . . .	.Priyanka Baxter [O]
. . . . .	.Angus Boobyer [Pn]
. . . . .	.Matthew Dickenson [M]
. . . . .	.Tom Garvey [S]
. . . . .	.Solenn Gueganton [O]
. . . . .	.Tom Roberts [Bd]
. . . . .	.Luisa Rubio [C]
. . . . .	.Charlotte Sedgwick-Dwane [O]
. . . . .	.Struan Whiteley [Bd]
.Beau Wyatt [T]
House Winners	Lynedoch [1st]
.Stanley [2nd]

THIRD FORM

Art Prize.	Min Ju Oh [Hn]
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Geography Prize	Harriette Johnson [O]
English Prize	Bethan Cotterill [Hn]
Wright Prize for Chinese	Alice Richards [Hn]
Modern Languages Prizes	Murray Rose [M]
.	Akash Jain [M]
History Prize. . . . .	.Akash Jain [M]
Religious Studies Prize . . . . .	.Akash Jain [M]
Mathematics Prize . . . . .	.Akash Jain [M]
Information Technology Prize . . . . .	.Akash Jain [M]
Physics Prize . . . . .	.Akash Jain [M]
Chemistry Prize . . . . .	.Akash Jain [M]
Biology Prize.	Alice Richards [Hn]
Classical Civilisation Prize	Jack Trigger [M]
Classical Languages Prize.	Andrew Brooker [H]

FOURTH FORM

Ronald Herring French Prize.	Alistair Marjot [S]
OW Biology Prize	Alistair Marjot [S]
Product Design Prize	Bobbie Hook [C]
Textiles Design Prize.	Georgina McCreadie [C]
Art Prize. . . . .	.Louis Timpany [A]
Frew Mathematics Prize . . . . .	.Yuma Shino [A]
Religious Studies Prize . . . . .	.Joshua Owolabi [A]
Atlay History Prize. . . . .	.Alistair Marjot [S]
Elton Geography Prize . . . . .	.Yuma Shino [A]
Carr English Prize . . . . .	.Alistair Marjot [S]
Freer Greek Prize . . . . .	.Elizabeth Robinson [O]
Frew Latin Prize . . . . .	.Tom Roberts [Bd]
Ridsdale Chemistry Prize . . . . .	.Tom Roberts [Bd]
Ridsdale Physics Prize . . . . .	.Tom Roberts [Bd]

FIFTH FORM

Willans English Prize	Bella Day [O]
John Falconer Prize for English & History	Patrick Ware [L]
Atlay History Prize.	Daniel MacKinnon [L]
Art Prize.	Camilla Bryden [C]
Freer Greek Prize . . . . .	.James White [T]
Entwisle Latin Prize . . . . .	.Jonny Templeman [A]
Freer Religious Studies Prize.	Rory Stewart [Hn]
OW Physics Prize . . . . .	.James Fotherby [A]
OW Chemistry Prize . . . . .	.Harry Lee [M]
Elton Geography Prize	Charlie Pickard [B]

Product Design Prize	Robert Tyrrell [Pn]
Textiles Design Prize. . . . .	.Georgie Wright [O]
Frew Mathematics Prize . . . . .	.Robin Kim [H]
OW Spanish Prize . . . . .	.Charlie Smith [L]
OW German Prize. . . . .	.Arthur Montagu [Bn]
J.M. Cruddas Creative Writing Prize. . . . .	.Georgy Filippov [S]
Gavin Ewart Poetry Prize . . . . .	.James White [T]
OW Prize for Modern Languages . . . . .	.James White [T]
Frew Classical Studies Prize . . . . .	.Georgina Colling [C]
Chapel Reading Prize. . . . .	.Miles Seavill [H]
Ridsdale Biology Prize . . . . .	.Alex Sanina [C]
Music Prize.	Ed Guillaume-Smith [L]

LOWER SIXTH

Instrumental Prize Woodwind	Emma Parkhouse [C]
Freer Greek Prize	Oliver Marjot [S]
Frew Latin Prize	Mathilde Spiess [O]
Frew Classical Civilisation Prize	Oliver Botes [H]
Art Prize. . . . .	.Freya Reilly [Ap]
Art Textiles Prize . . . . .	.Laura Keeble [Ap]
Textiles Design Prize. . . . .	.Sarah Keeble [Ap]
Product Design Prize . . . . .	.Jonathan Sole [S]
Ridsdale Physics Prize . . . . .	.Jonathan Sole [S]
Ridsdale Chemistry Prize . . . . .	.Fraser Barrett [S]
OW Biology Prize . . . . .	.Lizzie Wedderburn [C]
Elton Geography Prize. . . . .	.Angharad Davies [Ap]
Blakemore English Prize . . . . .	.Marina Lanaghan [Ap]
Frew Mathematics Prize . . . . .	.Harry Willis [L]
John Walter History Prize . . . . .	.Yimin Xu [T]
The Kynaston Essay Prize . . . . .	.Ben Cleary [Bd]
An Economics Prize . . . . .	.Ben Cleary [Bd]
A Business Studies Prize . . . . .	.Anna-Karin Neal [Ap]
A Politics Prize. . . . .	.Oliver Botes [H]
Freer Religious Studies Prize. . . . .	.Oliver Botes [H]
History of Art Prize . . . . .	.Freya Reilly [Ap]
A Theatre Studies Prize . . . . .	.Jessica McCarten [Ap]
Melissa Morgan Memorial [Apsley contribution to Drama]	.Polly Watson [Ap]
Gavin Ewart Poetry Prize . . . . .	.Felix Cook [T]
Modern Languages Oral Prizes. . . . .	.Oliver Marjot [S]
. . . . .	.Darya Kravchenko [O]

UPPER SIXTH

Instrumental Prizes:	
Brass . . . . .	.James McGuire [A]
Choral . . . . .	.Amanda Stephenson [Ap]
. . . . .	.Rosie Lintott [C]
Strings. . . . .	.Claire Sledd [C]
. . . . .	.Sabina Virtosu [W]
Percussion. . . . .	.James Addicott [L]
Singing. . . . .	.James Bourne [A]
Montgomery Recital Prize . . . . .	.James Bourne [A]
Crowthorne Choral Society Prize . . . . .	.Tom Lowe [Wn]
Haldane Organ Prize. . . . .	.Tom Lowe [Wn]
Anthony Browne Piano Prize . . . . .	.Dongsu Kim [B]
OW Prize for Music . . . . .	.Katie Jillings [O]

John D. Gold Memorial Prize	
for Performing Arts . . . . .	.Robert O'Donovan [Hg]
Lake Drama Prize . . . . .	.James Bourne [A]
Theatre Prize . . . . .	.Angus Wilson [Hg]
Stockdale Art Prizes . . . . .	.Poppy Deakin [Ap]
. . . . .	.Victoria Guy [Ap]
. . . . .	.Poppy Wilcox [Ap]
Eden Art Prize. . . . .	.Elysia Byrd [Ap]
Plaiستowe Prize. . . . .	.Edward Robertson [T]
Batchelor Art Prize . . . . .	.Marcus Aitken [Pn]
Product Design Prize . . . . .	.Marcus Aitken [Pn]
Textiles Design Prize. . . . .	.Victoria Guy [Ap]
Freer Greek Prize . . . . .	.James Robinson [T]
Frew Latin Prize . . . . .	.Tom Lowe [Wn]
Frew Classical Civilisation Prize . . . . .	.Matthew Uden [T]
Freer Religious Studies Prize. . . . .	.Sophie Leon [Ap]
The Scholey Prize for Economics . . . . .	.Matthew Richards [Bn]
The Rake Business Prize . . . . .	.Christopher Jackson [Hg]
Strettel Politics Prize. . . . .	.Christopher Jackson [Hg]
Carr English Prize . . . . .	.Elysia Byrd [Ap]
Senior English Language Prize . . . . .	.Tom Gibson [L]
James Ramage Prize . . . . .	.Varun Sarna [Hg]
Parks Prize for Mathematics . . . . .	.Shilong Chen [Hn]
Frew German Prize . . . . .	.Charles Wheeler [Hg]
OW Spanish Prize . . . . .	.George Byrd [Bd]
Herford Biology Practical Prize . . . . .	.Wing Sum Tse [C]
Pentland Progress Prize . . . . .	.Hannah Mason [Ap]
Chapel Reading Prize. . . . .	.Peter Durkin [L]
Modern Languages Oral Prize . . . . .	.Tom Lowe [Wn]
Don Quijote Prize for Spanish. . . . .	.Oliver Silver [Bd]
History of Art Prize . . . . .	.Hannah Boissier [Ap]
Music Prize. . . . .	.Claire Sledd [C]

SENIOR ACADEMIC

Verrall English Prize . . . . .	.Rosie Lintott [C]
Buckley Mathematics Prize. . . . .	.James Robinson [T]
Lord Derby French Prize. . . . .	.Marina Lanaghan [Ap]
Verrall Greek Prize. . . . .	.Cornelius Riethdorf [H]
Vaughan Geography Prize . . . . .	.Charles McDonagh [Pn]
Prince Consort's History Prize . . . . .	.Cornelius Riethdorf [H]
Frew Physics Prizes . . . . .	.James Robinson [T]
. . . . .	.Rachel Elliott [C]
Frew Chemistry Prize . . . . .	.Rachel Elliott [C]
Pender Biology Prize. . . . .	.Marc MacMillan [H]
Gordon Walker History Prize . . . . .	.George Looker [OW]

SPECIAL AWARDS

The Master's Prizes . . . . .	.Anna Abbott [O]
. . . . .	.Hugh James [Bn]
. . . . .	.Charles McDonagh [Pn]
. . . . .	.Daniel Price [Bd]
. . . . .	.Cornelius Riethdorf [H]
. . . . .	.James Royce [H]
Round Square Medal presented by Constantine,	
former King of the Hellenes . . . . .	.Ben Gateley [L]
John Maltby Essay Prize . . . . .	.Oliver Marjot [S]

- OW Society Prize for Artistic and Athletic Distinction Genny Porter [C]
- Penny Memorial Gift. Sophie Leon [Ap]
- Johanne Nelson [Ap]
- Lord Derby's Gift Edward Robertson [T]
- Lady Emma Talbot's Prize Bella Williamson [Ap]
- Claud Hughes-Games Memorial Prize Rachel Elliott [C]
- Matthew Richards [Bn]
- Oliver Tyler-Elder [Pn]
- Purnell Gift. Edward Lowe [Bd]
- Walter Castle Prize for Loyalty and Keeness. . .Peter Durkin [L]
- Bates-Blewitt Prize for a School Prefect Ben Gateley [L]
- Lord Colnbrook's Prize for Leadership Phoebe Paskin-Orr [Ap]
- Duke of Wellington's Prize. James Robinson [T]
- Toye Challenge Trophy. Combermere [Head of House: Rosie Lintott]
- Talbot Medal Daniel Jarrett [Pn]

THE QUEEN'S MEDAL Robert O'Donovan [Hg]

Citation of the Queen's Medal—Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to declare her intention of presenting a Gold Medal annually for good conduct to the Scholars of Wellington College. Her Majesty would wish by the establishment of this prize to hold up to the admiration of the students and to their emulation, so far as they are capable of emulating such virtues, the great qualities of the Hero and Statesman in whose memory the College has been instituted. It is not beyond the power of any boy to exhibit cheerful submission to his superiors, unselfish good fellowship with equals, independence and self-respect with the strong, kindness and protection to the weak, and a readiness to forgive offences towards himself and to conciliate the differences of others, and above all fearless devotion to duty and unflinching truthfulness. He who displays all or any of these qualities will have, so far, trod in the steps of the Great Duke.



Back row: Rosie Lintott [C], Johanne Nelson [Ap], Charles McDonagh [Pn], William Andrew [T], James Bourne [A], Will Jones [S], James Royce [H], Katherine Jillings [O], Sophie Leon [W]. Middle row: Hugh James [Bn], Daniel Price [Bd], James Koch [M], Robert Stevens (College Prefect [B]), Edward Robertson (College Prefect [T]), Peter Durkin (College Prefect [L]), James Huelin [B], Sam Leslie-Miller [Hn], Arthur Kaminski [Hg]. Front row: Tom Lowe (College Prefect [L]), Anna Abbott (College Prefect [O]), Ben Gateley (College Prefect [L]), Daniel Jarrett (Deputy Head [Pn]), Rob O'Donovan (Head of College [Hg]), Phoebe Paskin-Orr (Deputy Head [Ap]), Charles Wheeler (College Prefect [Hg]), Oliver Silver (College Prefect [Bd]), George Byrd (College Prefect [Bn]).

— SPEECH DAY PRIZEWINNERS —



THE QUEEN'S MEDAL
Robert O'Donovan [Hg]



MASTER'S PRIZES
Charles McDonagh [Pn], James Royce [H], Cornelius Riethdorf [H]



ROUND SQUARE MEDAL & BATES-BLEWITT PRIZE
Ben Gateley [L]



WALTER CASTLE PRIZE
Peter Durkin [L]



MASTER'S PRIZES
Daniel Price [Bd], Anna Abbott [O], Hugh James [Bn]



FREW LATIN & HALDANE ORGAN PRIZES
Tom Lowe [Wn]



TOYE CHALLENGE TROPHY
The Combermere (Head of House: Rosie Lintott)



CLAUD HUGHES—GAMES MEMORIAL PRIZE
Matthew Richards [Bn], Rachel Elliott [C], Oliver Tyler-Elder [Pn]



TALBOT MEDAL
Daniel Jarrett [Pn]



LORD COLNBROOK'S PRIZE
Phoebe Paskin Orr [Ap]



PENNY MEMORIAL GIFT
Sophie Leon [W], Johanne Nelson [Ap]



DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S PRIZE
James Robinson [T]



LADY EMMA TALBOT'S PRIZE
Bella Williamson [Ap]



LORD DERBY'S GIFT
Edward Robertson [T]



JOHN MALTBY ESSAY PRIZE
Oliver Marjot [S]



OW PRIZE FOR ARTISTIC & ATHLETIC DISTINCTION
Genny Porter [C]

UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE ENTRANCE



The following are recorded as having been accepted onto higher education courses in the U.K. or abroad, starting in 2007 or 2008.

Harry Chittleborough [Hn]	Bath	Business Administration	2007
Jack Penrose [A]	Bath	Modern Languages & European Studies [French & Spanish]	2007
Matthew Clemens [Pn]	Birmingham	Philosophy	2008
Nicholas Buffin [T]	Boston College, Massachusetts		2007
Clemency Baxter [Ap]	Bristol	Social Policy	2008
Emma Deakin [Ap]	Bristol	History of Art	2007
Charlie Gent [A]	Bristol	History	2008
Jeremy Marchant [Bn]	Bristol	Economics & Accounting	2008
Hannah Mouldsdale [Ap]	Bristol	Geography	2007
Charles Norris [Hn]	Bristol	History with Study in German	2007
Emily Smyth [Ap]	Bristol	Politics	2008
Christopher Steele [L]	Bristol	Biology	2007
Esme Sutherland [Ap]	Bristol	History of Art	2007
Joe Taylor-Eves [C]	Bristol	History	2008
Bradley Warren [Hg]	Bristol	Geography	2008
Rosanna Wollenberg [Ap]	Bristol	Spanish	2008
Shun Yamanaka [L]	Bristol	Medicine	2007
James Bryson [S]	Cambridge—Selwyn	Natural Sciences	2007
James Armitage [Bn]	Cambridge—St John's	Natural Sciences	2007
Grace Buckingham [Ap]	Cardiff	Business Management	2008
Louis Marengo [C]	Cardiff	Business Management	2008
Charlie Whitaker [C]	Cardiff	Politics/Religious Studies	2007
Emily Winkworth [Ap]	Cardiff	Medicine	2007
Sae Jun Ahn [M]	Cornell University, U.S.A.	Architecture	2007
Alex Carapiet [M]	Durham	Geography	2007

Daniel Cary [T]	Durham	Economics	2008
Philip Collins [M]	Durham	Business	2007
Gracie Garnham [Ap]	Durham	Geography	2007
Jonathan Graham [Hn]	Durham	Business	2007
James Griffin [Bn]	Durham	Philosophy, Politics & Economics	2008
Ella Johnson [Ap]	Durham	Geography	2008
George Looker [Pn]	Durham	History	2008
Jennifer McGuckin [O]	Durham	Modern Languages	2007
Maria Mustapha [Ap]	Durham	Business Finance	2007
William Wilbraham [L]	Durham	Physics	2007
Verity Leeson [O]	Edinburgh	Social Anthropology	2008
Will Sowerby [C]	Edinburgh	History	2007
Charlotte Toon [Ap]	Edinburgh	Mathematics & Physics	2007
James Turley [Bn]	Edinburgh	Spanish & Politics	2007
Andrew Weir [T]	Edinburgh	Biological Sciences with Management	2007
Natasha Wilkie [Ap]	Edinburgh	Geography	2007
Edward Collas [Hn]	Exeter	History	2007
Saskia Cooper [O]	Exeter	Psychology	2008
George Deslandes [Pn]	Exeter	Archaeology	2007
Mark Douglas [Bn]	Exeter	Business & Management	2008
James Hancock [Bn]	Exeter	Ancient History & Archaeology	2008
Florence Michel [O]	Exeter	Psychology	2007
Jonathan Ross [Bd]	Exeter	Business Economics	2008
Thomas Ward [HI]	Exeter	International Relations & Spanish	2007
Archie Wardlaw [T]	Exeter	Classical Studies & Philosophy	2008
Timothy Frayne [Hn]	Gloucestershire	Sport & Exercise Sciences	2007
Jack Spencer [C]	Gloucestershire	Sports Development	2008
Henry Eaton [L]	Greenwich	Creative Writing & Philosophy	2007
Giles Welford [L]	Kingston Art College	Art Foundation	2008
Christopher Clapham [T]	Leeds	French & Management	2007
Jonathan Clapham [T]	Leeds	French & International Relations	2007
Catherine Dunlop [Ap]	Leeds	History of Art & Philosophy	2008
Eizo Higashi [BI]	Leeds	Biology	2007
Hannah McCabe [Ap]	Leeds	Fine Art	2007
Tolu Ogunsanya [A]	Leeds	International Relations	2007
Daniel Sanders [BI]	Leeds	Economics & Politics	2007
Anna Schroeder [Ap]	Leeds	Economics & Statistics	2007
Thomas Simkins [BI]	Leeds	History	2008
Christian Stephansen [HI]	Leeds	Biochemistry	2008
Joseph Van Gelder [Hn]	Leeds	Philosophy & Politics	2007
James Millard [M]	Leeds College of Music	Music Production	2008
Duncan Smith [Pn]	London—Goldsmiths College	Art Practice	2008
Ozan Asim [S]	London—Imperial	Mechanical Engineering	2007
Alastair Coombe [Pn]	London—Imperial	Mechanical Engineering	2008
Benjamin Ebbetts [Bn]	London—Imperial	Mechanical Engineering	2008

Daniel Izzat [A]	London—Imperial	Civil Engineering	2008
Henry Lim [BI]	London—Imperial	Medicine	2007
Xinwei Xu [HI]	London—Imperial	Mathematics with Statistics for Finance	2007
James Beck [Hg]	London—King's College	Religion, Philosophy & Ethics	2008
Rachael Clarke [Ap]	London—LSE	Geography	2007
Li Wei [S]	London—LSE	Economics	2007
Dmitry Yashnikov [L]	London—LSE	Economics	2007
Hashim Bhatti [Hg]	London—Royal Holloway	Politics	2007
Lucas Brandter [BI]	London—Royal Holloway	English	2008
Ji Hyun Jay Jang [Ap]	London—Royal Holloway	Politics & International Relations	2007
Hannah Neenan [Ap]	London—Royal Holloway	Biomedical Sciences	2008
Sam White [M]	London—Royal Holloway	History	2008
Edward Bragg [Bn]	London—Royal Veterinary College	Veterinary Medicine	2007
Oliver Attwater [HI]	London—UCL	Geography	2008
James Bristow [Hg]	London—UCL	Chemistry with Mathematics	2008
Louisa Gilbert [Ap]	London—UCL	Archaeology	2007
Anton Guguchkin [Bd]	London—UCL	Economics	2007
Stanley Ho [M]	London—UCL	Architecture	2007
Vincent Kwok [BI]	London—UCL	Economics	2007
Huaigu Lu [Hg]	London—UCL	Theoretical Physics	2007
Eun Jeong [Jenny] Myung [Ap]	London—UCL	Economics & Management	2007
Konrad Pawelec [M]	London—UCL	Politics & East European Studies	2007
Oliver Shastri [Pn]	London—UCL	Medicine	2007
Rana Khan [Bd]	London—SOAS	Politics & Economics	2007
Daniel Cervino [Pn]	Loughborough	Politics with a Minor	2007
Christopher Dickens [S]	Loughborough	Product Design & Technolog	2007
Rupert Froud [Pn]	Loughborough	International Business	2007
Robyn Stoddart [Ap]	Loughborough College of Art	Art Foundation	2007
Adam Barrow [A]	Manchester	Biomedical Sciences	2007
Robert Gartshore [A]	Manchester	Medicine	2007
Thomas Miller [A]	Manchester	Mechanical Engineering with Management	2007
Christian Taylor [S]	Manchester	History of Art	2007
Ashley West [A]	Manchester	Politics & Modern History	2007
Joe Chapman [Bn]	Newcastle	English Language	2007
Alexander Coghlan [Pn]	Newcastle	History	2007
Cameron Drew [C]	Newcastle	Politics & Sociology	2008
Georgina Foster [Ap]	Newcastle	Politics & History	2007
George Gray [HI]	Newcastle	Politics & Sociology	2007
Emily Hopcroft [O]	Newcastle	Media, Communication & Cultural Studies	2007
Alex Kingsnorth [HI]	Newcastle	History	2007
Thomas Proctor [A]	Newcastle	Politics	2007
Chris Read [C]	Newcastle	Business Management	2008
Joshua Silverman [Bd]	Newcastle	Medicine	2007
Edward Yarnton [M]	Newcastle	Marketing	2008

Simon Jamieson-Temple [Pn]	Northumbria	Engineering with Business Studies	2007
Alexander Mills [T]	Northumbria	Film & Television Studies	2007
Henry Sandars [T]	Northumbria	Product Design Technology	2008
Tom Cooper-Smith [T]	Nottingham	Archaeology & Geography	2007
Liam Keelan [M]	Nottingham	Management Studies	2008
Tobi Majekodunmi [BI]	Nottingham	Biochemistry	2007
Rory O'Keeffe [M]	Nottingham	Geography, Business & the Environment	2008
James Owen [C]	Nottingham	Psychology	2007
Marcus Potter [C]	Nottingham	Philosophy	2007
Harry Titherley [A]	Nottingham	French & Hispanic Studies	2008
Amy Tress [O]	Oxford—Christ Church	Music	2007
Joshua Stone [T]	Oxford—St Anne's	Materials Science	2007
Naoya Koda [Hn]	Oxford—St John's	Mathematics	2007
James Cooke [T]	Oxford Brookes	Communications, Media & Culture/Marketing Management	2007
Samuel Forbes [A]	Oxford Brookes	Marketing Management	2007
Guy Holt [HI]	Oxford Brookes	Real Estate Management	2008
William Morgan [A]	Oxford Brookes	Accounting & Finance	2007
Andrew Naisbitt [S]	Oxford Brookes	Sport & Coaching Studies	2007
Ben Pratt [A]	Oxford Brookes	Business Economics	2007
Toby Ranger [T]	Oxford Brookes	Film Studies	2007
Edward Young [Bd]	Oxford Brookes	Anthropology/Sociology	2008
Hugo Tait [Bd]	Plymouth	Marine Biology & Coastal Ecology	2008
Matthew Ahern [Pn]	Portsmouth	Criminology & Forensic Studies	2007
Oliver Bagwell Purefoy [HI]	RADA	Stage Management	2008
James Brind [Hg]	Reading	Artificial Intelligence & Cybernetics	2008
Alastair Gillespie [HI]	Sheffield	Medicine	2008
Jack Noble [C]	Sheffield	History	2007
Katherine Cho [Ap]	Southampton	Biology	2007
Andrew Maltby [S]	Southampton	Electronic Engineering with Artificial Intelligence	2007
Sam Sepehri [Bd]	Southampton	Management Sciences & French	2008
Harry Williams [Bn]	St Andrews	Medicine	2007
Geoffrey Ashburne [Pn]	University of California, Los Angeles		2007
Edward Clark [L]	University of the Arts London	Fashion Design Marketing	2007
Yen Ling [Jovey] Beh [M]	University of Virginia		2007
Matthew Faldo [Hn]	West of England	Management	2008
Robert Mooney [Hn]	West of England	Property Development & Planning	2007
Benjamin Sullivan [T]	West of England	Management	2007
Thomas Wright [T]	West of England	Business Enterprise	2008
Ilkin Garibli [BI]	York	Environment, Economics & Environmental Management	2007
Hugh Hemsley [Bd]	York	History	2008
Gideon Heugh [C]	York	English	2008
Gruffudd Jones [Bd]	York	English	2007
Oliver Tilney [Bn]	York	English/Linguistics	2007

ACADEMIC STAFF

YEAR ENDING SUMMER 2008



Universities in *italic*; OWs in **bold**

Master	M.N. Halpin, MSc, <i>Cape Town University</i>	Maths
Dr A.F. Seldon, MA, PhD, FRSA, MBA, FRHisS <i>Worcester College, Oxford, LSE</i>	D.G. Grainge, BSc, <i>Edinburgh University</i>	IT
	J.L. Price, BA, PGCE, <i>Manchester, Oriel College, Oxford</i>	Mod Lang
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	<i>Open University & Selwyn College, Cambridge</i>	Maths
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	& <i>Kingston University</i>	HoD Art
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C.M. St G. Potter , BSc <i>London University</i>	J.A.F. Jeffrey, BA, PGCE, <i>Durham University & Exeter University</i>	HoD History
G. Waugh, BEd <i>Loughborough College</i>	S.D. Laverack, BSc, PhD, PGCE, <i>Bristol, Leeds, & London Universities</i>	Maths
[Hn] History	M.C.F. Fielder, MA, PGCE, <i>Pembroke College, Cambridge, & London</i>	Physics
J.D. Oakes, ARCM <i>Royal Academy of Music</i>	Mrs C.J. Blunden-Lee, BA (Open), Cert Ed, Dip.RSA, SpLD, Cert.TEFL,	English
R.A. Peter, BA, PGCE <i>University College, Oxford & Nottingham</i>	AMBDA	English
English	M.J. Oakman, BA, PGCE, <i>St Edmund Hall & Keble College, Oxford</i>	History
D.A. Burns, BSc, MSc, CBiol, MIBiol, PGCE, <i>Hatfield Poly</i>	Mrs D.E. Cook, BA, PGCE, <i>Reading University & Brunel University</i>	English
& <i>Keble College, Oxford</i>	S.W. Lockyer, BSc & PGCE <i>University of Newcastle</i>	English
Biology	& <i>University of Cambridge</i>	[HI] Biology
J.J. Breen, BA, MA, <i>St Benet's Hall, Oxford & Durham</i>	M.P. Hynd, MA, PGCE, <i>Glasgow University & North London University</i>	Mod Lang
English		
I.C.E. Mitchell, BSc, PGCE, <i>Leicester & London Universities</i>		
HoD Maths		
T.J. Head, BA., <i>W. Sussex Institute of HE, & Queens' College, Cambridge</i>		
[Bd] English		
A.R. Dewes, MA, <i>Late Exhibitioner of St. John's College, Cambridge</i>		
Geography		
M. Farrington, BSc, MSc, Ph.D, <i>University College, Wales</i>		
Physics		

M.J.D. Ellwood, BEd, <i>University of Greenwich</i>	HoD DT
Mrs B.F. Boscher, BA, PGCE, <i>Newcastle & Univ Coll. North Wales</i>	Mod Lang
N.J. Diver, BA, PGCE, <i>Wadham College, Oxford & Nottingham</i>	History
J.S. White , BA, PGCE, <i>Kingston Poly & University of Cambridge</i>	Maths
P.E. Crawford, BDS, PGCE, <i>Queen's Belfast & Welsh College of</i>	Biology
<i>Music & Drama, Cardiff</i>	Biology
C.J. Warner, BMus, PGCE, <i>Surrey University & Sheffield University</i>	Music
B.A. Bayman, BA, PGCE, <i>University of Witwatersrand</i>	Geography
N.D. Gallop, BA, MBA, PGCE, <i>Durham & Leicester Universities</i> [Pn]	Politics
C.C. Morris, BA, <i>Churchill College, Cambridge</i>	English
I. Frayne, BSc, PGCE, <i>Cardiff University & Worcester College, Oxford</i>	HoD Science
	History of Art
M.A. Getgood, BA, <i>Birbeck College</i>	History of Art
I.S. Hendry, MA, PGCE, <i>Edinburgh University & Moray House</i>	Mod Lang
G.I. Woodrow, BEd, MEd, Admin., Dip Teach. <i>Queensland University</i>	DT
The Revd A.D.T. Richards, SSC, BA, CPTS, PGCE, FRSA	
<i>Durham, Oxford & Roehampton Universities</i>	Senior Chaplain
Mrs L. Raabe-Marjot, BA, PGCE, <i>St Edmund Hall, Oxford & York</i>	[O] Mod Lang
	Maths
J.M. Gale, BA, PGCE, <i>Plymouth University & Exeter University</i>	Maths
B. Wielenga, BEd, <i>University of Pietermaritzburg</i>	Economics
S.C.D. Gutteridge, MA, PGCE, <i>University of St Andrews</i>	History
& <i>Trinity Hall, Cambridge</i>	History
Mrs C. Aguilon-Williams, MA, <i>University of Poitiers (France), DEA,</i>	Mod Lang
<i>Centre for Medieval Studies, Poitiers</i>	Mod Lang
J.E. Arton-Powell, BA, HDE, MEd, <i>University of Cape Town,</i>	Economics
<i>University of Natal, & Sydney University</i>	Economics
D. Wilson, BA, PGCE, <i>Exeter & Oxford Universities</i>	HoD Chemistry
C.B. Ewart, BSc, PGCE, <i>St Edmund Hall, Oxford & Oxford Brookes</i>	Economics
	Economics
R.W. Lancaster, BA, MEng, PGCE, <i>Robinson College, Cambridge</i>	Maths
M.P. Ford, BSc, <i>Exeter University</i>	IT
I.R. Morris, BA, PGCE <i>Durham & Cambridge Universities</i>	English
G. Owton, BA, <i>Brunel University College</i>	Economics
A.P. Seldis, BA, PGCE, <i>Universities of Northumbria & Warwick</i>	Economics
Mrs R.K. Fielder, BSc, <i>University of Aberystwyth</i>	[Ap] Chemistry
Ms S.L. Spencer, BA, <i>Royal Holloway</i>	HoD Drama
Mr S.J. Allcock, BA, <i>Late Scholar of Worcester College, Oxford</i>	Classics
Ms B.C. Thomas, BA, <i>University College, London</i>	History of Art
Ms B.M. Kaja, BA, <i>Bretton Hall College</i>	Art
Ms C. O'Neill, BA, <i>Exeter</i>	Classics
O.Q. King, BMus, <i>Royal College of Music</i>	Music
Ms M. Churchill, BFA, <i>Oxford</i>	Art
Ms H.E. Lewis, BA, <i>Middlesex</i>	DT
Mr T.W. Filtness, MA, <i>Christ Church College, Oxford</i>	HoD Biology
Ms R.R. Ross, <i>Sport & Exercise Science, Exeter</i>	HoD Girls' Sport
R.G. Halsall, <i>Sports Science, Brighton</i>	HoD Sport
D.A. Walker, BSc, <i>Bristol</i>	HoD Physics
M.L. Roberts, BA, <i>Leeds College of Music</i>	Music
Ms K.A. Long, BA, MA, PGCE, <i>Bath, London & Cambridge Universities</i>	Mod Lang

N.J. Amy, BA, <i>Bristol University, MA Birbeck College</i>	HoD English
Mrs D.A. Draper, BSc, <i>Loughborough University</i>	[C] Biology
T.J. Elton, M Math, <i>Merton College, Oxford</i>	Maths
P.A. Fairclough, BA, <i>York University</i>	HoD Politics
Ms J. Gillan, BA, <i>Queen's Belfast</i>	[W] History
Ms K.E. Granville-Chapman, BA <i>Exeter University</i>	Geography
Ms J.M. Grillo, B Ed, <i>University of Exeter</i>	PE
W. Heathcote , M Phys, <i>Merton College, Oxford</i>	Physics & Chemistry
L.W. Hedges, BA, <i>Plymouth, MA, Wimbledon</i>	HoD Art
Ms S.J. Henwood, GRSM, <i>Royal Academy of Music</i>	Music
Ms A.B. Hill, BSc, <i>University of Leeds, PhD, University of Wales</i>	Chemistry
Ms E.J. Huddart, BA, <i>Brighton University</i>	Art
Ms K. Jack, BA, <i>University College, London, MA, King's College, London</i>	Geography
	Geography
D.A. James, BA, <i>Loughborough, MA, PhD, King's College, London</i>	HoD IB
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Ms E.A.E. Morse, BA, <i>University of the Arts</i>	Drama
S.A. Owen, BA, <i>St Catherine's College, Oxford</i>	Mod Lang
M.E. Schramm, BSc, <i>Exeter University</i>	Politics
T. Seth, BA, <i>Trinity College, Cambridge</i>	HoD Mod Lang
Mrs J. Waugh	[Hn] Housemistress
G.J. Williams, MA, <i>Girton College, Cambridge</i>	Religious Studies

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Mrs S.L. Sayer, BA, <i>Durham</i>	Mod Lang

Librarian

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Ms A. Reed	Master's PA
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Ms E.L. Browne	College Secretary
Mrs S.L. Ball	Bursar's Secretary
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P.J. Lewington	Cricket Professional
N. Brett	Rackets Professional
I. Spurrier	Network Manager
S.J. Ash	Clerk of Works
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Mrs S. Roy	College Shop
Mrs T. Woolhouse	Conference & Events

COMMON ROOM NEWS

1 48 members of Common Room are listed in the Calendar for 2008 with the ratio of men to women 2:1. In college the ratio of boys to girls is 5:2. 113 members of Common Room were listed in the Calendar for 2006 with the ratio of men to women 5:1. In college the ratio of boys to girls was 11:1. The figures tell their own story.

The tracksuit is creeping up on the gown and at times the CR annexe takes on the mien of an internet café.

IB and Co-ed have been the driving forces behind increasing numbers and short-term post graduates are now coming into CR in increasing numbers to help especially with the sports' programme. Demands on each and every member of CR have never been higher and most members carry responsibilities that simply did not exist three years ago, not least Heads of Year and Heads of Day Houses.

Members of CR have taken college trips to Uganda, Peru, Argentina, India, Abu Dhabi, Rumania, China, U.S.A., Spain, Greece, Germany, France, Switzerland and South Africa amongst the more exotic locations during the year. Craig Morris has been on exchange in Perth, Australia and Paul Hucklesby has returned from sabbatical.

Some things happily never change so congratulations to Brynn and Caroline Bayman on the birth of Daniel, and to Matthew and Anna Albrighton on the arrival of James.

An extensive salvete and valete appear elsewhere in the Year Book but a very warm welcome to the new Chaplain Tim Novis and his family who have come to us from Ridley College, Ontario, and it is good to have three young OWs, Ed Venables, Ben Lewsley and Camilla Bailey, back in the classroom but on the other side of the desk.



James, the son of Matthew & Anna Albrighton.

It is equally good to have Sam Gutteridge back from war service in Iraq but sad to lose Gerry Long, adjutant to the CCF, to the battlefields of Afghanistan and we wish him and his family well.

In keeping with changing times the first Common Room Christmas dinner with partners was held in December. The CR cellar was equal to the demands of the evening and the port mountain scarcely wore a footprint.

The Common Room Association goes from strength to strength. Anthony Peter has taken over the Newsletter and there was an excellent turn-out for the annual Reunion on 19th April. It is impossible to overstate the contribution of Raine Walker to Common Room life. Not only does Raine work tirelessly as Chairman of the CRA but she also is Treasurer to the CR and long serving member of the CR committee. All Presidents who have worked with her, and Matt Oakman has taken over from Chris Potter in that role, know how much they have to thank the committee and especially Raine for her phenomenal contribution, often unseen and unsung.

Finally to the most senior member, Glen Waugh. Glen and Judy head each half of the now co-ed Hn. Resident since 1974 they have seen a few changes and retain a marvellously balanced enthusiasm for this place. Glen remains a beacon of common sense in a changing world and many colleagues have reason to be grateful for his advice and help.

As Wellington approaches maximum pupil capacity, so will Common Room numbers level out. Present CR facilities are fully stretched and refurbishment will soon become essential. Ever onwards. There are not many dull days in prospect. ■



Father is Michael Burns (S1994-1999) married to Nicole. Baby is Natalie born 22nd December 2007. Grandparents are David & Grace Burns, David is a current member of Common Room.

SALVETE

STAFF APPOINTED FOR 2008/2009



Kevin Brennan
P.E.
from Abingdon School



Clare Edwards
Maths
from Heathfield St Mary's



Clare Child
Learning Support Assistant
from Robert Piggott School



Gavin Franklin
Assistant Director of Sport
from Surrey CCC



Maggie Chodak
Housemistress of Apsley & History
from Schule Schloss Salem



John Giannikas
Economics & Business Studies
from Trinity Grammar School, Sydney



Robert Cromarty
Classics
from Sevenoaks School



Michael Goves
Biology
from West London Academy



Rachael Crosby
Chemistry
from Clifton College



Tim Hawes
Head of Brass
from The Royal Academy of Music



Xavier Iles
Asst Director of Music
from the Dragon School



Sophie Jobson
Head of French
from Reading Girls' School



Ben Lewsley (OW)
History
from Eastbourne College



Michael Milner
Head of Biology
from Westminster School



Fr Timothy Novis
Chaplain
from Ridley College, Canada



Gareth Pearson
Housemaster of the Lynedoch
and Maths
from Millfield School



Joanna Seldon
English
from Brighton College



Rose Shawe-Taylor
History of Art
from James Allen's Girls' School



Stephen Shortland
Director of Sport
from Millfield



Faith Smith
Maths
from Clifton College



James Thomas
Head of RS
from Dulwich College



Ed Venables (OW)
Economics and Business Studies
from Cognis Capital Partners

VALETE



— MARK & SARAH SAYER —
MARK: 1995-2008; SARAH: 2006-2008

On the website of Elstree Prep School the new Headmaster writes of “looking after the boys in a Christian, friendly, family atmosphere”. That aphorism could well apply to Mark Sayer’s tenure at Wellington, particularly to the time he was Housemaster of the Lynedoch.

Upon his arrival in 1995 he only intended to stay 2 years but such was his total immersion in all aspects of College life that he remained for 13. A dedicated teacher of Classics, a sports coach (particularly hockey) and above all a leading member of Open Door he contributed so much. But in particular it is his dedicated service to the Lynedoch that stands out. Under his tutelage it won the Toye Challenge prize twice; clearly his encouraging battle cry of “Crack On” had the desired effect on his charges.

Such is his lack of ego that he is the first to credit two ladies for his success. Firstly, the Lynedoch Housekeeper, Di Evans, whom he described as “exceptional”. Secondly, his wife Sarah, who although not officially an Undertutor of the House, played such a significant part in its success.

Sarah came to Wellington from Luckley Oakfield in 2006 to teach Modern Languages. Her calm and erudite professionalism was an example to all and the respect in which she was held by Common Room and the student body, bears witness to this. As with Mark her strong Christian faith shone through everything she did and said—needless to say Elstree is extremely fortunate to have Mark and Sarah taking over the reins in September. We wish them both well. ■



— MIKE & ROSIE FIELDER —

MIKE: 1997-2007; ROSIE: 2005-2008

Mike joined Wellington from Collingwood College in Camberley. Such was his prowess that this outstanding teacher of Physics was soon to be Head of Science and latterly Head of the Sixth Form.

Never an insular school master Mike always looked beyond the confines of the College campus. Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions were just the start as they soon to be followed by successful trips to the Sinai Desert and thence to Nepal. In the Himalayas he did outstanding work with the Yangrima School, a link instigated by the inspirational Tim Kruger [T 1985-1990].

With all these achievements, quite how he found the time and the energy to be the Housemaster of the Apsley is difficult to envisage; the plaudits of his charges indicate he excelled nonetheless. He leaves Wellington to become Director of Studies at Austin Friars School in Carlisle. One

wonders which Lake District fell he will climb first.

Like her husband Rosie joined her husband from Collingwood, though sadly, her tenure at Wellington spanned only 3 years. In that all too brief period of time she proved to be a dynamic teacher of Chemistry and, of course, an innovatory Housemistress of the Apsley. College was particularly fortunate to have such a steadfast professional in charge of this House during a period when the College was embarking on full co-education. Whatever the demands she always put the interests of the Apsley girls first, as her moving address at the Graduation Ceremony bore witness. She leaves us to join Mike at Austin Friars where she will take up the reins as Head of Chemistry but one doubts whether that will be all she will be organising in the future. We wish them both well. ■

— WILL WILLIAMS —

1998-2007

Living proof of the fact that being best man to the headmaster's son can be quite handy, Will—or Baldy, as he was widely known—joined us fresh from an Australian exchange whilst at Marlborough. His predecessor had been tempted away to the priesthood, and whilst Will was a very different 'kettle of fish', he was every bit as much of a fundamentalist, promoting Geography with a refreshing and often outspoken zeal. Nowhere was this more evident than in his passionate campaign for some

much needed critical objectivity in the arena of climate change, one of the defining aspects of his tenure as Head of Geography from 2004 to 2007. Energetic and just a tad unpredictable in the classroom, Will was an inspirational performer, and the impact of his infectious enthusiasm was evident in the take up of the subject at GCSE and A Level from the sets he taught. He became a veteran of the annual Lower Sixth pilgrimage to the French Alps, where his analogies helped bring the landscape to life, even if



they are unprintable here! It was in the Alps too that the foundations of his marriage to Christelle Aguillon, here as a French Assistante, were established. Will was also a potent force on the games field, not least of course as master i/c rugby, where he worked tirelessly to instil the 'play hard

and play honourably' ethos. He was also heavily involved in boarding life, firstly as live-in undertutor in the Anglesey, and subsequently in a variety of in-College and out houses. In other words, he was the classic all round schoolmaster, but without the hair. ■



— MAURICE HYND —

2000-2007

Maurice Hynd joined the Modern Languages department from Latymer Upper School, Hammersmith. It was not long before his pupils were speaking Spanish with a strong Scottish accent and, of course, the main topic of conversation would be the relative merits of Real Madrid v. Rangers.

Whilst at Wellington he also coached U15 Rugby and

his beloved Soccer. Apart from that he was Undertutor of the Beresford and ran the Film Club.

He left Wellington at the end of the Michaelmas Term 2007 to join his wife Helen at Epsom College – where she is Head of Philosophy and Religious Studies.

Common Room will miss his wry sense of humour. ■



— NICK DIVER —

2000-2008

It is the laugh that sticks in the memory. Whether it be in the classroom or the Common Room on the playing field or Napoleon's Retreat, his wit brought joy to many. For some, however, that wit could be castigating as he demolished the foibles of those he found to be 'hollow men'. In that regard his conservative image belied the reality.

He taught History with occasional forays into the Politics Department. In both subjects he was a master of detail and thereby was always held in high regard by pupils and colleagues alike.

His organisation abilities were second to none as the many successful trips to the First World War Battle Fields bear witness. Upon the retirement of Richard Coleman, Nick took over the organisation of the Prize Giving on Speech Day. Those that have witnessed these multi-media extravaganzas of recent years cannot but applaud his ability to choreograph such a diverse event.

He leaves Wellington to become a Head of History at King Edward VIth School in Southampton. There, no doubt, they are already reaping the rewards of his intellectual and managerial abilities. I bet there is laughter too. ■



— PHILIP CRAWFORD —

2001-2008

Too often in 'valetes' such as this the writer uses clichés such as 'renaissance man' to describe their subject's contribution to College life; with Philip Crawford there is no doubt that such an attribution has validity.

This quiet dentist from Northern Island arrived to teach Biology in 2001 and proved in Chris Potter's apt phrase, "to be softly spoken but loudly professional". That he all too briefly became head of that department is further evidence of his leadership qualities.

Nonetheless it was in the theatre that had a greater College-wide impact. Plays such as *Translation*, *Not about Heroes* and in particular his triumphant *Francis* will forever remain in the College's collective memory.

Towards the end of his time at Wellington he took a sabbatical in the U.S.A. to further his theatre skills. Thus, it is now no surprise that he has set up 'The Happenstance Theatre Company' in Ulster; that it will be a success is beyond doubt. ■



— CHRIS WARNER —

2001-2008

Chris Warner burst onto the scene in Michaelmas Term 2001 as Wellington College's first Head of Music Technology (coupled with Head of Keyboard).

As a music technologist and a composer, he will be remembered for his writing for *The Tempest* (directed by Graham Nurser), his production *Late Mix* and his composing for *Merlin's Tale*. These highlighted his flexibility as a composer and arranger. Chris is a huge fan of musicals (of good musicals I should hasten to add) and has written at least one. His musical directing of *Little Shop of Horrors* was memorable not least for the excellent singing and choruswork but also for his installation of a rock band into one of the English Classrooms and relaying the live

sound out to the theatre through loudspeakers and then having his face appearing in a TV screen at the back of the auditorium—a real-life Max Headroom.

Chris came to Wellington with a harmonium and two reed organs. These quirky areas to his character and his incredibly dry sense of humour have made him very popular. He used humour to control classes, rarely raising his voice but invariably with every pupil on his side, listening intently for the next witticism. The fact that he pretended not to smile, gave him this uniqueness: little did the students know that he was trained in Psychology as well as Music.

Chris leaves us to live near Ely, to work as a freelance composer and arranger [www.chriswarnermusic.com] and to continue piano teaching. ■

— MIKE GETGOOD —

2002-2008

After the death of Robert Buttimore, Michael Getgood taught at Wellington on a temporary basis: 2002 was to see that position in the Art Department made permanent. In that admirable 'school' he taught History of Art with authority, aplomb and examination success. Michael was (and remains) an artist of note, his colourful, multi-layered abstracts often alluding

to the Impressionists. But his teaching showed that his interests were far more eclectic. He might say of a current luminary of the art scene 'yes, he is doing some interesting work' but when one listened to one of Michael's lectures one realised that his learning was profound and never constrained by current fashion.

He was also an ebullient member of Common Room



where he shared his love of horse racing, cricket and his beloved West Ham FC. He leaves Wellington for Wimbledon

High School where the students are in for an academic treat but one hopes will not follow his tip for the 2.30 at Ascot. ■



— — — REVEREND ANDREW RICHARDS — — —

2003-2008

Father Andrew came to Wellington from Ely where he not only taught at the eponymous school was also a Canon of the Cathedral. Very much of the High Church Anglo Catholic wing of the C of E he brought to Chapel services a degree of ceremony which placed great emphasis on the mysteries of the Eucharist. His sermons were succinct, brilliant and illuminating and, whilst not without humour, were forensic in their theological exposition.

Needless to say he did not confine himself solely to

Chapel, seeing the whole of College as his 'parish'. There are many who owe him a great debt for his discreet advice whilst there are many others whose spiritual journey were eased by his council.

He was also a brilliant administrator. The success of the innovative service at St Paul's in May 2007 bears witness to his organisational abilities whilst the Order of Service was very much his own work. Outside the Chapel he taught in the RS department and

was, extraordinarily, master in charge of swimming.

For those who value churchmanship of the highest

order he will be much missed. We wish him, Beverley and the children every success at Dover College. ■



— — — JOHN ARTON-POWELL — — —

2004-2008

The Mission Statement of the Scots College, Sydney is to 'establish the individual and develop the leader'; never was a man more suited to fulfil this maxim than John. In his all too brief tenure at Wellington he threw himself into all aspects of College life. Whether as a dynamic teacher in the bludgeoning

Economics/Business Studies department or as a coach in virtually every sport, he commanded respect from all. He even took on the seemingly impossible task of organising weekend activities, managing the competing demands with quite authority. We wish John, Jennie and his four wonderful daughters well as they return to the 'lucky country'. ■



— — — ROB LANCASTLE — — —

2004-2008

Of course you always say 'he will be missed', and sometimes there's a grain of truth in the statement, whereas often a more accurate statement would be 'he was a waste of space' or 'he was a grumpy old man serving out his time'. In Rob's case he will be missed, because he was involved in just about every sport and activity taking place at Wellington, willingly giving up his time, always cheerful and positive, and possessed of a good deal of expertise (and when he had none he made it up). He

was an excellent teacher of Maths, innovative and willing to take risks (Mechanics experiments included the throwing of raw eggs). He gave his time unstintingly, running regular revision workshops, prepared to take on department duties despite his heavy workload. He had a refreshing disdain for deadlines, his priorities rarely coinciding with those of our management, but his organisational faults were minor in comparison to his contribution to the College. ■



TIM FILTNESS

2006-2008

Tim arrived from Bradfield in 2006 and had an immediate impact on the Biology Department. He was dedicated to his subject as those that peruse the departmental Intranet site will testify. Extra lessons in the subject became the norm, and an expedition to South Africa opened the eyes of his charges to the

boundless possibilities of studying the subject at a higher level. Beyond the lab he was an Undertutor of the Beresford—and beyond Wellington he was an accomplished deep sea diver. He leaves us to become Head of Biology at Merchant Taylors' School, Northwood. ■



RICHARD HALSALL

2006-2008

Zimbabwean cricket star and Cambridge Blue, Richard came to Wellington from Brighton College, where he was head of PE. As Director of Sport at Wellington he played a major role in developing PE as an academic subject but, sadly, the siren calls of professional cricket called him back. Early in the year he relinquished his role at Sussex CCC and joined England

as the Fielding Coach. Upon assuming this new role he admitted to *The Times* that the machine he had used at College to train hockey goal keepers was to be used to train cricketers at the national level. As we look forward to the Ashes Series and the World Twenty20 in 2009, we wish him every success. ■



PETER MURISON

2007-2008

The son of a distinguished headmaster, Peter proved to be an 'absolute natural' at Wellington. A graduate of the University of Cape Town, he taught in the Politics Department and was a much loved

Undertutor of the Lynedoch. On the sports field he coached both Cricket and Soccer teams with victorious success. Common Room will miss the quiet authority that belied his years. ■



KATE LONG

2007

Kate taught French and Spanish at Wellington for just one calendar year and yet during that short period of time she made a considerable impact on the Modern Languages Department: a colleague called her "an inspiring teacher and inspiring colleague". Having been brought up in France her knowledge of all things

Gallic was profound as the success of her students bears witness. Outside the classroom she was the fourth form undertutor of the Stanley and an assistant to Rosie Fielder in the Apsley. She left College initially for Sevenoaks but is now enjoying life teaching at KCS, Wimbledon. ■



MASSIE PAYNE

2007-2008

Massie was one of two exceptional Post grad Virginians and taught 3rd form Classical Civilisation and History. She helped with hockey, basketball and tennis and was resident Under Tutor in the Apsley for her year.

Bright vivacious and cheerful, Massie was great

company, always attended Common Room social events and threw herself wholeheartedly into the Wellington experience.

She has returned to U.S.A. and will now be immersed in Washington and Lea law school, where we wish her well. ■



CHRIS BLAND

2007-2008

Chris joined the Design and Technology Department for just one year, those twelve months being a placement from Brunel

University. Outside that department he performed a major role in running the RAF section. We wish him well as he completes his University degree. ■

ACADEMIC

OVERVIEW

The 2007/8 academic year began on a high following the summer's outstanding examination results: the best in the College's history at A Level, AS Level and at GCSE. This tremendous triple achievement gave pupils and Common Room alike a reason to be proud and confident for the year ahead. An enormous amount of hard work had paid off and, most importantly, the university prospects of so many in the Sixth Form were substantially enhanced. Despite this, Oxbridge success remained relatively scarce in December, although we were delighted for those who attained offers. This year saw the balance tip heavily in favour of Cambridge for the first time in long memory, if not ever, while the College also made a strong push towards American universities, hosting the second annual U.S. Universities' conference for pupils and parents at state and independent schools. American connections were also cemented by an expedition of Wellington teachers to examine the discussion-based Harkness teaching method in renowned New England schools, including Lawrenceville and Phillips Exeter. As a consequence 2007/8 saw the first of many striking Harkness tables installed in classrooms to facilitate more independent, pupil-centred learning.

While many teaching practices have changed, perhaps the greatest lever of academic improvement at Wellington in recent years has been the new effort grading system, through which pupils' effort is assessed in each subject and is averaged to produce an overall award of gold, silver, bronze, white or red. Competition between houses for the highest averages is fierce. The Anglesey was the top boys' house for 2008/9, while the new Combermere in its first year as a girls' house topped the house effort tables by the slimmest margin. It is fitting that in the College's first fully

co-ed year the Combermere also won the Toye Challenge, which is awarded for the highest academic achievement across two academic years, and therefore spanned the transfer of the Combermere from boys to girls and was a joint achievement of both sexes.

For many boys and girls in the middle school, the big academic decision of the year was over whether to take IB or A Level in the Sixth Form after the school gained its formal accreditation as an International Baccalaureate World School, ready to offer one of the world's most highly-regarded, challenging and exciting academic qualifications. From September 2008 the College entered an exciting new era, running both the IB and A Levels, endorsed by not one but two highly successful academic inspections, one by the IB Organisation and the other by the Independent Schools Inspectorate, which saw the quality of teaching and learning at Wellington as very good and much improved since the last inspection.

This was confirmed by the examination results attained in August. The A Level results were our best yet at the top end with 57% A grades. Sixty pupils—a third of the College's candidature—attained straight As, including seventeen who attained four or more A grades. **Laura Brooks [C]** in French, **Rachel Elliott [C]** in Physics and **Matthew Richards [Bn]** in Geography were amongst the top ten highest scoring pupils in the country in their respective subjects. Once again, the pass rate at A Level was 100%. At AS level, the results were also our best ever at 71% A and B grades, up 10% on the previous year. We are also delighted for the GCSE year group who attained 62% A* and A grades. This bodes well for continued academic success in 2008/9. *Justin Garrick* ■



THE IB AT WELLINGTON

For the first time in its history Wellington College is offering an alternative to A levels in the Sixth Form. From this September, 50 of our pupils started studying the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma and they are joining an ever-growing number of their contemporaries doing just that. In the United Kingdom there are currently 130 schools offering the IB, but by 2009 that will have risen to over 200, and by 2010 that will have increased still further to over 300. This is not the preserve of independent schools: approximately 50% of those schools opting to do it are in the state sector. Such growth is unmatched by any other academic programme in the world, and it speaks volumes for the Diploma.

But what is the IB? It was established in Geneva 40 years ago. It has changed and developed in those years, but the fundamentals remain the same: each student has to take six subjects from six groups (native language, second language, natural science, social science, maths, arts) plus 'the core', which is made up of a 'critical skills' course (Theory of Knowledge), the Extended Essay, and the 'community service' element (Creativity, Action, Service, or CAS as it is known). Each subject is graded out of 7; the Extended Essay and Theory of Knowledge accounts

for the 3 points, giving a maximum score of 45 points.

Universities rate it very highly indeed. They value the fact that the IB has registered zero grade inflation in 40 years, making it a stable and reliable qualification. In fact the *Financial Times* recently gave it 10/10, and claimed that it puts students "significantly ahead in the global race for the best universities". A growing number of our students are now applying to universities abroad, and no doubt the IB will strengthen their applications.

That's all terrific stuff, but at the heart of the Diploma is a flinty idealism which is unapologetic in its attempts to bring about real change across the world through shared educational values. Promoting internationalism in today's increasingly interconnected, wired-up world no longer seems unusual. In fact it is common sense. Indeed, to do otherwise, to turn inwards and narrow your options might seem self-limiting. The IB is an antidote to educational parochialism. The renowned philosopher A.C. Grayling has recently written of the Diploma: "this course should be compulsory in all schools everywhere. One outcome might be a better world". Idealistic, yes, but if such hope does not reside in schools, filled as they are with the leaders of tomorrow, where should we find it? *Dr David James* ■

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THE ARTS

— THE ARTS COMMITTEE —

My special thanks go to **Tom Lowe [L]** and **Rob McGregor [Pn]** who have acted as secretaries for the committee during the year. Their version of events has sometimes been amusingly unacceptable for the formal record, so I have had the double pleasure of not only not having to take minutes, but also editing documents which have contained ironic and mischievous remarks which have made me laugh.

The continued busyness of the school makes it remarkable that such high quality work is produced in all the Arts. The outstanding event of the year was Sarah Spencer's production and Simon Williamson's musical direction of *Les Misérables: schools edition*, a truly astounding feat for any school, and one which was possible largely because of our strong band of singers, both those who are classically trained and those who have voices that suit musical theatre. The Orchestra has continued to advance under the direction of Hilary Davan Whetton for the second year running, and strides have been made to revive the quality of brass playing to bring it up to the standard of the string section by employing Ben Greenslade-Stanton of the London Jazz Collective as an artist-in-residence. The Art School has produced some extraordinary painters—**Elysia Byrd [Ap]**, **Tali Carling [Ap]** and **Marcus Aitken [Pn]** in particular; and both Art and DT Textiles have shown College what can be achieved creatively in this area, especially through the work of **Vicky Guy [Ap]** and **Poppy Wilcox [Ap]**.

Perhaps the outstanding pupil achievement of the year was **Felix Cook's [T]** adaptation and direction of *Brave New World* for the stage; and the outstanding staff achievement of the year Ray Smith's original musical 'King'

about the life of Martin Luther King – a wonderful evening of catchy, effervescent music and song in combination with video footage of the man and his times. It is good for us to reflect on the excellence that can emerge from within our own community.

This creative outpouring was complemented by an

THE ARTS COMMITTEE

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end-of-year Arts Festival—three days of big events and smaller workshops in dance, drama, singing, recording, film-making, stage combat, comedy writing, opera, composing for film et al, and including a new play, *Twenty-First Century Faust*, by Gregory Norminton, our second artist-in-residence for the year, written for and performed by a 4th Form cast.

Areas in which the Arts are consolidating include The Wellingtonian, the e-magazine overseen by Mrs Cook and written by, almost entirely, pupils; and dance run by Pandy Dean. A dance show in which boys figured significantly as well as the girls was very encouraging for the future of dance both as a discrete discipline and as a contributor to musicals. I would like to see creative writing become as successful over the next few years. I will be working next year with Dr Joanna Seldon to try to promote this area of our artistic life—this year's *South Front* shows that there's plenty of ability out there!

The advent of a new Performing Arts Centre continues to be elusive, and until such time as one may appear we remain short of exhibition space. However, it is good to report that art work has appeared again in Dining Hall and has made a first appearance in the Admissions Office. The Master's study area continues to display work, and a plan to convert Back Quad into a glassed in exhibition area has been mooted. I think there is scope remaining for classroom areas to display more work, and this is an aim for next year as well.

Finally, those who have held Arts Colours (for which there is a new hatband to join the tie, pin and scarf options already available) are listed in the adjacent box.

— ARTSFEST 2008 —

For three days, the inaugural Wellington College ArtsFest celebrated the artistic life of the College, with concerts, recitals, theatrical performances, exhibitions, master classes and a screening of Wellington's very own film, *Francis*. Pupils, parents and OWs as well as invited performers came together to showcase their talents in this dynamic and colourful festival.

Particular highlights included Mrs Money Penny interviewing Jeanette Winterson on life, money and art and OW Rory Bremner [Hn 1974-1979] packing the marquee for an hour of reminiscence and political comedy (the Glen



Arts Colours with distinction were awarded to **Clare Sledd [C]** for her musicianship, specifically her achievement in performing the Sibelius Violin Concerto; and **Elysia Byrd [Ap]** for her painting, characterised by Mr Hedges as 'worthy of a second year student at Art College'. Moreover, OW Society Medals for Achievement in the Arts were awarded to **Oliver Ralph [Bd]** and **Richard Bignall [Bn]** for their membership of the National Youth Choir, and to **Will Andrew [T]** for gaining a place with the National Youth Theatre.

I would like to thank the outgoing pupil members of the committee for their input and commitment. The College is grateful to them for their time and trouble.
Anthony Peter ■

Waugh walk has now become legendary!) Amongst other things, current pupils performed in the theatre, launched *Inspirations—The Shabby Road Session 2008*, a CD of the best home grown musical talent and busied themselves with a day of film making. OWs featured in the form of the wonderfully talented Tom Humphreys [S 2001-2006], who packed the Concert Room with his lunchtime recital, the sprightly Susie Donkin who ran a comedy writing workshop and Paul Leonard-Morgan who discussed the art of composing musical scores.

The grand finale of the ArtsFest was a production of



Rory Bremner performing at Artsfest 2008

Donizetti's *Don Pasquale* by the Garden Opera Company in the College Garden.

The Garden Opera Company plan to return next June to perform Rossini's *Barber of Seville*.

Wellington's artistic talent runs deep, but it can sometimes live under the radar. By bringing it into the open, celebrating it and showcasing its breadth, the Arts

have firmly placed themselves at the heart of the College. ArtsFest 2009 is already taking shape: it promises to be bigger and better. In the College's 150th year, we would be delighted to hear from any OWs who feel that they would like to contribute to the festival by performing, lecturing or running workshops. Please contact the Deputy Head, Lucy Pearson at lcp@wellingtoncollege.org.uk ■

— THE ART SCHOOL —

Having heard the Master say, mantra like, 'Upward and Onward' on several occasions this academic year, I decided it was a motif that I would adopt for the Art School, which has been a hotbed of extraordinary creativity since September 2007.

There were Arts Colours aplenty this year in recognition of the commitment, passion and ambition of our pupils. The following have trail blazed, inspired and pushed the boundaries of convention in everything they have

done this year. **Royce Tsang [S]**, quiet and unassuming, has produced some extraordinary, thought-provoking installation work based on this year's examination theme 'Transition'. Royce was fully deserving of his place to study at the Architectural Association School of Architecture. 'Wunderkind' **Vicky Guy [Ap]** produced some amazing painting this year, juxtaposing photographic imagery with skilful brushwork. Vicky was accepted by Kingston University to study on the prestigious Foundation course



AS Level Art Textiles by Alice Rutherford-Jones [C]



'Self Portraits' by Elysia Byrd [Ap]

in Art and Design where Places are at a premium. Vicky organised the Fashion Show with **Tali Carling [Ap]** during the summer term which was an overwhelming success, which leads me seamlessly on to Tali herself—a hugely gifted and talented pupil who was offered a place to study at the Parsons School of Design in New York; a rare and extraordinary achievement.

Ben McCabe [Pn] was a stalwart of the Art School this year and put heart and soul into everything he produced. His work in clay was a revelation; initially inspired by visits to Kew Gardens where he studied the work of Henry Moore and the Barbara Hepworth Museum in St Ives, Cornwall. He will flourish

at Manchester University where he goes on to study the History of Art. Probably the most prolific artist of this year's Upper Sixth cohort, **Marcus Aitken [Pn]**, really pushed his work as far as it could go this year. He used every conceivable material available in the Art School and mixed music with film, painting, installation and every technique imaginable to set the dynamic tone that has been so

noticeable this year in the Art School. Marcus has been an inspiration and is fully deserving of his place to study on the art and design Foundation course at Camberwell College of Art.

In Art Textiles, **Poppy Wilcox [Ap]** produced amazing work this year. A combination of natural flair and 100%

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determination resulted in work that has never been less than breathtaking! Her penchant for figure drawing formed the backbone of some truly remarkable work which is both fashion and fine art oriented. Finally, if ever a pupil's work summed up what we are trying to achieve in the Art School, that pupil is **Elysia Byrd [Ap]**. Achieving Arts Colours with

Distinction her work could, push to shove, be at degree level already. She has reviewed, modified and refined her work to an incredibly high degree and, as one pupil recently said, “Without Elysia, pupils would not be operating at the high level they are and producing work of such a high standard”. She has also engendered the ‘why do just one painting when you can produce several’ ethos which



'Cartwheel in Motion' by Nick Snow [HI]

has meant that pupils are now more prolific than ever in their output. I also give my wholehearted thanks to **Ed Robertson [T]**. His indomitable spirit, good nature and ambition to produce the very best work possible has been a lesson for everybody in how to be exemplary.

Of the aforementioned pupils, Royce Tsang, Vicky Guy, Ed Robertson, Marcus Aitken, Elysia Byrd and Poppy Wilcox all received Art prizes; never was there a more deserving cohort who have lived and breathed the subject both night and day for the past year. The History of Art prizes go to **Freya Reilly [Ap]**, who also achieved the LVI Art prize, and **Hannah Boissier [Ap]** who produced work of the highest calibre this academic year. Other notable pupils who receive prizes include **Milly Bryden [C]** who has wowed us all with her technical prowess in the subject, culminating in some of the strongest portraiture produced this year. **Louis Timpany [A]** has really ventured forth this year to produce work in 3D which is intelligent, thoughtful and skilful; he has the makings of a first rate ceramicist. **Min Ju Oh [Hn]** won the consensus of all with her stunning Memories project



GCSE, AS & A2 Level ceramics

and over-flowing sketchbook which was a joy to look at!

The list of great and good wouldn't be complete without a special mention of Art Textiles, which continues to go from strength to strength. On Speech Day, the work was an absolute riot—colourful, vibrant and true testament to the sheer hard work all Lower and Upper Sixth form pupils had put in throughout the year. Of particular note were **Poppy Wilcox** and **Laura Keeble [Ap]** who produced superb work which reflected extraordinary flair, ambition and vision.

The Speech Day exhibition was simply stunning! An array of work encompassed the multi-disciplinary ethos of the Art School, including painting, drawing, film, photography, textiles and 3D work; it would have equalled the best end of year exhibition at any school. Every room in the Art School was a feast on the eyes. Several of our artists exhibited in and around the School to excellent effect.

As I came to the end of my first year as Director of Art at Wellington College, I felt that the standard of work in the Art School was strong and will continue to get stronger still. **Laurence Hedges** ■

— — MUSIC — —

Reflecting on another busy year, I am sitting looking at Nietzsche's famous quote from *Twilight of the Idols* and pondering on the idea of life without music.

The Music Department specialises in all types of music, whether background music accompanying a drinks party (thank you Sax Quintet for all you have done this year at so many events); at an Open day showing off (thank you string duos, saxophone ensembles and soloist **James Bourne [A]** for your umpteen renditions of *Stars* from *Les Misérables*); providing music for plays; embellishing the services with organ music or choral music; supporting rock bands; raising money for charity through concerts; providing concerts whether home-grown or imported; and educating which we try to do constantly whether by programming or providing concert platforms. We certainly enhance so many occasions.

I have been impressed by the performances this year—the Montgomery, adjudicated by Paul Daniel, was a fantastic mixture of talent from six very fine musicians. **Katie Jillings [O]** and **Sabina Virtosu [W]** provided virtuosic performances on the violin with **Steph Tress [O]** performing with such musicality on the cello. **Richard Bignall [Bn]** and **James Bourne** provided contrasting mini-recitals for voice and **Trishan Vaikunthanatha [HI]** provided an incredible display of virtuosic playing on the clarinet. The decision by Paul Daniel was based on communication as well as quality and **James Bourne** became the second singer to win the prize in the last ten years—a fantastic achievement. James Montgomery stated that "they do work so hard to achieve that most impressive music-making, and there must be similar talent we never hear that doesn't quite make it to the final." There are but only six reach the final from the twenty or so Grade 8 players who audition.

There were other impressive performances at South Hill Park in February (with amongst others **Nick Jupp [Bd]**, **Dongsu Kim [BI]** and **Emma Parkhouse [C]**) and at St Martin-in-the-Fields in June with **Emma Parkhouse** performing and **Tom Lowe [L]** accompanying **Steph Tress** and **Sabina Virtosu** performing her final recital in a wonderful year of music making for her. Her final performance of *Ballad* by Ysaÿe was remarkable.

Claire Sledd also performed music to a very high standard. Her performances of the Saint-Saëns Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso as well as Massenet's *Méditation* with the Reading Symphony Orchestra at Reading Town Hall were beautifully performed. Another highlight of the year for Claire was the Sibelius Violin Concerto performed exquisitely on a Guadagnini violin lent to her for the occasion: this piece is difficult for any violinist let alone someone who has only an hour to rehearse it with an orchestra.

At the same concert singers from the College Chorus joined with Crowthorne Choral Society to perform the Mozart Requiem. Indeed singers have been busy this year, with the Chapel Choir performing Evensong at Salisbury Cathedral and Chichester Cathedral as well as the usual array of Carol Services and performances in chapel. I was delighted that some pupils and staff were able to perform an anthem in the Leavers' Service after the end of term—this exemplifies the dedication of our musicians. I have also enjoyed listening to an array of student organ players (under the guidance of Oliver King) as well as the odd recital (**Tom Lowe's** particularly springs to mind).

Another highlight must be the Angel Concert in October. With just a couple of rehearsals with a choir from Kaduna, Nigeria, the chapel choir performed a couple of items at a memorable fund-raising concert; **Ed Guillaume-Smith [L]** sang and performed with an improvised backing chorus and the choir danced and sang along to a number of songs learnt especially for the occasion. The ending of *Change in My Life* will take some time to forget.

At the end of term the Chapel Choir departed on a long weekend break to Munich. Four performances were promised, with services in three churches and a concert, as well as ample time for shopping and glühwein. Cornelius Riethdorf came as our official translator and he introduced us to the delights of Munich (indeed thanks must go to **Cornelius Riethdorf [HI]** and **James Robinson [T]** for being such excellent music prefects this year). The singing was very good indeed and despite the odd passport being mislaid this was a very successful and fun tour.

Les Misérables was a tour-de-force with schedules of rehearsals going on from the beginning of the Michaelmas

term. This successful collaboration with the drama department meant that we had two and a half hours of through-composed music to learn off by heart and then performed with confidence. This could not have been done without the wonderful support of all the singing teachers. Likewise there was also an orchestra who only started learning the music a few weeks before the show and they must be commended for their skills, their patience and their ability—to **Sabina Virtosu, Leesu Kim, Katie Jillings, Steph Tress, Emma Parkhouse, Oliver Marjot [S], Conor Turley [A], Keshan Vaikunthanathan [HI], Max Gumpert [HI]** and **Josh Cutrupi** (GAP student) (as well as Chris Warner [CR], Susanne Henwood [CR], Oliver King [CR], Dave Harvey [CR], Ray Smith [CR] and Martin Proctor [CR]).

We welcomed a new Head of Strings, Mrs Susie Henwood, this year. Fresh from running the string department for the Berkshire Maestros, Susanne Henwood has settled in to a very busy life here, teaching and directing. *Camerata* has expanded a little in size and has performed a number of times this year to great acclaim. String playing is expanding and the standard of performance remains exceptional.

Michael Roberts stepped down as Head of Jazz in December to concentrate on his professional career—he is still seen teaching pupils as a Visiting teacher however and will continue to support jazz and song writing. We have welcomed Ben Greenslade-Stanton as a musician in residence, not just to run the Jazz band but also to create a CD. *Inspiration* was produced internally and features the best in song writing and performing on the Jazz/Rock side of College. It is an exciting project, fantastically realised and is a real tribute to what goes on in College on the song writing front. If you wish to purchase the CD, there are copies still available.

Song writing has continued to feature in the programme of concerts this year and Chris Warner has managed and encouraged these events. Chris is leaving Wellington to streamline and focus on composing and arranging—we wish him luck as he will be missed by so many pupils and staff alike.

The orchestra has been busy this year under the enthusiastic direction of Hilary Davan Wetton. From Grieg's Peer Gynt Suite No.1 in November to Grieg's Piano Concerto (performed by Dongsu Kim) in May, the orchestra has worked hard and been pushed to achieve





Les Misérables

remarkable standards. Two features have highlighted their programming this year—concertos and symphonies. Beethoven's Symphony No.8 and Haydn's Symphony no. 88 have been performed as well as Mozart's Violin Concerto in A (**Sabina Virtosu**), Handel's Organ Concerto in D minor (**Tom Lowe**), Bruch's Romanze (**Katie Jillings**) and the Grieg Piano Concerto.

The Concert Band, under the direction of Jeff Oakes has also been busy with performances throughout the year,

not least at the Eve of Speech Day concert and on Speech day itself at the *Pageant* on South Front. Their mixture of Big Band music and Film Scores has been a popular addition to concerts and the 50 musicians who perform in this should be congratulated on their performances. The Clarinet Choir and Saxophone Ensembles are also directed by Jeff and they have added to the chamber music provision that we provide.

There have been a number of Junior Events this year

with performances by the lower years of the College. Highlighting pupils is difficult but I have been impressed by the breadth of activity and the enthusiasm of pupils at lower grades. Our Prep School events continue to be popular and the Orchestral and Choral Days have been exceptionally well attended. Hilary Davan Wetton ran an event in October with a large collection of musicians and Pete Churchill ran a Gospel Choral Day for 350 pupils in April.

We have had a number of Masterclasses this year and we

welcomed the following professionals to work and perform with our students: Clio Gould (violin), Celia Nicklin (oboe), Dylan Brewer (trombone), Tim Hawes (trumpet), Ralph Salmins (drumkit), Andy Leask (snare drum), Roderick Williams (voice), Remus Azoitei (violin), Julian Bliss (clarinet), Seta Tanyel (piano), William Bruce (cello) and Julian Petit (saxophone). It has been a very stimulating year in this respect and the addition of these words of encouragement and guidance for our pupils has been most useful.

The ArtsFest at the end of the school year has been another way of supporting our musicians—as well as the concerts (London Jazz Collective, Garden Opera, David Rees-Williams Trio) we have also had workshops with Gwyneth Herbert, Rae Evans and Paul Leonard-Morgan (OW) and wonderful recitals by Tom Humphreys (OW) and **Steph Tress**.

Thank you to all musicians who have performed this year and good luck to **Tom Lowe** who moves on to take up an organ scholarship at Brasenose College Oxford, **Sabina Virtosu** who goes to the Royal College of Music and **Claire Sledd** to the Royal Academy of Music. Their inspiration and support over the year has been tremendous as has the support of all music scholars, in particular **Katie Jillings, Dongsu Kim, James Bourne, Rob O'Donovan, Poppy Deakin** and **James McGuire**.

Finally, there is one small event that took place at the beginning of the Summer term. Ray Smith, our Head of Percussion, wrote a musical called *King—the Road to*

Freedom. Over three years, Ray has written this tribute to Martin Luther King and we were fortunate to give its first performance in the Theatre at the end of April. With memorable performances from a varied cast of singers (in particular **Joshua Owolabi**), this was a very moving, thought-provoking event and was a particularly poignant way to mark the 40th anniversary of Martin Luther King's assassination.

So, "without music, life would be a mistake" is certainly felt in this part of the college. I hope we have touched enough staff and students in the college for them to realise that it is not just recorded music but also live music that can provide the background to our lives. Thank you to Oliver King, Susie Henwood, Jeff Oakes, Hilary Davan Wetton, Ben Greenslade-Stanton, and to Ros Dunmore and Sandra Smith in the Music School office. Thank you to the 40 visiting staff and particularly thanks to Chris Warner for all his help, enthusiasm and performances over the last seven years. *Simon Williamson* ■

— DRAMA —

It has been another highly successful year for the Drama department with our programme of events expanding yet further.

The Michaelmas term started with the Talent Show, a chance for anyone with an interest in the Performance to get involved. The show featured dancers, singers, musicians and even a gymnastic display. The overall prize winner was **Peter Carmody [M]**, who demonstrated his impressive mastery of the electric guitar.

The first major dramatic performance of the Michaelmas term was an outstanding new adaptation of the Aldous Huxley novel *Brave New World*. Written and directed by the highly talented **Felix Cook [T]**, the production was a phenomenal success and was the culmination of months of hard work by the students involved.

The Drama department's annual pantomime went from strength to strength with our production of *Jack and the Beanstalk* performed by the AS and A2 Theatre Studies students. The Pantomime was performed over 3 nights with a Prep Schools' Matinee performance. Feedback from local schools was excellent

and all performances were sold out. This was the farewell performance from our resident Pantomime Dame **William Andrew [T]**, who is off to Drama School next year. **Michael Blake [Bd]** steps up to the challenge of filling his high heels in the role next year.



Robert O'Donovan [Hg] in 'Les Misérables'

The main school production for 2008 was the musical epic *Les Misérables*. Directed by drama teachers Sarah Spencer and Amelia Morse with musical direction by Simon Williamson, the performance was the dramatic highlight of the Performing Arts calendar. The show starred the supremely talented **Robert O'Donovan [Hg]** and **James Bourne [A]** as Valjean and Javert with **Molly Gray [O]** and **Molly Critchley [O]** as a very moving Cosette and Eponine respectively. The show was an enormous success and was sold out for the duration of its run. The feedback from the audience was sensational and was a credit to the enormous amount

of hard work put in by our student actors and musicians. 2009 looks to be even more ambitious with two main musical productions *Jesus Christ Superstar* and a *Chorus Line*, once again directed by Sarah Spencer and Amelia Morse.



Alice Best [Hn] in 'Jane Eyre'



Will Andrew [T] & Rosie Lintott [C] in *Les Misérables*

The Lent term also featured the annual Picton Play, which this year was *12 Angry Men* superbly directed by Robert McGregor. The Picton House have proven themselves to be a group of massively talented actors and directors and this year's production was an excellent showcase for their talents. We look forward to their 2009 production of *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, to be directed by Freddie Fielding.

The Summer Term focused on the Third form with two Drama Club productions—*Jane Eyre* and *Daisy Pulls It Off* directed by Amelia Morse. Both shows were open air productions and the tal-



Ben McCabe & Freddie Fielding in *The Picton Play 12 Angry Men*

ented young cast, did themselves proud, highlighting many young performers with lots of potential. Both productions were a fantastic success and were very well-received.

Dance was once again at the forefront of Performing Arts at Wellington. New Head of Dance Pandy Dean has masterminded a number of excellent Dance showcases throughout the year, culminating in the annual Dance Show which once again was entirely sold out. Next Year's production of *A Chorus Line* will give audiences a chance to see the wealth of Dance talent present at Wellington.

Sarah Spencer ■

SPORT



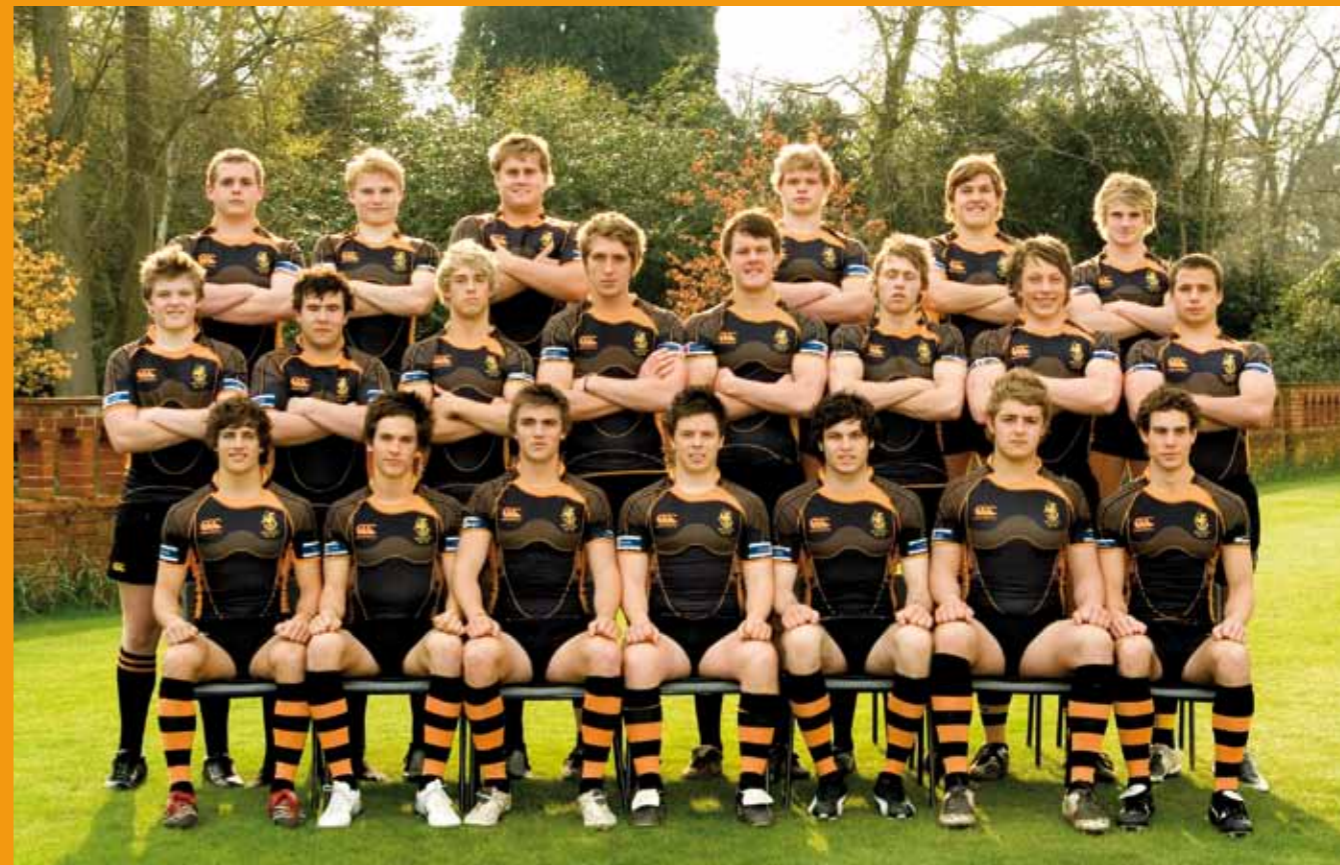
RUGBY

The start of the 2007 rugby season brought with it the usual high expectations of competition across all age groups. However, this season was the very first since the school became fully co-educational and many were looking on it as the true test of whether this initiative and its subsequent impact on the number of boys entering the college would have a detrimental effect on our rugby.

The Yearlings' first fixture against Dulwich is always

a difficult one. Our squad have only been together one week with teams and combinations are still very much undecided after having had only two training sessions. On the other hand, Dulwich's sides are commencing their third season together and with that, their combinations are very much the opposite of ours. Not surprisingly, we suffered a number of defeats across the age group but the boys gained vital match experience.

However, as the teams and combinations settled



2007 1st XV Rugby: back row, left to right: H.D.T. Fletcher [S], E.P. Laurent [Hn], C. Buffin [T], M.D. Anderson [Hg], C.M. Pike [Bd], S.J. Edgerley [Bd]. Middle row: J.F. Black [Bl], B.J. Bateman [Hn], R.M. Howells [Hg], W.B. Du Toit [Bl], J.S. Munro [A], C.W. Lewis-Pratt [Hn], M.A.P. Lahiff [Bl], M.D. MacMillan [Hl]. Front row: T.S. Smale [Bn], A. McClean [Hg], A. Gadsby [Bl], J. MacManus [Hg], R. O'Donovan [Hg], S. Shires [Bl], R. Stevens [Bl]. Absent: G. Byrd [Bn].



U15 & U18 Daily Mail Winners: 5th row [back row]: M.J. Hughes [A], C.M. Pike [Bd], S.G. Orton [HI],
4th row: W.E. Miller [S], M.D. MacMillan [HI], J.M. Aungier [Bd], R.M. Howells [Hg], J.P. Brooks [L], M.D. Anderson [Hg],
3rd row: W.J.A. Lowe [Bd], C.D. Wheeler [Hg], G.W. Hutchinson [Bn], M.A.P. Lahiff [BI], F.W.J. Evans [A], J.R. Huelin [BI],
2nd row: C.J.P. Oliver [S], J.W. Middleton [Bd], J.M. McGovern [Bd], O.C.J. Beart [S], S.J. Shires [BI], O. Harrington [Pn],
1st row [front row]: G.R. Owton [CR], P. Lundie [CR], C. Buffin [T], E.P. Laurent [Hn], K.A. Ross [Hn], C.E. Gordon [BI],

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J.G. Suensen-Taylor [S], J.O.S. Nicholls [Bd], W.D. Scowsill [Hn], B. Wyatt [T], H.J. Pinto [Bd], S.A. Maynard [BI],
D.J. Davidge [Hn], A.C. McClean [Hg], E.J. Markham [Hn], S.G. Leslie-Miller [Hn], J.P. Coleman [S], C.W. Lewis-Pratt [Hn],
J.S. Munro [A], V.A.P. Toczylkin [BI], W.B. Du Toit [BI], T.J. Garvey [S], J.A.H. Field [Hn], J.J. Presley [L], G.R. Armitage [Bn],
R.J. O'Donovan [Hg], A.P. Gadsby [BI], R.M. Stevens [BI], H.D.T. Fletcher [S], G.T. Woodrow [CR], M.J. Oakman [CR].

throughout the subsequent weeks, the Yearlings produced some excellent results that will undoubtedly be built on next season. The most significant was the Yearlings 1 turnaround against the highly-rated and undefeated RGS High Wycombe. Wellington were down 0-17 at half time, but fought back to draw the match 17-17, missing a conversion right on full time that would have won the game for them. Any concerns that rugby at Wellington would suffer as a result of full co-education were put to rest at full-time.

The College 1st XV began their campaign with a pre-season tour to Cornwall. They encountered some very tough opposition, but were fortunate to complete the tour undefeated. The results are as follows:

Launceston RFC	W. 36-5
Redruth RFC	W. 24-5
Truro College 2nd XV	W. 34-5

Truro College 1st XV W. 46-5

The College's Junior Colts 1 squad also toured this season; a half-term break to Ireland. The first game was against the much fancied St Michaels' School, a tough, uncompromising Catholic day school in the heart of Dublin. The Wellington boys were outstanding in the manner in which they withstood the relentless pressure of the St Michael's team. The Wellington boys ran out eventual winners 21-12.

Undoubtedly their greatest test was during the second fixture against Blackrock College. Having coached Under 15 teams for 16 years in three countries, I was certain that I had seen the best rugby that this year group could produce; full-time in this fixture brought with it a re-evaluation of this belief.

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Under 15 schoolboy rugby that I have ever been privileged to witness. Both teams scored two tries with Blackrock running out eventual winners 21-15. As Master i/c of Rugby, I am very keen to continue this association with Ireland's greatest rugby school and am currently in negotiations with their Master i/c of Rugby to set up an annual event. The third and final game was against King's Hospital School, which we won 66-0.

The Junior Colts 1 squad played a number of trial matches in their lead up to the Daily Mail finals beating Henley Hawks Under 15's 24-5 and Newbury RFC 24-22. To help in their Daily Mail finals campaign, the 1st XV played a warm-up match against the London Irish Academy running out eventual winners 22-12.

There were high hopes for the Under 15 and Under 18 Daily Mail squads this year. Reaching the semi-finals of this all England competition with both teams in the past two seasons had been a phenomenal result for Wellington College. It reinforced the belief amongst our competitors that Wellington is one of the most competitive and successful 'rugby schools' in England. No other school in the history of this competition has achieved these results. However, we needed to shed the 'bridesmaid' tag this year and go one step further and play in the Twickenham finals.

The first leg of the double was achieved by the 1st XV with a hard fought win over last season's winners Warwick School 10-7. Having the 1st XV into the final for the first

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time added extra incentive for the Under 15 squad who played Oundle in their semi. The opposition were outstanding in the first-half which ended with the opposition 3-0 up. However, the second-half saw a very one-sided affair ending with Wellington running out eventual winners 23-3.

Both sides produced some outstanding results on their way to the finals. The Under 18 side conceded only 47 points in their Daily Mail campaign scoring a total of 241 points and conceding only 7 tries. The Under 15 squad produced similar results. They conceded only 35 points scoring 262 and conceding only 5 tries.

It will now be written in Wellington's history that we won both finals; the 1st XV 7-3 and the Under 15 side 22-15.

Wellington remains the only school to have both their Under 15 and Under 18 sides play in three consecutive semi-finals. We are also the only

school to have won both the Under 15 and 18 cups on the same day and were the only school in this year's finals to be a one term rugby fixture school. The other six final

ists play two terms of rugby fixtures. Wellington is only the second school to have its Under 18 and Under 15 teams represented in the Daily Mail Finals. However, since RGS Guildford first achieved this feat, entries have now more than doubled with over 1,000 schools entering this prestigious competition.

All the hard work during the many months leading up to the finals at Twickenham came to fruition with both sides win-

In recognition that Wellington rugby is moving in the right direction, this last season brought with it some well deserved representative honours for the following current and past students:

CHRISTIAN LEWIS-PRATT [HN]
WALES UNDER 18 SQUAD

SAM EDGERLEY [BD]
ENGLAND UNDER 16 SQUAD

JON FISHER [HL]
ENGLAND UNDER 19 & UNDER 18 SQUAD

CHARLIE GOWER [PN]
ENGLAND UNDER 20 SQUAD

GUY ARMITAGE [BN]
ENGLAND UNDER 16 A SQUAD

ADRIAN JARVIS [O]
ENGLAND SAXONS

DOMINIC SHABBO [T]
ENGLAND 7'S SQUAD

JAMES HASKELL [L]
ENGLAND

THOM EVANS [HG]
SCOTLAND



Wellington U15s in the final (photo: Daily Mail)

ning their final. Most significantly the success of the Under 15 side, which is the very first co-educational group below the 6th Form, reinforces the notion that our move to full coeducation has not had an impact on our sporting prowess.

It is imperative that our rugby continues to strengthen. Our involvement in the Daily Mail competition, the Junior Colt's tour of Ireland, the pre-season tour of the 1st XV squad, a variety of age group 7's tournaments, one-off fixtures against Sedbergh, Bryanston and Colston's and the sports' scholarship programme are all significant factors in assuring this progress continues. To maintain our momentum, I have embarked on a review of our fixture list so that it comprises the strongest opposition that is available to us.

Unfortunately this review was at the expense of our traditional rivals St Paul's. However, as a fellow RFU foundation member and a competitive rugby school, this situation will be remedied next season as the review continues.

Wellington's fixture list next season will be very different to last season. We will not be playing Marlborough and I have secured a full block fixture against Bedford School and a full College Open fixture list against Hartpury Sixth Form College which will provide further opposition for a year group that needs to be continually extended. Our fixture list next year has been expanded to include two hundred and fifty fixtures which may well be a Wellington record. If rugby at

Wellington is to continue improving, then our teams must be pitted against the strongest opposition that is available. To this end, Wellington will continue to compete in a variety of tournaments. This year's results include: The Junior Colts 1 squad lost a hard fought final to Glantaf School 0-5 in the South Coast King's Tournament The College reached the last 16 at the Surrey 7's losing 14-26 to Tonbridge Our Senior 7's won the Windsor Tournament by beating Wimbledon 21-17 The Yearlings 7's lost their semi final of the Sherborne Tournament to an outstanding RGS High Wycombe side 7-31 The Yearlings 7's lost their Plate Quarter-Final at QE Barnet to Gowerton College 12-24 Despite the Colts losing their main playmaker and captain **Sam Edgerley [Bd]** to the 1st XV, the age group had a tremendous season winning all fixtures against Marlborough, Eton, Harrow and Cranleigh. The 1sts also won their one-



Wellington v R.G.S. Newcastle in the quarter-final of the Daily Mail Cup

off fixture against the much fancied Colstons 26-17. There were a number of undefeated teams this year including the College 3rd XV and the Junior Colts 1, 3 and 4 sides. The College 1st XV lost only one fixture against Bryanston 12-29.

This year saw over forty prep schools compete at the inaugural Wellington College Prep School Rugby Tournament, the biggest event of its kind in Great Britain. Every pitch at Wellington was in use and more than seventy teams with over one thousand competitors were entered in the Under 11 and Under 13 Lent and Michaelmas Term competition. It proved to be an overwhelming success.

To continue strengthening rugby at Wellington I would expect all sides next year to reflect upon their results of the past season. If improvement is gauged by results, then I would challenge all sides next season to either reduce last years losing margins or increase winning margins against their opposition.

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“Wellington last won the Under 15 Cup in 2000 with a side that included current England international back-row forward James Haskell.”



Wellington U15s in the final (photo: Daily Mail)

HOCKEY



There has been notable development across all teams this season, with better starts made by most compared to last year. Indoor training late in the Michaelmas term and a good pre-season made a big difference to the seniors in particular. Increasingly they will be introduced to younger teams to aid their progress. This was complemented by a well organised start to term, getting players plenty of pitch time and into the appropriate team as early as possible. The effort of every coach was key to this, I am very grateful for all their good work making the season successful.

1ST XI

The 1st XI had a good pre-season weekend at Wellington developing their fitness, skill base and tactical understanding. The boys were soon to adopt the 'Dutch' style of play, suiting the squads strengths well. The pace and drive going forward could already be seen in our pre-season match against Uppingham. Although we lost 6-3, many chances were created and goals conceded largely through poor communication. After a good week of training, developing both skills and communication techniques, we travelled to Marlborough for the season opener. After a slightly nervous start, with **Ferguson [Bd]** making several great saves to keep Marlborough out, we steadily found our feet, gaining control through **Robb [Bn]** and **Whitfield [Bn]**. This allowed us to increasingly trouble the Marlborough defence with our pace. **Gadsby [B]**, **Earwaker [Pn]** and **Black [B]** all made their markers look heavy footed. After taking the lead twice, we were 2-2 at half term due to a few slips in concentration. After some adjustments we began the second half defending as a team rather than individuals, allowing our dominance going forward to pay. We cantered away to an impressive 6-3 win that could have been more. This was an ideal start, giving the team confidence but still with plenty to work. Charterhouse was the next opponent,

bringing a very capable team to Wellington. After a tight first half with little to pick between the sides, two superb drag flicks from Charterhouse proved the difference and we lost 4-2. Charterhouse was more composed and more instinctive finishers, two skills we needed to develop further.

There was no rest for the boys with the U18 County tournament the following day. The boys played superb hockey at times, with tireless work from **Russell [Hn]**, **Newland [Hn]** and **Jarrett [Pn]** in midfield. However, the spells were too patchy, dominating for only 5-10 minutes a half rather than 25-30 minutes required to fully control a game. This was enough to win against Pangbourne (3-2), Reading School (2-0) and Desborough (1-0) in the group stages and semi-finals respectively. In the final, it was a similar story with spells of brilliance against Eton. However we allowed them too much possession giving them chances

to force us into errors and we lost 2-1. Against Whitgift the following week, the boys lacked focus and quality in their passing, making only a handful of good chances. To their credit they showed plenty of resolve,

particularly **Rodger [Bd]** and **Ferguson**, keeping out many Whitgift attacks. With ten minutes to go they breached our defence, the pressure of many short-corners paying-off. In fact the goal inspired the boys to start playing, and after several good attacks we converted a well constructed move to draw the game 1-1. The following weeks saw two disappointing losses against Eton (3-0) and Tonbridge (4-1). Two emerging youngsters, **Fletcher [S]** and **Haigh [Hn]**, showed themselves well in these games. A lacklustre affair against a moderate Bradfield team finishing in a disappointing 3-3 draw. However, on the back of three poor games the boys bounced back to play their best hockey of the season away to Canford. We retained possession well and dominated midfield superbly with a great paired performance from **Byrd [Bn]** and **Russell [Hn]**. This allowed **Western-Kaye [Bd]** and **Whiteley [Bd]** to use

“Gadsby, Earwaker and Black all made their markers look heavy footed.”



2008 1st XI Hockey: back row, left to right: J. Russell [Hn], A. Whiteley [Bd], W. Western-Kaye [Bd], C. Rennie [Hg], A. Whitfield [Bd], H. Fletcher [S]. Front row: J. Robb [Bn], C. Rodger [Bd], A. Gadsby [B], G. Byrd [Bn], C. Ferguson [Bd].

their pace and skill on the wings. It was a tough end to the season playing a very capable Cheltenham team. The boys retained possession and shape well during the first half, the two sides trading blows equally. The 1-1 half time score was a fair reflection and gave us plenty to build on. However, as the second half wore on they raised their game and made our mistakes pay, scoring several goals in quick succession. The final score was 6-1.

There is no doubt there is plenty of potential for next season. **Ferguson** is a very capable goalkeeper and must lead by example in his desire to improve and develop. **Russell** as a 5th former showed increasingly maturity, not getting tangled in one-on-one battles but moving the ball on to allow others to break. **Newland**, **Western-Kaye** and **Black** are continuing to improve their composure on the ball. They must increasingly treasure possession once they've gained it. **Fletcher**, **Chittleborough [Hn]**, **Rennie [Hg]** and **Haigh** all gained invaluable exposure to 1st XI hockey and showed they can step up to be key players next season.

2ND XI

The 2nd XI had a very successful season with a good blend of experience and emerging talent. They had a winning season with a notable result against Tonbridge, beating

them 4-2 and coming from behind late on. Although there were a couple of draws they should have converted to wins, they must continue to work on their ability to shut games down when they have the dominance. Several younger players emerged as the season progressed and they will be pushing for 1st XI positions next year. The rest of the senior teams played with plenty of heart and we always turned out a full team right down to the gentlemen's 5th XI.

COLTS 1ST XI

The Colts 1st XI had a great start to the season, with superb results against Marlborough and Whitgift. Although they did not win the U16 County Tournament, they played some good hockey and learnt the need to keep their shape and take their chances. They ended the season with a 50/50 record which was superb achievement, given the quality

HOCKEY

HOUSE COMPETITIONS

SKO FINAL

THE HOPETOUN 2 THE BERESFORD 0

JKO FINAL

THE STANLEY 3 THE BLÜCHER 0

of teams they were playing. Several players emerged as possible 1st XI hopefuls for next season. The 2nd and 3rd teams performed well, with committed players throughout.

JUNIOR COLTS 1ST XI

The Junior Colts 1st XI had a good season with a string of strong results at the end of the season. Wins against Portsmouth Grammar School and Eton U16 were of particular note. The players and coaches coped with the many other commitments although at times fatigue occasionally cost them in performance. The Junior Colts 2nd, 3rd and 4th XI were all strong teams and had good sets of results. This year group should hopefully continue to develop well and build on two good seasons. The EHA U16 Tournament will be a good test of their progress having qualified into the regional round at U14 and finishing 5th.



George Simmons [A]

YEARLINGS 1ST XI

The Yearlings 1st XI made good progress throughout the season, although lacked consistency at times. They had an even mix of wins, losses and draws that could have been a winning season but for them occasionally losing focus on the task in hand. Next season will be key to this year group and be an indicator of where Hockey will progress to at Wellington.

It has been an action packed year for house hockey, with close games in both JKO and SKO finals, paired with excellent commitment and sportsmanship in the Junior League tournament.

I would personally like to thank all the staff for their time and effort over the past three years. I have hugely enjoyed my time as Master i/c Hockey and look forward to keeping track of the boys continued development over the coming years. Robert Lancaster ■



Adam Gadsby [BI]

CRICKET



— 1ST XI —

2008 was a successful and enjoyable season for the 1st XI. 8 wins is a healthy return and 4 of the 6 losses came in the last two weeks when our bowling attack was depleted by injury. One of the reasons that we started the season so brightly was that we had spent a week in Abu Dhabi over Easter, which gave us momentum going into the term. We won 3 out of 4 out there and learned a lot about our team.

Any season in which there are wins over Eton, Tonbridge, Marlborough and Radley must be a good one, but it should be said right at the outset that the success of the eleven was built around the outstanding batting of Luc

Durandt [Hg], captaining the side in his 4th year in the team. 1,072 runs does not tell the whole story because it was the manner in which he scored his runs that was often so important: 123 before lunch against Eton, 169* against Tonbridge, 145 against Harrow, possibly the strongest attack on the circuit. Luc was a joy to watch, the kind of batsman who empties the bars and restaurants at Lord's and bring the spectators down to Turf, glad to have reason to be torn away from their revision. His captaincy was always astute, he got the most out of his bowlers and his fielding too set high standards, which others did not always manage to attain.



2008 1st XI Cricket: back row, left to right: C.F. Wakefield [Pn], T.J. Wood [Hn].
Middle row: P.J. Carmody [M], A. Barkett [H], F.J. Bowring [Bd], F.J. Stevens [Bd], C.P.A. McDonagh [Pn], M. Barkett [H].
Front row: C.P.F. Rodger [Bd], R.J. O'Donovan [Hg], L.E. Durandt [Hg], E.J.A. Lowe [Bd], J.B. Rendell [S].

Other batsmen fed off Luc, **Ed Lowe [Bd]** will be disappointed to finished his 3 years in the team without a century on Turf to his name, but he and Luc often gave us a fantastic start. Against Shiplake, in a 20/20 game, the two of them put on 197 in 13 overs in an extraordinary display of domination and the 133 they put on against Tonbridge helped to set up a mammoth 307-2, which turned out to be just enough. **Mickey Barkett [HI]** is a quality player, who fell away towards the end of the season, but he will score heavily next season and made many good contributions this year. The bonus of the season was the progress made by

Charlie Rodger [Bd], who started the season in the 2nd XI and finished as one of the most reliable of top order batsmen. He rarely got out cheaply. **Alec Barkett [HI]** made many important runs in a very attractive manner. If he can learn to construct a longer innings next year he could develop into a very high quality performer.

As a bowling unit we could be very effective, although unfortunately we suffered a spate of injuries towards the end. Alec Barkett is one of the fastest men on the circuit and he unsettled even the best opposition batsmen. Next year he will return fitter and stronger after a knee operation

CRICKET

1ST XI STATISTICS

PLAYED: 17; WON: 9; LOST: 6; DRAWN: 2

BATTING AVERAGES:

	INNINGS	N.O.	RUNS	HIGHEST	AVERAGE	50/100
L. DURANDT	17	2	1072	169*	71.47	6/4
C. RODGER	12	3	328	50	36.44	1/0
E. LOWE	17	0	446	95	26.24	4/0
A. BARKETT	16	1	363	62	24.20	2/0
M. BARKETT	17	0	246	54	14.47	1/0

BOWLING AVERAGES:

	O.	M.	R.	W.	AVE.
T. WOOD	130	13	502	23	21.83
A. BARKETT	90	11	333	14	23.79
P. CARMODY	91	10	318	11	28.91
F. BOWRING	126	8	657	20	32.85
L. DURANDT	124	14	527	15	35.13
W. LEITH	79.2	9	375	10	37.50

O.W. BATTING LUC DURANDT [HG]

O.W. BOWLING ALEC BARKETT [HN]

PRINCE CHRISTIAN VICTOR BOWLING TOM WOOD [HN]

BRYAN CUP (JUNIOR) WILL LEITH [S]

HUXTABLE CUP (INDIVIDUAL) LUC DURANDT (145 V. HARROW)

ANDREW NEWMAN BATTING CUP CHARLIE RODGER [BD]

JKO STANLEY BEAT HOPETOUN

and should be a real handful. Luc got many important wickets and was hard to get away and **Peter Carmody [M]** never let the team down, usually coming on first change and keeping it very tight. The spinners took a lot of wickets, particularly towards the end. **Tom Wood [Hn]** bowled beautifully out in Abu Dhabi and brought that home, leading the way with 23 wickets and **Freddie Bowring [Bd]** changed from a batsman who didn't bowl into a leg spinner with ability to take wickets at crucial times. Tom has two more years and will get better and better. He will form a great partnership with **Will Leith [S]** who came up from the Junior Colts and bowled with great control. It was a decent bowling attack, four of whom will be back to form a strong unit next year.

A word on the fielding. **Chris Wakefield [Pn]** was mercurial behind the stumps, sometimes outstanding, and in general we were keen but not very effective. Lots of boys have strong throwing arms but we did not anticipate very well and barely got a run out all season. Neither did we hold many outstanding catches. Some other schools showed us

how to do it and this is an area for hard work next year.

One or two of the games stood out. Making 246 against Harrow was a fine effort and Luc's 145 was a truly memorable knock. They still won comfortably because they are far too good for everyone else but we competed very well. The game against Tonbridge yielded 609 runs and Tonbridge should be applauded for a fantastic chase in which they nearly made the 68 they needed off the last 5 overs...a win against a good Winchester side by 2 runs, a loss to Brighton by 3 wickets with 2 balls remaining. The weather wasn't great but remarkably we lost only one game to the rain and in the end of season festival, a new venture with three very good schools, the sun shone and the runs flowed.

My thanks to Richard Johnson, ex Middlesex, Somerset and England, who was popular with the players and taught them a great deal. Mark Farrington was ever present in the scorebox and full of opinions. Peter Lewington is a magician at preparing good wickets against the odds and Bryan Evans and his team cannot be praised enough for their dedication and hard work. *Mark Boobbyer* ■

COLLEGE CRICKET

Despite a good season for the 1st XI, and the accompanying feel good factor that arises when the top team are winning matches against other top schools, it would be an exaggeration to say that this was a vintage season. In some ways it was quite difficult and not just because the weather made training very bitty and unpredictable. The reality is that we are no longer able to keep putting out the number of teams in each year group that we have in the past, partly because of the decrease in the number of boys coming into the school but also because we offer many options for those new boys and fewer opt for cricket than in previous years. As a result Yearlings 5 was a step too far and even Yearlings 4 and Junior Colts 4 are a struggle.

At the top end, beside the 1st XI the 2nd XI had a good and competitive season, albeit without winning too many matches. Many of the boys had a look in at first team level but not many made the step up. **Seb Smuts [Bd]** was one who did. It was good to see lots of boys wanting to turn out for the 3rd's and 4th's and their enthusiasm was clear to see. For the 3rd's **Varun Sarna [Hg]** provided a highlight when he passed 50 for the first time ever, against Harrow, and proceeded to turn it into a century!

The Colts had a tough time. With three of their number elevated to the 1st XI it was always going to be tough and indeed they failed to win a game until they played Eton at the end of the season with a full strength side. **Charlie Pickard [BI]** and **Max Tulley [Bd]** scored runs. The Junior Colts are a good side. With **Will Leith [S]** up in the 1st XI **Angus Boobbyer [Pn]** captained the side well and scored some useful runs. **James Brooks [L]** emerged as a tidy wicketkeeper and batsman and **Kyle Ross [Hn]** came from Yearlings 2 to have a fine all round season. **Peter Davidge [Hn]** took wickets and many others made good contributions. Next year a number of these boys should be challenging for places in the College 1st XI.

The Yearlings found life quite hard work but when they got it together they did beat Cranleigh and Charterhouse, both of whom have good sides. **Chris James [Wn]** and **Peter Melhuish [BI]** are good all round cricketers and **Lissy MacLeod [W]** was vice captain and opening batsman, the first girl to play at this level at Wellington. The Yearlings 2nd XI were the team of the season, winning every game until the last one at Radley.

Special mention must be made of the girls' team who had a good season. **Luisa Rubio [C]** became the first girl



to score a century at Wellington in making 111 not out against Charterhouse (see also page 116).

The boys and girls are very lucky to play on such outstanding wickets and to have so many dedicated coaches. There is nothing to match a sunny afternoon on Turf with three matches going on simultaneously. We are all very privileged. My thanks to the many coaches who spent hours out on Turf during the week and then gave

up their Saturdays. Particular mention should be made of Chris Potter, who, despite now being the OW secretary, looked after the Yearlings 5th XI this season, above and beyond the call of duty. Potts is now hanging up his boots for good, but he has been coaching a team here for nearly 40 years and I am delighted that he will of course be out on Turf next summer and supporting Wellington cricket for years to come. *Mark Boobyer* ■

— ATHLETICS —

The season opened with a series of trials for both girls and boys in all yeargroups followed by a new fixture—the Copenhagen Shield.

We travelled to Marlborough with the first ever fully co-ed Wellington College athletics team not really sure as to how we would do in a match against Brighton, Stowe, Marlborough and Epsom. The standard for the day was set in the very first race—the girls senior 800m in which

Sarah Burgin [Ap] set a new track allcomer's record of 2 minutes 18.04 seconds. This proved inspirational to the girls' team who ran out overall winners on the day following strong performances in all events with a special mention for **Charlie Bowring [O]** and **Maddie Henri [O]** (5th and 4th Form respectively) for finishing 1st and 2nd in the all-yeargroup girls 1500m. The boys also did very well finishing equal-second to a very strong Epsom team.

ATHLETICS					
COPENHAGEN SHIELD					
	WELLINGTON	EPSOM	MARLBOROUGH	BRIGHTON	STOWE
BOYS	261	312	255	261	73
GIRLS	256	233	245	165	168

The WCAC boys team took part in the Lord Burghley meeting at Eton on 10th May. College athletes achieved 44 personal bests on the day in beating Radley, St Paul's, RGS Guildford and Pangbourne overall. The seniors, inspired by **Tristan Garton's [Bn]** winning run in the 2000m Steeple Chase (he took 20 seconds off the old College record and set an U19 allcomers record at the TVAC), produced their best team effort in years and beat Eton in finishing 3rd in the Open competition. What was especially pleasing was that we were only 2 points behind Tonbridge who beat us by over 100 points last year! The day ended with Wellington winning the Tug of War competition—much to the Etonian dismay...



On the same day the girls' team again travelled to Marlborough College to take part in their 6-schools meet. The seniors finished 4th overall, the Inters 5th and the Juniors continued with their two-year unbeaten run in finishing 1st.

Sarah Burgin set another allcomers' record in the senior 400m in a time of 60.48 seconds and **Sophie Edwards [C]** won the Junior 80m Hurdles in 12.51 seconds—another allcomers' record at the Marlborough track.

WCAC Boys competed against Radley, Abingdon, Bradfield and Dean Close at Radley College on 15th May. With only the Junior and Senior squads entering this event due to GCSE examinations, some of the available Intermediates (U17) were brought into the senior team. We continued our excellent form in winning both team

events overall with many boys running in events that they would not normally have chosen—with **Ben Gateley [L]** winning the senior 400m, **Deji Olufowose [L]** in finishing first in the senior 200m as well as **Ollie Keene [Bn]**, 4th Form, winning the senior High Jump against boys 3 years older. The senior 4x100m squad squeezed out Dean Close by inches to win in their best time of the season and only 0.2 second off the College record. Not only did this win the race but also the senior competition overall by a single point—a fine end to an excellent team display.

The Inter-House Athletics and Tug of War meeting was held on Rockies, with the re-introduced Tug of War competition drawing the big crowds and loud vocal support for the teams.

INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS & TUG OF WAR MEETING	
ROCKIES	
BOYS' ATHLETICS	BENSON
GIRLS' ATHLETICS	COMBERMERE
SENIOR BOYS' T.O.W.	HILL
GIRLS' T.O.W.	WELLESLEY
JUNIOR BOYS' T.O.W.	BERESFORD

The Homfray-Davies Shield Match was held at Wellington on Saturday 7th June. This was a co-ed match between Brighton College and Wellington. In warm sunshine on a well-prepared Rockies the team did fantastically well in beating a much stronger Brighton team than the one we had met at Marlborough earlier in the term. Although the junior girls managed to scrape a draw the other 3 teams managed to pull through on the day. **Bizzie Mallett [O]** 4th Form, set 4 personal bests in the 100m, 300m, Javelin and discus with **Abbie Dorling [C]** improving her personal best's in the 200m and High

RADLEY COLLEGE MEETING 15TH MAY 2008					
	RADLEY	ABINGDON	BRADFIELD	DEAN CLOSE	WELLINGTON
U19	85	60	43	107	108
U15	92	79	66	DNE	102



Athletics Squad 2008: 5th row [back row]: A.R. Hall [C], M.A. Henry [C], D.C. Ogbodo [BI], S.J. Edgerley [Bd], S.S. Haddad [S], F.M.D. Canakis [BI], A.M. Olufowose [L], M.M.A. Willis [L], O. Marjot [S], T.J.W. Wilson [S], F.O. Akinele [M], A. Lawson-Cruttenden [Ap], R.S. Patrick-Patel [C].
 4th row: L. Lloyd-Williams [C], A.G. Dorling [C], E.C. Mallet [O], G.E.C. Frisby [C], S.A. Maynard [BI], T.O.P. Smithdale [Bn], B.A.J. Wyatt [T], A.R. Whiteley [T], S.J. Erridge [A], J.M. Aungier [Bd], H.D.T. Fletcher [S], K. Allan [HI], H.O. Johnson [O], G. MacNeil [Ap], C.V.L. Wright [C], J. Lydon [O].
 3rd row: K.E.A. Shastri [Ap], C.A.E. Bowring [O], E.A. Plank [Ap], S.J. Edwards [C], T.D. Gibson [L], T.J.L. Garton [BI], G.A. Adewole [M], O.J. Helicar [M], C. Sahle-Selassie [BI], A. Jane [M], B.D. Roberts [BI], V. Durigon-Richardson [Hn], O.M. Crabb-Collins [O], L.A. Garbe [O], R.J. Elliott [C].
 2nd row: K.E.L. Jillings [O], A.E. Berry [C], S.L. Potter-Mordaunt [W], C.M. Cavalli [Ap], M.A. Sole [BI], B.J.R. Gateley [L], R.M. Stevens [BI], F.C.R. Ward [HI], M.A.P. Lahiff [BI], J. Gray [Wc], M.D. MacMillan [HI], O.S. Keene [Bn], R.H.N. Gardner [Ap], A.N. Richards [Hn], E.Y. Wedderburn [C], C.V.N. Nicholson [W].
 1st row [front row]: J.S. Smale [Bn], J.E. Bridger [C], C.F. Ekperigan [C], F.C. Morgan [W], J.A. Karstaedt [O], E.L. Trewella [C], N.J. Snow [HI], E.J. Heddon [CR], S.J. Burgin [Ap], H.L. Colling [O], C.J. Poulter [W], M.A.F. Gray [O], F.E. Reilly [Ap], M.J. Critchley [O], J.S. Davies [L]

Jump. **James Gray [Wc]** shone in the Inter 200m, Javelin, Discus and Shot—setting personal bests in each,

and proved that he is a Decathlete of the future.

31 Wellington athletes were selected to represent Wokingham District at the Berkshire Championships. The day saw **Deji Oluowose** winning the Senior 100m, **Ben Gateley** going under 2 minutes (1.59.9) in the 800m for the first time and **Sophie Edwards** setting another College record and personal best in winning the Junior Girls' 80m Hurdles in 12.47 seconds.

The final event of the term was a 7 Schools' Match and, even though we did not field Senior Boys' and Girls' teams due to A Level pressures, we managed to come

HOMFRAY-DAVIES SHIELD MATCH
 ROCKIES—7TH JUNE 2008

	WELLINGTON	BRIGHTON
JUNIOR BOYS	74	60
SENIOR BOYS	76	57
JUNIOR GIRLS	62	62
INTER GIRLS	71	55

SEVEN SCHOOLS' MATCH

	MARLBOROUGH	BRYANSTON	CHELTENHAM LADIES	CLIFTON	HARROW	KINGSWOOD	WELLINGTON
JUNIOR BOYS	48	46	38	76	52		
JUNIOR GIRLS	46	32.5	55.5	46	62		
INTER BOYS	63	41	33	84	43	89	
INTER GIRLS	65	65	67	27	46	75	
OVERALL	276	240.5	144				278



Nick Snow [HI]

away with an overall win. **Sam Edgerley [Bd]** proved to be in outstanding form in both the 100m and 200m Intermediate races—winning both and, with **James Gray** winning the Hurdles and Shot and **Ollie Keene [Bn]** the Javelin and Triple Jump, the team easily won overall. The Junior Girls won comfortably, extending their unbeaten record to 2 seasons with the Inter Girls also finishing in first place.

My thanks go to those members of Common Room, particularly Liz Worthington in her role running the Girls' teams, who helped out with athletics this term and, on a personal note, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the senior girls who set records in every event they attempted and were the first to represent Wellington



S.S. Haddad [S]



Sarah Burgin [Ap]

at this level—particularly those from the Apsley, for their excellent spirit, their dedication, their support for the juniors and intermediates whenever they could and for being excellent ambassadors for Wellington. **Eddy Heddon**

BASKETBALL

Another outstanding year of sport at Wellington and Basketball was no exception. The seniors continue to improve, and this year's results shows just how far we have come. With 8 out of 10 matches won throughout the season and making it to the semi-final of the inter-school tournament, it has been the

most successful year of basketball since Coach Wilson has taken over the team.

The Basketball team, seniors and juniors, saw a lot of new faces this season. Players, **Nash Hamami [Hg]**, **Henry Counsel [Bn]**, **Jojo Sofekun [A]**, **Toby Ojo [Hg]**, and **Gudjon Bodvarson [Bn]** made their debut

for the seniors this year and proved that they deserved to be on the team. Particular mention to Nash as he secured a place on the starting 5 in his first year at Wellington.

Some more familiar faces returned bigger and better than last year. **Captain Olise Yadi [T]** needs to be commended on his invaluable contribution to the team, from giving one-on-one advice to players to his motivational e-mails. Olise supported the team on and off the court and has continued to raise the standard of Wellington's captain. Special mention must go to the big man **James Field [Hn]**, once again a force to be reckoned with. His lighthearted humor and enthusiasm for training has made basketball that much more enjoyable for all year groups, he has dominated on the court and we can only hope that he continues to improve next year. **Ted Lee [M]**, has been basketballs' equivalent to the back stage crew of a musical. Ted has been a tremendous player for all his 5 years at Wellington and has continued to put in a lot of

effort and commitment to the team. Even if he still can't make a lay up we will undoubtedly miss him next year. **Anish Kanoria [HI]**, an incredible player, has scored countless baskets for Wellington this year and has skills to match anyone. He has had some terrific highlights this year, from outstanding interceptions, unbelievable double teams and breath-taking 3 pointers. The rest of the team have made vital contributions and I hope they continue to do so throughout their remaining years at Wellington

It has been a memorable season this year. Highlights being the win against the Old Wellingtonians, the house basketball, the win against Winchester and the training when the team made Mr Wilson do 20 push ups. Wellington basketball will be sad to see the Upper 6th and Miss Payne leave who have all developed basketball beyond anyone's expectations. I can only hope that next year proves to be once again another step towards making Wellington an unbeatable team. *David Wilson* ■

— CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING —

This has been a good year for the Wellington College Clay Pigeon Shooting team. The number of pupils is slowly increasing; we now have 14 regulars. This year has also seen the 4th form ccf cadets attend Bisley twice in the year as part of their training. Much talent has been spotted on these visits. We have played in several competitions. Last year we hosted a competition at Bisley, we played at the Deepcut Army Camp Clays Shooting Ground and then enjoyed our annual fixture at Barbury hosted by Marlborough. Although sporting skeet is not our discipline, Skeet is. The team commended themselves well with our biggest success at the Oxford School Challenge shoot. The team came second out of about 150 teams and competed well against Bradfield and Marlborough. The first team consisted of **Ross McGregor [BI]** (C), **Frederick Stevens [Bn]**

(VC), **Hugo Eaton [L]**, **Alexei Samarenko [M]** and **Michael Claessens [Pn]**. With the leaving of the sixth formers Alexei will be taking over as captain next year. The team next year will be young, but all have profited from the sterling tuition offered by the National Clays Shooting Centre and so great results are expected from them in the future as they are a steady and very promising team. We have had several girls shooting occasionally for us this year. However the pupil who has been in the group for the past two years and showed the most promise and commitment to the sport, **Freya Toovey [O]** leaves us this summer, taking with her two trophies won over the course of this year. This has been the most promising year yet in laying down foundations for the next few years in a fast growing popular sport. *Carole Blunden Lee* ■

— CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING —

This year's cross country promised to be an outstanding season with many of our top runners of last year now in the UVI. The pre-season training camp at Banyoles, Spain set the pace of the term. The training was hard and the boys showed true grit and determination,

particularly for the daily 8km run before breakfast.

The Knole Run at Sevenoaks was our first race where we came 8th out of 38 teams. This was a very creditable performance as the first 7 schools treat cross country as more of a major sport than Wellington. Particularly



The Kingsleys

promising was **Tristan Garton's [Bn]** performance and an indication of what was to come in the season.

Wellington won the Senior Boys' Berkshire Championships with 3 senior boys and one senior girl (**Sarah Burgin [Ap]**) invited to run in the English Schools' Championships in Liverpool. This was the first time that Wellington entered a team at all three age groups in both girls' and boys' Berkshire Championships and the first time Wellington had a girl running at the English Schools; a true sign of co-educational success.

The Wellington Relays is now a very well established event in many schools' calendars and attracts many more competitive schools than ever before. In excess of 50 teams competed across the three age groups. Our senior boys had an excellent run but were beaten for the first time in this event by an exceptional team from St Edward's. Another highlight of the season included a well deserved 2nd place

behind Westminster, at the Pat Bagnall Trophy, Highgate.

With respect to the intra-school events, the Christmas Races showed the enormous talent of the next generation of 3rd and 4th Form pupils, particularly **Jonny Burgin [Bn]** who, whilst in the 3rd Form, came 2nd overall. The Kingsleys also provided an opportunity for the whole school to participate in the extra-ordinary race through Swan Lake where over 650 runners (plus 13 staff) competed. Congratulations to **Tristan Garton [Bn]** (Senior Boys' winner) and **Sarah Burgin [Ap]** (Senior Girls' winner).

This year we will lose some talented runners and motivators, particularly **Ben Gateley [L]** who has been instrumental in driving the sport forward at Wellington. However, there are some very promising performances from all other age groups, boys and girls, which bodes well for cross country at Wellington in 2009. *Chris Ewart* ■

— FOOTBALL —

The aim at the start of the season was to win at least as many games as we lost against school opposition; secondly, to compete and do well in the Charles Alcock Cup in its inaugural year. Both aims

were realised although after such a positive start to the season with three straight wins it was disappointing to then have to wait until our final game to win again. After a poor season in 2007, this was a more experienced and



2008 1st XI Football: back row, left to right: W.J. Andrew [T], T.J. Hannington [BI]. Middle row: N.C. Lunnon [CR], H.J. Pinto [Bd], E.C.H.J. Mills [T], J.S. Munro [A], S. Edu [BI], O.C. Silver [Bd]. Front row: R.P.F. Allred [A], T.W. Chitty [T], A.C. McClean [Hg], R.M. Stevens [BI], J.M. McGovern [Bd].

talented team and some of the football played showed real improvement and flair.

Our first game of the season was away at the Master's old school, Brighton College. We made a spectacular start with **Oliver Silver [Bd]** scoring from long range in the opening minutes. **Will Scowsill [Hn]** followed up soon after with an excellent solo effort. Supporters and pupils alike couldn't quite believe the ease with which we were playing. Two goals in the second half from Scowsill and **Henry Pinto [Bd]** finished off a first-class opening game. A 2-1 win over our arch rivals, The Oratory, reclaimed the Leather Boot trophy which has not been in our hands for several years. The result did not reflect the dominance of the performance and confidence was high. An away trip to Sevenoaks followed and the first of our league games in the Charles Alcock Cup. Arguably our best performance of the season secured a most impressive 4-0 win and the season had started flawlessly.

We knew our next opponents would be a harder challenge as Haileybury visited us before their semi-final in the ISFA Cup. They had two England representatives in their

side and although we battled with real passion their quality was too strong for us and we lost our unbeaten record, losing 2-5.

We were keen to get back into winning ways for our visit to Tonbridge for our third game in the Cup. Playing on the magnificent 1st XI pitch in the middle of their athletics track we went a goal up from a fantastic lobbed shot from Scowsill. Tonbridge equalised before the break and went ahead early in the second half. We then put immense pressure on them for the remaining time but missed a couple of good chances to eventually lose 1-2.

Home to Harrow and keen to reverse our two game losing sequence, we worked exceptionally hard in a physical encounter finishing with a deserved draw against an impressive Harrow side. This draw lent itself to real guts and determination and the desire was apparent from the outset.

Sadly, our next game saw our worst performance of the season at home to Christ's Hospital. Whether we were tired from our midweek game against Harrow, we never competed and lost a poor game 0-1.

A new fixture against St John's followed and possibly

FOOTBALL	
1ST XI	
PLAYED: 10	
WON: 4; LOST: 5; DRAWN: 1	
BRIGHTON	4 - 0
ORATORY	2 - 1
SEVENOAKS	4 - 0
HAILEYBURY	2 - 5
TONBRIDGE	1 - 2
HARROW	1 - 1
CHRIST'S HOSPITAL	0 - 1
ST JOHN'S LEATHERHEAD	0 - 3
OW'S	2 - 4
EPSOM	10 - 2

our most impressive opponents. They were full of quality players and passed the ball around with real skill and application. Although we played some exciting football at times too, they proved too strong and we lost 0-3.

Only one goal in three games and with a losing streak we were determined to finish on a high against Epsom. Many of the team were playing their final game for College and from the first whistle we attacked with real pace, scoring in the opening minute with a brilliantly taken goal from Will Scowsill. Goals flowed after that as we played with a freedom and purpose that we had not matched all season. The final tally was 10-2 with Will Scowsill scoring a record 6 goals in the process.

Angus McClean [Hg] captained the side with fierce determination and real purpose. He missed a few games through injury in the middle of the season which was a patch where we struggled, failing to secure a win. This illustrates the importance of his contribution to the team. **Jonno McGovern [Bd]** did an excellent job in goal with some spectacular stops throughout the season. He is aiming to secure a place out of goal next year, although we may miss his quality in goal too much. **Jo Munro [A]** and

Rob Allred [A] combined effectively at centre back. Rob was arguably our most consistent performer of the season and has the potential to develop into an impressive player. Jo returns next year and will be a vital member of the team. **Ed Mills [T]** and **Will Andrew [T]** played well at right and left back with Will also playing as a utility player in midfield too. His tackling was never short of passion and his speed and determination proved vital in many of the close games. Centre midfield was mostly occupied by **Sadiq Edu [BI]** and **Tom Chitty [T]**. Both worked tirelessly throughout the season and contributed hugely with their passing and distribution. **Rob Stevens [BI]** and Oliver Silver hugged the touchlines and delivered many effective crosses as well as a goal or two as well. Henry Pinto scored regularly from midfield or centre forward. Will Scowsill showed a deft touch and real understanding up front and now holds the record of the most goals scored in a game at Wellington with his six in the final game against Epsom. **Toby Hanington [BI]** showed real class and quality up front and scored some spectacular goals, especially from free-kicks just outside the box. Toby will captain the side next year and will be a driving force in the hunt for a successful season. Pre-season started early this year with some training completed throughout the summer term and Michaelmas Term.

I would like to thank my assistant coach, James Breen for his effort and encouragement as well as all the other coaches. As ever, the pitches were in excellent condition due to the efforts and expertise of Bryan Evans and his team. Medical care was second to none from Jenny Whalley and her nurses. Finally, thanks for Phil Stockwell and his catering team.

I wish all the leavers the best of luck for their future football careers and do hope that many continue to play the beautiful game in the years to come. We look forward to 2009 with real ambition and desire. It will be an excellent season. *Neil Lunnon* ■

— GOLF —

This has been a momentous year for Wellington Golf in a number of ways.

The first year of the Wellington Golf Academy has been a great success. Wellington has formed

a partnership with the Duke of York's Sports Foundation, which will enable selected young golfers to enjoy an excellent all-round, academic and golfing education. Those chosen need to be as ambitious academically as



Edward Barry-Walsh [Bd 2001-2005] playing for the OWGS against College

with their golf and the rest of their life, and they need to integrate themselves fully into the remarkable Wellington experience. **Sam Williams [HI]** and **Murray Rose [M]** have been the first two recipients joining the 3rd from in Michaelmas 2007. The Academy programme is fully inclusive of the other golfers in school, and the mutual benefit is tangible. Coaching has been increased, with one emphasis being to teach self-sufficiency rather than dependence. Jason Brant and I have been able to make much more progress as a result, and this was also helped by a really productive Winter Coaching Camp at Pinheiros Altos on the Algarve in February. Thank you to Brian and Sally Evans, ex-Wellington parents, for their help in organising this. Next year's successful Duke of York's Scholarship applicants are Edward and Alex Peters, and we look forward to welcoming this talented and ambitious brother and sister to Wellington in September.

In the Gerald Micklem Cup, the team arrived at Woking superbly prepared and with great focus. We drew Winchester in the first round, and won 5-0, even though

one or two of the matches were closer than the ultimate scoreline reflected. In the semi-final against Harrow, **James Koch [M]** made way for **Freddie Edmunds [L]** to play at number 5, and the team recorded another 5-0 victory. This led to a final against Bradfield—winners for the previous two years with the same team throughout that time, and with a highest handicap of 4. The quality of golf in the final was probably the best in the history of the Micklem: all 5 players were 1 over par or better at the end of their matches, and ultimately it came to **Jordan Mann [BI]** at number 2, to seal the win with a remarkably poised and calm pair of pars at 17 and 18 against an opponent who had never before lost in the Micklem. It was just rewards for all the hard work the team had put in, and their commitment to establishing the right mental skills to perform under pressure.

The HMC Foursomes should have been another success, and indeed it was up to a point! St George's Weybridge had an exceptional team, and we managed to beat them 2-1 in the 3rd round, before losing to a rather

GOLF

SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

SCRATCH MATCHPLAY CHAMPION:

ED REYES

ALLOM TROPHY (SCRATCH):

JORDAN MANN
(67—A NEW PUPIL COURSE RECORD)

EASTON TANKARD (HANDICAP):

JACK TUCKWELL (42)

TEAM:

MAJOR COLOURS:

J KOCH [M] (CAPTAIN), **E. REYES [S]**,
J. MANN [BL], **S. WILLIAMS [HL]**, **M ROSE [M]**,
F. J. EDMUNDS [L], **C. GITHINJI [M]**,
O.B. FOWLER [BN], **J. BHABRA [M]**

MINOR COLOURS:

T. FOSTER [HG], **J RUSHTON [A]**, **D. COOKE [A]**,
J. TUCKWELL [BL], **J. BARON [C]**,
W. LEITH [S], **D. DOUGALL [BL]**,
O. RALPH [BD], **J. BAMSEY [A]**,
G. BODVARSSON [BN],
C. SEDGWICK-DWANE [O], **H. JONES [HN]**,
A. COLEMAN [HN], **R. OFFER [PN]**,
G. OFFER [PN]

weaker side from Sutton Valence. It probably did the young team no harm to experience a loss like this at this stage of the season.

In the new Independent Schools Golf Association Cup, we entered two teams, and in the end, the younger 'B' team of Jordan Mann, Murray Rose and Sam Williams, all 14 years old, won through to the National Finals at Wokefield Park in April. They performed very well indeed to come third overall over the two-day final, 9 shots behind Millfield and a solitary shot behind Loretto. This is the territory

in which we will be competing in the coming years, and for 2008/9 we have established home and away fixtures with the Golf Academies from both these schools, as well as with Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire U18, and some local men's club teams.

Wellington Girls played their first ever tournament this year as well, the Sunningdale Ladies Golf Club Schools Trophy, in late April. **Charlotte Sedgwick-Dwane [O]**, **Hattie Jones [Hn]** and **Amber Coleman [Hn]** did themselves proud: they were great ambassadors for Wellington Girls Sport, and their experience will hopefully inspire them to play and practise regularly—all three have a lot of talent.

We have also kept going with a full fixture list of normal school matches at both junior and senior level. It is critical to maintain the strength in depth of talent here, to provide competitive opportunities for all of our players, and to continue to have good relationships with other schools. Both boys and girls have done very well in this regard.

The course has seen much increased play as a result of the huge interest in golf, and the wear has become noticeable when players do not replace divots or repair pitch marks. Rob Collins and his team have done a splendid job once again this year, from drought through torrential rain, frost and snow, the course has been in excellent shape.

Other thanks should go to Martin Brandom, our Estate Manager, and Gerald Burbidge, the Estate Bursar, for their continued work to improve facilities. Also, to Tim Head, whose help has been invaluable, to David Rennie for his coaching of the beginners and improvers, to Symon O'Keefe, for his work with the 3rd form golf groups, and especially to Jason Brant. Jason is a coach without peer in this area, and he has been instrumental in developing such momentum behind Wellington Golf this year. *Iain Henderson* ■

— POLO —

In September 2007 we were preparing for another trip to Argentina. Also, for the first time, pupils were able to choose polo as their main sport. We also welcomed two very good polo players into the 3rd form, **Hugo Singh [Wn]** (the first in a line of polo playing brothers) and **Garvy Beh [M]** (the last in a line of polo playing brothers).

From September to the end of October we trained at Ascot Park, making the most of the weather to play

on grass before being forced into the arena. In October Wellington hosted the Annual General Meeting of the Schools and Universities Polo Association; this gave us the opportunity to 'showcase' the College, and our plans for the future of polo.

The Lent term saw us preparing for Argentina. We took 12 pupils over to La Mariposa estancia for a week of intensive training. The group of players were a mix of boys and girls and also a mix of abilities. Only a week after



arriving back in the country we entered the first of many National Arena Tournaments. This was the Novice level tournament. I am very pleased to say that we were able to field 3 teams, more than any other school. I am even more pleased to say that all 3 of these teams finished in the top 4 places, we even had and all Wellington Final. Congratulations go to **Ollie Tyler-Elder [Pn]**, **Chris Ewing [T]**, **Faris Toosy [HI]**, **Jessica Best [Ap]**, **Sophie Mills-Thomas [C]**, **Isabelle Nimmo [C]**, **Anna Neal [Ap]**, **Michael Claessens [Pn]** and **Yasmin Cowan [C]** for playing so well and leading the way in terms of results.

The following week saw our girls play in the National Girls tournament. **Sophie Mills-Thomas**, **Jessica Best** and **Adelaide Goodeve [C]** represented Wellington in this tournament, which saw many international level players representing other schools. Undaunted by the quality of the opposition our girls played their hearts out and ended up coming 4th.

The final outing for the arena season was the National Schools Arena Tournament, which brings together the best under 18 polo talent in the country. We entered a very young, but exciting team, and were pleased to witness some outstanding polo, beating Marlborough and then Sherborne (scoring 6 goals in one six minute chukka!). This sparkling polo led Wellington (**Xan Bryant [HI]**, **Andreas Papoyans [L]** and **Garvy Beh**) into the Final against the favourites Cheltenham College. Our boys played superbly well, having the majority of the possession and territory, but nerves got the better of us and we seemed unable to

score. Unfortunately Cheltenham were able to score a couple of breakaway goals, through the outstanding Ollie Cudmore, and eventually came out as winners. Wellington were therefore Runners-up in the National Schools Arena Tournament, a great achievement.

The Summer term saw us going back to Ascot Park for our training and numbers taking polo as their main sport increased even more. At one point we had 28 players turning up during Games on Tuesdays and Thursdays! With some players taking polo as an activity rather than their main sport our total number of players was hovering around the 40 mark.

In the National Girls Tournament **Sophie Mills-Thomas**, **Jessica Best**, **Anna Neal** and **Adelaide Goodeve** played well above expectations and came 7th overall in the tournament. **Yasmin Cowan [C]** deserves a special mention as she stood in for an injured girl from Marlborough and eventually made it through to the final!

In the National Under 16s tournament, our team, consisting of **Jessica Best**, **Luke Walsh**, **Isabelle Nimmo** and **Michael Claessens** played outstandingly well. They came 6th overall, a great result for these players.

Our Intermediate team was probably the hardest hit by examination clashes and we ended up fielding a very enthusiastic team of **Will Gault**, **Luke Walsh**, **Ollie Tyler-Elder** and **Oli Botes [HI]**. All good players but they had little opportunity to practise as they are all in examination years. They came 8th overall on the day having played some good individual polo but failing to click as a team.

The final bit of polo action for the year was the National Schools Tournament. We fielded a team consisting of **Xan Bryant**, **Andreas Papoyans**, **Garvy Beh** and **Hugo Singh**. They played outstandingly well all day and made it through to the Plate Final where they met an 'in form' Harrow. We ended up in 2nd place in the Plate tournament

and 6th overall. Apart from **Xan**, in the upper 6th, the other boys were in the 3rd and 4th forms, which shows how much potential we have in the future. This bodes well for next year, where we aim to get some silverware in the cupboard! **John Gale** ■

RACKETS

The season was dominated by **Luc Durandt [Hg]** and **Nick Hopcroft [Bd]**. Their achievement of winning two singles cups at Queen's in December was possibly unprecedented in Wellington rackets.

In May Luc had broken a bone in his hip scoring 100 in a 20 over cricket match, and he did not hit a rackets ball before the draw was made for the Queen's tournaments. This gave him the second seed position in the Renny Cup rather than a place in the Foster Cup. When he returned to the rackets court he beat Hopcroft 2-0 in a very

competitive practice match in November and started to take his chances seriously. The premier school rackets cup is the Foster Cup, played between the elite 16 players as nominated by the professionals. Matches are best of 5 games played on the Old Court in front of busy galleries. The Renny Cup is less glamorous. It is contested by every other senior rackets player, and in 2007 there were over 60 entrants. The matches are best of 3, played on the Bridgeman Court, often to empty galleries early in the morning or at 9 o'clock in the evening. Despite the seeding it is possible to meet a strong opponent in one of the early rounds and sometimes it is necessary to play two matches in one day. It

is a tough competition to win. Luc had to win 6 matches to reach the final. In the quarter-final he was 1-1 and 3-12 down; he won 15-12. He won the deciding game of his semi-final 16-13. At no stage in the week was he happy with his



James Whateley & Nick Hopcroft

serve, and this continued into the final. With no easy runs of aces almost every point had to be won in long, hard-fought rallies. He eventually won 3-1. This was a tough, determined performance.

Nick Hopcroft found the Jim Dear Trophy for under 15s considerably easier. There were 74 boys playing in this cup, and he also had to win 6 matches.

He did so without dropping a game, indeed before the final he had never conceded more than 7 points in a match. He served an immaculate length all week, but particularly in the final, and when required, completed rallies clinically. He was never really stretched because he never allowed an opponent to play; this was a classy performance.

The Doubles campaigns proved more complicated. In only his second season, Hopcroft established himself as the leading player in the school from the very first and toughest match: away at Harrow in September. In the Michaelmas Term he was partnered by **Varun Sarna [Hg]**. The partnership often worked well, with Sarna's

RACKETS

SCHOOLS' SINGLES' CUP:
NJ HOPCROFT [BD] BEAT LE DURANDT [HG]

COLTS' CUP:
NJ HOPCROFT BEAT C PICKARD [BL]

JUNIOR COLTS' CUP:
A BOOBYER [PN] BEAT J WHATELEY [A]

YEARLINGS' CUP:
J BURGIN [BN]

TROPHIES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS' CHAMPIONSHIPS AT QUEEN'S CLUB:

RENNY CUP: **LE DURANDT**
 JIM DEAR CUP: **NJ HOPCROFT**
 PETER GRAY CUP: . . . **NJ HOPCROFT & J WHATELEY**

original if mercurial skill complementing Hopcroft's class to good effect. After Christmas Hopcroft and Durandt played together, and the combination looked very impressive at times, with Durandt's powerful hitting too much for many opponents. In the Doubles Championships at the end of term Durandt and Sarna formed the 1st Pair. They were unfortunate to draw first seeds Harrow, and never got into the game. Hopcroft returned to his own age group, and was partnered by **James Whateley [A]** in the Peter Gray Cup. Whateley's season had also been interrupted by injury, but he and the Professional worked hard to be ready for Queen's. He played a crucial supporting role in the partnership, reducing errors to a minimum. Hopcroft had the confidence to trust him when necessary, and indeed in the final against Haileybury, Whateley served the winning

point in each game. The well-contested match was won 3-0. At second Pair **Freddie Bowring [Bd]** and **Nick Jupp [Bd]** often found themselves overwhelmed, but worked hard during the year. The Colts were represented at Queen's by **Charlie Pickard [BI]** and **James Rendell [S]**. They went 0-2 down to Harrow, then drew level at 2-2, but errors and some bad luck cost them the final game. Supported by **Gordon Hamilton-Fairley [Hn]** and **Max Tulley [Bd]** the boys at this level have some ground to make up against the opposition, but are slowly getting there. **Angus Boobbyer [Pn]** at Junior Colts, **Oliver Rendell [S]** and **Jonathan Burgin [Bn]** at Yearlings also played an important role in the course of the season. With three trophies, the boys and Noel could view the season with satisfaction and pride. *Charles Oliphant-Callum* ■

— — SAILING — —

These are exciting times for the Sailing Club. There has been an influx of talent in the last two years and this bodes well for the future. We have also been fortunate to have the experience of Captain **James Robinson [T]**. Two years at the helm, he has been a stabilising influence, setting the highest standards of sportmanship. Keenly competitive on the water, James has also been a model of encouragement and support to the younger members. Despite the pressure of A2 examinations he has attended every



Close racing in light winds—2nd team v. owsa

possible practice and match, arriving early to rig boats and helping haul up and down the slip; a leader by example.

Equally important has been the influence of our other 'senior' sailor. Although only in the 5th form, **Charlie Esse [Pn]** is a seasoned and capable campaigner. Having worked his way through the RYA Optimist and Feva Squads, Charlie now campaigns a 29er at National level. He has inspired the team, freely sharing knowledge and technique. We are

also grateful to his father Anthony, a constant source of motivation and enthusiasm. Anthony's contacts within the sport have resulted in clothing sponsorship by Gill and the appointment of Peter Barton as coach.

James and Charlie have both been awarded full colours.

Our other first team sailors have also done exceptionally well this year. **Harry Martin [HI]** and **Patrick Garratt [Pn]** (4th form), **Jack Trigger [M]**, **Angus Franz [L]** and **Sebastian O'Hara [T]** (all 3rd form) are great prospects for

the coming years. Jack competes in the National Topper league and Angus in the Optimists. They are hoping to campaign one of the two rs Fevas owned by College on the RYA circuit next year.

Harry has been awarded half colours.

Such is the strength in depth at Junior level at the moment that we are able to field a second team whenever we can find the opposition. **Tom Roberts [Bd]**,

SCHOOL MATCHES

1ST MAY	WINCHESTER	WON 3-0
8TH MAY	ETON	LOST 2-3
15TH MAY	RADLEY	WON 3-2
17TH MAY	SHERBORNE	WON 5-0
10TH JUNE	COMMON ROOM	1ST WON 2-1
		2ND LOST 0-3
14TH JUNE	OWSA	1ST LOST 1-2
		2ND LOST 0-2
17TH JUNE	ETON JUNIORS	LOST 2-3

BSDRA REGATTAS

S.E. REGATTA
HOAD SHIELD—BOUGH BEECH
24TH APRIL
ROUND ROBIN STAGE

CHARTERHOUSE . . .	LOST 14 - 7
ALDENHAM	WON 9 - 12
ETON	LOST 12 - 9

KNOCKOUT STAGE

HAILEYBURY	WON 6 - 15
SEVENOAKS C	WON 7 - 14
ARDINGLEY	WON 9 - 12

Bronze fleet winners coming 13th out of 16 teams

EAST KENT REGATTA CANTERBURY
26TH APRIL

LEAGUE A

KINGS CANTERBURY . .	WON 11 - 10
MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL	LOST 8 - 13
KENT SCHOOLS SAILING ASSOCIATION	WON 13 - 8
ETON	LOST 6 - 15
TONBRIDGE B	WON 12 - 9

QUARTER-FINAL

ALLEYNS	WON 11 - 10
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SEMI-FINAL

MAGDALEN COL. SCH. . .	LOST 6 - 15
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3RD/4TH PLAY OFF

TONBRIDGE A	WON 12 - 9
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3rd out of 11 teams. A close run thing when we had already beaten the second placed team. This may have been the first time Wellington have beaten the Tonbridge 1st team at Sailing. I would be delighted to hear of any previous occasion.

MIDLANDS REGATTA FARMOOR
3RD MAY

Silver Fleet winners coming 5th out of 16 schools. Beaten only by Magdalen College School, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge and Uppingham. Amongst those beaten was Bradfield, in our only meeting of the season.

SOUTHERN REGATTA SPINNAKER
10TH MAY

Cancelled due to lack of wind

PRISM TROPHY FLEET RACING FARMOOR
7TH JUNE

3RD	CHARLIE ESSE [PN]/PATRICK GARRATT [PN]
4TH	JAMES ROBINSON [T]/ANGUS FRANZ [L]
7TH	HARRY MARTIN [HL]/TOM ROBERTS [BD]
11TH	MATTHEW DICKENSON [M]/LIVI FRAYNE [O]
12TH	GEORGIE MACREADIE [C]/SOPHIE WILLIAMS [O]

15 boats competed from Radley, St Edwards and Wellington

BARNARD CUP

FINAL (3 RACES)

TALBOT	4.5	(.75 + .75 + 3)	1ST
PICTON	4.75	(2 + 2 + .75)	2ND
HILL	11	(3 + 4 + 4)	3RD
WHITE CAIRN	11	(4 + 5 + 2)	3RD
LYNEDOCH	13	(5 + 3 + 5)	5TH
ORANGE	18	(6 + 6 + 6)	6TH

Matthew Dickenson [M], **Georgie Macreadie [C]**, **Livi Frayne [O]** and **Leo Sutton [Wn]**, have taken their opportunities and been particularly dedicated in training. The benefit will be reaped in the coming years. At times they were joined by **Alec Trigger [A]**, **Max Wood [Pn]**, **Sophie Williams [O]** and **Katie Trehwella [C]**. Sailing is the most obvious of co-educational sports and the girls are rapidly becoming contenders for first team places. Georgie and Livi in particular are among our most dedicated sailors.

Mention has already been made of Peter Barton. Married to ow Amanda, née Baron, he coached all three GBR teams at the 2007 Team Racing World Championship in Spain where we won Silver Medal and the Juniors the Under 21 Gold.



The Talbot team (James Robinson and Sebastian O'Hara) receive the Barnard Cup from Graham Nurser (Master i/c Sailing). Competitors look on, sustained by a barbeque provided by the Robinson and Esse families.

A specialist in the 29er, RS800 and Laser 4000 classes, he was 18' Skiff European Grand Prix Champion in 2005 and second in the European Championships in 2005 and 2006. He was also RS800 National Champion 2007 and Eurocup Champion 2006 and 2007. In the Laser 4000 he has been

National and European Champion a total of six times. Peter brings a level of expertise beyond anything available within College. I am delighted that his regular Tuesday training sessions that we have enjoyed throughout the summer will be continued throughout the year. **Graham Nurser** ■

SHOOTING

Yet again shooting was both popular and successful at Wellington and must be the sport that has had the most International caps from both current pupils as well as OWs. **Angus Wilson [Hg]** was selected for the Athelings. **Andrew Brooker [HI]** shot for Scotland in the match against the Combined Services and **Ed Robertson [T]** was reserve for Scotland in that match. We also had several of our team compete for their Counties. **Harry Orpen-Smellie [BI]** shot in five major matches for Essex, **Angus Wilson** shot for the second year for Sussex and **James McGuire [A]** shot for Berkshire in the County Short competition.

For the second year in a row nine shooters were selected to shoot for their countries in the British Schools' Small-bore International.



Alex Bryson first ever 'possible'

Ed Robertson and **Geoff Hopkinson [Hn]** shot for Scotland, **James McGuire**, **Harry Orpen-Smellie**, **Max Williams [S]**, **Angus Wilson**, **Amir Idris [HI]**, **Nikita Yarmolenko [M]** and **Alex Bryson [S]** for England.

The Michaelmas term saw just a couple of full-bore matches before the small-bore season got underway. We won the team events in both the Berkshire and the Kent long range meetings. Next year we hope to be able to compete in the North London Closed competitions as well now that all of our full-bore shooters are full members of that club. The first match was against Westminster and we won not only the usual match but also a rapid fire match. In an attempt to make the fixture list stronger we added a fixture against Tonbridge School and were pleased to win. Marlborough had lost many of its

top shooters this year so this match was not as close as usual. Epsom had insisted that we shoot 50 yards rather than the usual 25 yards and so we were not expecting much in that fixture. We were pleased to squeeze a win even if the margin was very tight indeed. Charterhouse was the next fixture and we were careful not to field too strong a team after beating them easily last year. In the end it was a good outing for many of the new shooters and a decent victory. RGS Guildford are usually a strong fixture and so as we got closer to the end of the term's matches we were keen to do well there. Harrow has been one of the longest fixtures in Wellington's shooting history but it is very difficult to find a course of fire that makes the journey worthwhile. We shot on the cadet No. 8 rifles but won rather too easily again. The last fixture of the term was the BSSRA Winter Open and we were to host it again.

We won the Individual, the Pair and the Fours and Cheltenham won the Falling Plate. It was pleasing to get Wellington's name engraved on those cups as most had only Epsom's on. **Alex Bryson** bought a new shooting Jacket and shot a

'possible' on his first ever shoot with it. That was the first ever 100 on a British Match target from a Wellington Pupil and only the second to have been shot on our range.

The Lent term's fixture list usually mirrors the Michaelmas term in that we try to compete against the same schools but swapping home and away. The only change to that is the Crookham fixture which we have won for the last few years. This year was no exception although they made sure all their top shooters were available. The next fixture saw our only small-bore defeat of the season. We travelled to Epsom and shot in their rather poorly lit range along with all the usual extra-military routine designed to put off the opposition. The next fixture was against Westminster but had to be another away match as they are not yet able to travel. We won. The Marlborough match was all on British Match targets which suited us and we won that with ease. The Harrow match was as expected even though



Alex Bryson 50 yard match

they insisted on our shooting 'Country-Life' conditions. We did so well (530 v 388) that we decided to enter the Country-Life and came eleventh despite one shooter firing on the wrong target and another not finishing the rapid. The RGS fixture was the last normal one before the Association Championships and International cards. We had two Juniors make the top 25 in Britain. **Harry Orpen-Smellie** came 5th and **Oat Prutisart [M]** came 23rd. In the Senior age group we had six finalists. **Harry Orpen-Smellie** came 6th, **James McGuire** 8th, **James Bryson [S]** 12th, **Ed Robertson** 15th and **Angus Wilson** and **Amir Idris** tied in 22nd.

During the year we shot in several other Postal matches and won the Berkshire League (Division 4). Our Under 14 team did well in the National U14 league with **Andrew Brooker [HI]** winning the individual badge and the team



Scotland v. Combined Services & Home Counties. Andrew Brooker in a red top. Ed Robertson sitting far right

winning Division 3. We also entered the National U15 and U18 competitions in both Winter and Spring. Our Juniors made the Winter final finishing 5th. In the Spring both teams made the final with our U18 coming 4th (beating Chobham RC) and our

Juniors again coming 5th. The Inter-Dormitory Shooting competition has not been shot since 1992 and so it was pleasing to get that re-started. 32 teams started with most houses/dorms entering two teams. It competition was run as a knockout and the last four teams in were The Hardinge, The Murray, The Blücher and The Stanley. The Hardinge and The Blucher ended up in a very close final which was won by **Angus Wilson** and **Tommy Hirst [Hg]** (both formerly of the Combermere!)

The Easter weekend was spent training at Bisley in the snow. We were lucky to have Ian Shirra-Gibb's help as he in charge of 300m nationally and so we were able to shoot in the nice warm 300m shed with electronic targets whilst the others froze outside. The TR shooting consisted of a couple of Open meetings (Kent and Berkshire) where again we won all the team matches and **James McGuire** came second overall in the Berkshire Open and won all the U25 silverware.



Harry Orpen-Smellie 50 yard match

The match against the OWs didn't go so well as we had four of the team shooting concurrently with the Inter-Counties and so they missed out on the chance of coaching the younger shooters to higher scores. We had a triangular match against Gresham's and London University on the morning of the Purples and lost to Gresham's but beat London University. We are very privileged to be invited, along with Gresham's, to shoot in the Purples match as it is really an inter-counties/clubs shoot. Only a couple of shooters entered the British Commonwealth Championships but they enjoyed the experience. We did a little bit of CTR shooting during the term but it interrupted the TR training so we will have to consider our training schedule more carefully next year. We came second in the LMRA competition and won the 4 Div competition with several individual medals including **Oliver Lyon [M]** winning the U16 individual.

The Schools' meeting went very well for us with such a young team as we came 8th in the Ashburton and 2nd in the Fours. The two Block 3 shooters did well coming 16th in the Pairs. **Harry Orpen-Smellie** came second in the U16 competition and we had six shooters in the Schools'

Hundred. In the Imperial Meeting **James McGuire** came third in the Young Riflemen's Aggregate and our team won the Anstey competition against all the top shooting schools. **Harry Orpen-Smellie** and **James McGuire** got through to the second stage of the Queen's. **Angus Wilson** shot for the Athelings in their Long Range competition as well as the Inter Services Short and was reserve in the AG Bell. **James McGuire** shot in the Inter Services Short and Long as well as in the AG Bell.

We are gaining a really good reputation as one of the top shooting schools. The help the team gave to the British Commonwealth Rifle Club's major International match on the first Tuesday was well received. We hope to have Ian Shirra-Gibbs coaching on both Tuesdays and Thursdays next year which will mean that we can run a beginners session on one of the other days. The help we receive from Mike Martell and Eric Stuart-Bamford as well as all the OWs is also greatly appreciated. The next project must be to build a 30m full-bore and 50 yd small-bore range at Wellington for that would really give us the edge over the other top schools. **Bruce Roth** ■

— SQUASH —

Inheriting the squash programme at Wellington from Chris Hutchinson was both a delight and a breeze. Not only had he put in place a fine fixture list, but he had also recruited enthusiastically and the new coaching team of Brynn Bayman, Sam Owen and Mr Tim Elton were met by a fine contingent of squash players. And such is the vitality and commitment in the squash club that we had few problems finding skilful team members for much of the year. The year started with the traditional staff-student match, in which the staff triumphed 13-7. Graeme Owton once again proved his exceptional fitness and determination by beating the newly elected captain of squash **H. James [Bn]** in a titanic five setter. But the most remarkable result was the 3-1 victory against **T. Llewellyn [Bn]** by Tim Head who had risked both life and limb to come out of retirement (playing squash that is) to play in the match. With Wellington going fully co-ed it was also encouraging to see such a well supported contingent of lady staff such as Delyth Draper and Elizabeth Worthington putting in winning performances.

The Michaelmas term had a few memorable moments such as the excellent win against Harrow. The win in the

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]	

triangular against Bradfield and Charters was also impressive and reflected the guts and determination of many of the players most notably **R. Allred [A]** who won his game after a mammoth battle. The number of Yearlings and Junior Colts playing squash was also encouraging and I will

never forget the fine winning performance of **L. Boobbyer [S]** and **J. Coleman [S]** against Winchester to ensure a team white wash. The Yearlings, many new to the game, also put in a sterling effort to beat Eagle House 6-2 and draw 4-4 against Woodcote House.

The Lent term was less impressive and the team found themselves losing to Charterhouse, Eton and Harrow on different occasions. Wins against Cranleigh and Radley/Marlborough in the triangular match were the victory pills that fuelled the team in preparation for the climax at the Roehampton Tournament. If there was to be one clear highlight of the season it was to be the success of the team

in the Roehampton competition. Without the services of an injured **N. Hopcroft [Bd]**, the team's chances were as promising outsiders rather than serious contenders. The guts and determination evident from **H. James [Bn]**, **D. Veary [Hg]**, **L. Durandt [Hg]**, **R. Allred** and **M. Fawcett [Bd]** was breathtaking and the team not only reached the semi-finals but came within a whisker of making it into the finals against Epsom.

The endless and dedicated services of Steve "Racket Back" Meads along with the support of all the coaching staff ensured that the students had a fruitful and enjoyable two seasons. **Brynn Bayman** ■



The Triathlon team

— SWIMMING —

Swimming at Wellington has been fantastic this year and the pupils have competed in some extraordinary races, under **Marcus Aitken [Pn]** (Captain, uvi) and **Gordon Lai's [S]** (Vice-Captain's, uvi) leadership. We began the year with the World Winter Swimming Championships held in a lido which was only 3°C. The ten-strong team performed their 25m head up breaststroke with panache and Gordon Lai even made it

onto the rostrum, winning the bronze for the 10-20 years age group.

Having developed a taste for cold water, a group of pupils have decided to race the staff across the Channel next year to raise money for Hope for Homes and to celebrate the 150th anniversary. We are thoroughly looking forward to this challenge and were delighted to see three of the boys brave a mile in the 15 degree water, complete



Charlie Maughan [M], Conor Turley [A] & Evgeny Shuvalov [T]

with jelly fish, off Dover Harbour, to race some of Britain's finest swimmers in the British Long Distance Swimming Association's Champion of Champion's event. **Evgeny Shuvalov [T]**, **Charlie Maughan [M]** and **Conor Turley [A]** were first, second and third in the junior boys' section of the race, which bodes very well for next year's Channel showdown.

We raced against the usual round of schools this term and were particularly excited to beat Eton, as it is the first time that we have managed this for many years. The intermediates were in super form and remained unbeaten for the whole term. **Alex Lukic [Hn]** (5th) broke the long-standing school's 50m breaststroke record and has not

been beaten in any school match since joining Wellington. The girls also performed extremely well to win against Bradfield and this is the first year that we have been able to field a full girls' team.

Diversifying the swimming experience further, a team of 7 pupils raced in an open water triathlon at Dorney Lake where they swam 750m, cycled 20km and then demonstrated extraordinary levels of stamina to run 5km. It was a really professional field with many bikes there costing more than an average car, but all of the pupils did extremely well and we are particularly excited about **Frankie Paterson [C]** (5th) and **Alex Miller's [BI]** (5th) future in this tough sport. *Katy Granville-Chapman* ■

— — TENNIS — —

Tennis at Wellington had its fair share of highs and lows this season, winning when it mattered most. The College 1st team under the captancy of **H. James [Bn]** found a number of their opponents such as Eton, in the ISL, too strong and only managed to come third. But when playing in the RHWM tournament against similar schools such as Radley, Marlborough and Harrow, the team showed all their natural ability and 'Wellington resolve' to win the Senior 1st VIII cup for the first time since its inauguration. The regulars of **H. James**, **T. Chitty [T]**, **J. Whateley [A]**, **T. Ojo [Hg]**, **N. Bethel-Collins [Hg]**, **G. Malyguine [Hg]**, **N. Kiepe [Hg]** and our very talented lady member, **F. Patterson [C]**, all played superbly and will remember the afternoon with fondness.

It is also at the other end of the age spectrum, namely

TENNIS				
	WIN	LOSS	DRAW	PLAYED
SENIOR 1ST	2	4	1	7
SENIOR 2ND	3	1		4
SENIOR 3RD	1	1		2
COLTS 1ST	2	2		4
COLTS 2ND		2		2
COLTS 3RD		1		1
J. COLTS 1ST	1	4		5
J. COLTS 2ND		6		6

the Yearlings that one finds further reason to celebrate. Although the team started the season with a string of losses, Mr S. Owen and Dr. J. Garrick offered numerous

extra training sessions which were all well attended. The result of such commitment was that the team managed to raise their quality of tennis, to such a degree that they won most of the latter matches in the season.

The Colts and Junior Colts had a less successful season and will need to find ways of converting their natural ability into winning results. With **J. Whateley** and **F. Patterson** both playing in the College 1st team and **B. Blossie [Hn]** off with a long term injury, these teams were at a slight disadvantage. The win by the Junior Colts 1st VI against Epsom will hopefully be the spring board into a more successful season and one that Mr J. Arton-Powell and Dr A. Hill will cherish.

There are a number of 2nd team players such as **W. Wells [BI]** and **W. Newland [Hn]** along with Colts team members such as **M. Fawcett [Bd]**, **G. Hamilton-Fairley [Hn]** and **L. Bowler [Bd]** who are all waiting in the wings. *Brynn Bayman* ■

V. EPSOM COLLEGE	
1ST IV	W. 7-2
J. COLTS 1	W. 5-4
J. COLTS 2	L. 3-6
J. COLTS 3	L. 1-8
YEARLINGS 1	L. 2-7
YEARLINGS 2	L. 3-6
YEARLINGS 3	L. 4-5

V. CRANLEIGH	
1ST VI	L. 3-6
2ND VI	L. 4-5
J. COLTS 1	L. 0-9
J. COLTS 2	L. 3-6
J. COLTS 3	W. 6-3
YEARLINGS 1	W. 7-5
YEARLINGS 2	W. 6-3
YEARLINGS 3	W. 9-0

V. BRADFELD	
1ST VIII	L. 5-11
J. COLTS 1	L. 2-7
J. COLTS 2	L. 1-8
J. COLTS 3	L. 1-8
YEARLINGS 1	W. 7.5-1.5
YEARLINGS 2	L. 3-6
YEARLINGS 3	W. 5-4

V. ABINGDON SCHOOL	
1ST VI	L. 4-5
J. COLTS 1	L. 2-7
J. COLTS 2	L. 3-6
J. COLTS 3	L. 3-6
YEARLINGS 1	W. 6-3
YEARLINGS 2	W. 5.5-4.5
YEARLINGS 3	L. 3-6

RHWM TROPHY	
1ST VIII	1ST
2ND VIII	2ND
COLTS 1ST VIII	4TH
J. COLTS 1ST VIII	ABANDONED
YEARLINGS 1ST VIII	4TH

V. HARROW	
1ST VI	L. 4-5
2ND VI	W. 9-0
3RD VI	W. 5-4
COLTS 1ST VI	L. 3-6
COLTS 2ND VI	L. 3-6
J. COLTS 1ST VI	L. 1-8
J. COLTS 2ND VI	L. 2-7
J. COLTS 3RD VI	L. 3-6
YEARLINGS 1ST VI	L. 1-8
YEARLINGS 2ND VI	L. 2-7
YEARLINGS 3RD VI	L. 3-6

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS LEAGUES WELLINGTON CAME 4TH	
V. WINCHESTER	
SENIORS	W. 9-0
COLTS	W. 8.5-0.5
YEARLINGS 2	L. 1-8
YEARLINGS 3	L. 0-9

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS LEAGUES ROUND 1	
1ST VIII	3RD
COLTS	3RD
J. COLTS	3RD
YEARLINGS	3RD

V. RADLEY	
2ND VI	W. 7-2
3RD VI	L. 4-5

CCF



THE COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT

A busy year indeed! The new 4th Form programme, a fully co-ed CCF for the first time, competitions, camps, informal visits by various senior officers plus the usual merry-go-round of training added up to a lot of hard work for both officers and cadets.

The contingent continues to thrive as an integral part of College life. Cadet strength has risen to 400+ and we also had a full compliment of officers for the year although it was sad to lose Lt Robert Lancaster RMR to a job in the city. Given the increase in numbers in CCF we have also employed a new School Staff Instructor—WO1 Ed Home REME TA, to assist Gerry Long in the running of the Armoury. Gerry is taking 6 months off on a tour in Afghanistan with the Royal Marines and we wish him well in his time there.

I am particularly pleased with how CCF shooting has gone in the last year and the report below from Bruce Roth demonstrates our strength in depth:

'We shot against Harrow today...they wanted to shoot with CCF issue rifles and ammunition using the Green Howard's CCF course of fire.'

ROYAL NAVY SECTION

The decision was taken early in the year to move back to a more water-based programme and, as a result, the cadets spent a lot of time at Horseshoe Lake sailing and in the College pool completing a Level 2 Star BCU Kayaking course. The Wellington College CCF Sailing Team also competed at the CCF National Regatta at HMS Excellent, Portsmouth sailing against schools from all over the U.K. **Harry Martin [HI]**

'They felt that they could win easily as we only shoot at competition targets not rapid fire, snap targets and falling plates. The final result was—Wellington: 530; Harrow 388. Falling Plate final won by Wellington—**Angus Wilson [Hg]/Geoff Hopkinson [Hn]**'

In my 2006 report I mentioned the battle to retain the cap badge of the 1st Battalion, Duke of Wellington's Regiment to whom we are both affiliated and cap-badged, following their amalgamation with other Regiments to form the Yorkshire Regiment. Officially we could have lost our famous cap badge but, as CO and the original instigator of the rebadging, I made various representations and, as a result, we are now officially allowed to keep it.

A special mention to all of the Section Heads—Lt Graham Nurser of the Royal Navy, Major David Burns in charge of the Army Section and Flt Lt John Gale with the R.A.F., for all their hard work in designing and implementing the new training programmes to which the 4th Form responded particularly well. *Lieutenant Colonel Eddy Heddon* ■

sailed in the Pico fleet, and due to some bad luck he could only sail one race, but won that race, coming 5th overall. **James Robinson [T]** and **Charlie Esse [A]** sailed in the Bosun fleet. With very light winds on Saturday, they finished 3rd and 2nd in the two races, and were in a very good position overnight. Unfortunately the wind really picked up on Sunday morning and a 7th and a 4th put them 4th overall out of 25 schools. A credible result indeed. ■



Paul Tennant [Hg 1981-1986] landed a helicopter on South Front.

ROYAL MARINE SECTION

It has been an extremely successful year for the Royal Marine Section at Wellington. There have been many areas of progress, all driven by the cadets' increasing desire to develop. The six senior NCO's were key in this, in particular **Charlie McDonagh [Pn]** and **Ben Gately [L]** as i/c and 2 i/c respectively. The new intake began the year with enthusiasm and desire to learn, with the first two girl recruits **Isabelle Nimmo [C]** and **Frankie Paterson [C]** integrating well and being treated as 'one of the boys' from day-one.

On the back of a superb month of training the Pringle team comprising of **Charlie McDonagh (i/c)**, **Ben Gately**, **Ben Pratt [A]**, **Simon Dempster [S]**, **Ben Bowtell [Wn]**, **Tom Melhuish [BI]**, **Geoffrey Hopkinson [Hn]**, **Charlie Byrd [Bn]** and **Rory Stewart [Hn]** arrived at Lymptone for the annual interschool competition in early October. Under the superb leadership of **Charlie McDonagh** we had a very successful weekend, performing better on virtually every stand compared to the year before. We finished 12th which was a very creditable position. Even more

pleasing was that we were only 5 points off sixth placed Pangbourne, who had won the trophy the year before and had seven returning cadets. With five of this year's team here next year we should hopefully continue our rise.

The year continued to build on the back of the good Pringle Trophy result. Wednesday afternoon training provided much learning for every one of the 30 cadets in this growing section, complemented by successful field days to RMR London (Michaelmas) and Barossa (Summer), for PT and Leadership Training respectively. The year came to a high point, when section i/c **Charlie McDonagh** was awarded one of only two Royal Marine Cadet Scholarships presented each year. A very impressive feat given over a thousand high calibre cadets apply for this every year.

At the start of the summer term the section performed superbly at the Annual Inspection and Speech Day. To finish the year we had very successful selection of both ten new recruits and **Simon Dempster** and **Ben Bowtell** as the new i/c and 2 i/c of the section. I hope they, with the other ten Senior NCO's, lead the section forward with pride.

I would like to thank Col. Heddon, Capt. Long, Chris

Russell (RM and OW) and the RM training team for all their help and support to allow me to run the section. I had thor-

oughly enjoyed my two and a half years in charge and look forward to watching its continued success in the future. ■



ARMY SECTION

JUNIOR LEADER'S CADRE—In the Junior Leader's Cadre, under the command of Captain Helen Lewis, a total of 58 Lower Sixth completed a term long programme of activities designed to turn them into effective instructors. They were taught how to plan lessons and control small groups of junior cadets as well as revised weapons handling, drill and fieldcraft. The highlight of the term was Field Day when they led different aspects of an overnight exercise on the Bramley training area. To pass they had to give three successful lessons to their peers in which they were judged on knowledge, effectiveness of instruction, control and lesson structure. They are now instructing junior cadets in all four sections of the CCF. The McMillan Sword for best cadet was awarded to Cadet Sergeant **James Whitwell [A]**.

CORUNNA COMPANY—Advanced Infantry have had a productive year building on the skills that were learned in the 4th Form. Cadets developed their field craft skill during the Michaelmas term Field Day and learned how to

conduct more complicated patrols, navigate at night and took part in a blank firing attack. Later on in the course, cadets' fitness was tested, map reading skills were taught and practised and the cadet's drill improved to the point where they could be moved around the camp in a tidy and organised fashion. All cadets passed their Army Proficiency Badge and special mention must go to cadet instructors **Tom Gibson [L]**, **Jon Smith [HI]** and **Will Hanson [Bn]** who set the highest of standards in everything they did throughout the course.

WATERLOO COMPANY—A completely new training programme for the 4th Form was introduced this year to accommodate an element of 'choice' regarding sections and activities—this was at SMT's request. We were able to run five separate platoons, which, being around 24 strong made the training easier to organise and supervise with the result that much that was productive was achieved during the year. Thanks must go to Captain's Katy Granville-Chapman and Jim Price, 2Lt's Kitty Jack and Patrick Lundie

for their unstinting support and expertise as the Platoon Officers, and this year we were well supported by a particularly competent and enthusiastic group of NCOs. Also thanks go to Captain Carole Blunden-Lee for doing a lot of driving—each cadet was able to go to Bisley for a session of clay pigeon shooting with the expert coaches, which for many was one of the highlights of their training year. All cadets also shot at least twice on the range under the expert tutelage of Flt Lt Bruce Roth, and many gained their marksmanship badges as a result. In contrast all cadets

went through a First Aid course so they should now be able to cope with most medical emergency situations they are likely to encounter, from CPR to bleeds, breaks and burns.

The rest of the training was a varied mix of drill, weapon handling, patrolling skills, camouflage and concealment, orienteering, leadership training tasks, building survival shelters and so on. The Field Day in October, again on the Bramley training area, involved the cadets' first introduction to camouflage and concealment, a challenging navex, leadership and teamwork tasks. ■

RAF SECTION

As ever much of the focus was on flying experience, which continues to be offered in abundance by 6 A.E.F. Squadron based at R.A.F. Benson and once again a number of cadets have taken the opportunity to become airborne on a number of occasions throughout the year. Routine training continued on Wednesday afternoons in the course the year with

the assistance of Flight Sergeants **Peter Durkin [L]** and **Arthur Kaminski [Hg]** both of whom remained loyal to the section through to the onset of exams. Field Day visits were with the Army sections to a local training area and in the summer term to the Imperial War Museum at R.A.F. Duxford, which was much enjoyed by the majority of pupils. ■

CAMPS & ADVENTUROUS TRAINING

FREMINGTON, NORTH DEVON. 58 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 was had 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. All returned tired but having had a great week.

CENTRAL CAMP, LONGMOOR, HAMPSHIRE. 16 boys went to Longmoor Central Camp in the first week of the summer holidays. They did lots of activities including rafting, paintballing, shooting, field craft, a day in Portsmouth (RM museum and visits to Subway and Burger King!).

SOUTH WALES. In the first week of the summer break 56 boys and girls (many of them also working towards their Bronze D of E) plus 6 staff (Gerry Long, David Burns, Eunice Gillan, Carole Blunden-Lee, Jackie Chapman, and Dave Vickers from the Support Staff) stayed at a rather dilapidated Crickhowell camp. They experienced a round

robin of activities—long walks in the Brecon Beacons and the Black Mountains, plus canoeing on the river Wye, climbing in the Llangorse ropes centre and paintballing plus an overnight camp—and very thankfully not as wet as last year. We got them all there, we got them all back in one piece, and most probably enjoyed it more than they would like to admit.

PYRENEES, FRANCE. 16 cadets and 8 staff travelled by boat, road and 'plane to Southern France for a week camping, hiking and white-water rafting in the Pyrenees. The hiking following the traditional haute route with 3 nights spent camping near the mountain huts. Special mention must be made of Roger Auger [CR] who, despite having one foot in a cast following an operation, controlled all of the group and events so well.

SAILING IN GREECE. 8 cadets and 2 staff also spent 2 weeks on a catamaran sailing from Corfu down into the Ionian Islands visiting Kefalonia, Ithaca, and Levkas on route. Unfortunately the wind gods were absent and much of the trip was spent motoring from port to port. We saw the effect tourism was having on the bigger islands with much of the interiors being left untouched but were touched by the friendliness of the Greek people. ■

FIELD GUN

We had an excellent season with Ed Robertson [T] as captain. The first thing he did was to go around the Houses to drum up interest and get a few new recruits. With over seventy names on his list it was no surprise that we had two complete crews. There was an almost even mix of ages in the crews which will help over the next few years for there is no doubt that the more years a crew member has had the better chance there is of breaking the record.

The Royal Navy stopped Field Gun because the Royal Tournament was being discontinued as the cost was becoming too great. There was never any question of Health and Safety being an issue, despite what many people might like to think. Here at Wellington our safety record is superb and it is certainly much safer than playing Rugby, Hockey or even Cricket. We had three minor injuries over the six weeks training (six hours a week) and only two of those required treatment from the Medical Centre.

On Speech Day the B team started the display with an excellent run. James Haskell [L 1998-2003] (Wasps and England), who ran for three years while at Wellington, came to present the prizes. The A crew ran out in a very impressive time of 2.08 which was 21 seconds faster than

we have ever managed with our new gun. The run back had a few problems with the limber being broken but that didn't cause any time problems. The flying angel was superb but the rig didn't collapse and they lost time there. The time for the run-back was 1.55. The run home was as fast as ever but the overall time was just 3 seconds off the record.

Ben Harcourt [T] won the Trainer's Tankard for amusing Kevin Clarke (senior trainer) the most (minor head wound). Nick Trehella [Bd] won the Field Gun Officer's Tankard for his superb effort in training where he often ran other positions to fill in. There was a new prize which was donated by the Royal Navy for the best Field Gunner who is in the RM or Navy section of the CCF. This was won by Angus Wilson [Hg] who stood out above a very strong field. Ed Robertson won the Harris Shield for his superb year as Captain and Tom Melhuish [BI] was announced as next year's Captain.

It was a shame that we didn't have a CCF inspection day to run at nor did we have the drum corps as the display separating the two runs. Let's hope that next year those can be re-introduced. We are hoping to run at the Surrey Show next year and already Tom Melhuish is sorting out the logistics of that. Bruce Roth

FIELD GUN CREW

Table listing crew members and their positions: BEN HARCOURT [T], JACK HARCOURT [HN], CHARLIE MANN [HG], JAMES WRIGHT [T], FELIX TITHERLEY [A], FRANCO BOYDELL [M], DOMINIC STALKER [PN], ED BARTLEY [BL], GEOFFREY HOPKINSON [HN], RUARAI DH STEWART [HN], TOM MELHUI SH [BL], PATRICK DAVIS [T], JAMES FOTHERBY [A], AMIR IDRIS [HL], HARRISON SCOWSILL [HN], ANGUS WILSON [C], ED ROBERTSON [T], SASHA PONOMARENKO [HL], BEN HARCOURT [T], JAMIE DAVIES [L], BEN WHITE [BL], EUGENE KONSTANTINOVSKY [L], FELIX TITHERLEY [A], VADIM TOCZYLKIN [BL], KYLE ROSS [HN], NICK TREWHELLA [BD], TOM MELHUI SH [BL], ROBBIE OFFER [PN], I NDER VIRDI [PN], HARRY ORPEN-SMELLIE [BL], JACK STILEMAN [L], DOM AUGER [T], LUKE MORTELL [T], PATRICK GARRATT [PN], BEN COOK [T], TOMMY HIRST [HG], 1ST TRAINER, 2ND TRAINER, FIELD GUN OFFICER, ASSISTANT FIELD GUN OFFICER, ORDNANCE ARTIFICER, BUGLER, KEV CLARKE, JIM HARWOOD, MR B.N. ROTH, MR I. FRAYNE, SIMON TRENDALL, ALISTAIR MARGOT [S].



'A' Crew

Left: B Crew limber. Right: Ed Robertson [T] receives the Harris Shield from James Haskell [L 1998-2003]

BURSARY NOTES

YEAR ENDING SUMMER 2008



A particular feature about Wellington College that has struck me during my first year of working in this community has been the very large number of visitors who are welcomed here, with minimal disruption to the day to day workings of the College as a school, but which significantly enhance its standing locally, nationally and internationally.

During term the events to which we welcome visitors include the usual range of school activities such as the Master's Lectures, concerts, plays, matches, events for Prep Schools such as a Rugby Festival with over fifty schools participating, the regular Wellington Conferences that focus on wide variety of topical issues such as wellbeing and positive psychology. The conference focusing on positive psychology was attended by over a hundred delegates, most of whom worked in areas such as mental health, counselling and psychiatry. It was inspiring to find Wellington taking a lead in bringing these non-educational professionals together.

During the school holidays residential courses this year included a Language School for six weeks, training for elite young athletes, an academy of young rugby players, women's cricket teams, over two hundred members of the Baha'i faith for their summer schools, young musicians of the National Schools' Symphony Orchestra, an IAPS Music Course, and more. The first residential Wellington College Leadership course was held as well as training for teachers of the International Baccalaureate.

We are keen to ensure that members of the local community can enjoy our fine facilities. The Friends of Wellington scheme is popular. The annual November

fireworks display as well as the Summer Spectacular raise money for local charities which we also support through offering use of College facilities for fundraising, meetings and training. The local orchestra, choral and dramatic societies hold their regular performances in College and there are over 2000 members of the Wellington College Sports Club. In late August the College gardens were opened in aid of the Berkshire Air Ambulance and we were pleased to participate again in the national Heritage

Open Days, with thanks to Chris Potter and to John Sworder for leading the tours.

Profits from the Sports Club and letting activities are channelled into the College's entry bursary funds, thereby clearly demonstrating the benefit to College from the

lettings programme, despite the occasional tensions and irritations. In a recent edition of the *Wellingtonian*, the pupils' commentary on Wellington life, one girl complained about having to clear her study bedroom out every holiday for The Lets. However, the next edition included a fascinating article written by a pupil who had assisted at this summer's *Peace Insight Conference* hosted at Wellington, which brought together an equal number of young Israelis and Palestinians for a month with the purpose of engendering better understanding between them. Our young Wellingtonian was proud that his school had been selected as the venue for this Conference and was also amazed at how much was going on in College during a school holiday.

The Charity Commission's review of Public Benefit has continued to receive considerable media attention during the year, with questions about independent

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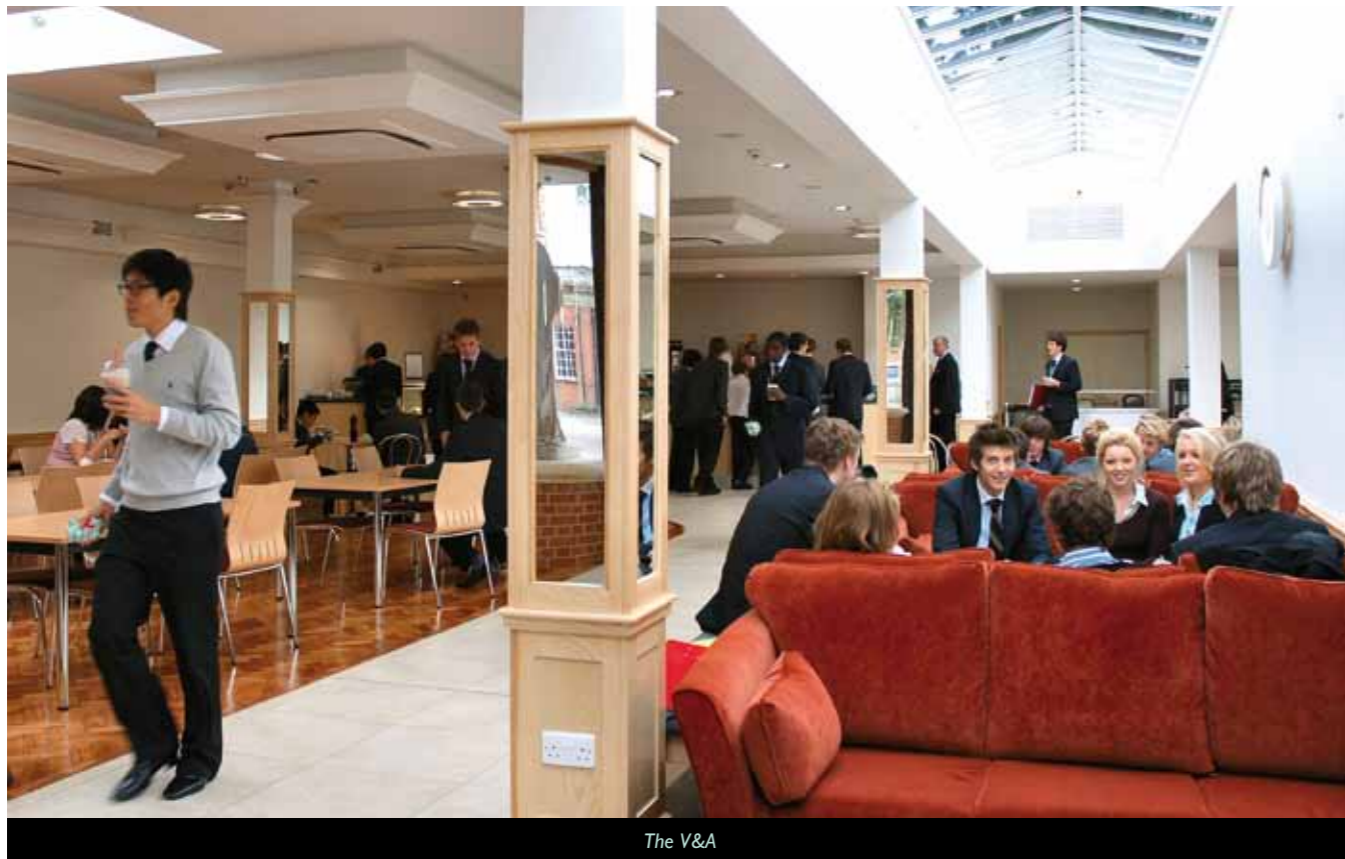
The new Modern Languages Institute



schools' ability to prove their charitable status. Every school will be assessed according to their circumstance and at Wellington we have been reviewing the spectrum of our relevant activities, of which there are many. The provision of means-tested bursaries is an important aspect of public benefit, so as not to preclude potential pupils purely on financial grounds. During 2007/8 over 90 pupils received bursaries in addition to the 130 scholarships. We are very grateful to the OWs who have made generous contributions to the College's bursary funds in the past and this will continue to provide an important focus of the work of the Development Office. Also, we acknowledge

the generosity of some OWs who have provided financial support for specific pupils, on account of a particular sporting or artistic strength. In terms of Public Benefit the development of the Wellington Academy is important, together with our local partnership with schools to host courses in the 'gifted and talented' programme.

As last year, I can again report a significant range of building projects during the year. In June the new Modern Languages Department was completed. This building, opposite the Old Gym and appropriately bedecked by columns of national flags outside the entrance, includes ten spacious classrooms, a language laboratory, staff room



The V&A

and spacious ground and first floor foyers. The provision of these new classrooms has allowed other departments located in the Queen's Court Building to be more logically co-located and this building was re-furbished during the summer. Queen's Court is very much a building of its time with some serious deficiencies, but for the meantime our Works Bursar, Gerald Burbidge, has project managed some transformations and improvements.

In September 2007, Houses specifically for the Day pupils were opened: White Cairn for boys and the Wellesley for girls. For this first year, the Wellesley

had a temporary billet in the first floor of the Hardinge but in April the JCR was closed in the Shaw building and, together with classrooms on the ground floor of the West Block, was transformed to make a new and permanent Day House. The Hardinge itself was refurbished during summer 2008 and now provides a boys' boarding House for Sixth Form, only (as the Apsley continues as the girls' Sixth Form House). The other significant project has been the creation of a social area from the former change baths. This opened in late September and provides a spacious, comfortable, light and welcoming venue in the heart of College for all members of the College community to use. Importantly, it provides a much needed place where the



boys and girls can meet. An excellent range of hot and cold drinks are available in the mornings and afternoons alongside bacon rolls, pastries and home made cakes. At lunch times the area provides an alternative to the main dining hall and in the evenings after prep, pizzas are available (eat-in or carry-out). OWs are welcome to visit for coffee, too; we are a serious rival to Starbucks (and much cheaper).

For the time being this social area is known as the 'V & A'. The statue of Price Albert is protected in a glass capsule with his back to the social area, gazing over the Princes' Quad. Governors have yet to approve this as, too, names for the new Modern Languages Building and the Sports Pavilion on Bigside, work on which should start in the late autumn. Your suggestions for naming these buildings are welcomed!

One of the Master's ambitions for Wellington is that we should be 'world-class' in all that we do and provide. This of course applies to the support teams as well as to the standards of teaching and pastoral care and we regularly debate what improvements can be introduced without unreasonable expense. The College continues to be fortunate in the highly committed, really remarkably so, teams of support staff, who share in this vision for Wellington. *Susan Meikle* ■

GENERAL



CHAPEL

The new Chaplain writes

A novel by Madeleine L'Engle is entitled, *A Severed Wasp*. The title comes from one of George Orwell's essays, and it offers a graphic image of human loss.

In his essay, Orwell describes a wasp that "was sucking jam on my plate and I cut him in half. He paid no attention, merely went on with his meal, while a tiny stream of jam trickled out of his severed esophagus. Only when he tried to fly away did he grasp the dreadful thing that had happened to him."

At Wellington, we are fortunate that our founders wisely left us the legacy of the Chapel and its Anglican foundation. Amid the rush and sometimes callous competitiveness of 21st century life we too can be like that wasp, drawing out of life all we possibly physically can, while unaware of our disconnection from the life of the Spirit. Sensing that something is never quite right, we can lead severed lives until we see the deeper connections between ourselves, our neighbours and the Universe.

The Duke of Wellington himself deeply valued a God-centred education. As Chaplain, I endeavour to keep the Life of the Spirit on the larger agenda, as we continue our march towards the status of being a 'World Class School.'

While an Anglican Priest, it is my special task as Chaplain, in the classic sense of that word, to accompany

all pilgrims on their journey, regardless of their personal faith. This being the case, keeping always deeply in mind the Christian heritage of the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, it is my hope that some services in the future will offer something more reflective of the growing reality that our student body finds its home all over the globe, in places where other faiths can be found. In a collegiate setting, it only makes sense that we take the opportunity to learn from each other, and to find some common truths expressed in so many different ways.

I look forward to the challenges and exhilaration of being the 'priest in this place', even as my wife and three children and I have been so very warmly welcomed into the community, and introduced to life in England having traveled from Toronto, Ontario, Canada—our 'other home across the pond'.

Please never hesitate to get in touch with me in regard to requests for baptisms, confirmation classes, marriages, visitation of the sick, and funerals; or even if you simply wish to have a confidential chat. I will also do my best to ensure that special religious requests are honoured.

In the meantime, I look forward to connecting with you, even as so many forces strive to disconnect us from each other, ourselves, our world, and our God. *Father Tim Novis* ■

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 year the Committee have been led by a particularly powerful group of pupils. **Ben Gateley**

[L] and Peter Durkin [L] have been involved in Round Square for the full five years of their time at Wellington. An early enthusiasm for fund raising events blossomed in to wider involvement and it has been a great privilege to work with such passionate and committed students. Beyond them, many of the most senior positions in College have been held by those who have benefitted from Round Square involvement and it is satisfying to note that pupils of this calibre have been inspired and motivated in this way. It is also to be hoped that the skills they have shown in leading the school have at least in part been learned through their Round square experiences.

The full involvement of this year's leavers can be seen in the table opposite.

Ben and Peter were particularly keen to widen involvement in Round Square and looked closely at making Committee meetings more dynamic and appealing. A record attendance of 140 at one meeting is testimony to their success. Of course this is not a Committee meeting in the conventional sense of the words, but a gateway to opportunities was created, allowing Ben to use his favourite phrase: 'Get Involved!'

This involvement has transcended Wellington and the Committee organised a highly successful Prep Schools day introducing pupils from Bishopsgate, Eagle House, Edgeborough, St Pirans and Yateley Manor were mixed in to groups to learn about the IDEALS, pillars of Round Square. A great time was had by all with some ingenious games and exercises devised to explore Internationalism, Democracy, Environment, Adventure, Leadership and Service.

Further challenges were to be found at an Adventure Race between European schools in Snowdonia. Led by Emma-Jayne Huddart and Chris Bland, a team of 3rd and 4th form boys and girls canoed, climbed, mountain biked, orienteered, camped and cooked under the watchful eye of judges.

The Committee have also been keen to gauge public opinion and Felix Cook [T] organised a questionnaire for the 3rd, 4th and 5th forms. Significantly, 70% of those asked

had a positive opinion of the work of Round Square and 63% thought it in line with the traditional values of Wellington. (25% did not know or were unsure). Of course it is democratic that the value of the work should be challenged and fundamental questions asked; there is no room for complacency.

“More than ever, I see that our own good fortune must equate to a duty to do whatever we can to better a world so rich in suffering, and yet so full of hope.”

So what has been achieved? A record amount of fundraising for good causes (£25,686.21) from Round Square activities has allowed us to maintain our core commitments: sponsoring 3 boys at Starehe Boys' Centre in Nairobi, paying for the Sports' programme at Tiger Kloof School, South Africa and helping to fund their own community service programme in the desperately poor local environment. We have made donations to Nightingales AIDS Orphanage in Romania and to the Prince Alexander Fund which provides the raw materials for the Round Square International Service projects. Most importantly we have

maintained and developed real links with these projects and understand the difference our money can make. An ex-Head boy of Starehe, Paul Byatta, was able to visit us in June and his story of what our sponsorship meant to him: providing schooling which has allowed him to develop his potential and win a scholarship at Harvard was inspirational. We have



again visited Tiger Kloof, this time the group was led by Mark and Sarah Sayer, and worked with them in the Soup Kitchen, the Centre for the Disabled and the Abandoned Baby Centre. Following the pioneering work of Tom Lowe [L] last year, another group will visit Nightingales this summer. Adam Seldis [CR] and Emma-Jayne Huddart [CR] will accompany 11 boys and girls helping to decorate the school and interacting with the pupils.

In the company of other pupils from European Round Square Schools, Matthew Dickenson [M] and Andreas Papoyans [L] worked on an eco-project in the community of Durika in Costa Rica over Easter. As so often, it was a profound experience:

' I am now back into ordinary routine and can't stop thinking about the memories and people which I will never ever forget, the thing which I learnt most about the trip is

	COMMITTEE	CONFERENCES	PROJECTS	FUND RAISING	OTHER
ANNA ABBOTT [O]	HOUSE REP		UBOMBO	VENINOS	
TESSA CHICHESTER [AP]	COMMITTEE		NIGHTINGALES		
PETER DURKIN [L]	DEPUTY CHAIR	ABBOTSHOLME COBHAM WTWE*	TIGER KLOOF NIGHTINGALES	CHRISTIAN AID WORLD VISION	PREP SCHOOLS DAY COBHAM DEBATE
DYLAN FIRST [BD]	HOUSE REP	WESTFIELD		HOUSE 5X5	
BEN GATELEY [L]	CHAIR	IVANHOE COBHAM WTWE*	SAINTS TREK NIGHTINGALES	PHIL COOPER WHEELCHAIR COMBAT MALARIA CANCER RESEARCH ACTION AID POVERTY LUNCHES RITJ†	COBHAM DEBATE WORLD AT LUNCH COMMITTEE DINNER
CHARLES GITHINJI [M]	HOUSE REP				
GUY HARRIS [L]	COMMITTEE	GORDONSTOUN	TIGER KLOOF	COMBAT MALARIA	PREP SCHOOLS DAY‡ BEADWORK
ALEX HOWARD-LEACH [AP]			NIGHTINGALES		
HUGH JAMES [BN]	COMMITTEE		THAILAND		
JEMIMA JANNEY [AP]			TIGER KLOOF		
DAN JARRETT [PN]	I/C REPS	WESTFIELD COBHAM	NIGHTINGALES		
TED LEE [M]	HOUSE REP				
SOPHIE LEON [AP]	HOUSE REP	DALY COLLEGE	TIGER KLOOF		PREP SCHOOLS DAY
TOM LOWE [L]	ENVIRONMENT REP		NIGHTINGALES	LEG WAXING DINNER	
ALEX MALLEN [T]	HOUSE REP		PERU TIGER KLOOF	RITJ†	PREP SCHOOLS DAY
HANNAH MASON [AP]	COMMITTEE				
ELLIE MUIR [AP]	HOUSE REP		NIGHTINGALES		PREP SCHOOLS DAY
JOHANNE NELSON [AP]	COMMITTEE	TIGER KLOOF			PREP SCHOOLS DAY
ROB O'DONOVAN [HG]	HOUSE REP	COBHAM	NIGHTINGALES		COBHAM DEBATE
AKASH PATEL [BL]	HOUSE REP			AFRICAN MARKET	STAREHE
HENRY PINTO [BD]			PERU		
KATE RHODES [O]	COMMITTEE				PREP SCHOOLS DAY
TOM SCOTT [BD]	COMMITTEE		PERU		
WILLIAM SCOWSILL [HN]	COMMITTEE		TIGER KLOOF		
OLIVER SILVER [BD]	COMMITTEE		TIGER KLOOF		
TOMMY SMALE [BN]	HOUSE REP	COBHAM		KRISPY KREMES	
ROBERT STEVENS [BL]			TIGER KLOOF		
BECKY WARDEN-BROWN [AP]			NIGHTINGALES		
POPPY WILCOX [AP]			NIGHTINGALES		

*Wellington Through Wild Eyes †Rumble in the Jungle ‡Organiser

that I can do anything I want to, all it takes is a bit of work and I can do it.'

In October Ian Frayne [CR] and Stephanie Lang [CR] took a group on a Stove Building project to Peru. This was a gruelling project involving work at high altitude in rather inclement weather. It was both challenging and rewarding and we hope to make this a regular project too.

Over Christmas, **Felix Cook** worked at Anandwan Leprosy Mission in India. Realising the complexity of his relationship with those he met, he has written eloquently of his experiences in both the Wellingtonian and the Round Square newsletter. Recovering from the experience of losing at cricket with students at a school for the blind, he wrote:

'More than ever, I see that our own good fortune must equate to a duty to do whatever we can to better a world so rich in suffering, and yet so full of hope.'

Also over Christmas, **Hugh James [Bn]** and **Freddie Edmunds [L]** worked on a project in Thailand providing fresh water to a remote Karen village. (Materials provided by the Prince Alexander Fund). Describing it as an incredible and unique experience, Hugh wrote, with characteristic understatement:



'It wasn't an easy place to say goodbye to'.

Round Square deals in partnership rather than charity and the benefits are mutual. As Marina Lanaghan wrote of her experiences at Tiger Kloof:

'I have written about experiences that stood out in particular for me, but in reality there were so many more and I will never forget them. It really hit home seeing those who had nothing with smiles on their faces and faith at the heart of their lives, and I think there's a lot we can learn from this.'

We are fortunate to be in a school that is exploring notions of wellbeing and happiness as essential elements of education. We are learning that personal happiness is not opposed to duty and responsibility, they are mutually dependant.

'It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself.'

The International Conference this year was held at Daly College in India. For those privileged to attend, it was a remarkable experience.

Wellington pupils are looking outwards to the world and are increasingly prepared to engage in global challenges and debate. *Graham Nurser* ■

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W. C. A .

The WCA 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.

FEATURES OF THE WCA

- provides a social environment and organises a variety of talks, events and trips
- provides opportunities to use the College's educational and cultural facilities
- provides opportunities to meet other parents, teachers and friends of the College

SOME OF THE TALKS IN 2007/8

Speakers have included: Boris Johnson, Michael Portillo, Sir Donald Sinden, Peter Snow, Matthew Parris, Michael Mansfield QC, Sir Bernard Ingham, The Poet Laureate, Peter Osborne, Michael Gove, Lord Baker and several other distinguished speakers on Politics, History, Sport, Business, Art, Literature

SOME OF THE EVENTS IN 2007/8

Themed Hollywood Ball; Grand Summer Ball; Garden Parties; New Parents Cheese & Wine Party

TRIPS IN 2007/8

Three Day Vienna Visit; World War I Battlefields Trip

FORTHCOMING TALKS, EVENTS & TRIPS

FOR 2007/8

Several of the above will be repeated in 2009, with the addition of a Golf Day, A Christmas Fayre, a trip to Monet's Garden in Paris and several distinguished speaker evenings. For further details see the WCA page of the website, or contact the Co-ordinator to be included in the twice yearly mail-out of the List.

THE WCA 'WELLINGTON INITIATIVE'

This was a new innovation in 2008; full details can be accessed from our website. Here is a brief summary of the first year:

The Initiative arose out of the fact that over the years the WCA has accumulated surplus funds, mainly as a result of the Balls and Events we have run, and we felt that as

parents' money it should somehow be directed back into the student body.

This first year we made awards of between £900 and £2,000 to the successful applicants.

The standard of applications was very high and the successful projects in 2008 were:

- a student going to Uganda to help build water supply and sanitation installations in a village in the south of the country
 - a student placement in a Cambodian hospital
 - a student group collection programme of old sports clothing and equipment for selected schools in Tanzania
 - a student group bike ride from John o' Groats to Land's End to help raise money for two cancer charities
 - a student extending his Gap Year in East Africa to partake on the coast and in Zanzibar in a conservation programme aimed at educating local fishermen to protect their coral reefs and himself to engage in restoring littered reefs
- Following this first year's success, the plan is to run The Wellington Initiative as an annual awards programme open to all Wellington College students.

NEW CHAIRMAN & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

FOR 2008/9

The Chairman, Bill Price, and his wife and committee member Reena are retiring as their last son leaves the College, and the role of Chairman is being taken over by committee member Ian Botes.

THE WCA 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: Ian Botes

Co-ordinator: Denise Cook

Treasurer: Steve Blossie

Secretary: Tarla Woolhouse

Committee Members: Carla Botes, Terry & Gillian Norris, Philippa Orton, Sue & Mike Watters, Lindsay and Nick Lesley-Miller, Rita and Medwyn Jones, Chris Potter (OW Rep)

WCA Co-ordinator: Denise Cook

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— THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE —

2 007/8 has seen many changes in the Campaign Office, including a new Director and a new name for the office. The Development Office now reflects a new American-style programme focused on building long term relationships with OWs with an emphasis on friend raising before fund raising. The team is headed by Edward Schneider who joined us in March 2008 as Director of Development after three years at Radley College.

The office is further staffed by Karen McDonald, Development Officer, responsible for database management, day-to-day running of the office and administration of the Legacy and Annual Funds, and part-time Events Manager, Fiona Haywood (née Stalley [Ap] 1984-1986). The Development Office is located behind the OW Office and the Development team are working closely with Chris Potter and Kay Mitchell to build strong links with OWs in the U.K. and abroad.

One of the first projects for the new team was the completion of the new Bigside sports' pavilion. With

over £800,000 raised from OWs, parents and friends, the Pavilion, under construction from November 2008 and due to be completed in July 2009, will be a fantastic building providing not just viewing for Bigside but an exciting venue for gatherings of OWs and parents before and after matches.

While the ultimate goal of the Development Office is to raise funds in support of a number of Wellington College projects, especially increasing funding for Bursaries, we know from experience that truly successful fundraising is based on strong relationships between the institution and potential donors. Our aim for the coming year is to be in touch with, and welcome back to the College, as many OWs as possible. We hope that you will join us at one of the many events hosted by the Development Office or the OW Society.

For more information about development, or information on giving, please contact Edward Schneider, Director of Development, on 01344 751767 or e-mail edjs@wellingtoncollege.org.uk ■



This is the Boughey Run named after the first Head of College—the run is to the bottom of Rhododendron Avenue and back while the clock strikes 12 noon

O.W. NOTES

— CHAIRMAN'S REPORT —

I am delighted to welcome you to this AGM. The Pavilion is once more our venue for the AGM and, as last year, it is a busy day at College with an International Schools Conference in Great School and Old Hall. Happily for us, this means that we have been granted The Lodge for our drinks at midday, before we take on the Sodexo lunchtime menu in Dining Hall, where at about 2.00 p.m. the Master promises to address us. Following that it will be down to Bigside or the Astro pitches for many and Rugby or Hockey to watch before tea in Cherry Court café.

It has been another busy year for the Society. We cannot hope to keep pace with the rate of change at College, and nor should we, but new initiatives are important both to keep the blood flowing and to attract OWs to events in greater numbers.

As College approaches its 150th year, the OW Society and Development offices are working together closely and encouraging OWs to support events organized by the parent run Wellington College Association.

There are around 10,500 OWs living, and three-quarters are members of the Society. As you will probably be aware almost all leavers since the mid 70's are Life Members, their parents having generously paid their subscriptions whilst they were at College.

AIMS & COMMUNICATIONS

It hardly needs saying again, but the overriding aim of the OW Society is to further the interests of Wellington College and its past and present members and to keep

former pupils in touch with each other and with the school. The Society maintains a Register with the names of all who have passed through College since 1859, the addresses of all those still alive, and produces the Wellington Year Book, a copy of which is sent free of charge to every member. I am sure you will agree that last year's was again a big improvement and is now a bright and colourful publication. Happily Mark Lovett is continuing as Editor and will be striving for still further improvements.

This 12-month period has seen the publishing arm of the Society in full swing, with not just the *Year Book* but also the 12th edition of the Wellington College Register and, at the end of October, Third Millennium are publishing *Wellington College—The First 150 Years*, edited and largely written by Patrick Mileham [A 1959-1963]. This has already sold extremely well pre-publication and there are pre-launch and launch parties to be held in London and at College in the very near future.

The Register has also been well received. It is a 'Wisden' for OWs and is required reading and a snip for just £15 from the OW Office. Edited by Richard Coleman, it contains e-mail addresses and mobile numbers for the first time and is accompanied by a complementary CD Rom for those who cannot survive without modern technology.

As you know, we have an excellent OW website [www.owsociety.com] thanks to the sterling work by a small committee led by David Creswell, on which you can find details of all OW events. I encourage you all to keep an eye on what we are about as a Society; and this is now a quick and convenient method for most of us. All OWs are

also encouraged to update their details using the web-in-touch database, accessible directly, or via the OW website. You can also search for other OWs by name or year and, provided they have released their e-mail address, you can contact them directly. But only OWs, using their username and password, will be able to gain access to the database.

CHARITIES & FINANCES

The Herbert and Bevir Funds continue to be important arms of the Society. The Herbert helps OW parents whose sons/daughters do not have to be at College and the Bevir is there to help finance gap year projects, either before or after university. We tend to make about 20 Bevir awards each year.

The finances of the Society are in good order and one of the practical ways the OW Society helps its members is by the Sports Clubs' grants which totalled about £11,000 this year.

OW REPRESENTATIVES OVERSEAS

Their aim is both to pull together the current local OW community, and to welcome new OWs who come to their

part of the world e.g. Hong Kong, Australia, U.S.A., South Africa etc. Today, there are OWs living in over 80 different countries around the world, including over 200 in U.S.A./Canada and a similar number in Australia/New Zealand. We are always in need of more volunteers to become OW Representatives for the country in which they live, but all the current ones are listed both in the Year Book and on the OW website.

The Master is keen to meet and greet OWs around the world and he hosted a New York reception on 12th June at which Chris Potter and the new Development Director, Ed Schneider, were present.

The Master, accompanied by Chris Potter and Ed Schneider, will be visiting groups of OWs overseas in a number of countries during the coming year.

EVENTS DURING THE YEAR

At the Annual Autumn Reunion held at College on 13th October 2007, 250 OWs of all ages turned up and watched the rugby 1st XV win over Eton. It was a sunny day with lunch in the Dining Hall to try out the new Sodexo counter service, which suggested that Wellington is now one of the

best catered of all schools. The Master made light of the acoustic difficulties with a typically rousing and challenging address. Tea was taken in the Cherry Court café—site of the Fives Courts in former years. It was a particular delight to welcome some very senior OWs, including Gerald Ashfield [L 1923-1926] and David Wilkinson [Hn 1925-1930].

The attendance at the AGM, now held in the morning on the same day as the Autumn Reunion in the pavilion on Turf, has dramatically increased since we moved it from Speech Day. 45 OWs attended last year's AGM, a record number, at least in recent times.

The now regular OW Dinner in Wales was once again organized and hosted by Dr Michael Watson on 16th February. This was a happy occasion, held this year at the Egerton Grey Country House Hotel. The Master gave a full and witty account of events at Wellington in recent times and spoke of his hopes for the future.

As ever the annual OW Sports Clubs' dinner at Queen's Club on 28th February was well attended, with 96 OWs and members of Common Room present. The OW golfers, who reached the last 8 of the Halford Hewitt, hosted the evening under their Chairman John Goodeve-Docker. The Guest Speaker was James Munro, sports' correspondent of BBC News and the Master also addressed the gathering.

In addition to some distinguished OWs, special guests present were the Captains of the Wellington Cricket, Hockey, Rugby and Shooting teams this year and the Captain of Girls' Games, Anna Abbott.

Chris Potter & Kay Mitchell "manned" a stand at College's GAP Year Fair in the Sports Hall on March 9th to promote applications to the Bevir Trust, which provides support to young OWs travelling overseas on worthwhile projects.

The finals of the Daily Mail Cup at Twickenham on 2nd April attracted a large number of OWs in a total crowd of around 7,500 spectators, there to see Wellington win both the junior and senior finals. This was the first time that one school had won both finals!

The OW Cricket Club, who reached the last 4 teams in the Cricketer Cup, were represented by a full table at the Cricketer Cup Dinner on 18th April. The Cricketer Cup celebrated its 40th anniversary this year.

While on the subject of OW Sports it is interesting to note that some 16 OWs are currently contracted to Premiership Rugby Clubs. Also, a special mention for Thom Evans who played for Scotland against Argentina in June and

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his brother Max who was also in the touring party. Over 1,000 OWs are involved in the OW Sports Clubs, as players or active supporters.

The 1965-1975 OW Gaudy was held at College on 26th April. On a warm and sunny afternoon, 120 OWs and their ladies assembled for tea in Great School, a service in chapel, talks from Dr Anthony Seldon and Anthony Bruce, a tour of College and then drinks before dinner in the Dining Hall. Amongst those attending this Gaudy was Ian Low who had flown in from Sydney and gathered a strong Hardinge contingent, including Jeremy Hutchinson, former Tutor and Richard Coleman, Undertutor.

The Golf Course earlier in the afternoon had seen keen combat and in one foursome all players were claiming victory at the 19th! A happy and increasingly noisy throng had eventually to be pushed through the Gates well after lock-up and reminiscences continued at the Waterloo into the small hours.

The OW Rugby Club held a most enjoyable Drinks party at the Institute of Directors on 13th June.

A Waterloo Day Dinner was held again, on this occasion at the East India Club; and other OW groups at many venues countrywide as well as



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overseas gathered to celebrate the great anniversary.

On 25th June the Garden Opera, under their benevolent OW Chairman David Walton, gave a performance of Donizetti's last comedy, *Don Pasquale* in the College (formerly Common Room) Garden. Earlier on the same day Rory Bremner returned to College to greatly entertain a full house for a one hour performance.

An Apsley Reunion Picnic was held at College on 6th July. This was much enjoyed by those Apsley OWs who attended, some with husbands and children, and is to be repeated next year.

The OW Cricket Week was held again on Turf between 7th and 12th July. Also three OWs played for the winning team, Valley End, in the Village Cricket Final at Lord's on 8th September. The Valley End team is chaired by another OW, James Young.

The third bi-annual OWRFC Rugby 10s competition was held on Farm Field on 30th August. This produced even fiercer competition than usual and was eventually won by a strong team, "Lookers Legends", captained by Will Looker [Bl 1996-2001].

Thanks to the OW Master of the Pewterers' Livery Company, Peter Gibbs, some 65 OWs attended an evening reception at the Pewterers' Hall in the City on 19th September. The Master addressed those present, describing the recent achievements and plans for the future, including the linked Wellington Academy in Wiltshire.

We are having a big drive this year to make more contact with the young OWs. Chris Potter, has been organizing and visiting gatherings at Cambridge, Newcastle, Durham, Nottingham, Oxford, Bristol and Leeds universities with more trips to follow. In November there will be a gathering of the 2003 leavers in London and generally we are introducing a number of less formal functions for the younger OWs.

— SECRETARY'S REPORT —

As College approaches its 150th year, the OW office, the Development office and the Wellington College Association are working together closely to keep all Wellington constituencies informed about present activities and future plans.

Anthony Bruce, in his last address to the AGM in October as Chairman of the OW Society, reported on another busy year. Charles Baker has succeeded Anthony as Chairman

Very sadly 2008 has seen the untimely death of a number of younger OWs. The memorial service for Lady Pamela Gatehouse, widow of our dearly loved former President Bob, was a moving occasion.

By way of contrast, on 3rd June this year, Peggy Crickway, who as Peggy D'Arch Smith was matron at the Benson from the 1950s until she retired in 1972, celebrated her 100th birthday at her home in Bembridge, Isle of Wight. Very many Benson OWs sent her cards and she held long and lively telephone conversations with both the Master and the OW Chairman!

CONCLUSION

My huge thanks to Chris Potter, who becomes an even better OW Secretary with each succeeding year and to his superb assistant Kay Mitchell, who has kept the office working efficiently, at times under great pressure, this last year especially. Thanks also to all members of the Society's General and E&F Committees, with special thanks again to Nigel Howard-Jones as Hon. Treasurer, John Goode-Docker as Chairman of the OW Sports Committee and Peter Hunt for continuing to host our E&F meetings at his London office. Peter retires from the General Committee at this AGM and I cannot thank him enough for all that he has done for the Society over very many years,

Now, after some seven years, I am delighted to be handing over a thriving OW Society to my successor as Chairman, Charles Baker. A keen OW, sportsman and lawyer, Charles has already served OWs well, as a long standing General Committee and E&F Committee member and latterly as Vice Chairman. I wish him all possible success as he takes the OW Society on to the next exciting stage, as College enters its 150th year. ■

and Anthony now succeeds David Somerset as President. David, a veritable pillar of the Society, has very sadly decided to stand down through ill health after a total of 20 years service in the roles of first Chairman and then President. We owe him more than we can ever repay. In addition we are delighted to record that Peter Hunt and Nigel Howard-Jones have been elected Vice Presidents of the Society.

Events in 2008 have included the Apsley Reunion

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

2009

WEDNESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY . . . OW PROPERTY RECEPTION IN LONDON
 THURSDAY 26TH FEBRUARY . . . OW SPORTS CLUBS DINNER AT QUEEN'S CLUB
 SATURDAY 25TH APRIL . . . OW GAUDY 1975 TO 1985 VINTAGE
 SATURDAY 23RD MAY . . . SPEECH DAY
 FRIDAY 12TH JUNE . . . GARDEN OPERA AT COLLEGE—"THE BARBER OF SEVILLE"
 THURSDAY 18TH JUNE . . . WATERLOO DAY—COUNTRYWIDE REUNIONS
 SUNDAY 28TH JUNE . . . OW APSLEY REUNION PICNIC
 SATURDAY 4TH JULY . . . OW SOCIETY JUBILEE DINNER AT ST GEORGE'S HILL GOLF CLUB
 THURSDAY 24TH SEPT . . . SERVICE AT ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL TO CELEBRATE 150TH
 SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER . . . OW SOCIETY REUNION AND AGM
 FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER . . . OW LEAVERS OF 1999 GATHERING IN LONDON

In addition the Master, Development Director and OW Secretary will be making a series of overseas visits as part of the 150th celebrations

17TH-28TH FEBRUARY . . . JUBILEE VISIT TO OWS/PARENTS IN HONG KONG, NEW ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA & SINGAPORE
 24TH-29TH MARCH . . . JUBILEE VISIT TO OWS/PARENTS IN L.A., TORONTO & NEW YORK
 27TH MAY-6TH JUNE . . . JUBILEE VISIT TO OWS/PARENTS IN FAR EAST (BANGKOK, MALAYSIA, TOKYO, BEIJING)
 12TH-20TH SEPTEMBER . . . JUBILEE VISIT TO OWS/PARENTS IN EUROPE
 26TH-29TH OCTOBER . . . JUBILEE VISIT TO OWS/PARENTS IN THE GULF (DUBAI, ABU DHABI)

Details of all these events can be found on the website www.owsociety.com, for which no password is needed, or from the secretary on 01344 44 4069 or by e-mail to owsoc@wellingtoncollege.org.uk

Picnic, thanks to Fiona Haywood [Ap], the Leavers of 2003 gathering in London, thanks to Hugo Shephard, Charlie Hunt and Facebook, and an OW Scotland Reunion in Edinburgh, thanks to Paul Heward.

A survey of former members of Apsley revealed the astonishing, but not unexpected, breadth and variety of lives being led, with many juggling families and careers. Apsley diplomats, soldiers, lawyers, bankers, economists, politicians, doctors, entrepreneurs, etc. have some very good stories to tell and we look forward to seeing more and more of them back at Wellington.

This year there have been two evenings in which a panel of OWs have come to College to talk with the boys and girls; a "City" event and a "Law" event. They have proved very popular and were enjoyed by both sides and more of such evenings are envisaged. Rory Bremner and Paul Leonard Morgan came back to run workshops in the College Artsfest in June, and OWs are warmly invited to contribute to Artsfest 2009. Finally, David Walton brought the Garden Opera company to the College garden. Please

now put in your diaries the date 12th June 2009 for the company production at Wellington of *The Barber of Seville*.

At the time of the *Year Book* going to press, the book launches in London and at Wellington for Patrick Mileham's *Wellington, the First 150 Years* are imminent and further details of the book are published elsewhere in this volume.

I know how indebted Patrick is to the many OWs of all vintages who have contributed to the book and the OW office has enjoyed plenty of banter on a myriad of associated topics. We do appreciate all 'phone calls, e-mails, letters and visits from OWs during the year and there are a surprising number of archive queries, spanning the full 150 years, each week. You will be pleased to hear that Patrick's work on his book has accelerated the process of bringing together the presently scattered College archives.

As ever the OW office strives to locate missing addresses, both postal and e-mail, of OWs as they move ever onwards and upwards and the 150th is a handy time to ask for help from those who know OWs and whose addresses we may not have.

The Dinner on 4th July 2009 at St George's Hill Golf

PUBLICATIONS IN 2008

Wellington College. The First 150 Years
by Patrick Mileham. Price £45.
Available from the College shop
on 01344 44 4099 or by e-mail to
sr@wellingtoncollege.org.uk

Wellington College Register 1859-2006
Price £20. Available from the College shop
(as above)

DVD: *Wellington College 1963/4*
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Club, through the kind offices of Peter Hunt, is clearly a highlight. On Waterloo day there will, as ever, be overseas gatherings of OWs and on the home front in the U.K. it would be good to think that there will be many regional get-togethers. Already there are a smattering of these in the shires and I would be very pleased to hear from you if you felt able to organise a gathering of this nature in the coming year. The OW office will of course provide all the data and support required. Please do get in touch! There will be overseas reunions as ever, thanks very much to the efforts of our local representatives, and as is noted elsewhere the Master will be travelling far and wide meeting and greeting OWs during this special year.

Please do get in touch at any time about anything OW and feel free to make suggestions about how we might do things better or differently.

WELLINGTON COLLEGE THE FIRST 150 YEARS

“Brilliant”, writes the Master Dr Anthony Seldon, about the new book about Wellington—a sentiment re-echoed by the Vice President of College, Sir Anthony Goodenough.

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We all hope that this Jubilee year 2009 will be celebrated in style.

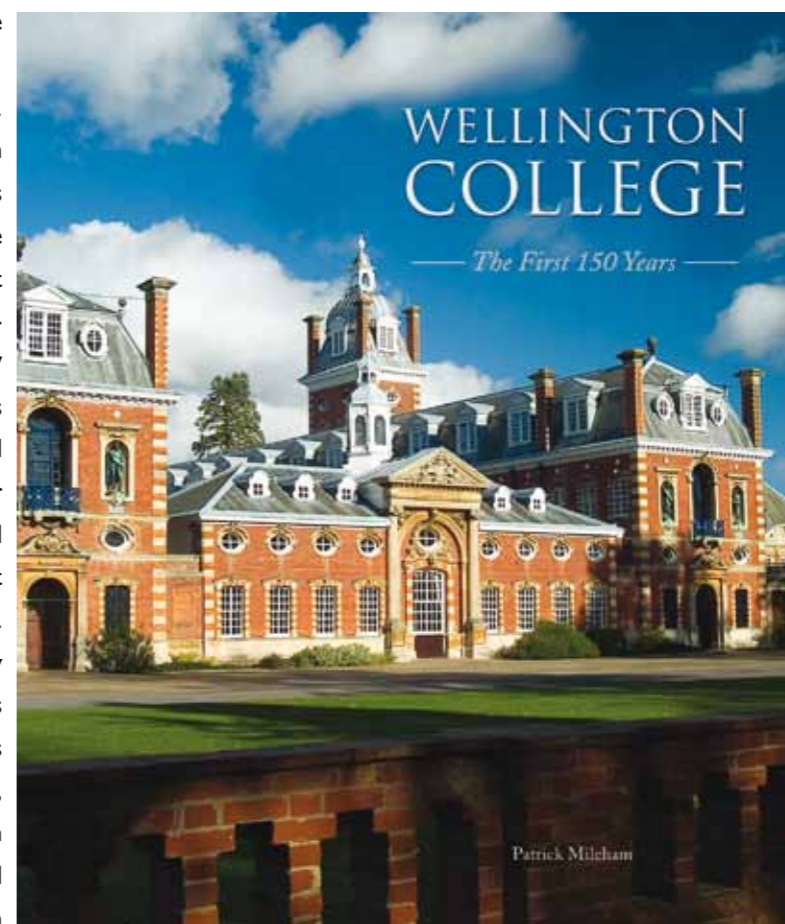
Semper domus floreat!

The Master would be very pleased if all OWs were able to visit Wellington at some stage during the year. As well as the events listed, OWs will be particularly welcome on Saturday afternoons throughout the year to watch matches and to have tea. Please let the secretary know if you are coming. *Chris Potter* ■

For the past year many people have been working with Dr Patrick Mileham [A 1959-1963] to produce an up to date history that is worthy to follow the centenary history by Dr David Newsome, who taught history in the

1950s and became the tenth Master in 1980.

Wellington College. The First 150 Years, with a Preface by College's President, HRH Prince Edward Duke of Kent and a joint venture between College, the OW Society and publishers TMI Ltd, will be published on 28th November 2008. “I have watched how the story has built up over recent months. There is a stirring story to be told”, continues Dr Seldon. “From its Victorian Foundation, through the Edwardian Golden Age, two world wars—during which thousands of OWs served in the Armed Forces—to the globalized world today, Wellington College has necessarily adapted and changed, but without losing any of the spirit of the school. This book is designed to capture that



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THE ROYAL FAMILY AT WORK

ROBERT HARDMAN [S 1978-1983]

Wellington is a Royal and Religious foundation. H.M. Queen is our Visitor. H.R.H. The Duke of Kent is President of the College. The links are profound and central to the College's very being, thus it is particularly appropriate that the some time Royal Correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* has written this significant and illuminating book. At first glance it appears to be the inevitable “tie in” to the BBC series, *Monarchy: The Royal Family at work*, indeed Bob Hardman was an Associate Producer, but the book is so much more than that.

Primarily it is an illuminating narrative of the work carried out by the Royal Family both at home and abroad. It is here that the author's attention to detail together



with his gift for wry observation comes to the fore; the vignettes of the Bush White House are worth the purchase price alone. The book also contains a perceptive analysis of the role of The Crown as the epicentre of the nation's constitutional structure. Too often such analyses are dry, overly historical and laden with jargon; this author brings the issue to life, making it relevant to both the general and the specialised reader alike. Finally it is a brilliant photographic record; making the familiar, special.

With so many books on the Monarchy available it would, one might think, be difficult to make another stand out. Bob Hardman manages this with ease: I commend it to all OWs. *Mark Lovett* ■

GAUDY AT WELLINGTON 1965-1975 ENTRANTS

The Gaudy was held at College on a warm and sunny afternoon. 120 OWs and their ladies assembled for tea in Great School, a service in Chapel, talks from Dr Anthony Seldon and Anthony Bruce, a tour of College and then drinks before dinner in Dining Hall. A £5 note could hardly be spent more wisely.

Amongst those attending this Gaudy was Ian Low who had flown in from Sydney and gathered a strong Hardinge

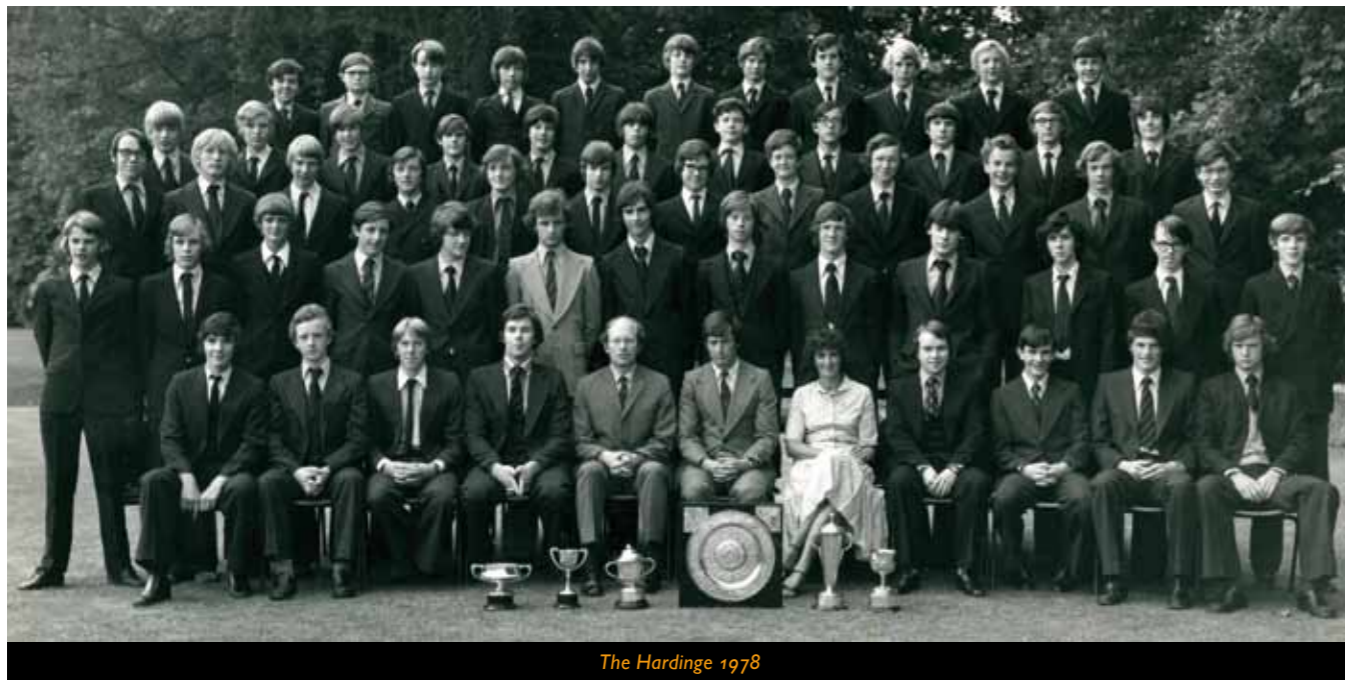
contingent including Jeremy Hutchinson, former Tutor and Richard Coleman, Undertutor.



The Hardinge group, back row: Rod Pellereau [1968-1973], Andy Cuthbert [1974-1979], Steve Allen [1974-79], Jules Akel [1975-80]. Fack row: Tim Stead [1974-79], Simon Guiton [1973-1978], Richard Coleman [Undertutor], Jeremy Hutchinson [Tutor: 1976-86], Ian Low [1974-79], Gavin Mailer-Howat [1974-1979].

The Golf course earlier in the afternoon had seen keen combat and in one foursome all players were claiming victory at the 19th.

A happy and increasingly noisy throng had eventually to be pushed through the Gates well after lock-up and reminiscences continued at the Waterloo into the small hours. Semper domus floreat! ■



The Hardinge 1978



OW REUNION 11TH OCTOBER 2008



A stunning autumn day rewarded the 150 OWs and guests who came to the Reunion. The AGM in the Pavilion was well attended, despite the rival attraction of HRH the Duke of York in Great School. The Chairman of the OW Society, Anthony Bruce, on his last day in office, addressed a cheerful gathering with great confidence as he outlined a successful and busy past year and looked forward to the next. His successor as Chairman, Charles Baker, then proposed that Anthony Bruce become President in succession to David Somerset, who has stepped down through ill health after magnificent and long service to the Society. This proposal was seconded and carried nem.con. Peter Hunt, after many years of outstanding service to the E and F and General Committees, has now decided to step down and both he

and Nigel Howard-Jones, continuing as Treasurer, were then elected Vice Presidents of the Society.

Following the AGM, all adjourned to the Master's Lodge for drinks and on such a beautiful day there was no finer setting for this reception. Murray Glover came to our photographic rescue and some splendid pictures were taken. Lunch followed in the Dining Hall and the Master broke free from Royal duties to say a few words of welcome. No spotted dick for pudding for the class of 46 but life is never plain sailing.

Following lunch many made their way to Bigside to watch the Colts' and Yearlings' matches against Eton and afterwards adjourned to the Cherry Court Café for tea and delicious tartlets. All agreed that it had been great fun and what wonderful weather we had been blessed with for the occasion. ■



Peter Hunt & Nigel Howard-Jones



Charles Baker & Anthony Bruce

— APSLEY REUNION —

6TH JULY 2008

A rain swept day in Crowthorne held no fears for intrepid Apsley girls who returned to visit their old haunts, and some new ones. Despite the weather (and counter attraction of Federer v. Nadal in SW19) 32 former Apsleyites with children, husbands and attachments picnicked in Great School having Pimmsed at 12 noon. Informal rambling and visits to the Chapel as well as the Apsley followed and tea was taken in Dining Hall where the Master spoke words of both welcome and farewell. Good to have present John and Alex Palmer, former Housemaster and Housemistress and Norman Porter who was the first Housemaster. Special mention for

Diana Fullerton over from Sydney. A most enjoyable day and to be repeated next year is the verdict. Those present included Claire Gill, Emily Lipscombe, Emily Bechade, Sarah Lutyens, Katie Vitozzi, Caroline Veldman, Louise Cripps, Becky Yong, Polly Amos, Rosanda Irons, Debbie Harrison, Sarah Hunt, Joanna Scott, Debbie Roles, Charmian Morcom, Fiona Stalley, Diana Fullerton, Lucy Curtis, Natasha Regan, Lucy Alexander, Kate Powell, Sam Leckenby, Beccy Brough, Camilla Steele, Anita Wong, Vicky Redwood, John and Alex Palmer, Chris Potter, Norman Porter, Arani Mylvaganam, Rebecca Fone, Sabi Hippolyte, Louise Knuckey, Sophie Nicholl, Natalie Waugh and Victoria Gill. ■

— WALES REUNION —

16TH FEBRUARY 2008

A small group and their wives attended the Welsh OW Dinner at Egerton Grey Country House Hotel, Rhose, Vale of Glamorgan. We were delighted that the Master and Dr Joanna Seldon and OW Secretary Chris Potter were able to join us. We had a very enjoyable evening and it was a pleasure to have an informal talk with the master on the



development of College, following the dinner.

Also in attendance were: Brian & Rose Robinson [Bd 1941-1945]; Peter Waghorn [O 1945-1950 & CR 1956-1992]; Johnny & Binks Thomas [T 1949-1951]; Michael & Natalie Watson [M 1954-1958]; Peter & Jan Gibbs [M 1956-1961]; David Francis [O 1957-1961]; Bruce & Rebecca Thompson [C 1976-1981] ■

— WESTERN AUSTRALIA REUNION —

I think the 10 OWs must have been a record turnout for Perth and we met again at the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club. This year we welcomed Chris Withers for the first time. In fact he has lived in Perth for many years



Back row: John Carver [T], David Irvine [Hg], Karel Osten [HI], Rob Gould [Bn], Chris Withers [Hn], Steve Graham [O], Peter Smith [Bn]
Front: Ian Rowley [Hg], Malcolm Little [BI], Adrian Momber [Pn]

and has even crewed on my boat yet we had not realised the connection! He was not on the OW address list yet his brother, who lives in Tasmania, saw last year's picture in the magazine and gave him a call to ask if he knew Adrian Momber. Small world! ■

— NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA, REUNION —

15TH FEBRUARY 2008

The OWs in New South Wales, Australia, are on good form. Out of a list of around 60 people, we regularly get 15-20 OWs for an annual get-together in June or July in Sydney. Last year the following were able to join us: Richard Adams [T 1982-1987], Alastair Boyd [L 1988-1993], Richard Coker [O 1988-1993], Jamie Crick [Hn 1988-1993], Robert Evans [A 1984-1989], Simon Furness [Hn 1972-1977], Stuart Hetherington [Hn 1972-1977], Mark Hodgson [A 1984-1989], Tim Hodgson [A 1988-1993], Chris MacKinnon [A 1982-1987], Duncan Osborne [C 1950-1954], Kim O'Toole [HI 1978-82], Anthony Pritchard [S 1981-1986],



Rob Smith [BI 1985-1990]. The venue is the delightful and aptly-named *Hero of Waterloo* pub in The Rocks, a cosy olde worlde style pub which creates a cracking atmosphere on a chilly winter's evening. We got a particularly warm welcome from our hosts last year when the chimney caught fire in our upstairs dining room and we were smoked out for 45 minutes. Our 'forced' wait in the downstairs bar resulted in a particularly boisterous evening. We're looking forward to this year's event in July.

Finally, many congratulations to Bertie Evans (left) (A 1984-1989) who married Nina Hills in Sydney in the past year. We wish them all the best. ■

— HONG-KONG REUNION —

18TH JUNE 2008

It has been a quiet 12 months in respect of OW events in Hong Kong which is probably a reflection of the level of business activity (at least until mid 2008). We did manage to congregate for a small gathering to commemorate Waterloo Day.

We met at *Sevva*, one of Central's most elegant bars which on reflection was probably too elegant (and

expensive) to be ideal for an OW gathering. Anyway a good evening was enjoyed by Jason Yeldham [HI 1983-1988], Graeme Bateman [C 1982-1987], Rosamund Cresswell [Ap 1992-1994], Marcus Woodger [HI 1982-1986], James Bryce [Hg 1985-1990], Jean Paul Churchouse [T 1989-1994] and David Mallinson [Pn 1979-1984]. ■

— SOUTH AFRICA REUNION —

There are five stalwart members of the Old Wellington Society in the Western Cape: Darryl Cooke [L 1991], Simon Steward [Pn 1956-1959], Andrew Morrist [Hn 1987-1992], Andrew Edwards [O 1957-1960], Alan Brooke [Pn 1950-1954].

We meet annually to toast College and we hope that our numbers will increase in the future. We welcome OWs who would like to share our blue skies and sunshine, and we only ask that they send us an e-mail to let us know that they are on their way. ■

— THAILAND —
REUNION
25TH OCTOBER 2007



OWs at *The Duke of Wellington* in Silom Road, Bangkok. Left to right: David Bromilow [Bn 1956-1960], Henry Gray [Bl 1992-1997], Col. Johnny Thoyts [Bd 1959-1963], Rupert Russell-Cobb [L 1957-1961], Mark Cole [L 1995-1997].

— THAILAND —
REUNION
29TH JULY 2008



OWs at *Rossano's* in Bangkok: Saran Nilkamhaeng [Bd 2001-2006], Mark Farrington [CR], David Bromilow [Bn 1956-1960], Rupert Russell-Cobb [L 1957-1961], Col. Johnny Thoyts [Bd 1959-1963], David Gearing [T 2004-2007].

— MONACO REUNION —
15TH FEBRUARY 2008

Due to the recent success of our lunches, it has now been decided to make this a biannual event, with both a winter and summer meeting. This year's winter meeting combined lunch with a day's skiing in the local Italian ski resort of Limone (a one and a half hour drive away from Monaco). The snow conditions this season have been fantastic in the Southern Alps. Beautiful sunshine and mild temperatures



Left to right: Chris Craven [Hl 1986-1991], Jim Evans [M 1983-1988], Adrian Edwards [L 1982-1987], Tom Barnes [L 1985-1990], Nick Jeffery [Bd 1974-1978].

on the day (not to mention a bit of a thirst...) beckoned us to an early lunch at an excellent little restaurant by the piste. Local Piemont specialities accompanied by some of the nearby Barolo saw our early lunch turn into a late one, and skiing soon became a distant memory from the morning! I am sure this was the first of many 'winter events' and we now look forward to our 'summer meeting' with a beach venue in mind... ■

— OW LODGE —

The OW Lodge has had a remarkable upturn in its membership numbers during the past few years, particularly from young men in their twenties and early thirties. The membership of the OW Lodge is open to Old Boys, members of the Common

Room and fathers who have or have had a son or daughter at College. The lodge meets four times a year, three in London on weekdays during the evening and once at College on the first Saturday following the early May Bank Holiday. Our purpose is to enjoy the friendship of

other OWs and members of other public school lodges, raise funds for College and other charities and enjoy an excellent dinner in good company. Most public schools have their own lodges and once a year a representative school is selected to host an open invitation-festival to members of other public schools under the banner of the Lodges Council (PSLC).

The OW Lodge was established in November 1909 and our centenary festival will be celebrated in May 2010 at Wellington by kind permission of the Master, Dr Anthony Seldon. Our Grand Master the President of College, HRH the Duke of Kent is also an honorary member.

Masons enjoy an approach to life which seeks to reinforce thoughtfulness for others, kindness in the community, honesty in business, courtesy in society and fairness in all things. This is achieved through a participation in a progression of allegorical plays which are learned by heart and performed. The practice leads to a caring

understanding and care for the less fortunate and help for those in need. Its 300,000 membership enables hundreds of thousands of pounds to be distributed annually.

This past year the Master of the OW Lodge was Christopher Collins [Hn 1953-1957] his successor will be Quentin Hunter [T 1985-1989]. In each of past years the College's Bevir Fund has been a recipient of OW Lodge fund-raising. This year, following the personal invitation of Col. Tim Checketts (O 1970-1974), Chief of Staff RMAS to visit Sandhurst, members and their ladies raised £1,000 for the fund "Help for Heroes".

We welcome new members either as joining members from other lodges or new members who are not yet masons. So if you are looking to enjoy yourself in the company of other OWs and gain a little self-improvement please do contact the secretary through www.owl3404.org. John Ross-Barnard [A 1953-1957] JP. ■

— JAMES HOOD WEDDING —

On 2nd August 2008 at St Mary Magdalene Church, Reigate, Kent, James Hood [S 1997-2002] married Rachel Walsh of Elton, Cheshire. The Best Man was Dan Berkeley [Pn 1997-2002] and



the organist was Chris Arnold [A 1998-2003]. James and Rachel met at Cambridge whilst both were studying Natural Sciences. James was at Selwyn College and Rachel was at Magdalene College. ■

— ARCHIE CARR WEDDING —

In November 2007 Archie Carr [Hn 1985-1989] married an Argentinean girl, Paula Reinoso, whom he had met while



Left to right: Simon Paget-Brown [Hn 1984-1989], Esmond Carr (best man) [Hn 1987-1993], Richard Mogg [O 1984-1987], Archie Carr, Paula, Jonathan Bryers [L 1984-1989], Mike Callow [Hn 1984-1989] plus one stray Lorettonian, William Frain-Bell. (Mogg came over from Dubai and Callow from the U.S.A.)

taking part in the 2000 BT Global Challenge round the world yacht race. The wedding took place in Buenos Aires and there were five OW ushers. ■

PEGGY CRICKMAY (D'ARCH-SMITH) 100

On 3rd June 2008 Peggy Crickmay, known to generations of OWs as Peggy D'Arch-Smith and to Bensonians as Mrs D'Arch, celebrated her 100th birthday at home in Bembridge, Isle of Wight. The day started with 'phone calls from the Master and from Anthony Bruce, Chairman of the OW Society, who was a Bn boy in Peggy's early days.

A succession of parties featuring family and friends was effortlessly undertaken as befits a lady who was walking three miles a day through her 90's.

Peggy still does all her own cooking, is bright as a button and has almost total recall of all the Benson boys



who were fortunate enough to be in her care as Matron in the Benson through the 50's and 60's and into the 70's. Former Bensonians sent cards from all over the world and Peggy's sitting room was a sea of colourful reminders when the Secretary visited in July and struggled to keep pace with Peggy's amazingly energy. No surprise that Peggy was writing long newsy letters as part of her daily routine to each and everyone who sent a card.

Peggy's daughter Nicola and family live in Wales and the away leg of her 100th was celebrated with a holiday there in August.

Congratulations to Peggy and now take a fresh guard! ■

OUT OF THE FIRE

Everything started on 2nd January 2008 with the fire at the Royal Marsden where I work as a Therapeutic Radiographer treating cancer patients. Unfortunately the fire caused serious damage to the hospital and destroyed my bike, Gerty. However, my journey with Gerty was to epitomise the experience of one of my patients, from despair, to treatment, to recovery and represent what we do at the hospital.

We had many services up and running within days but it had become

very clear by peeking through the door into the area of the fire that Gerty had been completely crushed—the image of the phoenix rising from the ashes was born!

Gerty was rebuilt and a group of seven of us including another OW, James Dartnall [M 1998–2003], arrived in Land's End to start our long journey. We decided to do roughly 1,000 miles from end to end covering about 100 miles per day. We would be supported by my mother driving a blue van kindly loaned by Toyota G.B. and assisted



by my father, Nigel Howard-Jones [T 1961–1965] and my eldest sister at different times. The van was to cover 2,662 miles on the round trip!

In all we cycled for 11 days covering 987 miles cycling for up to 12 hours a day. The most gruelling day by far was the first day when we were hindered by mechanical faults and then pushed to the limit by the sharp inclines found in Cornwall. Cornwall was quite a lesson. Strange, because I had assumed that it was relatively flat and I quickly lost my Jerome K. Jerome idea of stopping for long lunches, reading

books in fields and generally wearing tweed! Thereafter, we passed through quintessential English countryside, through the Midlands, climbing up through Shap until we reached Scotland, where we took a detour to Aran. The weather had been glorious but then the countryside became even more dramatic, particularly to the east side of Lock Ness although the weather deteriorated. The final ride up from Inverness to Bettyhill and then along the top to John o' Groats was awesome in lashing rain and with

waves crashing against the coast. What a way to finish!

I cannot begin to describe how fulfilling the journey was and what it felt like to take my wrecked bicycle from resurrection to completion of a dream. I am enormously grateful to all my friends, family, patients and the OW

Society for their fantastic support without which Gerty and I would not have been able to complete this epic journey. We have raised nearly £25,000 for the Royal Marsden Cancer Campaign and still the money comes in. Richard Howard-Jones [T 1993-1998] ■

MARATHON DES SABLES

FEET OF ENDURANCE

Standing in the check-in queue at Gatwick airport surrounded by lots of other nervous looking people all carrying the same red backpacks

and cradling water bottles, it was clear that the event I stupidly applied for was about to start. There are easier ways of setting yourself a challenge and shedding a bit of excess weight (the inevitable result of years spent at a desk), but I had decided to take part in the Marathon des Sables, a self sufficient 154 mile ultra marathon through the Sahara desert.

My training started a full year before the race and I struggled to complete 5 miles. However with great advice from other OWs such as Alex Vero [Bd 1994–1999] and David Edwards [CR] I was able to build it up until I was eventually capable of running significantly more and gave myself a good chance of completing the challenge.

During the week the organisers supply you with a tent each night and water rations, that was it. You had to carry everything else you wanted such as clothes, sleeping bag and food etc. They do try their best to make it as uncomfortable as possible in the event which people call the "toughest footrace on earth".

The 50°C degree heat was a concern, but the biggest issue people faced was their feet. I went to great lengths to avoid the savage blisters that people suffered from.

Training without socks and with sand sprinkled into the shoes may have appeared very odd at the time, but it was well worth the effort. I witnessed people with blisters upon blisters, and some feet had literally cracked from toe to heel, so not picking up even a single sore spot or chafe allowed me to enjoy the experience enormously.

The 154 miles was split into 6 stages and the route was carefully considered with the terrain ranging from enormous sand dunes, mountainous passes and endless flat rocky plains. The key stage was the 4th, the dreaded double day. Whilst

the other days ranged from 11 to 26 miles, stage 4 was 50

miles and we had 40 hours to complete it. Without suffering from appalling feet or ill health (the two most common reasons for failure) I was able to complete the stage in just over 11 hours and subsequently went on to finish the whole race.

I loved the experience and the desert was a truly stunning place. The special thing about this event is that it poses a fantastic challenge. It requires a lot of training to prepare yourself for



a week that is designed to take you out of your comfort zone and test you mentally, physically and emotionally. The Marathon des Sables is all about management; you must manage your body, food and water. If you can get

this right and ride your luck you will have a great time. As a 6ft 3inch OW rugby player with no ultra marathon experience to run for 35 hours, finish 173rd out of 800, I'll take that but not repeat it! *Andy Jones* [A 1990-1995] ■



George Looker, Will Turner, Dmitry Yashnikov & James Turley in Siberia, Altai region, after rafting on a mountainous river.

— OW TRIP TO RUSSIA & THE UKRAINE —

In August 2008 a group of four OWs including George Looker [Pn 2002-2007], James Turley [Bn 2002-2007], Will Turner [A 2002-2007] and Dmitry Yashnikov [L 2005-2007) travelled to Russia and Ukraine. In 15 days we managed to visit Kiev, Moscow and St Petersburg, two Siberian cities of Novosibirsk and Barnaul, and the Altai mountains.

The trip was initially planned to be a relaxed reunion after a year of life away from Wellington, but we soon found ourselves doing all sorts of exotic activities. Wandering around the old Soviet revolution-glorifying parks and holding heated discussions with the locals on the resemblance of Lenin's body in the Mausoleum of a waxwork provided an interesting start. We proceeded by taking an all-night train from Moscow to St Petersburg, where eight hours were spent recalling the school banter and stumbled out of the train in shorts and flip flops into the 8° Baltic morning. Our experience would not have been complete with



trying to taste the difference between the Ukrainian and Russian vodka accompanied by traditional cured herring. The discovery of the trip was Uzbeki cuisine, beloved by Will Turner and demanded on an almost daily basis.

After eight days in the European part of Russia we flew over the Urals to Novosibirsk, where the local historian guided us around the vast Victory Park at six o'clock in the morning. We left the same day for the Altai mountains and after an eight-hour car journey were amazed to find some fine beers for the price of 50p a pint! A few of those and ten hours later we found ourselves sitting in an old Soviet minibus on the way to a mountainous river. James Turley was very keen to lead our motley crew in the rafting exercise and we enjoyed the "refreshing" 15° water in the 40° heat of Siberia.

The rest of our Siberian Odyssey were spent travelling from one remote village to another, stopping at the sites of settlements of the ancient Altai civilization, talking to the local shamans, simply

wandering along the shores of lakes and rivers and of course camping. The latter inevitably involved setting up the tents in an unfamiliar location. The crew ended the trip on the shore of Lake Teletskoe, second biggest fresh water reservoir in the world, where we spent the evening

talking to our guides about the differences between Britain and Russia.

Small reunions like this is a great way of keeping in touch and catching up on the news with the school friends, but it is also an experience in itself. ■

— BATTING ABOVE AVERAGE —

Luisa Rubio [C] joined College in September 2006 as a Third Former, coming from Amesbury Prep School. A talented all-rounder, she plays saxophone to grade 7 level and the guitar as well as achieving Gold effort grades on a regular basis. Luisa has excelled at sport since her arrival. She has played



hockey and netball for the U14A and U15A teams, and plays in the 1st pair of the U15 tennis team. Luisa has also played tennis and cricket for the county of Surrey. Luisa is in the Combermere.

The photograph shows Luisa Rubio with the bat the OW Society awarded her for scoring a century against Charterhouse. ■

— OW SOCIETY CHARITIES — FINANCIAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2007

CHARITABLE TRUST

Income for the Charitable Trust for the year was £5,322 (£5,002) and expenditure was £3,226 (£622). The value of the Charitable Trust on 31st December 2007 was £18,183 (£16,087).

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 OW TRUST

Grants were made to 5 OW parents in the year. Two parents had children at other schools and three had sons at Wellington. The total grant made was £11,200 (£12,100). Investment Income was £17,326 (£15,329) and Donations received were £90 (£1,100). Expenditure was £11,121 (£12,935) so that the net Income for the year was £6,295 (£3,494). The value of the Herbert Trust on 31st December 2007 was £433,751 (£441,232).

MELISSA MORGAN MEMORIAL FUND

OWs received grants from this fund in 2007:
Teaching in Mexico/Africa Asia Venture
Greenforce Trip to India.

J.R. BEVIR MEMORIAL FUND

5 OWs received grants from the Bevir Fund this year and the total grant provided was £2,350. The list of activities reads:
Raleigh International to Costa Rica
Raleigh International to Namibia
Hospital work in Uganda (2)
Assisting in a day care centre in Argentina
Investment Income was £7,010 (£5,814) and donations were received to the value of £0 (£1,935). Expenditure totalled £4,081 (£6,628). Investments held the value £126,279 (£138,028) and in the bank was £8,828 (£5,693). The value of the Bevir Fund on 31st December 2007 was £135,107 (£143,721). ■



BEVIR REPORTS



EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORK BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

JAMES TURLEY [BN 2002-2007]



Dt the beginning of July 2007 I left a British summer to head to a much colder Southern hemisphere, specifically, Buenos Aires which coincidentally saw its first snow in 90 years within a few days of my arrival! I had decided to spend two months working as a volunteer in the city, my trip being a perfect opportunity to allow me to work with children, supplementing their education, whilst also giving me the chance to explore a new continent and improve my linguistic skills before beginning my degree in Spanish and Politics.

I arrived with little background knowledge of Buenos Aires, slightly anxious about what to expect. However, I soon found it to be an incredible city. Often known as 'the Paris of the South', it has a population with distinct European roots and the city reflects this in almost every

aspect, from its extraordinary architecture, to the Italian based accent with which the locals or 'porteños' speak. I was staying in the heart of the city with several other international travellers from U.S.A., Ireland and Spain who were either studying in the city or working on similar volunteer placements as myself, and was immediately immersed into the Argentinian culture by my peers with vast Argentinian steak dinners, an appreciation of some of the nation's wines from the vineyards in the north, and an introduction to the famous Argentinian Tango, performed regularly in the oldest quarters of the city from where the dance originated.

However, whilst I enjoyed the highlife which the generous exchange rate and weakened Argentinian peso afforded, my main purpose in the city was working for a

local NGO, L.I.F.E. (Luchamos por una Infancia Feliz y con Esperanza) translated, "we fight for a childhood which is happy and full of hope". The organization was run by a local women, supported by a constant flow of volunteers throughout the year and operated at four different locations on the outskirts of Buenos Aires in some of the city's poorest areas. Each day several different groups drove out to these 'barrios' to small community centres based in each location. Once here, we usually worked with about 30-40 children primarily on educational activities. We aimed to improve their Spanish literacy and numerical skills whilst also teaching a little English along the way. The fact that the children didn't speak a word of English, and spoke Spanish very quickly with a thick accent made it an interesting challenge both trying to understand them, but also teaching them! However, it was not all work; classes occasionally degenerated into spontaneous games of football, with some very talented young players! The highlight of the week, however, was the birthday party, occurring on a rotation once every four weeks at each of the centres. It allowed all the children whose birthday fell

in that month to celebrate with their friends, accompanied with a lot of cake, games, presents, and hours of balloon modelling! It was a fantastic experience working with such vibrant children, who although were not in the most fortunate of positions, had a most positive outlook on life.

These community centres were pivotal in many parts of the city as it allowed parents to sustain employment in the knowledge that their children were safe, and in particular, off the streets where real dangers of drug abuse and violence were a constant threat.

Nevertheless it was a fantastic experience, my time spent in Argentina was both culturally enlightening but also allowed me to seriously comprehend the different lifestyles of varying people and to appreciate the importance of the work of organizations such as L.I.F.E. My sincere thanks go to both committees of both the Bevir and Muir funds for their contributions which allowed me to undertake this project. I would also highly recommend Argentina, and even South America in general, to any future travellers: a diverse, yet culturally rich continent! ■

OPERATION RALEIGH NAMIBIA

ALEXANDER COGLAN [PN 2001-2006]



The reason I decided to go on an Operation Raleigh expedition was that it would offer a real challenge and something that would really push me out of my comfort zone. It promised adventure in a country I did not know much about, experience of a new culture and meeting and working with people from all walks of life. In a nutshell, I wanted to do something really worthwhile and not to look back on my Gap year and wonder if I had wasted any opportunities.

Operation Raleigh, founded in 1984 with the aim to develop self-confidence and leadership in young people, currently has three overseas' programmes: Costa Rica, Malaysia and India (I was on the last trip to Namibia). The participants, aged between 17-24, come from all walks of life and from around the world. The expeditions are either 5 or 10 weeks in duration. Mine was 10 weeks and consisted of three phases; community, environmental and trekking.

ARRIVAL

On arriving at Windhoek airport on the 10th July 2007, all 40 or so participants were taken off to base camp, which was to become our home in between the three phases, although to begin with my first impression was "wow its basic"!

One of the biggest changes for most of us was the change in diet, which for the next 10 weeks would now consist of porridge for breakfast, crackers for lunch and usually pasta or Maize meal (this was a Namibian dish of a kind of mashed potato with no flavour but turned out to be very filling) for dinner.

TREKKING IN THE DESERT

My first phase was a 240km trek, from along the Ugab dry river bed to Cape Cross on the Skeleton Coast in 18 days. Our group was excited about the challenge but

at the same time a bit apprehensive, as it seemed a daunting task, especially as I had not exactly been doing my regular stint of exercise since leaving Wellington. As we had to carry everything ourselves only bare essentials were taken as well as food, tents, radio and cooking equipment.



A typical day would be

waking up at 4:30 a.m. and setting off around 40 minutes later having packed up camp and eaten a quick breakfast. Resting five minutes every hour, our treks varied from 12km to 20km a day with the aim of finishing by midday when the sun would make travel far more difficult. Exhausted at lunch we would ration out crackers and occasionally dried fruit, with there being fierce competition over the peanut butter spread! Until evening we would amuse ourselves playing games or chatting away (mostly about food back home) until we gathered around the fire for dinner under the stars, usually being in bed by 7:00 p.m. at the latest. Each day a new day leader was assigned who made sure everything ran smoothly: getting everyone up in time, setting the trekking pace and calling up field base on the radio.

Along the way we encountered wild elephants, had children in a passing school sing us their national anthem and many other beautiful songs, got lost in the morning fog, had our guide tell us how he killed a leopard when he was younger and generally enjoyed cooking by the camp fire under the night's sky.

SCHOOL PHASE

After a couple of days at base camp with our first shower in three weeks, every group put on sketches of their phase and we then headed off with a new group for a new adventure. Mine was to continue with the building of a school in Northern Namibia. With the foundations put in by

the previous group, we put up the walls and roof with supervision from our Namibian builder Lenny. Whilst our first efforts at laying bricks weren't exactly inspiring, with trial and error we soon improved and work got swiftly under way. The school once finished would include two decent sized class-

rooms and a staff room in between. The contrast to the current school couldn't have been more different, as this consisted of a line of wooden rooms with only the staff room having a door (with the rest using makeshift logs). One of the best days was a visit to the local church with a small congregation, where a couple of others and myself were invited to talk about our religion and for the rest of the group to do some singing.



ENVIRONMENTAL PHASE

The final phase took place at Havana where I helped put up a lion enclosure fence, often along side local Bushmen,

cleared vegetation and dug a trench for a water pump. We stayed out in the wilderness around 4km away from the main camp, requiring a clearing to be made which resulted in a few cuts and bruises but once finished was satisfying, with awards given for camp improvements, such as benches and a table. The amount of manual work was tough especially the trench digging in the midday sun but rewarding as I got to see big game fed at close quarters for the first time, including lions, leopards, wild dogs and cheetahs.

CONCLUSION

At the end of the Raleigh expedition everyone felt that they really had made a positive impact on the lives of those involved in the projects. I would recommend it to anyone (and have done so) as it was definitely the best experience of my Gap year and was a truly life changing experience. ■

RALEIGH INTERNATIONAL COSTA RICA

ALASTAIR COOMBE [PN 2001-2007]



Arriving at San Jose International airport and meeting up with the 100 or so other participants that I would be working and living with over 10 weeks was an intimidating sight, but I had been raising money for this and looking forward to it for the previous 4 months, so was pretty excited. This Raleigh expedition was broken down into an Adventure Phase, an Environmental Phase and a Community Phase. As the composition of each group was chosen at random, I reckoned there was a good chance that I would get to know most people over the course of the expedition.

I was pleased that my first Phase was the physically demanding Corcovado Trek. This involved hiking 300km over 18 days across Costa Rica from the Panama border to the Corcovado National Park on the Southern Pacific coast. My group experienced endless setbacks, faulty maps, poor directions, impenetrable jungle, inept guides, illness, lack of food and abused feet. But our teamwork and strong work ethic, helped by the unbelievable hospitality of the local people, kept us going. Each group had at least one Home Country Participant (HCP) with them and this allowed us to learn more about the local culture of the places we were walking through. They were also a great help in organising accommodation for us. Highlights of this phase included swimming in hot springs during a tropical thunderstorm, scrambling up to the ridge at Changuena, figuring out where we were after being totally lost in the jungle for the third day running and drinking in the breathtaking scenery and beautiful wildlife of the Corcovado National Park. In such an intensive atmosphere friendships became very important and we worked hard to keep up each other's spirits. When we finally reached the beach on the last day the consuming sense of accomplishment and comradeship made all the hardships we had overcome worth it.

My second Phase involved working deep in the jungle of La Cangreja, a National Park specifically created for scientific research. It is located on the Central Pacific coast where two different life zones, Tropical Humid Forest and

Pre-Montane Humid Forest combine to create an area with extremely diverse flora and fauna. Our living was rough, sleeping in hammocks and washing in the streams while we cleared, shovelled and hacked a path for the Rangers. We were completing a quad bike trail across the Park that would allow the Rangers to patrol the area for poachers and to combat forest fires. The most interesting part of this project was when we conducted a survey about how this would improve the Rangers' effectiveness. We also looked at how the creation of this fairly new park had changed the locals' attitude to the environment in which they lived. For instance, we noticed that the hideous amounts of rubbish that we had seen in many villages while on trek, were absent from the villages surrounding the Park. When the mountain became an officially designated Protected Site the Rangers made a big effort to clean it up. This change in status has given the residents more pride in their local region and they now realise that as they live in a beautiful place it is in their interests to keep both their homes and villages looking attractive. Our HCP was a huge help as she could translate interviews and took a personal interest in the end of phase report. By the finish we had managed to clear an impressive 1.5km of path over 3 weeks which far exceeded the best expectations of the Rangers. Perhaps the high point was when a local guide came down to inspect our work. His unbridled enthusiasm for the project and his conviction that it would benefit Rangers and locals alike, added to our sense of satisfaction in the task that we had worked so hard to complete.

After returning to our field base at Turrialba and exchanging stories, gossiping and looking at pictures of each others projects, we split up and I then set off for the Community Phase. This was to finish a primary school that other groups had been building over the last two phases down on the Conte Burika Peninsular for an Indigenous Guayami Village. It was so isolated that a 6 hour walk along the beach followed by an hour's hike up a cliff was required to reach it. Any extra materials that we needed: petrol for the chainsaw, nails, panels of zinc for the roof and

even luxury food such as biscuits, had to be carried from Panama by way of a 4 hour slog along a treacherous goat track through the jungle. The villagers were an incredibly proud yet hospitable people whose isolation had allowed them to retain many of their historical customs: houses built of local materials, traditional dresses, dances and a curious habit of yodelling to each other at dusk from their houses which were spread over the surrounding hills. The work was tiring but at least was not as monotonous as building the path in La Congreja. For example one of the more challenging tasks involved carrying freshly cut timber planks down the steep, wet and slippery forest trails while trying to avoid treading on a carpet of land crabs. The meals, which were unfailingly rice and beans were cooked for us by a different family every day and were fortunately as delicious as they were predictable. In the afternoons we played volleyball, football and hacky-sack with bean-bags with the villagers and entertained their children with silly games. In return, in the evenings they helped us improve our rudimentary Spanish and even taught us a smattering of Guaymian, their tribal language. Work progressed at "Costa Rican" pace but we managed to complete the school bang on schedule in time for the

opening ceremony. This was a spectacular affair with Guaymians pouring in from the surrounding villages. The fattened pig was slaughtered for the feast in our honour and the women wore their most colourful traditional dresses. Inevitably there were many speeches and prayers in Spanish. In reply our group expressed our thanks in all the different languages of the participants, English, German, Dutch, Spanish and Chinese, to demonstrate the multicultural effort that had gone into the project. It was uplifting to see that what we had achieved was hugely appreciated and that it would genuinely make a difference to the local community for years to come. It was sad to walk back along the beach on the last day. After sharing their simple lifestyle for so long, we knew it would be a cultural shock to return to a more complex and cluttered way of life.

I really appreciate the help that the OW Society gave me in raising the funding for this venture. It was a fantastic 10 weeks and an amazing experience. Each day presented unexpected challenges which stretched me both physically and mentally. I have made many new friends and would highly recommend Raleigh to any current Wellingtonian looking for an exciting and worthwhile Gap year expedition. ■

WILDLIFE VETERINARY WORK SOUTH AFRICA

GREG DICKENS [S 1999-2004]



To say that I went to South Africa, did 9 days of wildlife medicine, tracking, darting and lectures at two of the best run Wildlife reserves in Africa, as well as another 2 days training in marine mammal tracking and medicine in and around the Island Marine Reserve in Algoa Bay and finally another 5 days studying the ecology of the whole region with the ecologists who help run the parks, would be true. But it's not telling the whole story.

South Africa is a unique area in terms of wildlife and human contact. It has the highest biodiversity per unit area of any country in the world.

Basically, people, lots of people, come because of the animals. For this reason there is a commercial drive to put effort into tourism—both hunting and photographic.

The common factor is that animals need to be kept healthy in order to look good for photographs and look good for hunting, maintaining diversity is a fortunate by-product. Vets have a large role in this work.

My intended career in conservation medicine will require me to understand all of the aspects involved in wild animal veterinary work, so, while in South Africa, I ensured that both of these facets could be covered by my training.

One of the largest problems with single animal



I treat a darted male white rhino.

veterinary medicine in a wildlife reserve setting is working out what to treat. Both of the vets I worked with in South Africa would not treat a wounded animal unless it was very rare or the injury was human induced.

On the human safety front, I was instructed on dealing with the threats of hazardous terrain, rapid acting and lethal drugs, firearms and continual stress. While, on the animal side of things, we had to face more dangerous terrain, potential human-animal infection and difficult anaesthetic challenges.

There is often an appreciable anaesthetic hangover and there will be some form of narcosis from some opioid analgesics used. If treated animals are being released back into the veld then they will be immediately in danger from predators and from competitive members of the same species. Those which are not fully awake will be injured or killed, which negates the point of treating them in the first place (also, some herbivore anaesthetics are lethal to carnivores, so you'd end up with a dead animal and a pile of dead predators). To counteract this, if the animal was going to be in immediate danger, I reversed all of its anaesthetic and any sedatives pharmacologically.

And finally, due to the problems anaesthetised animals have regulating their temperature, there is a widely acknowledged guideline that restraining wild animals should be avoided if the shade temperature reaches 25°C. This meant that days always started before dawn. Which, in turn, encouraged those involved to have all of their

planning done the night before. A discussion of capture plans to be used followed by an evening calculating dart contents for a range of animal weights and temperaments was the norm.

Shamwari and Amakhala reserves, where I worked, are set apart from other reserves in South Africa by their diversity and the potential of the land to sustain varied populations of animals. This is due, largely, to the land they started with. All of the older and larger reserves were set up on land that wasn't much good for anything else. Land that couldn't be farmed due to poor soil or catastrophic levels of parasite activity. For example: Kruger, South Africa's first and largest game reserve, was set up on land that was deemed useless due to the levels of tsetse flies. These two newer reserves used strong financial backing to convert highly productive farm land into reserve. And it shows.

Nevertheless, in an enclosed system, such as a reserve (not even Kruger is large enough to avoid this) left on their own, one species or other would outstrip its resources and the ecosystem would collapse. So, the other function of the vet in these parks is to work closely with the resident ecologist to move animals onto or off the reserve to prevent this.

From a practical view point this involved learning about finding patterns in the population data, then working out which animals in a population would be best to move and then tracking, darting and transport. The problems of wild-

life anaesthesia and darting have been briefly touched on above.

So, with the possibility to support a wide range of animal species the choices of what to stock was again a heated discussion between the three corners of: 1, "These species live in this area naturally, lets put them back." 2, "These species will bring in the most tourists, lets keep them." 3, "These species are rarest globally, they need keeping most."

And, as with all other park discussions you tend to end with a compromise. The "Big Five" of Lion, Leopard,



Surveying population numbers the old fashioned way.

Elephant, Rhino and Buffalo are, apparently, what tourists want to see, so they get preferential treatment and other rare and endangered species get slotted in around them, so long as they would live in an area a bit like

this naturally. It's not a perfect system, but it has worked so far.

This expedition was made possible by financial backing from Selwyn College, Cambridge University Commonwealth Trust and, importantly, the Bevir Memorial Fund at Wellington College. ■

TEACHING ENGLISH & LEARNING ARABIC ER RACHIDIA, MOROCCO

NICK THORBURN [BN 2000-2005]



With the money I was given by the Bevir fund I took part in a five-week residential project run by ASTVS, a small charity run by Moroccan locals to educate and entertain the town's children in the debilitating heat of a North African summer. Temperatures were around 45°C (115F) from midday to around 3:00 p.m., and this was described as relatively cool for that time of year! Due to the heat, teaching would take place from 9:00-midday, we would eat a heavy lunch and then sleep in the hottest part of the day, then have Arabic teaching in the late afternoon.

Morocco has fairly recently undergone upheaval, with Mohammed VI coming to power

in 1999. Since then he has been making strides towards democracy, one of the most significant being increasing women's rights, especially in the areas of marriage and work. This meant that my class was almost entirely made up of women of school-leaving age or older, who wanted to improve their English to take advantage of the burgeoning tourism industry or travel. I had never realised how



difficult teaching is, with lesson plans, exams and tests to write as well as returned papers to mark and comment on then go over in the following lesson. Levels of ability also varied, with some particularly bright students having learnt English from films with Arabic subtitles. Teaching could be difficult, and although most of the pupils spoke good enough English to be able to understand, communicating outside school was almost entirely in French or Arabic.

One of the most striking things of all is the Moroccan sense of hospitality and generosity. It was a common occurrence to be invited to someone's home, as people would stop us in the street and talk, curious as to

where we had come from or how teaching at the school was going. Often this would lead to being invited to eat or to drink mint tea at their house. Arab culture is strongly based around hospitality, a welcome tradition from the days when the Arabs as a people wandered the deserts and spread Islam through Africa on horseback. If a traveller was hungry or thirsty, there were few other

options in the desert than to find someone who could help. One of the Arabs who ran the camp, Ali, used to regularly tell terrible jokes about bakheel, or misers. Being a cheapskate is frowned upon in Arab society, and families will go out of their way to be hospitable even when they can hardly afford it.

I would recommend teaching as an easy way to travel

and give something back to a culture or country you want to experience. Learning a language at the same time is not always easy, especially when you need to speak a third for day-to-day life, but the effort is worth it and despite some hysterical media and the odd notable exception Arab North Africa is an intriguing, safe and, despite its proximity to Europe, very different place in which to travel and live. ■

TURTLE CONSERVATION MALAYSIA

VERITY LEESON [O 2005-2007]



On 5th June 10 volunteers stepped off the boat onto the bay of Bubbles Dive Resort on Pulau Besar, the largest of the Perhentian islands off the north east coast of Malaysia. Through the company WOX we were to stay at Bubbles Resort for one month to learn about turtle conservation. We were a group of 3 boys and 7 girls, ages ranging from 19-26, all of whom were travelling around Asia either before or after the project.

As part of a turtle conservation project, the main aim of our month at Bubbles was to learn about the human and environmental threats facing turtles, the threats facing their habitats, and methods in which these could be prevented or minimised. The first week entailed us obtaining our Open Water PADI certificates, enabling us to explore and further learn about the coral reef that sustains 85% of marine life, as well as the different species that live there.

Scuba diving in Malaysia's coral reefs was incredible, diving with and identifying hundreds of different species of fish, including bumphead parrotfish, pufferfish, titan trigger fish, as well as turtles, sharks, crown of thorns starfish, nudibranchs and moray eels. Completing my Advanced Open Water PADI enabled me to take a night dive, as well as a wreck dive at the Barge, a large boat wreck whose coordinates are known only to two dive resorts, and a deep dive, diving to 30 metres.

Every afternoon we took bin bags up and down the beach collecting litter both from the guests at the resort, and also washed up from the sea. We also cut back tree roots and moved big pipes and rocks to make it easier for the turtles to lay their nests.

After dinner of pak choi, rice and chicken, we had

turtle watch which was conducted in three shifts; 9:00 p.m. till midnight, midnight till 3:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. This consisted of sitting in the restaurant playing cards and drinking tea, taking hourly walks up and down the beach to see if any turtles were nesting with a torch with a red filter so as not to disturb the turtles. If we came across a turtle, we had to sit and watch over it to make sure it wasn't disrupted, the process normally taking about two hours, but sometimes up to five or six. We would then record data including the length and width of the turtle, given by its track marks, whereabouts on the beach and how far up it lay its nest etc.

Our second and third weeks were dedicated to researching and staging presentations concerning turtle and coral conservation to the guests of the resort, basic Malay and Chinese language courses, and fish ID scuba dives.

Our fourth and final week at Bubbles handed us the task of creating a game, either a card game, a board game or an outdoors game, which could be mass-produced and taken to schools around Malaysia to teach children about turtle conservation and ways in which to minimize human damage and maximise awareness and support. By the end of summer, Bubbles will have 6 different games to select from. We took this final assignment incredibly seriously and genuinely felt the need to make a change by increasing understanding. In fact it really motivated a lot of us, and I've certainly come to re-evaluate my own career path.

All in all it has been an incredible month, and I've learned so much more about the environment and the impact of mankind, and I've also been hugely inspired by what I've learned. ■

O.W. SPORT



RUGBY

The season saw the OWRFC 1st XV back in the London Leagues after promotion last year. The season started with the annual Combined London Old Boys competition where the team won the senior tournament for the first time. This success gave us great confidence going into the season which helped us to get through our first few games against tough opposition. After 7 games we were unbeaten, top of the league and looking strong for promotion.

Then came a testing pre-Christmas period, when we had to play against London South Africa and Warlingham, both ambitious teams expecting promotion. First LSA—from the very start the team showed great spirit, played superbly and dominated the opposition in all areas of the field, winning by an astounding 44-3. The next game was against Warlingham—the OWs led from the start and had many chances to close the game but the team failed to take these chances. With five minutes left Warlingham scored an excellent try against the run of play and stole the game. It was a real blow to the players but at the mid way point of the league campaign we were still at the top of the league.

After Christmas, we had a few solid wins but then the campaign for promotion started to come off the rails. In what people thought was an easy match against Weybridge Vandals, the team was under-strength due to clashes with ski-ing holidays and the team suffered a heavy loss. The team recovered well but still needed one win from the final two games—which were again against our promotion rivals. We played Warlingham first and in a very tough match, they pipped us 16-20 at our home ground, thereby winning the league with a match to spare. However, it was well fought and we were still confident ahead of the final match against

London South Africa with the final promotional spot at stake for either side.

The game started well for the OWs and after 20 minutes we were 12-0 up. However, just before half-time LSA scored two quick tries to tie the score. At the beginning of the second-half LSA scored a penalty to edge them into the lead. Then the heavens opened and torrential rain came down. Both sides found it difficult to play and in desperation the OWs threw everything at LSA but unfortunately fell short at the final whistle.

Falling at the final hurdle was a disappointing end to the season but there were many highlights—including beating Farnham by 120 points to nil, the month of February when we did not concede a point in four games, and our first win against LSA. Special player mention should go to Mark Douglas, just out of Wellington, who was excellent with his play around the field and his kicking ability; Ed Caesar and James Robertson who were inspirational in the pack; and Elliot Freer who was a try-scoring machine and won our player of the season. His absence through injury in the last two games was sorely missed. Off the field, extra special mention and thanks should go to John Robertson, an OW father, who has helped us deal with time-consuming RFU administration through the season.

Meanwhile, the 2nd XV also had an excellent season, winning 9 matches of 12. We played some sensational rugby along the way, including a bruising 34-12 victory against old rivals Radley, away from home. Our creative style of rugby yielded over 450 points and 3rd place in the league table. James Allred was top try scorer, while our committed defence leaked the second fewest points in the league. Nick Dennis picked up the player of the

OWRFC PLAYERS

STEVE BROWNRIGG [HL 88-93]

PETE BYRE [HL 92-97]

ROB THOMAS [PN 98-03]

ELLIOT FREER [A 97-02]

MARK DOUGLAS [BN 02-07]

PETE BURROUGHS [BN 96-01]

ED SWIFT [HG 01-06]

JAMIE CHICKEN [C 93-98]

ED FOY [S 96-01]

ED TURLE [PN 88-91]

DOUGIE HARRISON [O 95-00]

JAMES NEWSON [A 94-99]

ED CAESAR [BN 93-98]

JAMES ROBERTSON [PN 96-01]

WILL JOHNSON [HL 93-98]

NICK GULLIFORD [T 91-96]

ED PETERS [C 89-94]

CHARLIE HUNT [C 98-03]

HENRY BARSTOW [O 96-01]

TIM HODGSON [HL 88-93]

DAN ELD [BN 90-95]

DUNCAN CROOKE [M 88-93]

HARRY CONRAD-PICKLES [BD 98-03]

OLLY RIGBY [PN 94-99]

ADAM STITCHER [HG 98-03]

JAMES BRITTON [A 87-92]

CHARLIE HUNT [C 98-03]

DAN JENKINS [T 96-01]

DOM MARSZALEK [S 91-96]

JON EAST [M 85-89]

GARY DAVIES [HG 94-99]

GEORGE LOOKER [PN 02-07]

HENRY PHILIP [BL 92-97]

JAMES ALLRED [A 92-97]

JOE MACMANUS [HN 03-08]

KRISTOFFER SALMON [BD 03-08]

MARK MATHIEU [PN 96-01]

MATT HUNTER [HG 94-99]

NICK PETERS [C 91-96]

PIERS MICHELL [C 88-93]

SAM STREATFIELD [C 93-98]

SIMON MASSIE-TAYLOR [BN 94-99]

TOBY REYNOLDS [C 92-97]

TOM WHITCOMBE [PN 96-01]

JONNY WILKES [BD 81-86]

season award—a different Nick Dennis to the ex-OWRFC Chairman for those whose jaw might have just dropped.

The season was rounded off in style with a Summer Cocktail party hosted at the Institute of Directors on Pall Mall, which followed on from a full and varied social calendar, as always. The evening of celebration was in no small part enabled by our new sponsor, Canmoor. Canmoor is the London-based property company, run by Jules

Benkert [L 1982-1986] (founder member of the club), and we are thrilled to have its support for the coming seasons.

The club continues to thrive on its blend of competitive amateur rugby and regular social festivities, offering OWs of

all abilities the chance to remain involved in rugby after College. We are always hungry for more OW players to replace the likes of Jon East (who retired this year after 15 years playing for the OWs), so please do get in touch if you would like a game. Contact details and club reports are available on our website www.owrugby.co.uk

or, alternatively, please drop a line to the club captain for 2008/2009, Nick Gulliford, at oldwrugby@yahoo.com ■

OWRFC RESULTS

1ST XV				
PLAYED	WON	LOST	POINTS FOR	POINTS AGAINST
18	14	4	623	152
2ND XV				
PLAYED	WON	LOST		
12	9	3		

RUGBY TENS TOURNAMENT

In a welcome turn of events, Farm Field was bathed in sunshine for the 3rd Bi-annual OWRFC Rugby 10's on 30th August 2008. With

excitement and anticipation in abundance, (matching kits not so much.) we welcomed back former 1st XV Head coach and general all-round Welsh Rugby supremo Ken

Hopkins to referee the first game. This was between Stitcher's Superstars (2005 Leavers, led by Jeremy Barker, [Pn 2000-2005]) and Douglas Dynamite (2007 leavers, led by Mark Douglas, [Bn 2002-2007] set the tone for a day packed with close encounters by finishing in a 12-12 draw.

The early group stages in pool 1 saw Looker's Legends (2001/2, captain Will Looker, [Bl 1996-2001] edge past the amalgamated old heads of Brownrigg's Bruisers and Harrison's Heroes (Pre 2001 Leavers, captains Steve Brownrigg [Hl 1988-1993], Doug Harrison [O 1995-2000]). In the other pool, MacManus Magic (2008 Leavers, captain Joe MacManus [Hn 2003-2008]) overcame both Thomas's Talent (2004/3, captain Rob Thomas [Pn 1998-2003]) and The Class of Cervino (2006 Leavers, captain Dan Cervino [Pn 2001-2006]), with a combination of tour fitness and pace out wide to top their group and reach the semi-finals, ahead of second place Thomas's Talent.

Those who had taken a cursory glance at the organisers pre-tournament bookies odds may have noted that all 4 top seeded sides reached the knock out stages on Bigside.

In the first semi-final the youngest side (Magic) were pitted against the oldest (Bruisers), in a truly titanic encounter. After both sides scored and converted tries in the first half, the second half saw some great breaks and desperate defence. No further scores until full-time saw a sudden death period played in which the youngsters capitalised on a loose ball to pick up and score a runaway try, leaving the Bruisers wondering what might have been were the scrums not uncontested!

— — CRICKET — —

OWCC has moved with the times. No longer is it the case that 7 or 8 players play about 10 games each and there is a relatively small group of OWs playing regular cricket. Now a lot more players are playing a lot less regularly. Indeed over 50 players turned out on Turf in the 2008 season. Some making their debut on the hallowed ground in their late twenties and the thrill was the same as it was for many of us in our teens.

The weather, as ever, played an important part in the season, and although not as many games were abandoned as were in 2007, the full fixture list was not played. However, those games that were enjoyed had the customary competitiveness, fun and excitement. An early season game against Esher set the tone where 11 young OWs

The other semi-final between the Legends and the Talent saw the older boys take a 12-0 lead before the Talent hit back with a try. In a slightly more one-sided encounter than the previous semi-final, a Burgess [Pn 1997-2002] line break was good enough to seal the game 19-7 to the Legends.

This left the final waiting to be played out between the favourites (Magic, 7/2) and the 2nd favourites Legends (4/1). At last the form guide began to take a turn, as the Magic seemed to have lost their bite after such a physical encounter in their semi-final. The pace of Willcocks [Pn 1996-2001] and Abiola [C 1996-2001], aided by precision passing from Freer [A 1997-2002] was just too much for the youngsters, leaving a delighted skipper Will Looker to accept the trophy he flew all the way from New York to reclaim from the last winning captain Ed Rosa [Hg 1997-2002].

A fantastic time was had by all, not least those that stepped in to fill the last couple of slots in each team. Every year the 10's seems to unearth talent previously frustrated or hidden at school by the abundance of competition and talent.

Huge thanks go to Chris Potter, Matt Oakman and Greg Woodrow for making the event possible, but the event could never get off the ground were it not for the persistence and energy each captain put into getting a team together, and a few supporters along to watch. I hope to see even more people next time. *James Robertson* [Pn 1996-2001]. ■

played against a strong Esher XI keen for April practice. The OWs bowled and fielded with skill, determination and athleticism, but application with the bat was lacking so the rain saved the day.

It was a similar story against the Old Malvernians who were as always strong and led by the new Common Room recruit, Gavin Franklin. Having persevered in the field again a lack of patience undid the batting efforts.

The end of May brought along the Speech Day game, which sadly, but understandably, is no longer a 2 day affair. Instead the boys won in the last over on the Friday in a 50-over game, and with a little more to spare on the Saturday. Those who remember the nail biting finishes at 7:00 p.m. on the Saturday after 2 days of tight rivalry need not



Three OWs, Ed Young [Bd 2002-2007], Luc Durandt [Hg 2003-2008] and Ben Kingsnorth [Hl 2001-2006] starred for Valley End at Lord's as they beat Woodhouse Grange from Yorkshire to win the 2008 npower Village Cricket Cup. As Valley End Chairman, James Young [L 1968-1972] is a former Chairman of OWCC, there was an even stronger representation.

worry, they are not confined to the history book, but due to time constraints on the time of the boys (and girls) the format of the game will be agreed on a yearly basis. What has not changed is the determination of the boys to show the largest crowd of the year that they are a fine group of cricketers who love to beat the old boys.

A new fixture against the Wiltshire Queries saw arguably the best weather of the year on 1st June. Again the OWs came second, but Will Jelf [Hg 1991-1996] did a terrific job in his first match as a manager and deserves a mention, as do other first timers Simon Massie-Taylor [Bn 1994-1999] and Hugo Shephard [Bn 1998-2003] as well as everyone else who ensures that 11 OWs turn up at an allotted place and time ready to take on an opposition who are always keen to play on Turf.

The mid-point of the season is always marked by the first round of the Cricketer Cup. This year we were in the top half of the draw, assuring us home games to the final, if we could start by beating the Old Cheltonians. Having got away to a rapid start scoring 100 off the first 20 overs the OWs, inspired by Captain Pete Young's [Bd 1999-2004] words at drinks, kept them to 205 off their 50 overs. Some excellent seam bowling in the second half of their innings was admired by all concerned. Masters in

Charge would have been delighted at the ability to bowl a good length one side of the wicket. Sadly the second part of the equation was beyond us and despite never falling too far behind the rate, wickets were lost at regular intervals meaning that the Old Cheltonians won a last ball thriller by 2 runs. James Robertson [Pn 1996-2001] was the top scorer, but the overall batting efforts were slightly indicative of the season.

The week was curtailed by the weather, with the Meteors as ever providing the social highlight and giving us a good cricketing lesson as well.

Unbelievably, the first victory of the season did not come until the middle of July against Brook when James Fuller [Bn 2001-2006] scored a magnificent 150 to beat the friendly rivals from down the road. That was followed up by a loss to Eton a thoroughly enjoyable game and a heavy defeat of the Harrow Wanderers.

Overall the season was one of transition, and in that transition was progress. Several new OWs played for the first time, fielding and bowling often reached great heights, as did the batting on a less regular basis.

As ever I would like to thank Peter Lewington on behalf of the club for the time, effort and support he gives the OWCC. The only problem we are finding,

is getting enough Sundays in the year as teams are queuing up to play on our excellent wickets. Thanks also to Steve Blossie, Phil Stockwell, Brian Wilson and Chris Potter for all their support and patience.

Enjoy the winter and if you would like to play for the OWCC in 2009, please contact Sam Streatfeild [C 1993-1998] on 07 818 437 514 or sam.streatfeild@gmail.com ■

— — G O L F — —



2008 Quarter-finalists in the Halford Hewitt Cup

Back row: J.A. Holland, A.T. Gowar, P.J. Power, R.W. Eggleshaw, E.M. Barry-Walsh, J.J. Douglas, C.E. Richardson, C.R.A. Rowse.

Front row: J.A.D. Wyke, C.B. Manson, M.J. Power, T.D.G. Warrillow, J.I. Harper

The Golf Society's report this year is split into 2 halves—the serious Golf Competitions and the more sociable meetings and matches. The serious competitions are the Halford Hewitt, the 3 Bernard Darwin competitions and the Grafton Morrish. We also take part in an invitation trophy at Woking—The Alba Trophy.

This year we had a much better run in the Halford Hewitt, getting through to the quarter-finals. We beat Oundle, Loretto and Watsons—last year's winners—until we met Tonbridge in the quarter-finals. However this was a great improvement on previous years, especially bearing in mind the quality of our opponents. One of our opponents was Iain Henderson, playing in Oundle's top pair, and he had mixed feelings about our first round success against them as he was delighted to see so many of the boys whom he had encouraged at College playing so well, even to his

own personal detriment! It was also good to note that the team's average age was in the mid-20s and our oldest player was only 38. This, and the number of good, young golfers coming through College in the next few years, bodes well for future success.



James Holland in fine form

We qualified well for the Grafton Morrish but unfortunately lost in the first round to Stowe. Our team was James Harper, Bas Gowar, James Holland, Richard Eggleshaw, Jon Douglas and Hugo De Pree.

In the Bernard Darwin we lost in the first round and our team was Nigel Hurst-Brown, David Frame, Ian Boyd, John Churchill, Alex Aldrich-Blake and Anthony Penna. We fared a bit better in the Senior Bernard Darwin and had a creditable result in the Veteran Bernard Darwin, with David Stirling playing a tremendous part just a couple of weeks before his very sad death.

At the 2008 Spring Meeting at Rye, 34 members

played and 29 attended the dinner and AGM in the evening. The weather was good and Richard Eggleshaw won the O'Brien Trophy with a score of 70 (net 66 against a par of 68 and a standard scratch of 71). There were some other strong contenders with James Holland, Rory Stradling and Mike Gowar all scoring 75. The Captain's Shield was won by Richard Eggleshaw with 38 points and the Birkmyre Trophy by Nicholas Hurst with 31 points. The Birkmyre Card (scratch prize for those over 50 years old) was won by Simon Pettigrew. The Wooden Spoon was won by Angus Gordon. The Captain's Tankards were won by Mike Gowar and Richard Eggleshaw with a score of 34 points. On the Sunday, James Holland won the Guy Docker Trophy, Richard Eggleshaw the Walter Greenway and Richard Eggleshaw won the Dutton trophy for the three rounds of foursomes on Saturday and Sunday.

The 2007 Autumn Meeting, held at Liphook at the end of September, was a great success. Jon Douglas was the winner of the Needham Trophy with a score of 71 level par, with James Holland close behind on 72. The Roberts Wilson Cup was won by Jon Douglas with 39 point and James Holland close behind again with 37 points.

— — R A C K E T S — —

This year has seen another strong year for the OWRC. It has seen the return of Tim Cockcroft [A 1980-1985] to the game after a bit of time out to focus on his new job. He re-entered the game in spectacular fashion by winning the British Amateur Doubles championship at the Queen's Club. The sad thing was that he partnered a Harrovian (nobody is perfect)! He continues to work hard on the game and narrowly missed out on a challenge match for the World Doubles title. Many congratulations for his efforts this season and we wish him all the best next year and are happy that we will have a contending Noel Bruce pair this year.

Talking of the Noel Bruce Cup we had a slightly depleted showing this year only fielding two pairs. The youngest pair of Rod Shepherd [Bn] and James Fuller [Bn] are certainly an upcoming pairing. Sadly they were denied a visit to the second round this year by suffering defeat to the old hand of Howard Angus in the Winchester pair. A learning curve it was and they will come out fighting next year. The other pair of James Coyne [O—when it was a boys House!] and Mark Penna [HI] did a little better

Richard Hardingham won the John Booty 50+ Scratch Prize with 80. James Holland won the Board Challenge Cup (combined Spring and Autumn) with 75 points and the Allom Trophy was won by Patrick Power with 32 points. The Leese Challenge Cups were won by Mike Power and Tony Collett with 38 points.

We are delighted to welcome quite a number of new members, especially those who are under 25 and who have found out the fun of Old Wellingtonian golf. The OWGS is flourishing. Patrick Power became Captain on 1st January this year—a popular choice and he was warmly welcomed by all those present at the Spring Meeting Annual Dinner—no doubt helped by the quality and quantity of the port he provided. I know the Hon. Secretary much appreciated this despite his slowness on the following morning.

Of course, the very final word has to be concerning those OWs who play golf and are not members of the OWGS. Join the OWGS and find out what all the members know already; it's great fun whatever your skill level is. John Goodeve-Docker (Secretary). Telephone and fax: 020 8740 0686; mobile: 07710 781961; email: jgdocker@btinternet.com ■

by reaching the quarter-finals where they faced eventual winner Harrow. They put up a good fight and nearly won the first game against the current World Champion! After that though they somewhat lost their way and went out 3-0 (17/18, 10/15, 10/15). We hold high hopes for a strong OW representation in the event next year.

Congratulations again to James Coyne who retained his u24 Open singles Crown last season. He beat Alex Coldicott of Cheltenham College again in the final. This year it was slightly more convincing. Despite losing the first game 15/5 it was one way traffic and he sealed the match 3-1 (5/15, 15/0, 15/3, 15/1).

The OW pairing of James Coyne and Mark Penna also retained the Milne Hue-Williams cup for the fourth year in a row. This is an outstanding effort for the younger generation of players within the Club and shows the depth we are accumulating. The same pair also retained the Sandhurst Cup (not an old boy event) for a second year.

We very much look forward to tracking the OW Rackets players over the next season and please keep an eye on the website for results throughout the year. ■

— SAILING —



Rally group at *The Haven*, Royal Yacht Squadron, Cowes

Left to right: Eddy Heddon [CR], Christian Forestier-Walker, Guy Baird [O 1962-1965], Henrietta Kay, Sam Gutteridge [CR], Matthew Dickinson [M], Patrick Rowe [L 1952-1957], Fidelma Hewitt, Michelle Brummer [O], Sheena Berney, Jackie Hudson, Erin Pike [O], Henry Thurstan [Bd 1951-1953], Jane Thurstan, Peter Hewitt [M 1966-1971], Jonathan Hudson [O 1982-1987], Julian Berney [Bd 1965-1969], Jervis Kay [T 1962-1967], Za Rowe, William Pennefather [S 1963-1968], Clive Forestier-Walker [T 1959-1963], Richard Young [Hn 1962-1967].

The Old Wellingtonian Sailing Association has had a very good 10th anniversary year. The twin anniversary aims of enhancing the skills of young sailors and sailing opportunities for all members have produced both greater competition success and club camaraderie.

We entered two boats in the annual Arrow Trophy yacht racing competition, raced from Cowes, with both boats outperforming recent years. Lead by Nick Vigors [S 1997-2002], the *Modern* crew, with much talent, verve and youthful vigour, came an impressive third out of 19, winning the Winchester Target. The *Ancients* showed that they were young at heart—skipper Anthony Esse [Pn 1975-1980] frisking the *Sunsail 37* round the marks as if it was an RS 700 to the intense interest and prolonged close scrutiny of the Race Committee!

Three OWSA bursaries were taken up this year. Recent OW, Ed Vigors [S 2000-2006] and the outgoing Captain of College Boats, James Robinson [T 2003-2008]

both attended the residential race training course run by the Royal Yacht Squadron in Cowes. Sam Gutteridge [CR] completed the RYS Day Skipper course which will allow College to do both more on the water and develop the water skills of Wellingtonians. Whilst bursaries are part of OWSA's objective to encourage and develop young sailors and sailing at College, they also, of course, fall into the forward planning category.

Relief was one of the OWs' reactions at the end of a hard fought dinghy fixture against College. It was a win for us by the slimmest of margins as College proved a tremendous challenge and amply demonstrated the value of the excellent coaching being given by Peter Barton. Thank you to Hugo Berney [Bd 2000-2005] for organising and inspiring the OW team. The racing was followed by a most enjoyable barbeque, expertly cooked by the pupils—thank you for your warm hospitality.

OWSA links with College were further strengthened

this year by the attendance of a College boat on the OWSA Rally. We were delighted to welcome Eddy [CR] and Sue Heddon and Sam Gutteridge with a mixed crew of students over a weekend that combined good sailing with very sociable dining in the environs of Cowes and the Beaulieu River.

Modest scaling up of OWSA's activities and more involvement from young OWs contributed to an energetic and most enjoyable year. Therefore I am very grateful

to the Flag Officers and Committee for their hard work. Particular thanks to Jervis Kay [T 1962-1967], who has been allowed to step down after 10 continuous years of service as Secretary, Rear Commodore and Commodore.

OWSA welcomes all OWs—enthusiasm rather than a lengthy sailing CV is the key requirement. Please get in touch with me if you might like to join. Polly Amos. Telephone: 020 8785 0025; e-mail: polly.amos@virgin.net



Arrow Trophy—*The Ancients* Crew

Left to right: Gervase Clifton-Bligh [O], Alex Dobson [Bl 1992-1997], Guy Russell [Bl 1974-1979], Jervis Kay [T 1962-1967], Polly Amos [Ap 1976-1978], Jonathan Hudson [O 1982-1987], Anthony Esse [Pn 1975-1980] Out of shot: Patrick Rowe [L 1952-1957].

— SHOOTING —

Well we have been going for 75 years this year, and I am very pleased to report another fantastic year for OW shooting, with both individual and team successes. Highlights include: Mark Hodgins [HI 1961-1966], captaining the Great Britain black powder rifle team; Robbie Watt [HI 2000-2005] captaining Oxford University; Ed Welford [L 1998-2003] captaining the Great Britain under 25 rifle team; our Veterans A Team tied for 1st place in the Public Schools' Veterans match (although we were classed second on countback); Mike Baillie-Hamilton [Bn 1972-1976] finished second in the Hopton (Match Rifle Grand Aggregate), and Richard Hebblethwaite [T 1981-1986] finished fourth in the Queen's Final, just 3 v bulls away from winning, as well as captaining the County of London to the County short and long range championships.

At the time of writing last year's report, there were still a few matches left in the 2007 season. The OW

Championships was won by Tom Ward [HI 2002-2007], and the Lane Shield was won by the OW's (against the Old Alleynians). The Chairman's Cup, an individual competition open to all OW shooters, was won by Ed Welford with a very fine score of 50.7. Commiserations to Jonathan Paul (Hg 1998-2000), whose score of 50.4 would have been good enough to win on almost any other day!

The 2008 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, and an experimental OW team struggled to finish 5th. Highest scorer was Ed Welford with 98 out of 100. Our traditional match against the HAC was changed a little as we only could muster three firers; we teamed up with our opponents to shoot against a very strong Surrey county side. Needless to say we were beaten, although we

did edge ahead of Oxford University who were shooting alongside. Top scorer for the OW's was Andrew Maltby [S 2002-2007] with a score of 94 out of 100.

The match against College was as always an extremely close affair, with both teams fielding 8 shooters. The match was made somewhat complicated by some OW's having to shoot for their Counties as it was the Inter-Counties weekend. Ed Welford (Hampshire), Peter Halford [M 1970-1975] (Kent), Ben Ebbetts (Bl 2002-2007)(Berkshire) and Richard Hebblethwaite (London) all did their best to be in 2 places at once! Both teams shot to a very high standard, and the OW's just edged out College by 753 points to 745. Mike Townsend [Bl 1959-1962] won the Harris Trophy by top-scoring in the competition with 98.9, and Angus Wilson took the Parkinson Cup for the highest score for a current pupil with a score of 97.8.

The Public Schools' Veterans Match turned out to be one of the most memorable in recent years. For the third year in a row, we had 20 OW's competing in the match, making 4 full teams. The problem is that as most of them only turn up once a year, deciding which team to put them in proves to be a headache! We thought our A team had won with a tremendous score of 247.29 out of 250. Their scores were: Ed Welford 50.8, Stuart Williamson [A 1986-1988] 50.6, Richard Hebblethwaite 50.4, Mike Baillie-Hamilton 49.4 and Peter Halford 48.7. Sadly we were beaten on countback by our arch rivals the Old Epsomians. The B team finished 9th in the B competition (Top scorer Tom Ward with 50.6); C Team 7th (Top scorer Mike Townsend with 50.2; and D team 10th (top scorers Chris Tootell [Hn 1999-2005] 50.7 and James Bryson [S 2002-2007] 50.5. In the Aggregate of the top 3 teams from each school, we finished 6th. We came 7th in The Lucas, which is the aggregate of the veterans A team and the Ashburton, and Ed Welford was an excellent 2nd in the Individual tankard with his score of 50.8. The fact that 7 OWs achieved a highest possible score of 50 must be a record, and it was seriously frustrating that we came so close to winning in our 75th anniversary year—it would have been the first time



Ed Reis and Richard Hebblethwaite coaching during the Public Schools' Veterans Match

we had won since 1971. Afterwards, around 25 OWs, the current College team, as well as current and past supportive parents, gathered at the traditional barbecue at the Inns of Court. It was the first meeting since the tragic death of our Secretary Luke Winkworth [L 1995-1998], after a long and courageous fight against cancer. Bisley will never be the same without him, although in true Winky style, he made sure his memory will live on by donating a 'lottery' trophy to be given out to the score on veterans' day that is closest to one pulled out of a hat. The inaugural winner was Mike Townsend, who matched the score of 50.2 that was plucked out. The trophy was awarded by Lyn, Luke's mother.

A very healthy 10 OWs competed in the Imperial Meeting, and for the first time in many years, we were able to enter 2 teams in the Marlingham, which runs concurrent with the Grand Aggregate. Our A team came 8th, and the B team came 11th. Squadron Leader Stuart Williamson shot in the victorious RAF team in the Inter-Services match; Tom Ward shot for Wales in the National; Robbie Watt captained and shot for Oxford University in the Chancellors (Varsity Match), although Cambridge won; and Ed Welford Captained the G.B. Under 25 rifle team to victory over Canada. 7 OWs reached the second stage of the Queen's Prize, and two made it through to the Queen's Final; Richard Hebblethwaite came 4th, the highest position by an OW since the heyday of Larry Orpen-Smellie in the 1960s and 70s; and Phil Bernard-Carter [Hg 1993-1998] also made the final, coming 66th.

A wonderful dinner took place to mark our 75th anniversary during the Imperial meeting, which was attended by around 30 OWs and associates. It was a great opportunity to celebrate all the achievements obtained by OW shooters over the years. We have had three Captains of Great Britain, and won the veteran's trophy 5 times. One interesting statistic at the dinner was that of the 16 OW shooters present, 11 had represented their country.

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]. ■

SQUASH

The OW Squash Club was slightly less active in 2007/8 than it has been in previous seasons, with fewer members actively involved and slightly fewer fixtures played.

A number of members were unavailable due to injury or being away from London and at times match managers struggled to raise the sides that they wanted. This resulted in slightly weaker teams being fielded and slightly worse results being posted.

That said, a dozen mid week evening matches in

London did take place and entertaining evenings were had by those able to attend.

Nick Pellew [Bd 1972-1977] managed to get together a pretty strong team for the Londonderry cup and they gave the Old Whitgiftians a reasonable challenge in the 2nd round despite losing 2-3.

For the club to be more active in 2008/9 we need as many players as possible to make themselves available to match managers. The fixture list and contact details are as always on the website: www.owsquash.co.uk ■

TENNIS

2007 was a disappointing season with no wins to report, although on the plus side two new fixtures were played. In the D'Abernon Cup, the annual public schools old boys' tennis competition, the OWs were seeded straight into the quarter-finals after reaching the semi-finals last year. Due to unavailability, it was a somewhat below strength team with Gordon Tanner [Bn] stepping in to join the OWs usual team of Alex Tregellas [Hn], James and Oliver Bray [Hg]. Playing against a strong Old Bromsgrovians team was always going to be a tough match, especially with Alex having only landed back from South America on the morning of the match, which was held at the wonderful setting of Stoke Park. And so it proved. In the first round of rubbers, the Bray brothers as the OWs first pair got off to a slow start against the Old Bromsgrovians second pair but fought back in a tight match to win in straight sets. They then lost in straight sets to the Old Bromsgrovians first pair in another close and hard fought match. The OW second pair of Alex and Gordon were, however, completely outplayed in both matches, thereby giving Old Bromsgrovians the match 3-1. The match proved the need that the OWs need more strength in depth to cater for absences or injuries, if they are to go further in the competition.

Two further matches were played at home in the season at The Hurlingham Club, both of which were new fixtures. First up was a one pair match against the Old Rugbeians, who turned up with an extra player, and proceeded to rotate their players against the OW pair of James Bray and Chris Crawford [C], which proved decisive

in a 3 sets to 1 victory for the visitors. This was then followed by a 2 pair match against the Public Schools Old Boys Tennis Association, who produced a strong team for this inaugural fixture, including the captain of the Old Bromsgrovians team, who had battered us only the week before in the D'Abernon Cup. It was unfortunately the same scoreline with the PSOB's team running out 3 to 1 winners, although the OW second pair of Gordon Tanner and John Denham [Bj] did spring a surprise by beating the PSOB's first pair on a tie-break as the light faded on the grass courts. My thanks to all the other OWs who turned out for the team during the season, namely: Gordon Tanner, John Denham, Oliver Bray, Chris Crawford and Alex Tregellas.

In 2008, we have a full fixture list with matches planned during the summer against Old Rugbeians, Old Carthusians, Old Etonians, Old Westminster's and the Public Schools Old Boys Tennis Association as well as the pre-qualifying tournament for the D'Abernon Cup. I am keen to get more OWs involved in matches, and am particularly interested to maintain contact with new OWs who have recently left College, to provide a more youthful feel to the Club. 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 25, so please get in touch with me if you have recently left college and would like to play for the team. Please e-mail me at jbray@fdl.co.uk if you would like to get involved. OW Tennis Club Captain: James Bray. Home: 0208 769 0121; office: 0207 265 5247; mobile: 07900 682784 ■

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	DIED	HOUSE	ENTRY		DIED	HOUSE	ENTRY
Grimshaw, Lt Col. G.C., MBE	29/08/08	M	1923-28	McKay, Maj. J.A.	21/01/08	Hl	1940-44
Macnaghten, Mr D.M.	18/12/07	L	1924-29	Traylen, Mr W.A.R.	27/03/08	Hn	1942-42
Pender-Cudlip, Lt Col. P., LVO	06/08/08	Pn	1925-29	Hathorn, E.A.	24/10/08	L	1942-47
Kenrick, Mr John Wynn, OBE	07/11/08	A	1926-31	Broad, Flt Lt M.H.D.	20/01/08	Hl	1943-47
Homer, Mr T.J.G.	17/01/08	T	1927-30	Walker, Mr W.H.C.	11/07/08	Pn	1945-50
Montgomery, Col. J.R.P., OBE, MC	27/06/08	S	1927-31	Wemyss, Mr H.N.N.	11/12/07	C	1943-47
Carruthers, Mr H.D.	13/02/08	C	1928-30	Collings, Mr P. d'A.	03/12/08	Hg	1944-49
Robinson, Lt Col. R.E.R., OBE	15/05/08	Pn	1928-33	Wilson, Major B.M.	21/10/08	Hg	1944-49
De Mare, Mr P.B.	17/02/08	Bn	1929-33	Lucas, Maj. P.M.	31/07/08	Pn	1944-47
Lindley, Mr M.L.	20/09/08	S	1929-32	Spickernell, R.F.	19/09/08	Hn	1944-48
Robinson, Mr G.W.S.	28/09/08	Bn	1929-34	Greenwood, Mr B.A.	20/04/08	L	1945-48
Carter, Mr J.R.C.	31/03/08	L	1930-35	Young, The Rt Revd D.N. d'L., CBE	10/08/08	Hg	1945-50
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Lucey, Mr A.G.	24/04/08	O	1930-34	Ashford, Mr P.R.	15/02/08	Bl	1947-51
Mills, Maj. J.C.W.	02/07/08	Hg	1930-34	Justice, Dr J.	31/12/07	O	1947-52
Pedraza, Mr H.J.	03/06/08	Hl	1930-35	Galpin, Mr R.H.I.	27/02/08	Bl	1949-53
Eastwood, Mr W.J.M., MBE	27/01/08	T	1931-35	Lloyd, Cdr P.	09/08/08	L	1949-52
Newton, Sir K.G., OBE, MBE	12/08/08	Bn	1932-36	Spear, Mr J.N.O.	14/09/07	S	1949-54
Weston, Mr Q.V.L.	30/03/08	Hl	1932-37	Cunningham, Mr R.A.	08/09/08	L	1951-55
Dowse, Maj. P.H., MBE	04/10/08	Hn	1933-37	Burton, Mr R.E.C.	06/01/08	Bd	1952-56
Marriott, Mr R.W.A.	28/03/08	S	1933-38	Sartori, Mr J.F.	10/07/08	Bn	1954-57
Winstanley, Mr J., MC, TD, FRCS	04/01/08	L	1933-36	Wood, Mr W.J.A.	03/04/08	Bd	1954-58
Wigram, Mr A.H.	08/01/08	W	1933-38	Baker, Maj. R.D.	16/01/08	T	1957-61
Strologo, Major E.R.C.A.	21/11/08	T	1934-38	Crawford, Mr J.N.	19/09/08	C	1957-62
Williams, Lt Col. R.N.D.	18/01/08	M	1934-38	Braithwaite, Mr T.P.T.	29/09/08	Bl	1958-62
Riddick, Dr D.G.B.	23/07/08	Pn	1935-38	Ransome, Mr P.P.	03/03/08	Pn	1962-67
Goodwin, Major J.	21/10/08	L	1935-39	Acheson, Mr P.N.	09/04/08	S	1963-68
Watkins, Mr H.B.C., MBE	04/04/08	Bd	1935-39	Hughes-Lewis, Mr J.R.	22/07/08	Hn	1963-67
McCall, R.M.	28/10/08	Hl	1935-40	Jacques, Mr T.G.	11/09/07	T	1967-72
Cummings, Mr D.	02/07/08	Bl	1936-40	Lucas, Mr S.J.T.	13/01/08	S	1974-78
Dare, Mr G.L.	12/07/08	Hl	1936-40	Kenny, Mr S.J.H.	27/10/08	Bn	1976-81
Hurdall-Waldron, Mr F.S.	01/10/08	Bl	1936-40	Taylor, Mr R.J.	25/05/08	S	1979-84
Robertson, Mr D.J.T., MC	27/07/08	A	1936-41	Bruce, Dr R.C.H.	06/02/08	Bl	1981-86
Hamilton, Mr P.N.	08/01/08	T	1937-39	Sebire, Mr M.K.	07/04/08	Hn	1985-89
Gibbon, Maj. A.H.G.	04/10/08	Pn	1938-42	Driver, Miss L.C.	21/10/08	Ap	1989-91
Mannock, Mr A.N.	26/07/07	O	1938-43	Moreland-Green, Mr D.J.	03/05/08	Bl	1989-94
Scott, Mr P.M.	18/04/08	W & Bl	1938-42	Winkworth, L.T.L.	06/12/07	L	1995-00
Townsend, Mr F.B.	24/01/08	Bd	1938-43	Stovold, Mr J.D.	28/07/08	Bn	2000-05
Rowley, Sir C.R.	11/05/08	Hn	1939-43	Lady Pamela Gatehouse	10/04/08		
Telfer-Smollett, Capt. M.A.	30/05/06	Bl	1939-43	The Very Rev Prof. H. Chadwick, KBE	16/06/08	CR	1945-46
Brent-Good, A.C.H.	06/12/07	Bl	1940-43				

OBITUARIES



REAR-ADMIRAL MICHAEL KYRLE-POPE CB, MBE

S 1930-1934

The OW Year Book of 1934 lists M.D. Pope as the recipient of the Elton Prize for Geography. Given the extraordinary scope of his subsequent naval career, never was a prize so apt.

Michael Kyrle-Pope (he changed his name in 1946) served in the Senior Service between 1934-1969 and during those three and half decades he was a submariner, an officer on the battle ship *Vanguard*, a member of the joint services mission to the U.S.A. and a co-ordinator of our naval intelligence in West Germany. His final position was as Chief of Staff to the Commanding Chief of Combined Forces in the Far East.

Perhaps his biggest regret was not to take a more active

part in World Word II. He was captured in July 1940 and was to spend the next 5 years in prisoner of war camps in both Italy and Germany. As one might imagine he made numerous escape attempts—and for his leadership in this role he was appointed MBE in 1956. He was appointed a CB upon retiring from the Navy and went on to work for inter alia, Hawker Siddeley and St Albans Abbey. A current Lay Canon of the Abbey remembers him well as he played such a dynamic role in the construction of the new Chapter House and in the re-roofing of the nave.

He died at the age of 91 years, a great OW with world wide interests but his feet planted firmly on English soil. ■

COLONEL DAVID OWEN DSO, OBE

L 1930-1934 (HEAD OF HOUSE)

David Owen died on October 2007 at the age of 91. After a distinguished career at Wellington he entered RMA, Woolwich and was commissioned into the Royal Artillery by Edward VIII. His subsequent military career was marked by exploits of great bravery and courage, particularly shown at Dunkirk, a view that was confirmed by the citation for his DSO awarded after equivalent acts of bravery in Italy, in 1945.

His commanding officer wrote: "Owen has carried out deployment duties with great gallantry, duties which are only too easy to shirk. He has commanded the regiment

for long periods with complete success. He well deserves his DSO".

After the war he continued in the RA being deputy commandant of the School of artillery. Subsequently he worked at the British Embassy in Washington before finishing his military career as Assistant Adjutant General in the manning directorate of the Ministry of Defence. Upon retirement in 1971 his was appointed OBE.

Always a keen sportsman (the army saw him a potential boxing champion) he continued his interest in the outdoor life until well into his eighties. ■

MAJOR GENERAL CHRISTOPHER THOMPSON CB

BL 1946-1951

Chris Thompson died on the 9th December 2007. Just 16 days short of what would have been his 75th birthday. He came from a distinguished army family and entered Wellington in 1946. From there he progressed to RMA Sandhurst and thence to Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge where he studied Mechanical Sciences. He started his army career in the Royal Engineers, being posted to 25 Field Squadron in Germany but it is his work in bomb disposal and subsequently in military mapping that makes his career stand out. In that later career he worked not only in the U.K. but in Canada and finally in the United

States, where he served in the American Topographic Laboratories before being appointed Assistant Director Survey Washington DC. After that posting he became CO of 42 Survey Engineer Regiment before becoming Deputy Director of the Ordnance Survey. His final posting was Director of Military Survey 1984-1987; upon retirement he was appointed CB.

Finally, the modern army has much to thank Chris Thompson for as he was at the forefront of the development of computerised mapping utilising satellite imagery. ■

THE RIGHT REVEREND DAVID YOUNG CBE

HG 1945-1950

On page 5 of the 1950 Year Book under the heading Frew Prizes, Mathematics: Open to University Sets is the name of D. N. De L. Young. That he went on to take a 1st in Mathematics at Balliol was thus not a surprise but that this son of a Brigadier should go on to become one of this country's leading clerics perhaps was.

David Young trained at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford before becoming a curate in Liverpool. One might expect the usual list of Parishes and Sees, but David Young showed an extraordinary breadth in his religious interests. After studying at S.O.A.S. he travelled to Ceylon (as it was then) to become director of Buddhist Studies at the Theological College of Lanka.

Further academic posts followed at the universities of Manchester and Cambridge before he became Archdeacon of Huntingdon and then Bishop of Ripon—a post in which he served with distinction for 22 years. However, he did not confine himself to ministering to the Parishes of North Yorkshire as he also committed much of his energy and intellect to church initiatives such as the Partnership for World Mission and the Church of England's Board of Education. He was not one for the politics of the General Synod although his speeches from the Bishops' Benches in the House of Lords on education and other social issues marked him out as one of the leading Anglican thinkers of his time. ■

MAJOR ACTON GIBBON GM

PN 1938-1942

"Spud" Gibbon was a child of The Empire. Born in Burma he spent his early years in India before travelling to the U.K. for his education.

Given the exigencies of war it was hardly suprising that he did not complete his University education as the army beconned. He saw action in the Low Countries and Germany, being one of the first to enter Belsen.

Post war he served in both India and Palestine. In

1951 he was captured by the Chinese in Korea and was subsequently tortured. For his inspirational courage he was awarded the George Medal—the only one awarded during that campaign.

After further service in Hong Kong he retired from the Army and embarked on a second career as a farmer in Northern Ireland. He was appointed Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Tyrone in 1974. ■



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