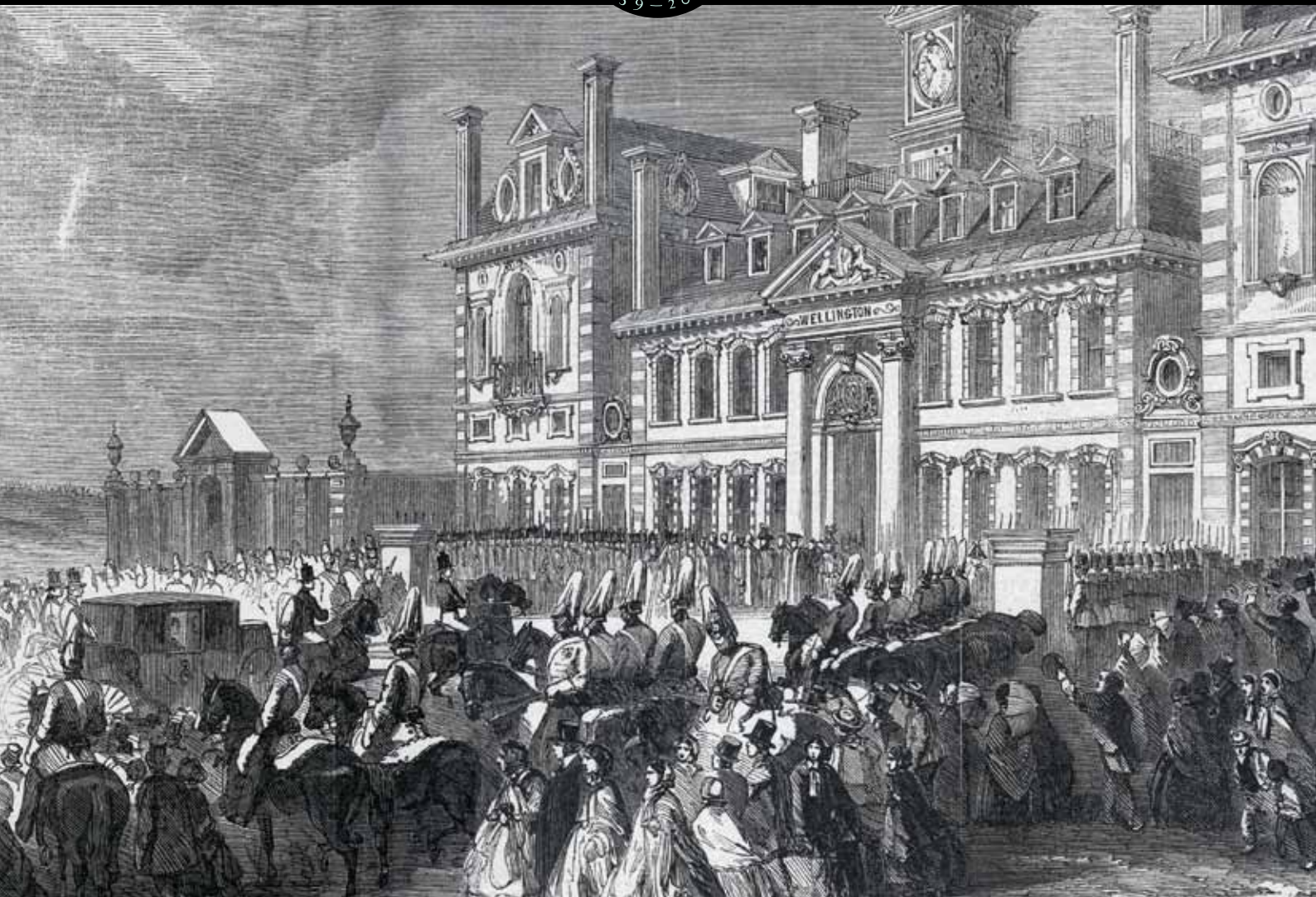




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Front cover: Royal Visits 2009 & 1859





Wellington College, past, present, future
(Inscribed 1938)

1st December. She has a rare gift of making people feel so much better for Her presence and graciousness. She opened the Nicolson Modern Languages Institute and gave approval to the new Victoria and Albert 'refreshment room'. The year of celebration, however, began twelve months previously, with book-launch parties both in London and in Great school of our new, highly colourful 'informal' history. That was quickly followed on 20th January with dinners for all students in Hall, and in Old Hall in honour of the Duke and Duchess of Wellington, who had earlier opened the new Wellesley House for day girls. Speech Day was marked by especially delightful activities in the presence of HRH the Duke of Kent, our President, and a concert was staged in his honour in November, being the fortieth year of his holding office. In September the new 'Monro Pavilion' was opened on Bigside by Hugh Monro, 12th Master. The whole of College, accompanied by pupils of the new Wellington Academy, Wiltshire attended Divine Service in joint celebration in St Paul's Cathedral, where the other memorial to the Great Duke is placed at the heart of the Nation. In far distant Tianjin, building began on the new Wellington College, China.



Then on 14th October we welcomed back many OWs and friends for a Day of Service. The Wellington College CCF was inspected by our senior OW soldier, followed by a brief ceremony to unveil a new honours board in the Auchinleck Room. The day ended with the return of more than two hundred OWs and special friends for a dinner to celebrate their service to the nation and society. On 27th November there was a Grand Finale Ball in a marquee on South Front, supporting our Hope and Homes charity project.

We hope that this edition of the *Year Book*, alongside the Summer edition of *The Wellingtonian*—surely the best edition ever—faithfully captures the famed 'Wellington spirit' and does justice to the efforts that have gone into a year that has added substantially more history to our College. In timeless, monumental language, we remind ourselves,

Semper Domus Floreat, Wellingtoniensis.

PATRICK MILEHAM



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Our Royal Visitor, accompanied by the Master Dr Seldon

THE VISIT OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2009



Three o'clock. As the College Clock struck the hour on a bright 1st December in our anniversary year, suddenly our Royal Visitor was amongst us, drawing up in front of our eyes in Her car at Great Gate. The sense of expectation was the same as fifty years ago, we are told. Hearts beating fast. Another very special day in our history.

Greeted by the welcoming party of our Royal President, Vice-President, Lord Lieutenant of the Royal County, the Master and Dr Joanna Seldon, the Head of College escorted Her Majesty into Front Quad, accompanied by rounds of handclapping marking genuine affection by all the assembled Wellington Community. She was broadly smiling, pleased to be with us. The glistening eyes that followed her around showed how pleased we were to have Her as our especial guest for the afternoon. She quickly put us at our ease. That is Her way.

The assembly in Front Quad was colourful, with our CCF contingent's Royal Guard of Honour, presenting arms in Salute, our Corps' banners dipping to the ground as only permitted for our Sovereign Lady. The wind band played with gusto. The new stone inscription marking Her visit was pointed out to Her, as were those commemorating Queen Victoria's opening of the College in 1859 and Her own visit with Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh in 1959 at the time of our Centenary. Pupils from Eagle House waved their union flags energetically. Inside Great School she viewed a display of pupils' Art, meeting with some of the artists, as well as reminders of previous Royal visits over the past 150 years



in photographs and symbolic artefacts from our collection. The war memorial panels were shown to Her, including the name of Prince Maurice of Battenburg OW, a relation. She met Glen Waugh, our longest-serving teacher and others of common Room as she made Her progress around College.



Her Majesty, accompanied by Head of College, Patrick Ware [L]



Pupils of Eagle House greet Her Majesty



Banner Party and Royal Guard of Honour. Rory Stewart [Hg], James Coleman [S], Lillie Cable [Hn] and Charlie Byrd [Bn] await Her Majesty



Above: HRH The Duke of Kent, President, introduces Her Majesty to Sir Anthony Goodenough, Vice-President of Wellington College
Below: Her Majesty, accompanied by Head of College, Patrick Ware [L], enters Great School, where Her Great-Great-Grandmother Queen Victoria signed the College Statutes in 1859.





Above: *The History of Wellington College in Five Minutes*. Henry Counsell [Bn], Clemmy Nicholson [W], Harry Martin [HI], Felicity Morgan [Hn], Mollie Gray [O], James Ellis [L] and Maddie Henri [C] perform for Her Majesty in Old Hall
 Below: Gina Kuschke [Ap] is introduced to Her Majesty by the Director of Art, Laurence Hedges





Her Majesty signs the Visitor's Book, with the same gold pen she used in 1959



Her Majesty meets Jimmy Mason, a member of the Domestic Staff for forty-two years



Her Majesty, the Duke of Wellington and the Principal of the Wellington Academy admire the architect's model. Captain Katy Granville-Chapman looks on

Walking alongside the Queen round the familiar colonnades towards Back Quad in company with the Head girl, Georgie Singer [Ap], seemed like a surreal experience, but it was real. She met briefly members of our domestic staff; the clapping continued. Inside Old Hall, She was greeted by the Principal and students of the Wellington Academy, and viewed the architect's model of our twin school in Wiltshire. At the west end of the Hall, a group of College students staged a dramatic medley of episodes, vociferously demonstrating the development of Wellington College, beginning with it's pre-history of the battle of Waterloo and ending with the arrival of the present Master. The Queen appeared delighted and laughed at the speed of delivery. She met some of the Wellingtonian cast and drama staff. Emerging onto South Front, the whole of College and

many others, greeted Her yet again. Much impressed were we by the astonishingly dignified Royal car which then took Her slowly, past Chapel, the Music School and the Old PT Palace to the new Modern Languages Institute. Inside the Queen was shown a display of the new Wellington College, China and met with the Nicolson family. She unveiled a plaque inside to commemorate the formal opening, in the name of Sir Harold Nicolson, diplomatist, government minister, man of letters, biographer of her Grandfather, George V. Returning to the main College buildings, the Queen was ushered into the 'Victoria and Albert' refreshment room by the Deputy Head, who pointed out the statue of Her Great-Great Grandfather, Prince Albert. Inside she witnessed a display of dancing and singing, afterwards meeting with the student performers and the Duke of Kent's grandson



Andy Schofield, Principal of Wellington Academy, introduces pupils Michelle Whitehead, Emma Whyte, Claire Stevens and Ashley Sheridan, to Her Majesty. Her son, Prince Andrew, is President of the Academy



Opening of the Nicolson Foreign Language Institute. Frankie Nicolson presents a bouquet to Her Majesty, watched by Gerald Burbidge, Adam Nicolson, Charles Anson, Nick St Aubyn and Rebecca Nicolson.



Joy Qiao shows Her Majesty a scale model of the new Wellington College being built in China. The similarity to Wellington College, Crowthorne seems a pleasant surprise



M. Remy Lamon, Director, explains to Her Majesty the modern methods of teaching of modern languages in the new Institute building



Charlie Pickard [BI], Deputy Head Boy escorts Her Majesty into the 'Victoria and Albert' Café, a building miraculously transformed from the Change Baths, off Princes' (formerly Lower Combermere) Quad. Prince Albert is the Queen's Great-great-grandfather



The Master thanks Her Majesty for visiting Her Wellington College in the Anniversary Year marking 150 years of existence and Royal connections. This was followed by 'Three Cheers for Her Majesty', led by Head of College, Patrick Ware [L]

Columbus Taylor [BI]. She then passed into Princes' Quad and stood with the Master on a dais facing the biggest crowd of the afternoon. The Corps of drums drummed with even more vigour than normal. A present was given Her and Dr Seldon gave a short speech of thanks for Her visit. He reminded Her of previous visits, beginning with

Her first, in 1940 shortly after the bombs fell on College, a low point in our history, and now seventy years later a time of confidence for the future. Head of College then led us in 'three cheers for Her Majesty', a heartfelt tribute to our Visitor, on a day that we shall remember for the rest of our lives. Patrick Ware, Georgie Singer, Charlie Pickard. ■



Her Majesty is entertained by the A Capella Choir and meets Annabel West [Ap] and Anton Craton [R], introduced by Simon Williamson (Director) and Xavier Iles (Deputy Director of Music)



A parting gift of a sculptured figure is presented to Her Majesty by the sculptor, Richard Gunston [Bd]

SPEECH DAY

SATURDAY 23RD MAY 2009



— THE VICE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH —

SIR ANTHONY GOODENOUGH

The Vice-President welcomed the President, His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent and thanked him for taking such an interest in the College and for agreeing to speak and present prizes.

Sir Anthony also warmly welcomed His Grace, the Duke of Wellington, and thanked him for opening the new Wellesley Girls Day House in January and for attending with Her Grace the dinner following. The dinner was in their Graces' honour and to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the first pupils. We were all sorry that the Duchess could not attend Speech Day.

On behalf of us all, I congratulate the Master and the whole company on and off stage for such an entertaining report on an excellent year.

On the Governors' behalf, I congratulate pupils on their successes: academic successes and in art, drama, music and sport—indeed across the whole amazingly diverse range of activity. Good luck in your exams. Work hard and tell the world of your pride in this great school.

Thank you, Master, for your leadership. We are grateful to you personally, Senior Management Team, Common Room and support staff for such devoted service; and to Dr Joanna Seldon and other spouses and partners for all they do for Wellington.

Demand for pupil places remains very strong. But these are hard times and Governors are not complacent. We know that the fees are high and that parents always have a choice. Thank you all for choosing Wellington College. We hugely value your support and will keep any fee increase for

next year to what is essential to maintain quality, including the need to recruit and retain outstanding staff.

We rigorously review capital expenditure and are all the more grateful for the generosity of benefactors who have enabled us to build the new Bigside Pavilion with its essential changing rooms.

Eagle House, our prep school, is in good heart under Andrew Barnard and Admiral Hugh Edleston, Chairman of Governors. Its close links with Wellington itself are strengthening.

This year two exceptional Governors retire. Wellington owes deep thanks to Brigadier Michael Lord and Jim Sanger. Michael has masterminded work on the Wellington Academy. Jim has devoted countless hours to ensuring our finances are sound and the Development Plan is sustainable. Both have played key roles in international work. Both have been towers of strength, wisdom and personal friendship. They will be sorely missed.

The Queen has approved the election of two new Governors: Dr Stephen Winkley, former Head of Uppingham and now of Rossall; and Margot Chaundler, former Bursar of St Paul's Girls' School. Welcome to them both.

I thank all Governors for their work for Wellington throughout the year and for their personal support.

Please now show your appreciation to His Royal Highness, to the Duke of Wellington, as well as to those responsible for today's excellent programme and to all those others whom I have mentioned.



— THE MASTER'S SPEECH —

DR ANTHONY SELDON

I am truly the luckiest headmaster in Britain—with our pupils, teachers, parents, alumni and governors. Let me say a few words in turn about each.

Our pupils are wonderful. They are loyal, talented, hard-working, and supportive. They have taken this school to new heights. They are rarely naughty, usually great company and always bursting with life.

The pageant this afternoon, like much of this morning, will be presented and performed by the pupils themselves. Only a fraction of those who have brought great credit on themselves this year have received prizes today: I think we should celebrate them all.

Our teachers are the best in England. They are harder working, more talented, more imaginative and more open to change than teachers

anywhere. The pupils admire them, you prize them, I think they are utterly remarkable. They deserve our applause.

For organising today, my thanks in particular go to Robin Dyer, who also oversees the 150th anniversary, to Jim Dewes, James Breen, and Bursar Susan Meikle, and to teaching staff and our remarkable support team.

We bid farewell to several teachers at the end of this term. Their achievements are highlighted in your programme, and I would like to thank Bronwen Kaja, Helen Lewis, Amelia Morse, Toby Seth, and also Ros Dunmore, for all they have done for Wellington.

I would like to pay a special tribute today to those who have served for five years or more;

Firstly, I thank Graham Nurser our Round Square supremo, sailor, bubbly English teacher. Next we thank Eddy Heddon—steady Eddy, CCF chief, athletics chief, hockey, IT and fireworks chief. Thirdly our gratitude to Simon Lockyer, a marvellous Housemaster of the Hill, Biology teacher and infectious enthusiast. Then to Craig Morris, passionate lover of English and life. Finally to Graeme Owton, the ever modest, kindly and principled

Housemaster of White Cairn, and inspirer of our brilliant Daily Mail rugby wins in 2008.

Craig becomes a Head of Department, Simon a Deputy Head, and Graeme Owton a Headmaster. Our thanks also go to two Housemasters who are standing down but remaining in the school—the evergreen Glen Waugh and the never-far-from-a-green Iain Henderson.

In September we have a prodigiously talented crop of staff joining, including ten with degrees from Oxford or Cambridge, and a past Captain of Great Britain and England who won 200 caps to mastermind our hockey renaissance.

Parents, we are blessed by you. You are more supportive, more appreciative—and less picky—than any parents anywhere. We love you. Many of you are actively involved in the school, in the WCA, the Parents' Forum, in volunteering, in games and activities, and helping in houses. To those parents for whom this is their final Speech Day, and for whom I know this will be very poignant, especial thanks.

The WCA grows ever more busy, with many now taking part in activities. Just this last weekend, Denise Cook and I took the party to the battlefields of the Somme and Flanders. There were tears, there was laughter, sadness, hilarity, fellowship and wonderful long meals. Sadly, and all too often, we read the words of an earlier parent, Rudyard Kipling, whose words *A Soldier Of The Great War, Known Unto God* are written on all graves where the bodies were too damaged to be identified.

Our alumni, the Old Wellingtonians, have embraced change over the last few years with enthusiasm, humour and generosity, and are wonderfully supportive of the College.

Finally our Governors, led by Vice President, Sir Anthony Goodenough. I single out today two leavers; Jim Sanger, Wellington's own Eddie George; and Brigadier Michael Lord, the Montgomery of the Wellington Academy. I would like to thank them all.

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Wellington Goodfellowship. The Victoria and Albert Café—universally known as the 'V&A'—has quickly become the hub of College Life in 2009

Only a fortnight ago, when giving a speech at a Conservative Association dinner, did I fully realise the responsibility and power the office of Master carries. As I was leaving, I saw a woman barging through the guests to see me. I knew she had something of high import to tell me. 'In the 1980s, I was a parent at Wellington College', she declaimed proudly. There was more. Puffing up her chest to its full expanse she announced, 'And I was on kissing terms with the Master!'

Joanna—who would tell that lady this status is not all it is cracked up to be—has been a wonderful help throughout, and I am delighted she has joined the English department this year. Indeed, the number of Seldons has tripled this year at Wellington.

Time to move on to the future and a word first about the recession. We are aware how hard this is making life for some of you. Governors, as you know, are committed to keeping fee increases as low as possible.

To avoid the risk of damaging your children's education, we are offering more places this September than usual: we will have the largest number of pupils in our history in September. It may mean a squash for some in houses, though no increase in maximum class sizes. I know parents would sooner have a bit of squash in houses than run the risk of cuts and redundancies, which are already affecting so many independent schools, and will do far more in the future.

The clouds will lift, and we look forward to the future

with great confidence. What goals do we have? We have high ambitions to achieve the following. To be the most innovative school in Britain—with Wellington College leading education in no less than six areas. They are,

One, well-being and positive psychology.

Two, the Eight Aptitudes and holistic education.

Three, leadership for all including our new collaborative MBA in school leadership.

Four, teaching innovation such as Harkness Tables, the International Baccalaureate Middle Years' Programme, and every child learning Philosophy and the History of Art.

Five, our links with stateschools, which reaches a high point this year with the opening of the Wellington Academy. The Academy will have new purpose-built building with a big emphasis on wood and on glass. It will be presided over by an exceptional head, Mr Andy Schofield, who I first met when he was head of Varndean School in Brighton. The school's logo is based on Wellington's Eight Aptitudes, and the whole school, will reflect the 'DNA' of Wellington College, including boarding, well-being, service, excellence in all areas and outdoor life. The sixth and final innovation is our international focus, seen in our Confucius Classroom award, where we lead in cascading the teaching of Mandarin, in Round Square, and in our opening of schools

abroad. Wellington Colleges abroad? Why? The likely outcome is still that we will have no school open within 5 years, but that said, we are making swift progress in China and in other countries.

We hope to build one called Wellington College Tianjin, which is the port of Beijing, situated 120 kilometres from Beijing. We will endeavour to capture the architecture and physical essence of our buildings in Berkshire.

Why are we building these schools? For prestige, to enhance the opportunities for our pupils and indeed our teachers to spend a period of time in these schools abroad, to embrace the 21st century, as well as to generate extra income for the benefit of our current students.

What other aspirations do we have for Wellington as we gaze into the future? We also seek to make Wellington the premier co-educational sporting school in Britain, excelling at both boys' and girls' sport.

The opening of the Monro sports pavilion in three months' is a pledge of confidence in the future of girls' and boys' sport at Wellington. It is now half built on Bigside. It is a wonderful design, faced in wood like all the best buildings, with seating for 180, and with standing for a further 150. The large glass room on the first floor will provide a remarkable social space for parents, pupils and alumni.

What does it mean to be the top co-ed sporting school in Britain. Three things spring to mind; to play the most exciting and technically skilful sport: to be the most gracious and sporting school in the country, and to be the most hospitable—a height we have been scaling with our unconquerable carrot cake.

This year we became the top school in Britain at golf, chess and at shooting and I think we can justly claim to be the top rugby school too. Cricket, hockey, squash, athletics, sailing, and rackets are all set for new heights.

We seek to become one of the top five arts and music schools in Britain within five years—look at our art, listen to our music, read *South Front*, our literary and arts publication, and see our dance and drama at school today.

The Arts festival takes place at the end of term, starring Sebastian Faulks, Greta Scacchi, Matthew MacFadyen, the London Mozart Players, and many more.

We seek to be the greenest school in Britain within the next five years.

We seek this year to be in the premier academic division, and remain in the top 50. Only three years ago, in 2006, we were laughed at for saying we wanted to be merely in the first division within five years. Furthermore

we seek to become the first positive psychology school in Britain, to be launched in September 2009.

Buildings are just one area where our advance has been rapid. The Modern Languages Institute will be opening next term. It will be named after OW, Sir Harold Nicolson, the famous diplomat, politician and writer. Among his many books was the official biography of George V, who was present at Speech Day 100 years ago with his father King Edward VII. Together with his wife, Vita Sackville-West, Nicolson built the beautiful gardens at Sissinghurst. He was an important figure at the Versailles Peace Treaty in 1919 and a Minister in the Second World War. We are honoured to name our Modern Languages Building after him.

What of the future building? We are hoping in the next three years to build an athletics track and also a performing arts centre on Chapel Hill, to allow the whole school to meet together in one building, for plays, concerts and dance shows, and a host of other purposes. We are also planning to double the size of the library and open out the whole of that part of the school.

Wellington College was only made possible 150 years ago through the generosity of benefactors who we will be commemorating in a two minute silence this afternoon. We all benefit today from their generosity and I am asking you today to help us where you are able to allow us to continue to offer facilities of the very highest quality. The track will cost £600,000, the Library one million pounds, the performing arts centre five million. Please support us where you can.

The College motto is 'Virtutis Fortuna Comes', which translates as 'Fortune Favours the Brave'. This school is 150 years old. When we have been at our bravest in those 150 years, we have been at our best.

Are we being brave today as we strike a course into the next 150 years of our history? Yes we are. Do we want to lead or do we want to follow? To lead. Do we want to be dictated to by the past as some want, or do we want to build on the past to inform the future? Are we any school? Or are we Wellington's College? Who was Wellington? The greatest leader of the nineteenth century. What must we do? Follow this example and lead the twenty-first century. Do we want to be brave or do we want to be weak?

I have no doubt at all in my mind what this community, its pupils, parents, teachers, alumni and governors want. It is to be bold, it is to be great, and it is to be brave. Fortune favours the brave. Fortune will favour Wellington College. Fortune will favour us all. ■

THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF KENT

As the President of Wellington College it gives me great pleasure to preside over this Speech Day, in this, my fortieth year as President. I offer my congratulations to all who are receiving prizes and awards today, and to all other pupils who have achieved over the course of the year, whose exploits you have heard about.

This is a particularly special prize giving. I stand here today to preside over the 150th Jubilee Prize Giving following my great grandfather, King Edward VII, who presided at the 50th Jubilee Prize Giving in Hall in 1909. He had been present as a boy at the laying of the foundation stone in Front Quad in 1856, and had taken a close interest in the school ever since, and regularly attended Governors' meetings. In the audience that summer, 100 years ago, were the Prince and Princess of Wales, the future George V and Queen Mary, my grandfather and grandmother.



HRH the Duke of Kent plants a tree to celebrate his fortieth year as President

As it passes its 150th year, the College is growing and changing in a way that sets an example for other independent schools to follow. I note with pride the distinction and reputation that Wellington College has achieved in the world of education today. I am particularly proud that the Wellington Academy will open this year in Wiltshire, with His Royal Highness Prince Andrew as its president.

I am sure that, as Wellington goes on to even greater success in the future, it will never forget the ideals of those,

including Her Majesty Queen Victoria, Prince Albert and Prime Minister the Earl of Derby, who founded the College in honour of the great first Duke. I conclude by echoing the words of Edward VII at Speech Day one hundred years ago, who said, 'We have reason to congratulate ourselves that this memorial to the illustrious and famous Duke of Wellington has come up to expectations in every way'. ■



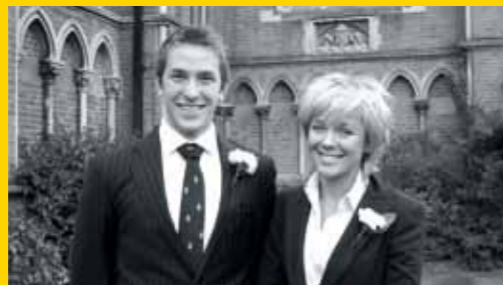
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— SPEECH DAY PRIZEWINNERS —



THE QUEEN'S MEDAL
Connor Turley [A]



BATES-BLEWITT PRIZE
Charles Maughan [M]

LORD COLNBROOK'S PRIZE
Catherine Murray [Ap]



TALBOT MEDAL
Jonathan Robb [Bn]



LORD DERBY'S GIFT
Freddie Fielding [Pn]



MASTER'S PRIZES
Ben Bowtell [Hn], Callum Oliver [S], Hugh Chichester [T]



DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S PRIZE
Oliver Marjot [S]



LADY EMMA TALBOT PRIZE
Imogen Cox [C]



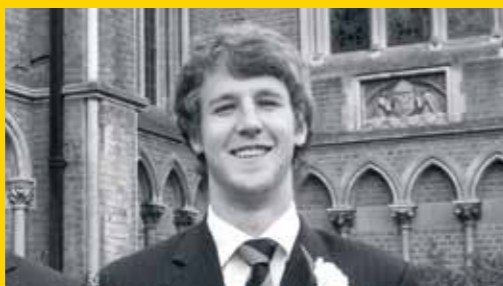
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Christopher Donnelly [Bd], Amy Cooper [Ap], Oliver Botes [H]



ROUND SQUARE MEDAL
& WALTER CASTLE PRIZE
Felix Cook [T]



PURNELL GIFT
Edward Coombe [Pn]



OW SOCIETY PRIZE FOR ARTISTIC & ATHLETIC DISTINCTION
Nick Jupp [Bd]



PENNY MEMORIAL GIFT
Mark Shipway [S]



JOHN MALTBY ESSAY PRIZE
Ben Cleary [Bd]



CLAUD HUGHES-GAMES MEMORIAL PRIZE
Charles Bailey [Hn], Lizzie Wedderburn [C], Fraser Barrett [S]



TOYE CHALLENGE TROPHY
The Apsley
(Head of House: Angharad Davies)

— EDUCATION — BEST RESULTS EVER —

Wellington's A Level results in 2009 were outstanding. With 92 percent and B grades at A Level, the outgoing Sixth Form attained the College's best every results by a considerable margin, placing the school firmly in the academic top division. At 62 percent, the proportion of A grades alone broke all College records, while 66 candidates attained straight A grades, including 17 with 4 straight As and 3 with 5 straight As—again College's best ever. All Oxbridge candidates attained their offers and more students gained places at their preferred universities than ever before. At 68 percent the A and B grade rate at AS Level exceeded expectation and bodes very well indeed for results in 2010, the first year in which Wellington pupils will also present for the International Baccalaureate.

We are also delighted by the rise in College's GCSE results this year. The Fifth Form attained 67% A* and A grades, the College's second best ever set of GCSE results

and a six points improvement on the previous year. Forty pupils, or a quarter of the candidature attained straight As and A*s—an exceptional 18 more than previously.

These dramatically improving results confirm Wellington's academic resurgence in recent years and have accelerated the attainment of making Wellington a premier division academic, two years ahead of target. They also reflect the success of the College's educational initiatives, including the teaching of 'positive psychology' and Well-being, the Harkness method of discussion-based learning, and a focus on developing all 'eight aptitudes' in addition to fostering academic potential. From 2009, many of Wellington's pupils will be studying for the International Baccalaureate Diploma alongside their peers doing A levels. Younger pupils will also be studying for the IB Middle Years Programme, which is being introduced this September as an educationally enriching alternative to GCSEs. *Justin Garrick* ■

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150TH ANNIVERSARY

THE MONRO PAVILION

On 12th September about two thousand members of College, OWs, governors, families and friends arrived on Bigside to witness the opening of the new Sports Pavilion, to celebrate its naming as *The Monro Pavilion*. Hugh Monro, the hugely popular twelfth Master, together with his wife Clare, were greeted with great warmth, and after introductions by the present Master, Hugh performed the ceremony of inauguration, by unveiling the slate plaque with its gold inscription.

Being a fine day, the whole proceedings felt like a day at Royal Ascot or one of HM's Garden

parties, with an excellent tea and due attention being paid to the Rugby. The OWs were pitched against the Old Wimbledonians, to be followed by College against Whitgift. There were a score of other sporting fixtures going on at Wellington that day; indeed most Saturdays



Hugh Monro speaks before opening the new pavilion in his name



are festivals of sport, which is just as it should be.

All who visit Wellington should make a point of looking over the Pavilion. With an original idea of the thirteenth Master, Anthony Seldon, it rises from under a fine white canopy, with gentle curves and spars, to give it a perpetual festival feel. The wooden cladding over more substantial materials, make it fit comfortably in its surroundings of pine and deciduous. The sparkling glass and raked seating will enable generations of spectators to concentrate on watching Rugby and engaging in spirited conversation in total comfort; a contrast to

the more rugged of College sports. 'The spirit of Rugby football has taken such a deep root among us that it can never be eradicated', states the Wellingtonian in 1876. That has been faithfully re-affirmed in our 150th anniversary year, with the Monro Pavilion. ■

DAY OF SERVICE

On 14th October 2009, Wellington opened its doors to returning Old Wellingtonians and others of the 'Wellington Community', to celebrate 'service to the nation and society' in its widest sense. College's identity during the first hundred and more years was strongly linked with the Armed Forces. There is much pride in that fact and a mature understanding persists in today's society that promoting international security is a necessity. Thus the biennial inspection of the Wellington CCF, a Corps which dates back to 1882, was part of the Day. The Inspecting Officer was our most senior serving soldier, Major General Chris Deverell [C 1974-1978]. Very much a working day, with some ceremonial, the General

toured the stands showing our young sailors, marines, soldiers and air cadets working hard at their training. As a major vehicle for inducing skills that develop the ability to lead, the activities and voluntary spirit were recognised and praised during the address which concluded the General's inspection.

Meanwhile and after a splendid lunch in the Master's Lodge, a special party of guests, informally named 'Five Star Families' visited the CCF at work and attended a special ceremony in the Auchinleck Room. A new honours board was unveiled by Mrs Anne Baker, daughter of Air Chief Marshal Sir Geoffrey Salmond [BI 1892], niece of Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir John Salmond [BI 1895] and mother of four OWs. The board commemorated the two Salmond brothers, who after joining the Army helped in the development and command of the Royal Flying Corps in the First World, and then set up the first independent Air Force in the World, following MRAF Lord Trenchard as Chiefs of the Air Staff in the 1930s. Together they

led the development of the RAF ready to withstand the enemy during the Battle of Britain. Chief of the General Staff General Sir Peter Hunt was also commemorated on the board, which exactly matches the existing board with the names of our four Field Marshals. Members of the Auchinleck, Templer, Baker and Bagnall families were joined by seventeen Salmond descendents and three members of

the Hunt family who, combining with other representatives of the Armed Forces, numbered over fifty. Anne Baker spoke poignantly about her memories of her father Geoffrey and 'uncle Jack' (John) Salmond, and the fledgling RAF with which she grew up, including memories of an air evacuation of Kabul, Afghanistan in 1929. Catching up with hitherto 'unfinished

business' it was a truly heart-warming occasion, reminding us of our heritage of service to the nation.

Since Afghanistan is mentioned, Brigadier James Cowan [Pn 1978-1982] gave a presentation on 'Counter-Insurgency Operations' to a packed audience in the Driver Room in September, on the eve of his deployment with his 11 Light Brigade to Helmand province. It is worth noting that no less than 70 OWs took part in the successful 2nd Afghan War of 1879-1880.

During the evening of 14th October more than 200 Old Wellingtonians and their wives attended a dinner in Hall, hosted by College and chaired by Vice-President Sir Anthony Goodenough [S 1955-1959] and the Master, Dr Anthony Seldon. OWs of all ages who had given service in the Church, Diplomatic and Civil Service, the Armed Forces, together with those others who had worked for charitable organisations and were benefactors of College, came together for a remarkably joyful occasion to mark our 150th Anniversary year. Many had not met up



Anne Baker speaking in the Auchinleck Room



Day of Service Dinner

for many years or since College days. Others had worked alongside each other in their professions, knowing each other well or by reputation. Prior to the dinner, many had attended Choral Evensong in Chapel, proving that OWs feel a 'call to service' deep in their hearts, an intuitive spirit of collegiality recalled from their time at Wellington.

After the College Grace—in Latin, familiar to most attending—the Master welcomed guests. Following an excellent dinner, toasts were given to The Queen, our Royal Visitor, and Wellington College. Sir Anthony spoke and introduced the speaker, OW Professor Sir Michael

Howard. Holder of the Order of Merit, Companion of Honour, formerly Regius Professor of Modern History at Oxford, and Professor of Yale in the USA, holder of the MC won during the campaign in Italy in 1944, he is the foremost British international military historian and thinker and one time College Governor. Sir Michael drew attention to the traditional links with the Armed Forces, particularly the Army, and told of the sense of duty of many OWs, as well as the deep affection that they had for the College. The dinner was all too soon over, with many conversations unspoken, but that is always so of such gatherings. ■



— THE WELLINGTON ACADEMY —

The Wellington Academy, under the newly appointed Principal, Andy Schofield, opened in Ludgershall, near Tidworth, Wiltshire in September. It is no coincidence that in its 150th anniversary celebrations, Wellington College should be in the forefront of establishing a Public School-sponsored Academy. With its connections with the Armed Force, again it is no coincidence that many of the pupils come from families of those serving in nearby, Tidworth, Andover and Middle Wallop. They would particularly associate themselves with Britain's greatest land forces' Commander-in-Chief

and dutiful Prime Minister, Arthur Duke of Wellington.

HRH Prince Andrew has agreed to be the President of the Academy. The sponsorship involves a considerable and generous financial investment from OWs, much material support in educational enterprises and standards, and a firm partnership between the two schools. Pupils joined 'fellow Wellingtonians' at the Service of Dedication at St Paul's Cathedral on 24th September.

Building work has begun. We intend to give progress reports and a permanent coverage in Year Books following this one. ■



— WELLINGTON COLLEGE — IN TIANJIN, CHINA

Wellington College already takes pride that we have introduced Mandarin into the syllabus. The language is of huge significance already in the globalization process, and is going to get even more widespread, just as an increasing number of Chinese people speak English, the pre-eminent lingua franca of the current world population. We are not long behind Harrow and Dulwich, in similar enterprises.

After months of planning, the first tangible evidence was witnessed in the literally 'ground-breaking' ceremony in early September of this year. Dr Seldon, representing Governors, staff and pupils of 'The Wellington College' (our original name, as used by Queen Victoria), was present on-site at Tianjin, the port of Beijing, together with the Vice-Mayor, senior Ministry of Education officials

from Beijing, and Tianjin Municipality Government. This is an area with a population of 10 million people, and the northern centre of financial management of China. The new school is being built in the architectural style—unmistakeably 'Wellingtonian'—in a large campus in which to incorporate buildings to replicate many of the educational, cultural and sporting activities that exist at College now. Pupils will initially be from the expatriate European community, but drawing in Chinese pupils as the new school develops.

Great expectations. Early days. Progress will be rapid. Staff and exchange students will travel back and forth in the months to come. We wait with acute interest for further reports of this development of which we are very proud. ■



THE ARTS

— THE ARTS COMMITTEE —

I cannot but repeat myself in reporting that amongst the sheer dynamism of all that happens at Wellington, it still continues to astonish how such remarkable and delightful, high quality work is produced in all the Arts.

In Drama, Amelia Morse, Sarah Spencer, Pandy Dean [CR] and Felix Cook [T] between them produced two wonderfully professional musicals—*Jesus Christ Superstar* and *A Chorus Line*—and in these Simon Williamson and Xavier Iles from the Music Department commanded the pit, as they are doing again for Graham Nurser's swan song, *Dido and Aeneas*. There has been a small but significant renaissance of straight drama directed from outside the Drama department, with The Master's opener to the year of *A View from the Bridge*, Ant Peter's evening of Pinter revue sketches, and Jim Price's revival of *Bouncers*. More encouragingly, we enjoyed student-directed productions of *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* by the Picton and *The Importance of Being Earnest* by Georgie Colling [C].

Music, as well as supporting drama, has had its own massive successes. The 150th Anniversary Concert at St John's Smith Square was distinguished by Anton Crayton's [R] performance of Haydn's cello concerto in C, and he won one of the most hotly contested Montgomery Recital Competitions for years; Steph Tress [O] another cellist, gave what Simon Williamson called the best concerto performance by a pupil that he has heard at the Choral and Orchestral Concert in March; and the orchestra, under Hilary Davan-Wetton continues to improve and the brass section especially is gaining in expertise and confidence. Pleasingly the House Singing Competition was taken very seriously by pupils, and provided a

THE ARTS COMMITTEE

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LAURENCE HEDGES (ART)
BRONWEN KAJA (DT)
SARAH SPENCER (DRAMA)
SIMON WILLIAMSON (MUSIC)
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RUPERT HAN [L] (MUSIC)
LAURA KEEBLE [AP] (TEXTILES)
POLLY WATSON [AP] (DRAMA)
RICHARD BIGNALL [BN] (MUSIC)
FELIX COOK [T] (DRAMA, WELLINGTONIAN)
NICK JUPP [BD] (MUSIC)
JACK MANSER [HN] (MUSIC, DRAMA)
OLI MARJOT [S] (MUSIC)
STEPH TRESS [O] (MUSIC)

Saturday evening's entertainment of the highest quality.

Art has consciously made itself more evident round College this year with several more-than-impressive exhibitions in the 'Victoria and Albert' (V&A)—our new light and airy 'forum', public exhibition space and cafeteria

open not only to College, but also to visitors. They concluded with a three-person exhibition on Speech Day in Great School, where Max Skipworth-Button [Bd] and Freya Reilly [Ap] showed their outstanding large paintings and Laura Keeble [Ap] put on Wellington's first ever solo Art Textiles presentation. Alex Ziff [L] has continued his 3D work with a colossal leatherwork bull in the Upper Combermere Quad, and a temporary installation of every member of the Lynedoch's body made in foil in Great School. And Lillie Cable [Hn] has taken underground installation into an interesting private world. Excitingly, we also have a film-maker in residence—David Newell—charged with the double responsibility of both encouraging Art students to use film as a medium of expression and producing an official record of the highlights of the 150th anniversary year.

There are two key areas, I think, to watch in 2010. Firstly, Bronwen Kaya and Emma-Jayne Huddart have brought Textiles, both as Design Technology and Art, startlingly to the fore in the last three years, and the inventive skill of the work that is emerging from their workrooms is astounding. It can only get better and more interesting, and it's a delight to see that boys as well as girls are dedicated textilers. Secondly, Pandy Dean is making a big impression in the dance world—as evidenced by *A Chorus Line* and by the performance piece in the Speech Day Pageant. As with Textiles, boys are as involved in Dance as the girls.

We have followed up last year's successful Arts Fest with another—bigger and better, and dedicatedly put together under the management of Lucy Pearson.

Perhaps the most interesting development during the year has been the Creative Writing Society's first public reading. Joanna Seldon, who leads the society, organised an evening in the V&A for College's writers to read their work aloud—both young and the older. The year's 'best work' appeared in the third edition of *South Front*, and some Fifth Form creative writing—done, in fact, as coursework—was published in a one-off booklet called *5th Viewpoint*. I am optimistic that we will see and hear more of the same next year.

I would like to thank the outgoing pupil members of the committee for their input and commitment. Also leaving the committee during the year were Mr Foskett and Mrs Cook—to whom the greatest thanks for their years of service—and who have been replaced by Mr

ARTS COLOURS

CHARLIE BUFFIN [T],
CLAUDIA CAVALLI [AP],
CONOR TURLEY [A],
DOUGIE CHUNG [BN],
EMMA PARKHOUSE [C], GARETH PRICE [A],
JACK MANSER [HN], JAMES LYNE [HL],
JONATHAN ROBB [BN], JONATHAN SOLE [S],
KIRSTEN SHASTRI [AP], LAURA KEEBLE [AP],
MAX SKIPWORTH-BUTTON [BD],
MAX WILLIAMS [S],
NICHOLAS JUPP [BD], OLIVER MARJOT [S],
POLLY WATSON [AP], RACHEL DYER [C],
RICHARD BIGNALL [BN],
TRISHAN VAIKUNTANATHAN [HL].

Arts Colours with Distinction were awarded to Felix Cook [T] for his outstanding contribution to redesigning and editing *The e-Wellingtonian* as well as for his direction of two plays written by himself, and for co-directing *A Chorus Line*. Steph Tress [O] was similarly recognised for her excellence in the Music Department, gaining Grade 8 in singing, piano and the saxophone within 48 hours, as well as for her contribution as a premier cellist. Freya Reilly [Ap] was also the first painter to be awarded these colours, a decision amply edified by her exhibition in Great School on Speech Day when her varied and energetic explorations of style were on show. Additionally, OW Medals for Achievement in the Arts were awarded to Emma Buckley [Ap] for membership of the National Youth Choir, and to Anton Crayton [Wn], member of the National Youth Orchestra.

Heathcote representing Science and Music, and Miss Pendle, *The Wellingtonian*.

Finally, I am stepping down as Chairman of the Arts Committee, and Laurence Hedges will be taking over, from whom we can all expect passion, dynamism and dynamite. The work of the arts cannot but flourish under his leadership. Look out, Wellington! *Anthony Peter* ■



Top left: *Animated Character* by Rachel Dyer; Top right: *Grandfather in Red* by Freya Reilly; Below: *Work in Charcoal* by Charlie Buffin

THE ART SCHOOL

Judging by the positive feedback from this year's Speech Day, we are well on our way in achieving our aim of becoming the very best Art School in the UK. These things are always difficult to quantify and somewhat intangible. However, having worked in several other high profile art departments, I can honestly say that the Art School at Wellington College has the potential to rise above any other in the known (and unknown) universe.

One need look no further than the eclectic array of work produced this year in every conceivable medium including ceramics, textiles, painting, photography, performance, film, video and installation to realise the sheer talent and tenacity of our pupils. All year groups from Third Form to Upper Sixth Form, should be wholeheartedly congratulated on making the Art School the vibrant hotbed of creativity it has been this year.

During Speech Day, there were no fewer than six venues displaying the talents of our artists, using space around the College. Alex Ziff [L] produced one of the most talked about pieces of public sculpture produced this year. His 'Gross' challenged our pre-conceptions about materialism and how we are happy to put our affairs readily in the hands of others with often disastrous results. Lillie Cable [Hn] decided that both darkrooms would be ideal spaces for her to realise her twin installations, one for coursework and one for AS examination. Both were stunning examples of what can be done with imagination and oodles of natural talent. Claudia Cavalli [Ap] proved there is much more to her than a palette and a brush, transforming the Chapel Crypt into an interactive time capsule based on this year's A2 *Discord* examination. Great School was yet again transformed by three Upper Sixth Form big hitters: Laura Keeble [Ap]; Max Skipworth-Button [Bd] and Freya Reilly [Ap]. All three artists had

produced extraordinary work throughout the Upper Sixth Form and the scale of ambition was there on Speech Day for all to see. Laura's numerous textile pieces would have sat comfortably in any university degree show. Max and Freya's paintings were simply astonishing! The Art School and Textile rooms effervesced with amazing work produced by an array of GCSE AS A2 and IB pupils. Similarly, the V&A was completely transformed by a breathtaking

exhibition of Fifth Form GCSE work.

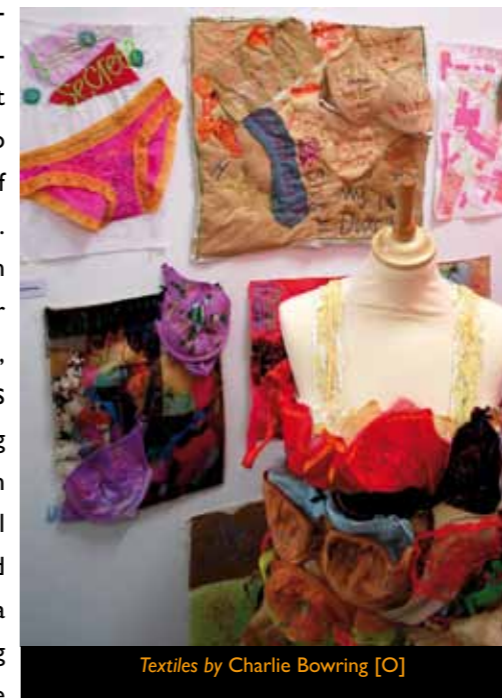
Arts Colours have yet again been awarded in recognition of the commitment, passion and ambition of our pupils. The following have made their mark by working tirelessly, infectiously and with absolute passion: Kirsten Shastri [Ap] has been a stalwart of the Art School over the past

two years. Her Sci-Art pieces have more than scratched the surface of the symbiotic relationship between these supposedly disparate disciplines. Kirsten's work has been a transformative journey from figuration into abstraction; it has been a joy to see her work going from strength to

strength. Kirsten also won one of the prestigious Stockdale Art Prizes. Rachel Dyer [C] has continued to push boundaries in her work, especially in the way she handles paint. Her extraordinary Lucien Freud-esque paintings are some of the very best produced this year. Claudia Cavalli [Ap] was always destined to produce exhilarating work and didn't fall short of expectation this year. Her fur coat triptych painting has been one of this year's Art School high points and has raised the bar for technical prowess up several notches. Laura Keeble [Ap] generates enough dynamism and energy

to power a small country. She has worked indefatigably over the past two years, producing textiles of extraordinary quality. Laura won the coveted Eden Art prize this year. Charlie Buffin [T] has been an excellent role model

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Textiles by Charlie Bowring [O]

for other pupils. He has always endeavoured to produce work of the highest possible quality and his charcoal portraits were a highlight of the Art School exhibition on Speech Day. Max Skipworth-Button [Bd] has been an extraordinary pupil this year whose painting has gone from strength to strength. Max's portraits really capture the character of the sitter and wouldn't look out of place at the National Portrait Gallery. Max is a truly gifted artist. Max won the Batchelor Art prize. Finally, Freya Reilly [Ap] is one of a rare breed of artists who seem to have the Midas touch. Freya has produced extraordinary work. She is a simply astonishing artist whose work has improved out of all recognition over the past two years. She achieved Arts Colours with Distinction as well as one of the Stockdale Art prizes. Freya also won the coveted History of Art prize.

Other Upper Sixth Form pupils of note include George Offer [Pn] who won the Plaistowe Art prize. George produced some wonderful three dimensional work this year based on the human form. His *Discord* examination piece was an installation examining the duality of CCTV. In the piece, viewers are also viewed through a real time video camera—both gripping and unnerving in equal measure. Roni Coral [Ap] was inaugural winner of the David Moreland-Green Memorial Prize for a pupil who shows exceptional promise in the realms of graphic design. David was a pupil at Wellington College from 1989 to 1994 who went on to study Graphic Design at

Central Saint Martins College of Art and Design. Having carved out a very successful career for himself and worked for Princess Productions—who produced a wide range of innovative, must-see, award-winning and top-rating programmes for all the major UK broadcasters including *The Friday Night Project*—David ran his own successful company from 2007. David died suddenly and tragically in May 2008. Wellington College aims to promote the talent of young artists and we are delighted that David's parents Joy and Guy have been so generous in donating this prize in David's name.

Other prize winners include Gina Kushcke [Ap] who won the Lower Sixth Form Art Prize for stunning work, especially painting. Eunice Tsang [Ap] won the Lower Sixth form History of Art prize. Kane Collings [M] won the Fifth Form Art Prize for his excellent 3D work. Rebecca Patrick-Patel [Hn] whose imagination is something to behold, won the Fourth Form Art Prize and the exceptionally talented India Ayles [O] won the Third Form Art Prize.

Our pupils struck gold this year in terms of offers to study Art, Architecture and History of Art, namely Anna Willms [C]. Nicolas Melendez [Bn], Philippa Gardner [Ap], Jon Chan [T], Claudia Cavalli [Ap], Kira Sciberras [O], Charlie Buffin [T], Kirstie Davidson [Ap], Georgia MacNeal [Ap], Freya Reilly [Ap], have been offered a places to study History of Art.

There have been trips aplenty this academic year including several to London where pupils in Fourth, Fifth



Speech Day Exhibition



Above: *Sanctuary* by Milly Bryden [C]. Below: *An oblique view of Twiggy* by Kirstie Davidson [Ap]

and Sixth Forms have made the most of galleries and museums including Tate Britain and Tate Modern, the National Portrait Gallery, The Victoria and Albert and British Museums among many others. We took 28 pupils from various year groups to New York in February for a four day trip that took in a whirlwind of galleries and museums including the Metropolitan, Guggenheim, MoMA and Whitney Museum of American Art. The Broadway show *Cabaret* was simply spellbinding. We were dizzied by views from the top of the Rockefeller Centre as the sun set and intent on making every moment count with every mouthful of pastrami, sketch and photograph taken on this memorable trip. Miss Huddart also arranged a trip to Paris in February to take AS and A2 Art Textiles pupils to the Premier Vision fashion trade show, which was a veritable delight of designer-wear and fashion predictions for the coming seasons.

Finally, I must pay tribute to the most talented, extraordinary team of teachers I have ever had the

pleasure of working with. Their tireless hard work, expertise and passion makes the Art School an absolute pleasure in which to work. Joining Miss Lang, Miss Thomas, Miss Churchill, Miss Huddart and technicians Norm, Geoff and Paul, we welcomed Mrs Shawe-Taylor from Dulwich College and James Allens' School who teaches History of Art and has made a fantastic impact already. We also welcome talented postgraduate Miss Hattie Johnson who came initially for a year to Wellington to coach sport but is now a fixture of the Art School. It is also a pleasure to welcome our Film maker in Residence, David Newell.

David can truly be described as a polymath, with a degree in Russian from Oxford, tenure as Head of Drama at Frensham Heights School as well as an association with the Royal Opera House—where he has been designing multi-media backdrops for various productions. David has already made a huge impact with our pupils, who have been making films for coursework and examination pieces. Laurence Hedges ■



— 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 overall prize winners were Govind Nair [Wn] and Dhanik Sharma [L], who performed a hilarious comedy dance routine bringing down the house.

The first major dramatic performance of the Michaelmas term was the quite exceptional *View From the Bridge*, directed

by Dr Anthony Seldon. The production featured a highly talented group of performers, led by Freddie Fielding [Pn], Polly Watson [Ap] and Clementine Nicholson [W]. The production was a phenomenal success and will hopefully be the first of many productions directed by Dr Seldon.

The Drama department's annual Pantomime goes from strength to strength, with this year's production of *Aladdin* performed by the AS and A2 Theatre Studies students. The Pantomime was performed over two nights with a schools' matinee performance. Feedback from local



Dido and Aeneas: Richard Bignall [Bn], Hattie Jones [Hn], Holly Lyne [Ap] and Emma Parkhouse [C]



Dido and Aeneas: Sophie Robertson [O], Olivia Capaldi [Hn], Katie Wells [O] and Amber Coleman [Hn]



Dido and Aeneas: Georgie Singer [Ap], George Turley [Pn], Sophie Robertson [O] and Katie Wells [O]



Felix Cook [T] in *View From The Bridge*

schools was excellent; all performances were sold out.

There were two musical productions this year, the first being *Jesus Christ, Superstar*, featuring some exceptional student performances, namely from Gudjon Bodvarsson [Bn], Isabelle Wilkinson [O] and Jack Manser [Hn]. The second was *A Chorus Line*, a landmark production in the sense that it was the first time the Dance department has publicly collaborated with Drama and Music. *Chorus Line* featured some exceptional dancing, singing and acting from its young cast, including Amber Coleman [Hn], James Ellis [L] and Maddie Henri [C], all in their first leading roles. This was also the farewell production from student director Felix Cook [T], who goes on to Harvard University next

MUSIC

This year has seen further progress with music at Wellington. Not only have the performances continued to provide pleasure and impress, but the Department has further developed as a team, increasingly involving students in its organisation and leadership. I feel confident that music will develop further—the quality of music scholars has always been excellent, but there seem to be more applying for awards

This year has seen the development of our connection with the London Mozart Players—a relationship that will develop into the future. We saw a Masterclass with the orchestra and a stunning concert at the beginning of the Arts Fest 2009 with Anton Crayton [Wn]

playing the Haydn C major cello concerto. Next year there are further planned masterclasses and concerts—this is a very exciting time for the development of both our orchestra and for the instrumentalists. Under Hilary Davan Wetton's directorship, the Orchestra continues to improve and their performances this year have been outstanding.

St John's Smith Square on the 1st May was an excellent showcase of Wellington's music-making: with the Jazz Orchestra playing as well as the Orchestra and Chapel Choir. The Master, along with the 350 in the audience,

year, no doubt with even bigger productions in mind.

The Lent term also featured the annual Picton Play, which this year was *One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest* superbly directed by Freddie Fielding. 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.

Dance was once again at the forefront of performing arts at Wellington. Head of Dance Pandy Dean has masterminded a number of excellent Dance performances throughout the year, culminating in the annual *Dance Show*, which once again, was entirely sold out. It proved another excellent example of the phenomenal achievements in all areas of the performing arts this year. Sarah Spencer ■

was impressed and it seemed the right time to state our intentions for the future. Within the next 5 years, Wellington College's music will develop to be one of the top non-specialist departments in the country.

However, we actually already have our own specialist scheme. Pupils who display an interest in music as a career

are given the opportunity to find time to practise, a programme being created to allow them to develop quickly, all this within the framework of a normal school working day. Masterclasses and other specific opportunities are created for them, along with platforms to perform to the highest possible standard.

Masterclasses took place with Remus Azoitei (professor at the Royal Academy of Music and international violinist), Roderick Williams (international baritone), Gordon Giltrap (international guitarist) and Emma Johnson (international clarinettist). Along with our excellent team of visiting teachers, I am determined that the opportunities for instrumental teaching at Wellington are very high indeed.

To support Prep school pupils we had three events: an Orchestral day led by Hilary Davan Wetton, a Brass Attack day led by Torbjörn Hultmark and a Choral Day led by Lissa Grey. All three were well attended and considered very successful.



Simon Williamson, Ji Hyun Park, Anton Crayton, Steph Tress, Oliver King, Jonny Leon, Xavier Iles, Nick Jupp, Richard Bignall, Trishan Vaikunthanathan, Ben Parry

Having been particularly successful in Music Competitions in recent years, sadly we were unable to enter any of the local ones this year due to calendar clashes. Our two internal competitions were of note: the Montgomery Competition produced performing of outstanding quality and the House Singing Competition involved the whole school in a huge evening of fun in the Sports hall.

The Montgomery was adjudicated by Ben Parry (Director of the Junior Royal Academy of Music) and featured Stephanie Tress [O], Richard Bignall [Bn], Jonathan Leon [Bl], Trishan Vaikunthanathan [HI], Nick Jupp [Bd], Ji Hyan Park [Ap] and Anton Crayton [Wn]. The standard of pieces was very high—the *Première Rhapsodie* by Debussy for example or Sarasate's *Caprice Basque* contrasted

with Billy Mayerl's *Rail Road Rhythm* and an excellent arrangement of Gershwin's *Summertime* for cello. There was some wonderful unaccompanied playing—Cassadó's solo suite, Kodály's *Sonata opus 8* and Bach's solo *Partita in E* were featured and some atmospheric singing came from Richard Bignall. However, Anton Crayton was the worthy winner, communicating effectively with the audience and playing with great musicality.

The House Singing Competition was a splendid evening involving all houses preparing a song according to a given theme (boy and girl bands). With backing tracks and dance routines, three judges, a compère (Lucy Pearson), lighting, staging and a real sense of fun, the evening was of extremely high quality. The winners (The Benson) performed a well-rehearsed close harmony version of *I want it that way* by the Backstreet Boys.

One initiative this year was a Third Form project with the English Department, entitled *Music & Myth* which saw each class perform a play (after Ovid) and sing a composition created within class music lessons. The class compositions were highly successful and one song even ended up on a Radio 4 programme later on in the term!

The Wellington Jazz Orchestra has been very busy



Dylan Quinlivan-Brewer, Lizzie Robinson, Ben Bowtell, Beau Wyatt, Kashan Vaikunthanathan, Hugo Bennett, Gareth Price

under the leadership of Ben Greenslade Stanton. From the Christmas concert to St John's Smith Square, from the Minibus concert to Eve of Speech Day, they have performed to a very high standard, and with Gina Kuschke [Ap] on vocals, have begun to progress forward to develop their styles and improvisation. Other ensembles that have made an impact have been two close harmony groups, called the 'B naturals' and 'On a different note', who have performed at a number of events, from the Arts fest to a wonderful sing-off in the V&A.

In December, Angels returned with a choir from Tigerkloof, South Africa. Again, the chapel choir sung with the choir and Gina Kuschke also sang a song with backing singers from their choir. This was a remarkably successful evening, raising money and supporting these underprivileged children, giving us the opportunity to perform with them.

Our drummers also performed and with the help of Ray Smith, our Head of Percussion, they learnt to communicate through music and rhythm.

There have been two musicals that have rehearsed throughout the year: *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *Chorus Line*. The quality and professionalism of the students has been staggering with a real desire to perform to their highest ability. As always, picking out individuals from large casts is difficult, but it is useful to mention Jack Manser [Hn], Gudjon Bodvarsson [Bn], Izzy Wilinon [O], Richard Bignall [Bn] and Polly Watson [Ap]. The Music Department's relationship with the Drama Department continues to develop and there are more plans for musicals next year.

The second year of the Arts fest was a huge success with many music events taking place. The highlight of the week was Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas*, directed by Graham Nurser and conducted by Hilary Davan Wetton. The performances by Holy Lyne (Dido [Ap]) and Richard Bignall (Aeneas [Bn]) with Hattie Jones (Belinda [Hn]) were exceptional: this was school music-making of a very high standard indeed and both performances were packed to capacity with enthusiastic audiences.

The Chapel Choir continues to perform in very many services throughout the year and the standard has been very exciting. Their sight-reading ability has improved as well. Occasionally it is difficult to imagine how the acoustics of the Chapel will alter, from practising when empty to when it is packed with some 800 people. This has not worried the Choir and they continue to try to fill the Chapel with the richest of sound and perform a wide range of sacred repertoire performances. The Carol services, the performances at St John's Smith Square and the performance at Evensong in Winchester Cathedral were real highlights of the year.

So, this year has seen some fantastic events and we have said hello to a number of excellent young musicians, while saying farewell to one of the most positive year groups we have had for a long, long time. The music scholars Richard Bignall [Bn], Nick Jupp [S], James Lyne [HI], Oli Marjot [S],

Emma Parkhouse [C], Jonathan Robb [Bn], Jonathan Sole [S], Stephanie Tress [O], Conor Turley [A], William Welton [T] and Harry Willis [L] have been a tremendous support. I would also like to thank all the visiting staff (some 45 now) and our full time staff and part time staff. We have welcomed Ben Greenslade Stanton as our Jazz Band Director and music technician; Dylan Brewer as our new Head of Brass and Xavier Iles as Assistant Director of Music.

However, there are certain people we will miss a great deal: Dave Harvey moves to America after 20 years teaching the guitar, Jane Beament moves closer to home after some 10 years teaching the piano and Bill Green retires after 28 years (we think!). Ros Dunmore also retires as department administrator after 14 years: she has built up a huge rapport with pupils and staff alike and will be missed by many as the cheerful, smiling face of the Department! *Simon Williamson* ■

ARTS FEST

The now traditional Arts Fest was staged between 21st and 25th June at the end of the Summer term. On account of the special relationship Wellington has with the London Mozart Players, that fine orchestra came to College, inviting Anton Crayton [R] to join them in a Haydn Cello Concerto. They also played Mozart's Symphony no.29, a firm favourite of Wellington musicians of previous generations. In contrast, the Michael L. Roberts Jazz Quintet (he was formerly a CR member) played a concert of 'hard swing, hop and blues', 'funk', 'hidden-gem ballads' and 'poetic vocalese'. Other musical offerings were Oliver King's [CR] organ recital in Chapel, an 'A Capella concert' and 'Jazz in the Quad'.

Then there were 'Audiences with'. 'With' included actors Matthew Macfadyen (Spooks and Pride and Prejudice), and Greta Scacchi (Brideshead Revisited). The celebrated, best-selling novelist, OW Sebastian Faulks [A 1966-1970] gave a masterly exposition of a writing career.



Sebastian Faulks



Birdsong and Engleby might have been very different if his imagination had not been stirred by the Wellington experience. Solo art exhibitions were mounted by Jenny Whalley (Medical Centre), Sophie Collier (formerly of the Apsley and now Mrs Tim Head) and Adeline Churchill. The 'Wellington Fashion Show' in aid of the charity Hope and Homes was a great success.

The end of academic year production combining drama, music and dance was Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas*. This fine staging of a favourite opera with its classical tale and intimate yet striking music, was expertly produced by Graham Nurser, who retired this year, as his gift to College. It was choreographed by Pandy Dean and conducted by Hilary Davan Wetton.

All of this proves that the Arts—evidence of deep collegiality and Wellington 'Goodfellowship'—thrive and reach levels of astonishing professionalism when one considers the many roles that Wellingtonians fulfil in their extraordinarily busy days. ■

BOYS' SPORT

RUGBY

The 2009 season saw Wellington College turn out 23 representative teams, including a College 7th and 8th XV teams, more than for many years. This is an almost incredible achievement given that the school is now fully co-educational. On many Saturdays 400 boys were playing, and consequently, the fixture list saw some new schools being booked for matches.

1ST XV

The College 1st XV embarked on an epic journey of fixtures in late August with a pre-season triangular against Bromsgrove School and Bromsgrove RFC. These warm up fixtures proved valuable for Steve Shortland and Kevin Brennan as new coaches, allowing us to assess a group of players that we quickly realised we were very fortunate to inherit. As you would expect from a team that had recently returned from touring South Africa, the 1st XV started the season with a bang.

We welcomed Dulwich College as the first visiting school to play on Bigside, and what a performance the 1st XV put on in the September sunshine! Liam Hanna [HI] had an excellent game at Number 8. Debutant Freddie Ward [HI] was the recipient of the final pass in a length of the field counter attack, involving several players for what was one of the best tries of the season. Sam Edgerley [Bd] ran in 5 tries from full back, with Guy Armitage [Bn] also bagging a hat-trick of tries in the 69-3 victory.

One of the most spectacular sporting sights and sounds of the term was the visiting New Zealand school, Christ's College, Christchurch. Their 'haka' was sensational. However, the Wellington XV, fired up by the challenge, quickly built an impressive lead, with scores from Gbade

Adewole [M] and Rhys Howells [Hg]. Despite a number of come backs from the visitors, Wellington held on for a deserved 32-21 win.

The next big hurdle for the side was the always tough fixture against Bryanston School, a team that Wellington has failed to beat in three previous attempts and our only defeat last season. On a wet Tuesday evening at Winchester Rugby Club, the ground was seized by the Wellington pack. Hamish Fletcher [S], Caldon Pike [Bd] and Charlie Buffin [T] dominated the set pieces and were dynamic and effective in open play; so much so that vice-captain Buffin even managed a rare try. Wessie Du Toit [BI] moved from the second row into the back row and, with an exceptional performance, left no one who watched in any doubt as to what his best position would be. Prop Jonty Suenson-Taylor [S] unable to play due to a serious neck injury, was replaced by Will Harris [L] while Rhys Howells [Hg] suffered a serious knee injury, and had to be replaced by Chris Donnelly [Bd]. It turned out to be one of the best team performances of the season, with Wellington as winners by 45-7.

On the first Tuesday of November we welcomed Hartpury, the Gloucester Academy 6th Form College. It proved to be a tough, physical encounter. A converted interception try by Captain Christian Lewis-Pratt [Hn], in addition to a penalty, accounted for all of Wellington's points. There were also notable try-saving tackles from Sam Edgerley [Bd] and Gbade Adewole [M].

In the second half of the Michaelmas term, the Wellington XV faced the toughest schedule a schoolboy team could face, playing nine matches in 25 days. The next significant hurdle was provided by Bedford who were unbeaten, having been declared Rugby World's 'Team of the



Month' for October. It was a fantastic match, between two sides who wanted to play rugby hard. Second row James Field [Hn] had been commanding the lineouts all term, but on this occasion managed to get over for a rare try. Bedford had provided the sternest test so far. The match remained close until the dying seconds when Wellington managed to break free from their own 22 to close the game on top, 25-10.

Then followed the best last-minute 'comeback' of the term against Cranleigh. The Cranleigh pack, playing a physical, combative game up front and, with their back division making the most of the opportunities, secured an early lead, which they deservedly held until the last moments of the match. Then,



1st XV captain, Christian Lewis-Pratt [Hn], clears his lines on Bigside

following good work from the base of the scrum, Callum Oliver [S], Max Fawcett [Bd], Charlie Gordon [BI] and others combined to send Keir Fullerton [Pn] away down the left, scoring a try and bringing Wellington within one point of Cranleigh. Christian Lewis-Pratt [Hn] converted a difficult kick to give the 1st XV victory by a solitary point, 17-16.

Next the team made the journey to Tonbridge School, a team we had not beaten at 1st XV level in eight years. Will Western-Kaye [Bd] by this stage was providing stability at full-back in the absence of Edgerley, with Guy Armitage

[Bn] providing plenty of ballast behind the scrum. Jonathan McGovern [Bd] gave an impressive performance in the back row. Despite Tonbridge scoring first, Wellington quickly took control of the match. Tonbridge refused to lie down and pressed hard, until an excellent solo try from Christian Lewis-Pratt [Hn] took the game beyond Tonbridge's reach.

A late try by the home side made the final score 24-21. The 1st XV had completed their full school fixture card unbeaten. There was just one final match.

On Bigside on the final Thursday of term Wellington took the lead in the first half against St Peter's, Gloucester and looked to have the ammunition to pull ahead from the visiting XV. However, the longer the game went on the more tired Wellington became, and it was St Peter's who began to dominate the later parts of the second half. With minutes left on the clock and Wellington leading by 5-3, St Peter's were awarded a penalty that their fly-half and captain successfully converted. In the last minute of the match the Wellington 1st XV had lost their final game of the term, by one point. It was a cruel finish to what had been an excellent season.

Joe Munro [A] deservedly picked up the 'XV Players' Player of the Season' award, showing his true spirit once

RUGBY 1ST XV RESULTS

PLAYED: 19; WON: 18; LOST: 1; POINTS FOR: 610; POINTS AGAINST: 131

WHITGIFT SCHOOL	WON	22 - 0	
DULWICH COLLEGE	WON	69 - 3	
THE WINDSOR BOYS' SCHOOL	WON	46 - 0	Daily Mail Cup Round 1
SHERBORNE SCHOOL	WON	36 - 5	
OAKHAM SCHOOL	WON	27 - 0	
CHRIST'S COLLEGE NZ	WON	32 - 21	on tour
ETON COLLEGE	WON	47 - 20	
BRYANSTON SCHOOL	WON	45 - 7	
BISHOP WORDSWORTH'S SCHOOL	WON	29 - 0	
HARTPURY COLLEGE	WON	10 - 7	
LICENSED VICTUALLERS' SCHOOL	WON	53 - 3	Daily Mail Cup Round 2
HARROW SCHOOL	WON	29 - 0	
READING BLUE COAT SCHOOL	WON	37 - 6	Daily Mail Cup Round 3
EPSOM COLLEGE	WON	23 - 3	
BEDFORD SCHOOL	WON	25 - 10	
BLOXHAM SCHOOL	WON	34 - 3	Daily Mail Cup Round 4
CRANLEIGH SCHOOL	WON	17 - 16	
TONBRIDGE SCHOOL	WON	24 - 21	
ST PETER'S RC HIGH SCHOOL, GLOUCESTER	LOST	5 - 6	Daily Mail Cup Round 5

more by playing a full game against St Peter's despite having flu. He was selected for the South West divisional team on the following Saturday. Sam Edgerley [Bn] represented England u18 in the Six Nations, with Joe Munro [A], Guy Armitage [Bn] and Max Anderson [Hg] playing for the South West in the Under 18 divisional festival. Both Joe Munro [A] and vice-captain Charlie Buffin [T] were also selected in the Canterbury Schoolboys Team of the Term. The Wellington XV were superbly led throughout by fly half Christian Lewis-Pratt [Hn], who showed maturity and composure throughout; he has signed professional terms with Northampton Saints.

2ND XV

The 2nd XV enjoyed a truly excellent season. Unsurprisingly many talented members played for the College 1st XV as many times as they represented the 2nd XV. Bart Wielenga and Nick Gallop marshalled the troops throughout, guiding them to some memorable victories, including Hartpury

College (13-10), Bedford (17-12), RGS High Wycombe (24-23) and Sedbergh (17-15). How sad it was then that they should lose their otherwise unbeaten record in the final fixture of the season away at Tonbridge (7-12).

COLTS

Wellington Colts 1st XV picked up where they left off the previous season, with a string of victories despite losing some of their players to the College 1st XV and at many times during the season. Indeed the squad have not lost a fixture since entering the College as Yearlings three years ago, including last year's Under 15 Daily Mail Final. Their captain from the previous season, Charlie Gordon [BI] played the entire year for the College 1st XV, culminating with selection for England u16s in the Six Nations. He was joined in the England u16 team by Vadim Toczylkin [BI] and Elliott Markham [Hn]. Matt Oakman and Ian Mitchell [CR] have continued to develop the team superbly throughout the year.



Back row: Sam Edgerley [Bd], Will Western-Kaye [Bd], Liam Hanna [Hl], Guy Armitage [Bn], Max Fawcett [Bd], Freddie Ward [Hl], Gbade Adewole [M]
 Middle Row: S. M. Shortland Esq, Hamish Fletcher [S], Keir Fullerton [Pn], Rhys Howells [Hg], Chris Donnelly [Bd], Jonty Suenson-Taylor [S],
 Max Anderson [Hg], Caldon Pike [Bd], Will Harris [L], K. J. Brennan Esq
 Front row: Callum Oliver [S], James Field [Hn], Charlie Buffin [T], Christian Lewis-Pratt [Hn] Capt, Wessie Du Toit [B],
 Jonathan McGovern [Bd], Joe Monro [A]

The Colts 2nd XV only lost one match all year, while the 3rd and 4th XV completed the Michaelmas term unbeaten. In summary, to celebrate what proved an unusually strong age group, for three of the teams to lose only one fixture in a year's fixture list of 36 games is exceptional.

JUNIOR COLTS

The Junior Colts 1st XV were led by Master in Charge of Rugby, Greg Woodrow [CR], and last year's U15 Daily Mail Cup runners-up coach, Gareth Pearson (recently joined from Millfield). They enjoyed a season of steady improvement. They can be particularly pleased with wins over Harrow and Whitgift, sides to whom they had lost at Yearlings' level the previous season. What a fantastic effort they made defending the Daily Mail U15 trophy. The team ending up falling to a Judd School side that were well worth their victory in the quarter-finals. The talented group of players were led by Jack McAlister [Bd] and Charlie Skipworth-Button [Bd].

YEARLINGS

The Yearlings' first fixture of the season came against Dulwich College. Always a tough match, but doubly so this year as Dulwich boasted to having one of their strongest teams

since the days of Andrew Sheridan and Nick Easter. And so it proved with the newly formed Wellington team going down, in what was valuable experience against a very good team. Winning against strong teams from Eton, Cranleigh and Sedbergh, the team did not suffer defeat again until the last day of the season, against Tonbridge away. The season was an undoubted success, led by coaches Graeme Owton and Hamish Webb [CR]. Simon Sexton [A] was captain and was selected for the Junior Colts Daily Mail Cup team. With the focus on development at this age group it was excellent that so many boys had the opportunity to experience 1st team rugby in their opening year at Wellington.

SEVENS

The College 1st VII enjoyed an excellent year, winning 3 out of 4 tournaments, most notably the prestigious Rosslyn Park National Schools 7s Tournament.

The Mount St Mary's 7s tournament in Yorkshire was the first of the year. Having progressed to the semi-final stages, the VII faced Sedbergh, whom we knew would be the main competition for the title. In a fiercely contested match Sedbergh managed to break the rhythm of the Wellington team, putting us under pressure and forcing errors. The match remained close with both teams having



Guy Armitage [Bn] breaks free against Dulwich College on Bigside

two tries each until the last few minutes. A kick ahead from Sedbergh gave them the decisive score, and with it a place in the final and the trophy. Sedbergh were well worth their victory and the lessons learnt meant that the 1st VII would not lose another game.

The first tournament victory was achieved at the Bryanston 7s tournament. The team progressed to the semi-finals where they came up against a very strong Brighton College team. Following a hard fought match, Wellington ran out victors 26-14, to set up a final against the hosts, Bryanston. With concentration and determination the team produced a superb display, finishing the final 40-7.

On Wednesday 18th March the 1st VII travelled to Richmond to play in the prestigious Surrey 7s tournament, widely regarded as one of the hardest tournaments in the country. After progressing through the pool stages and first knockout rounds, Wellington defeated Tonbridge in the quarter-finals, Colstons in the semi-finals, before defeating tournament favourites Millfield 19-12 in the final. While every player in the squad made huge contributions, Captain Christian Lewis-Pratt [Hn] deserving special mention being widely regarded as the 'Player of the Tournament'.

A confident Wellington team then headed for the

Rosslyn Park National Schools 7s tournament. The squad would have to win 9 games over two days in order to claim the Festival title. The first day went to plan, with Wellington progressing to the last 16 confidently. Day two would prove, unsurprisingly, to be a significantly more difficult task. After an initial scare versus Cranbrook, the team beat Stowe in the quarter-finals to set up a tough encounter with St Peter's, York in the Semi-Finals. With the rain hammering down, Wellington twice came from behind to win a really great match 17-10. The final saw Wellington face local rivals Epsom. Wellington began well, with captain Christian Lewis-Pratt [Hn] opening the scoring following excellent work from Liam Hanna [Hl] and Guy Armitage [Bn]. But it was Epsom who scored the next two tries, giving them a lead of 5-12 until the final minutes. The Wellington players remained focused and determined, with Joe Munro [A] sprinting clear from the half-way line to tie the scores. Wellington continued to press for the winning try, but Epsom held firm, with a number of excellent tackles. Then just as full-time approached Sam Edgerley [Bd] managed to break free in his own 22, before racing the length of the field to score the winning try with the last play of the game. Wellington had won a classic 7s final 19-12.

Other members of the senior sevens' squad for the term were Gbade Adewole [M], Keir Fullerton [Pn], Jonathan McGovern [Bd], Joe Munro [A], Ben Hayes [Hg], Charlie Gordon [BI], Freddie Ward [HI], Darion Naylor [Hg], Caldon Pike [Bd] and Callum Oliver [S].

The Under 14s 7s team triumphed at the prestigious Queen Elizabeth School, Barnet 7s tournament. Having won their group defeating Robert Clack School, Berkhamstead and RGS Guildford, the hard work began when pitched against RGS High Wycombe in the quarter-finals. A close contest resulted in a 12-12 draw leading to extra time and golden try (effectively meaning that the first team to score



Sam Edgerley [Bd]

stamina) saw the team score 4 unanswered tries in a well deserved victory (26-5). Kevin Brennan ■

would progress into the semi-finals). After 9 minutes of play and some desperate defending, Wellington broke into the RGS half and finally broke the deadlock with a Buchan Richardson [Pn] try. The semi-final against St Paul's was no less intense and again resulted in extra time. On this occasion the winning try was scored by Tom Inglis [Bd] after 7 minutes of play—nail biting stuff for players, coaches and spectators alike. The final pitched the boys against Dulwich College, who had defeated Wellington in the 15-a-side version earlier in the season. A wonderful display of guts and determination (and

HOCKEY

1ST XI

Frost and wet weather regularly disrupted the Hockey Season in Lent Term 2009, but on a number of occasions Wellington still managed to field as many as eighteen teams across the school. The start of season round robin tournament at Reed's School, against many of the top hockey schools in the south, was cancelled which made team selection difficult.

Entered for the newly organised Boarding Schools' Cup (BSC), we were drawn against Bryanston for our first match (the Marlborough match having been cancelled). Wellington made the first break. A joint attack by Trent Earwaker [Pn] and Max Tulley [Bd] broke through Bryanston's defence and finally converted one of half a dozen chances we had had in the first half. In the second half we found ourselves on the receiving end of some sustained Bryanston pressure. Thankfully they missed some crucial opportunities, with some outstanding goalkeeping from Casey Ferguson [Bd]. It was all even until penalty flicks decided the game. Wellington moved through to the next round winning 5-4.

At Charterhouse we were given a lesson in hockey. Having missed a penalty flick, we went down 0-3 and we have to admit it was a game that at times looked like men against boys. In the County Championships, a round robin tournament between seven schools, Wellington went down to the very last game, Eton and Desborough ending up all square. Again it was an 'if only' for Wellington as we went down 0-1 to both Desborough and Bradfield in our first two matches. If only we had beaten one of these two teams we would have won the County Championships.

We knew the Cranleigh match was going to be a tough test. Down 0-4 at half time, we proved to be a different team in the second half, scoring two goals and were unlucky not to squeeze a couple more in before Cranleigh sealed the match with a final goal. The defence led by Jonathan Robb [Bn] and the strength of Ferguson's goalkeeping was immense.

We lost 1-2 to Eton in a very scrappy game which we probably should have won. This was a turning point, as in our next match Lord Wandsworth's did not know what hit them. The captain Will Newland [Hn] moved from right mid-field to centre forward and his move completely opened up our attacking potential. The forwards were

rampant in this game and Earwaker scored his first of two hat-tricks in a 6-1 victory.

Away to Tonbridge, on their water based astro-pitch, we were 0-3 at half time. Newland was on form and scored his fifth and sixth goals of the season, bringing the score back to 2-3 soon after the break. We then should have scored a third and a fourth before we ran out of steam: they put in one and then two soft goals during the dying minutes.

Abingdon had been very strong over the last couple of years. They started well but Jamie Russell [Hn] at centre-half helped release the forwards to demolish the opposition. Newland notched up another four goals and Will Western-Kaye [Bd] and Tulley also scored. Next, the OWs always prove a very strong opposition when they have a full team out and were after revenge this year. The OWs ran out 7-3 winners and taught the College team a few tricks of the trade that were to come in handy over the next few weeks.

Having travelled all the way up to Felsted in Essex we were greeted by a very large German boy. Thankfully his drag flicking did not work and those on target were 'swatted' away by Ferguson with ease. Toby Chittleborough [Hn] scored his only goal of the season; it was probably his best performance of the year. George Simmons [A], having been moved from left-wing to left back, also started to 'fire on all cylinders' and the 'aerial bombardment' he provided from then onwards for the rest of the season was thereafter our 'secret weapon'. 'If only' we and he had known about it much earlier! We dragged out a 3-2 victory, to reach the semi-final of the BSC.

Canford away was next and another tough test, even though for half the game they had 10 players and then for 15 minutes only 9. Some interesting decisions squeezed us out of the game and a 1-2 score was a little unjust. We then had to go to go to Bradfield, never an easy match, and at 0-2 down, it was not looking good. However, another amazing turn around in the second half saw four goals go in and we walked away—a little cheekily 4-2 up.

Having fought hard in our previous match against Cranleigh, we knew this was going to be a big one. Six minutes in to the BSC semi-final and playing exceptionally well, we managed to score not once but twice. Cranleigh replied with two of their own before we squeezed another

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HOCKEY

1ST XI

BRYANSTON	HOME (BSC)	W	1 - 1 (5-4 STROKES)	Tulley
CHARTERHOUSE	AWAY	L	0 - 3	
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP (3RD)				
DESBOROUGH		L	0 - 1	
BRADFIELD		L	0 - 1	
ETON		D	0 - 0	
WINDSOR BOYS		W	2 - 0	Tulley, Black
PANGBOURNE		W	4 - 0	Newland 2, Earwaker 2
READING		W	1 - 0	Newland
CRANLEIGH		L	2 - 5	Newland, Western-Kaye
ETON		L	1 - 2	Simmons
LORD WANDSWORTH		W	6 - 1	Newland, Earwaker 3, Tulley, Western-Kaye
TONBRIDGE		L	2 - 5	Newland 2
ABINGDON		W	6 - 2	Newland 4
OWS		L	3 - 7	Tulley 2, Western-Kaye
FELSTED		W	3 - 2	Earwaker, Tulley, Simmons
CANFORD		L	2 - 1	Western-Kaye
BRADFIELD		W	4 - 2	Newland 2, Earwaker, Tulley
CRANLEIGH		L	4 - 5	Newland, Earwaker, Western-Kaye, Simmons
CHELTENHAM		W	4 - 2	Earwaker 3, Tulley

in the last minute of the first half. Being 3-2 at half time was brilliant. We had Cranleigh on the back foot. Two soft goals in quick succession knocked the wind out of our sails but we were determined not to give up. Charlie Pickard [BI] at right back and Dom Cooke [A] at mid-field started to tire and then Chris Rennie [Hg] went off with a hand injury. With 5 minutes to go we scored again to level the scores at 4-4. Cranleigh started to panic as they pushed to finish the game and we had a couple of really good chances to win ourselves. In the end, in the 33rd minute, Cranleigh offered up a killer fifth goal leaving us disconsolate.

Our last game against Cheltenham, was another revenge game after last years drubbing. However, we played brilliantly and Earwaker, suddenly realising that this was his last game for Wellington, snatched his second hat-trick. We romped home 4-2 against another good Cheltenham team.

This was a great way to finish an uneven season. Captain, Will Newland [Hn], notched up 14 goals overall and led from the front both on and off the pitch. The Vice-Captain and Secretary, Casey Ferguson and Jonathan Robb, were also invaluable. However, considering the start we had, great improvement was made by all. Hopefully Wellington hockey is on the up again.

COLTS

The Colts 1st XI were a hard-working and spirited team that were led superbly by Tom Garvey [S] and coached by Dr Farrington and Mr Goves. They won the County u16 tournament and came 3rd in the Divisional finals against a professional-quality Whitgift side.

It was the team's fabulous attitude to training and 'total hockey' that made the season so very enjoyable. Their big win against Eton showed them to be an accomplished team who passed the ball well and generated substantial confidence amongst team members. The 4-4 draw against Cheltenham (who had lost in the semi-final of the national tournament to Millfield) was the most exciting match of the season and many spectators from both teams commented on the high quality of sportsmanship showed by all the players. Jack Tuckwell [BI] took the Rolex prize for 'Most Valuable Player' of the season. He was a left-back of considerable tackling skill with a sharp eye for the ball and a heart the size of Berkshire.

The Colts 2nd XI had a solid season which was highlighted with a 3-2 win away at Tonbridge, whilst Mr Auger's mighty Colts 3rd XI achieved a fantastic 2-0 victory over Eton, which must be recorded as the result of the season.



Back row: Toby Chittleborough [Hn], Jamie Russell [Hg]
 Middle Row: Simon Haddad [S], Dom Cooke [A], Max Tulley [S], Charlie Pickard [BI], Will Western-Kaye [Bd], George Simmons [A]
 Front row: Chris Rennie [Hg], Trent Earwaker [Pn], Will Newland [Hn] Capt, Jonathan Robb [Bn], Casey Ferguson [Bd]

The Junior Colts, possessing some exceptional hockey players, endured a tough season that saw them playing a number of high quality teams. Results were not of the greatest, but the way in which the boys played every minute and attacked every challenge is a testament to both them and their coaches Messrs Heddon and Mann. A special mention needs to be made of their captain courageous, Jake Aungier [Bd]. He was the team's outstanding performer and truly led from the front. Regularly he would be called on to make outrageous saves, which some of our opponents are still wondering how they never went in! He is an exceptional keeper and a real asset to hockey at Wellington College.

The Junior Colts 2nd XI had an encouraging season that saw them play great hockey at times but on the odd occasion saw them snatch defeat out of the hands of victory. Goals were plentiful—for example the thrilling 7-4 victory over Eton.

YEARLINGS

Poor weather prevented the Yearlings from getting proper training time and game practice prior to their County Tournament and at other times in the term. Coached by Miss Pearson and Mr Carr, they were a great bunch of boys, enjoying playing as a team. To their credit they came through with flying colours in the first game, which saw them come back from 0-1 with 5 minutes left of play, to beat Bradfield 2-1. They then went on to win the tournament with a fine 3-1 win over Eton. The team was blessed with sporting talent and ability and was lead superbly by Simon Sexton [A], with consistent performances as they grew as a team, but stamina over the weeks was difficult to maintain. Finishing with a credible 3rd place at the National South Round, there is much talent, which should be developed in future years.
 John White ■

CRICKET

We have to start this report with a headline notices. The 2009 season finished on high, with the 1st XI winning the BOWS Festival played in sun drenched Brighton amid soaring temperatures. The accompanying cricket matched the weather that week, as the XI played their best cricket of the season in a fantastic display of competitive top quality school sport.

In all, our young and enthusiastic side returned 9 victories, 8 losses and a draw in a season free of rain affected matches. Other than the festival victory at Brighton, the highlight of the season was without doubt our defeat of Harrow—the first time for 16 years. This success on Turf against one of the country's strongest cricketing schools was something that our players will remember for years to come.

Anyway to go back to the beginning, the team were led admirably throughout season by Mickey Barkett [HI], who at all times captained the side with a great deal of maturity and a very calm head. Frustratingly for Mickey, he did not pass a score of 50 all season, despite looking classy whenever he was at the crease. His season finished on a real high at Brighton, in his last game for Wellington, as he struck 48* against Oakham off 32 balls in a winning cause, including two imperious straight drives for 6. His twin, Alec Barkett [HI] spearheaded the bowling attack, taking 40 wickets in 2009. Alec bowled with pace, aggression and consistency throughout the summer and was without doubt the best seamer on show across our circuit. He took key wickets at crucial times and more often than not, the opposition tail (and indeed top order) could not cope with his array of fast and straight bouncers and yorkers. These two senior members of the squad were excellent role models for our younger cricketers and true gentlemen, on and off the pitch. They are sure to be a great asset to the OWCC.

Following a full pre-season programme in our indoor

cricketing facility, early season victories were recorded against Malvern, and a near immaculate display away at Marlborough which resulted in a resounding 145 run victory. However a sub-standard performance against an outstanding Eton XI, resulted in a heavy defeat before our long overdue triumph against Harrow. Being a mainly young, inexperienced side, inconsistency of performance was predicted and we were beaten away at Cheltenham, before bouncing back strongly against Cranleigh, winning the game by 9 wickets well before tea.

As the boys returned after half term exams were in full flow, so practice sessions were depleted and we faced and lost against two very strong sides in Tonbridge and Charterhouse. A disappointing performance against Radley, where we failed to chase an achievable target, left the boys with two weeks of cricket to try to get back to winning ways. Free from the pressure of exams, the XI then played their best cricket of the season. Tourists

Melbourne Grammar School were decisively beaten as we finally put behind us our seeming inability to chase down totals. We performed admirably in a narrow defeat to a strong M.C.C. side containing two of Wellington's finest modern day cricketers, Charlie Hodgson [A 1991–1996] and Hugo Shephard [Bn 1998–2003]. An emphatic winning draw against Free Foresters, that included a blistering 100 from Alec Barkett, increased our players' confidence before heading down to the South Coast for our annual Festival.

It was at Brighton that our players reached the summit of their season. On day 1, having been inserted by the home side, our team of 5 sixth formers, 4 Colts, a Junior Colt and a Yearling, amassed 270 in 50 overs. Bizarrely, no batsman passed 50, but this merely highlighted the strength of the team performance. On a hard, abrasive outfield, our fielders and bowlers showed great discipline and heart to overcome a strong Brighton team and we emerged victors by a margin of 27 runs. The following day saw our

AWARDS

OW BATTING	WILLIAM LEITH [S]
OW BOWLING	ANGUS BOOBYER [PN]
OW FIELDING	TOM WOOD [HG]
PRINCE CHRISTIAN VICTOR BOWLING	
.	ALEC BARKETT [HL]
BRYAN CUP (JUNIOR)	CONNOR NURSE [A]
HUXTABLE CUP (OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE)	
.	OLIVER BARKER [HG]
ANDREW NEWMAN (BATTING/BOWLING)	
.	JAMES RENDELL [S]



The 1st XI: Standing: G. D. Franklin, M. T. Boobbyer, Max Tulley [Bd], Will Leith [S], Ollie Barker [Hg], Angus Boobbyer [Pn], M. Farrington (Scorer)
Seated: Charlie Pickard [Bl], James Rendell [S], Alec Barkett [HI], Mickey Barkett [HI] (Captain), Pete Carmody [M], Tom Wood [Hg], James Brooks [L]

performance of the season against an experienced, tough and confident Sedbergh team. Our top order were put under considerable pressure from the opposition, however, we fought our way to a commanding total of 245. Will Leith [S], a Colt, scored his maiden College 100, batting with great determination and concentration, skill and class. He was well supported by one his peers, Angus Boobbyer [Pn], who continued to show great consistency in the middle order. To see a pair of Colts share a stand of over 100 against such a competitive team was a real highlight of the season.

Despite a resilient fight from the opposition, our bowling proved to be too strong, as Sedbergh fell 27 runs short. Seam bowlers A. Barkett and Boobbyer were well supported by the classy left-arm spin of Tom Wood [Hg]. To complete the clean sweep and to win the festival, we had to beat a young, talented team from Oakham. For the third day in a succession, we batted first and put the pressure on the opposition by amassing a commanding total of 270. Again no batter scored beyond 50, but the champagne moment of the innings was the partnership of the Barkett

twins who, in their last game for Wellington, put on over 50 in little more than 6 overs with shots of great power to all parts of the ground. Again, the consistency of our bowling and fielding proved too strong for the opposition, who fell well short of the target: an outstanding end to an impressive season.

Aside from the Barketts' performances, three all rounders deserve a special mention for their efforts. Will Leith passed 500 runs and took 17 wickets with his ever reliable left arm spin; Angus Boobbyer had an outstanding all round season, scoring over 450 runs and taking 29 wickets and spinning all rounder Tom Wood scored over 450 runs and took 17 wickets. James Rendell [S] also scored freely and is surely one of the cleaner strikers of a cricket ball at Wellington and James Brooks [L] kept wicket impressively all season and also scored useful runs in the lower-middle order. The Barketts aside, all these players and the other cricketers who played in the Festival, will return next year to build on what was a successful and enjoyable season for the XI.

1ST XI CRICKET STATISTICS

BATTING

NAME	MATCHES	INNINGS	N/O	RUNS	AVERAGE	TOP SCORE
W. LEITH	16	16	2	510	36.4	105
T. WOOD	16	16	1	458	30.5	84
A. BOOBYER	18	17	3	454	32.4	80*
J. RENDELL	18	18	3	453	30.2	82
M. BARKETT	18	16	1	310	20.7	48

BOWLING

NAME	MATCHES	OVERS	MAIDENS	RUNS	WICKETS	AVERAGE
A. BARKETT	18	173.2	16	646	40	16.2
A. BOOBYER	18	149	20	646	29	22.3
T. WOOD	16	138	20	474	16	29.6
W. LEITH	16	159.5	20	561	17	33.0
G. NAIR	10	53	6	244	5	48.8

In my first year in post, I would like to thank Charles Oliphant-Callum for his wise words, good humour and knowledge of cricket at Wellington. Mark Farrington, arguably the finest scorer on the school circuit, was ever present and produced insightful statistics and information on each of our players. Peter Lewington worked tirelessly with the ground and produced top quality match and practice facilities for the 1st XI. Finally, my sincere thanks to my colleague, the blazer manager, Mark Boobyer.

Mark's knowledge of and enthusiasm towards cricket and the pupils at Wellington is second to none and he was at all times great company.

BOYS' CRICKET

The 2nd XI, captained by Trent Earwaker [Pn], enjoyed a season of positive cricket. This attacking approach resulted in several tense finishes on Turf, the highlights being fantastic victories over strong sides from Charterhouse



1st XI v. OWs, Speech Day. Left to right: Will Leith [S], Hugo Cox [OW], James Brooks [L], Angus Boobyer [Pn]

and Cheltenham. Alex Ziff [L] was dependable at the top of the order, while strong performances from Max Tulley [Bd] and Charlie Pickard [BI] saw them achieve selection into the 1st XI. Ben Hayes [Hg] was surely one of the best fielders on display across the circuit, while seamers Nick Jupp [Bd] and Nik Salmon [Bd] were reliable with the new ball. Will Western-Kaye [Bd], George Quayle [A] and Aaron Walters [Hg] showed glimpses of talent and all return next season.

The 3rd XI, led by the impressive Callum Oliver [S], had a successful season defeating Bradfield by 161 runs, Harrow, Cheltenham and Marlborough. Individual highlights included maiden Wellington centuries for Simon Dempster [S] and J.J. Haigh [Hn].

The 4th XI had a mixed season, full of 'what ifs'. Aply led by Edward Coombe [Pn], the team managed to snap defeat out of the jaws of victory on more than one occasion. Highlights of the season were great victories over Tonbridge and Eton, with some lusty hitting by Johnny Templeman [A] and the metronomic bowling action of Miles Seavill [HI]. On their day, the 4th XI could beat any side. Sadly though, great all-round performances were few and far between.

The promotion of several of the Colts players to the 1st XI, allowed opportunities for many other players to demonstrate and develop their skills at this age group under the captaincy of Will Lowe [Bd]. Vad Toczylkin [BI] and Will Miller [S] had impressive all round seasons and Miller consequently gained selection into the 1st XI.

The Junior Colts showed considerable improvement as the season progressed, recording fine victories against Charterhouse, Cranleigh, Winchester and Harrow. Captain, Chris James' [R] impressive all round season led to his selection into the College 1st XI team at the end of the season, all rounder Pete Melhuish [BI] led from the front in the field, while Ollie Rendell [S] showed great potential both behind the stumps and with the bat. The Junior Colts 2nd XI had an outstanding season, with every person contributing towards the successful results that this team achieved.

GIRLS' CRICKET

Aside from being ever present in a successful 3rd XI, all rounder Ellie Porter [C], captained the Girls' XI with skill and enthusiasm. The Girls enjoyed victories against Pangbourne on Turf and Cranleigh at the inaugural Brighton

Festival that was a great success. Lissy Macleod [W] shows great promise as a top order batter—she regularly opened for the Junior Colts—and the ultra enthusiastic Izzie West [Hn] was an ever present enthusiast during training sessions. Lissy shows real potential and she deservedly gained selection into the ECB Super 4's Festival that was staged at Wellington in August, where she competed alongside and against the best 44 U19 women's cricketers in England.

YEARLINGS' CRICKET

The Yearlings had an outstanding season across their five teams, resulting in 29 victories and only 7 defeats. Yearlings 1st XI and 2nd XI won all of their fixtures and despite these fantastic statistics, it was the refreshing and attacking manner in which these teams played the game that was their greatest achievement. Yearlings 1st XI captain, Connor Nurse [A], led from the front scoring 634 runs; a School record at that age group. This wonderful display of batting resulted in Connor's selection into the 1st XI for their festival at Brighton.

There were several outstanding individual performances throughout the season and aside from Nurse's fine leadership and batting, J J Dewes [HI] deserves special mention for leading the wicket taking, with 19, in his first season since converting to left arm spin. Aside from a clean sweep in their regular block fixtures, the Yearlings also won the Berkshire Schools' Lord's Taverners U14 competition. They progress into the National Finals in 2010: we will follow their form with a great deal of anticipation and excitement.

My thanks to Phil Stockwell, for the catering, and Bryan Evans and his team for their sterling job across all of the grounds. Indeed, many of our visiting Schools regularly commented of the quality of our hospitality, pitches and grounds and this is down to the hard work that Phil, Bryan and their teams put in. Chris Potter, the greatest living stalwart of Wellington cricket, was ever present throughout the summer and he helped out with a range of teams as and when required. Finally I would like to recognise the outstanding impact that our talented and dedicated coaching staff have on all of the young cricketers at Wellington—we regularly fielded 16 teams on a Saturday. Their passion for cricket is infectious, and their endless hours of coaching on Turf, New Ground and Derby demonstrates the current strength of cricket at Wellington. Gavin Franklin

GIRLS' SPORT

HOCKEY

The girls' 2008 hockey season proved the most successful to date in a number of different ways. For the first time ever Wellington College fielded eleven full teams who battled their way through numerous fixtures. Goals were scored, tournaments won and lost, while tears, sweat and valuable time was given by many girls and their hard working coaches.

SENIORS

For the first time ever Wellington was able to field four senior teams, well almost. As the season progressed, the young 1st XI side, comprising of five Fifth Formers and one Fourth Former, displayed some of the finest girls' hockey ever seen at Wellington, and the prowess of Helena Hansford [O] and Claudia Stevenson [C] eased through numerous goals.

Placing as runners-up in the County tournament was a huge disappointment to the squad who had set their sights on the title. Their determination to build and improve from this was admirable. 5-0 vs Bradfield, 7-0 vs Lord Wandsworth proved their scoring ability, yet the 3-5 loss to Dauntsey's provided the spur for the girls were able to learn and move forward. A 1-0 defeat over Cranleigh was the finest performance of the season and Claudia Stevenson nailed home the winning goal. Solid defence from Ellie Taylor [W] and flair in attack from youthful Amber Coleman [Hn], added much spice and depth to the squad.

Coach: Miss R. Ross. *Player of the Season:* Claudia Stevenson [C]. *Most Improved Player:* Abigail Dorling [C].

Possibly the most successful team of the girls' season was the College 2nd XI. What a season! It all started with

a week of pre-season prior to the start of term where Miss Ross was once again thought of as an army officer and the girls could barely walk by the second morning. The first match of the term was against Sevenoaks, who having just returned from tour, were fit and fast. Of the newly formed squad, all but five were making their debuts. An impressive 3-0 to Wellington. New to Wellington Amy Howells [W] and Milly MacManus [Ap], proved their worth and Lower Sixth captain Biz Nimmo (C) was the playmaker from the very first game.

Unbeaten in their first five matches they showed some 'champagne moments' of hockey—well so says Mr Goves, the fresh face on the touchline! Catherine Murray captained with maturity and honesty, while constantly changing her hair colour.

Then 9-0 vs Bradfield, 6-0 vs Lord Wandsworth, 5-0 vs The Perse etc... this team could score goals and that they did. The highest goal-scoring team a Wellington side has ever seen? Who knows? What was evident was the enjoyment and fun the girls had throughout the season. Abbie Gadsby [Ap] and Ella Yarnton [Ap], along with skipper Catherine Murray [Ap], will be missed. They have given their all for the past two years and have led by example.

Coaches: Mr M. Goves and Mr C. Morris. *Player of the Season:* Catherine Murray [Ap]. *Most Improved Player:* Louisa Thiel [Ap].

The 3rd XI, like the 4th XI, had a real buzz and for some, playing regular hockey for the first time, their willingness to learn was admirable. Clem Bunting, new to the game, soon became a regular member of the team which, having failed to win any games in 2007, finished with the best stats to date for a girls' 3rd XI. Played 7, won 4, lost 2, drew 1.



Back row: Abigail Dorling [C], Ellie porter [C]
Middle row: Miss R.R. Ross, Milly MacManus [Ap], Amber Coleman [Hn], Helena Hansford [O], Luisa Rubio [C], Emily Plank [Ap]
Front row: Claudia Stevenson [C], Frances Paterson [C], Isabelle Nimmo [C] capt, Katie Trehwella [C], Amy Howells [W]

Highlights included the 6-0 win over Bradfield and a tight 3-2 triumph over Lord Wandsworth.

Coaches: Miss B. Thomas and Miss C. Bailey. *Player of the Season:* Clem Bunting [Ap]. *Most Improved Player:* Milly Tett [Ap].

Miss Harrowell coached her ever faithful 4th XI. They trained with relentless vigour—well most of the time. Sadly when they were due to play matches, the flood lights failed and the pitch froze! They were doomed not to compete for most of the season. However, the 'late slot' disciples went through the season with a great spirit and determination and, despite losing 5-0 to Cranleigh, their smiles and enthusiasm never faltered!

Coach: Miss Harrowell. *Player of the Season:* Sophie Williams [O]. *Most Improved Player:* Becca Hafner [Hn].

The 1st XI and 2nd XI are due to tour South Africa in August 2009. We can look forward to set new standards and records. Wellington College Girls' Sport will get better and better.

U16S

This was the first year that Wellington had fielded an U16 hockey side, now having girls in the year group. Being such a talented group, a number of the girls were called up to the College 1st XI, leaving Mr Waugh and Miss Johnson the formidable job of designing a team with some very 'lively' individuals. Biz Mallet as always had her relentless energy, but this was rarely focussed on anything to do with hockey! What had previously been a great U15A team had been torn apart; so they had to start again. After a teething period of finding new roles and positions, the girls, ably led by Molly Critchley [O], started to take form. Some fine athleticism from Lucy Lloyd-Williams [O] on the wing and the ever-improving Amy Bowerin [C] in goal, meant the U16As had strength at each end—the depth in the middle was provided in the form of Marie Schulte-Bockum [W] and Clemmy Nicholson [W]. Despite a few heavy defeats, the girls' spirits remained high and Mr Waugh's proudest moment was the 3-2 win over Marlborough 3rd XI. Having beaten

St Mary's Ascot 6-0, the season came to a close. Maddie Henri [C] was a versatile terrier on the field and when the girls joined up with those who had moved up to Senior hockey, they played and won the County tournament held at Wellington for the second year running.

Coaches: Miss H. Johnson and Mr G. Waugh. *Player of the Season:* Marie Schulte-Bockum [W]. *Most Improved Player:* Erin Pike [O].

U15S

The U15As had a mixed season. It took a while for the girls to step up their training to an intensity with which they were all happy, and although the skill level across the whole year group was well grounded, there was a lot to learn and targets had to be set early on. The team, led by Hattie Jones [Hn], played some fine hockey and learned valuable lessons about team-work and self-discipline, especially as injury was to strike Miss Pearson and Mr White's unit. Mid-season, beating Dauntsey's 2-0 was a great effort and, despite losing to Cranleigh, the girls were able to develop and grow, both as individuals and a team.

Some highlights of the season were the U15Cs 4-0 win over Hurstpierpoint and a mirrored score of 4-0 for the U15Bs vs Bradfield.

Several of the U15A team players made up the squad for the U16A side, which won the County Tournament. Min Ju Oh [Hn], Tara Henderson [O] & Sophie Edwards [C] should be commended for particularly impressive seasons.

Coaches (U15A): Mr J. White and Ms L. Pearson. *Player of the Season:* Min Ju Oh [Hn]. *Most Improved Player:* Alice Richards [Hn].

Coaches (U15B): Miss E. Gillan and Miss K. Murphy. *Player of the Season:* Charlotte Wright [C]. *Most Improved Player:* Lily Pickard [C].

Coaches (U15C): Dr Hill and Miss L. Nelson. *Player of the Season:* Camille Ekeperigin [C]. *Most improved Player:* Olivia Capaldi [Hn].

U14S

The U14As having lost their first match to Sevenoaks, soon picked up the pace and secured solid wins against Dauntsey's, Epsom and Downe House. They then won their County tournament, beating Bradfield in the final. Amy Edwards [W], the bundle of Aussie fun, was a real trooper in defence and even managed to cause a smile to break on Mr Heddon's face from time to time!

Winning the County round meant that Wellington represented Berkshire at the South of England Championships. Luisa Schulte-Bockum [Hn] led her team with true passion and the girls finished a highly respectable 2nd, missing out on the National finals by only one point.

The B and C teams also had some outstanding wins, the C team beating Sevenoaks a staggering 10-0.

Amelia Robinson [W] was an outstanding 'Most Improved Player' in her team due to her relentless work-rate and athleticism. A highlight of the year was the triple win for the A, B and C teams against Marlborough.

Coaches (U14A): Mr E. Heddon and Mrs E. Worthington. *Player of the Season:* Luisa Schulte-Bockum [Hn]. *Most Improved Players:* Victoria Sach [W] and Katie Summerfield [Hn].

Coaches (U14B): Miss M. Jenkins and Mrs Draper. *Player of the Season:* Freya Cudmore [Hn]. *Most Improved Player:* Amelia Robinson [W].

Coaches (U14C): Mr W. Heathcote and Miss R. Ward. *Player of the Season:* Crissy Bowler [W]. *Most Improved Player:* Bonny Caspers [C]. *Bex Ross* ■

TOUR TO SOUTH AFRICA

For the first time in 150 years, the Wellington girls went on an overseas tour! The destination was to be a cold, wet and hard-baked South Africa. In reality we arrived to meet 25°, with the sun shining on a clearly visible Table Mountain above Cape Town. We started by a run along Clifton Beach with an early night in order to meet the rigours of four matches in the next four days of hockey—a real test.

We started by playing the Langa Hockey Club, with two wins (1st XI, 2-0 and 2nd, 2-1). We also lunched in Langa Township at the infamous 'Sheila Café', after which the girls made friends with all the local children, who vied for shoulder rides.

Somerset College were our next hosts. We stayed in the new, white chapel-style 8 bedroom houses overlooking the Strand. A 7.00 a.m. start was not appreciated by all, particularly Amy Bowerin [C], but all managed a snooze on the way to Cape Peninsula. Wellington 1st XI drew (1-1) and won (2-1) against the Somerset College teams. Staying with Rhenish Girls' High, we beat them 2-1 and 2-0. After that we were taken to a vineyard owned by some parents for dinner. Following that, Milly MacManus [Ap] displayed her fine Irish Jig in the pupils' 'Talent Show'. We stayed in families' homes that night.

Wellington's girls played some good hockey in and around the Cape. Sophie Edwards [C] and Alex Brown [Ap] slipped comfortably into the 1st XI for the first time, and held their own. Visiting the Waterfront, we went to the Aquarium and had our faces painted at the Moyo Restaurant, as well as taking in some more serious fitness training.

Our remaining set of fixtures in the Cape were really competitive. The pace and power of our 1st XI against Paarl Gym was impressive, with Jo Jo Blunt [Hn] really proving her athleticism and team-playing skills. The 3-0 loss did not reflect the game, and all agreed the hockey was pitched high for school girls. Our 2nd XI lost against Paarl High School 0-1.

Wellington then travelled the thousand or so miles to Johannesburg and Pretoria. We visited the Voortrekker Monument and were generously invited to Min Ju Oh's [Hn] family home for a Braai/Korean food spectacular. It was another chance to experience truly wonderful South African hospitality.

The final fixtures were played near Pretoria against an Afrikaans school, Hans Strydom. The initial shock of 30°C was followed by the surprise of playing on grass. The hockey

tour could not have ended in a more spectacular display of athleticism, teamwork and 'Welly spirit'. Amy Howells [Hn] and Harri Gibson [Ap] both raised their game, and Lucy Lloyd-Williams [C] made some excellent runs down the wing. The 1st team drew (1-1), while the 2nd XI won 2-1. After the matches, our friendly hosts treated us to traditional Pokje with parents, players and even the Chair of Governors taking part.

Our final destination was a two-day safari to unwind and chill by the pool in Mabula Game Park. Looking for the 'big four', we saw all but a cheetah, and were further intrigued by a pride of lions eating their wildebeest kill. During that time the girls had the leisure to reflect on their experiences of hockey, travel and friendship made over the past two weeks. Biz Nimmo [C] was an outstanding tour captain throughout and will, no doubt, lead the girls with the same maturity and Wellington inspiration when back at home on English turf.

I should like to thank all the staff who gave up their time and made this first girls' tour an unforgettable experience for all. They included Mr and Mrs Waugh, Mrs Patsy Ro, Kate Murphy, Dan Pratt and Philip Mann. *Bex Ross* ■

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NETBALL

The 2008–2009 season witnessed Wellington fielding the highest number of teams to date with 18 playing regular fixtures. Mass participation was matched by frequent displays of prowess and great enthusiasm from all pupils involved.

COLLEGE 1ST–4TH VII

The College 1st VII had a hard season, starting early in November with the county tournament where the girls narrowly lost in the semis. The girls trained through the Michaelmas term and when the netball term arrived they were ready for the difficult fixtures that lay ahead.

Accurate shooting and match play from Milly MacManus [Ap] along with Angharad Davies [Ap] and Abi Gadsby [Ap] saw some high goal tallies. Strong wins against Pangbourne 36-14, and a narrow loss to Sevenoaks allowed the girls to develop as a side. Catherine Murray [Ap] and Emily Plank [Ap] were key players to the side and their dedication on court chasing loose balls by Ella Yarnton [Ap], teamed with great defensive work from Tasha Alderson [O], meant a lot of turnovers against Epsom. Amy Howells [W] was utterly reliable in intercepting the ball, leading at times to game-changing scores.

College 2nd VII also had a tough season, made easier with a large squad and versatile players. Frankie Paterson [C], Livvie Glennie [O] and Lottie Haywood-Cook [Ap] shot well and matches were at times tight. Close wins over Hurst and Bradfield brought exciting moments for this rapidly developing squad of players.

The College 3rd and 4th VII's, were often combined to make a larger squad for matches as we developed the fixture list to suit so many teams. All girls and their coaches dedicating themselves to training, through the February rain and cold. Audrey Davies [Ap] and Emily James [Ap] shone on the court in both defence and attack, which meant that they soon moved up to the 2nds. Alex Brown [Ap] was outstanding in defence for the 3rds, helping to turn over a lot of opposition ball, with the help of Clem Bunting [Ap] feeding it to the shooters. The 4th VII had a turbulent season as they shared the same problem as the Under 16 C and D teams. In the 2009–2010 season more regular, competitive fixtures will be needed to develop such a high number of talented girls and keep them challenged.

1st Coach: Miss Murphy. **Most Improved Player:** Amy Howells [W]. **Player of the Season:** Milly MacManus. **2nds Coach:** Miss E. Gillan. **Most Improved Player:** Alex Guy [O]. **Player of the Season:** Frankie Paterson. **3rds Coach:** Miss H. Johnson and Mrs E. Worthington. **Most Improved Player:** Clem Bunting. **Player of the Season:** Alex Brown. **4ths Coach:** Miss E Huddart. **Most Improved Player:** Lucy Lintott [C]. **Player of the Season:** Claudia Dyball [Ap].

UNDER 16S

The Under 16 girls' A team went through their third season unbeaten. This is an unprecedented achievement, that sets a great target and aspiration for the younger teams. The As had closely contested games versus Pangbourne, Bradfield and Cranleigh, but always used their strengths and game-play knowledge to pull ahead in the last quarter. Brilliant play within the team included solid defence-work from Ellie Taylor [W] and Molly Gray [O], all the way through to some brilliant shooting and attacking play from the rest of the team. The girls often trained with the Under 16C and many players often joined the A squad, such as Zoe Coxon [O] shooting well at Lord Wandsworth's. Abbie Dorling [C] and Helena Hansford [O] made a real difference in some key games. The Under 16B were just as strong showing real fight and motivation. Their winning streak, also with few dents, saw brilliant performances from Biz Mallet [O] and Rosie Atkinson [C]. The Under 16 C and D teams received extra fixtures against Cranleigh and Marlborough, along with their scheduled fixtures, due to a brilliant turn out and enthusiasm for netball at trials and training. Again great versatility within the squads meant that there was a lot of talent for the C team and we had an equally strong D team.

Under 16 Awards: **A Coach:** Miss Ross. **Most Improved Player:** Luisa Rubio [C]. **Player of the Season:** Ellie Taylor [W] **B Coach:** Dr Hill. **Most Improved Player:** Claudia Poulter [Hn]/Clare Duggart [O]. **Player of the Season:** Biz Mallet [O]. **C Coach:** Rachel Ward. **Most Improved Player:** Milly Liechti [W]. **Player of the Season:** Felicity Morgan [Hn]. **D Coach:** Rachel Ward. **Most Improved Player:** Liliane Nguyen [C]. **Player of the Season:** Becca Hafner [Hn].

UNDER 15S

This year has also seen an undefeated second year for



Back row: Milly MacManus [Ap], Isabelle Nimmo [C]. Middle row: Miss K. Murphy, Ella Yarnton [A], Abigail Gadsby [Ap], Catherine Murray [Ap] Front row: Amy Howells [W], Tash Alderson [O], Emily Plank [Ap] capt, Anghared Davies [Ap], Frances Paterson [C]

the Under 15 As, in addition to winning the SE Berkshire tournament. Players moved between A and B teams showing high standards of play. Excellent shooting was evident from Emma Woolhead [C] and Tara Henderson [O] throughout the season; they also scored 59 goals in one match alone! The Under 15 B girls went through most of the season being unbeaten, narrowly losing to Epsom towards the end. The Under 15 C and D teams had a more challenging season, with top performances from Becky Patrick-Patel [O] and Lily Pickard [C]. All girls worked tirelessly in each game, and Camille Ekperigin [C] made an appearance from the Ds up to the Cs halfway through the season, settling in comfortably.

A Coach: Mrs C. Henderson. **Most Improved Player:** Imogen Halsey [O]. **Player of the Season:** Emma Woolhead. **B Coach:** Mr J. Higham. **Most Improved Player:** Virginia Durigon-Richardson [Hn]. **Player of the Season:** Georgia Frisby [C]. **C Coach:** Miss C. Bailey. **Most Improved Player:** Lyssee Opzoomer [C]. **Player of the Season:** Camille Ekperigin. **D Coaches:** Miss F Smith. **Most Improved Player:** Milly Hall [C]. **Player of the Season:** Izzy Hamilton-Fairley [O].

UNDER 14S

The Under 14 age group fielded 5 teams for their

fixtures. The Under 14 A team played some fine netball and matches vs Epsom, Cranleigh and Marlborough were closely fought. The A team beat Latymer Upper School as they toured with great performances from Amy Edwards [W] and Issy Milligan [Hn]. The As also made it to the semi finals of the SE Berks tournament. The Under 14 B team almost achieved an undefeated season, losing only to St Gabriels A side. Luisa Schulte-Bockum [Hn] proved to be the key player for the side. The Under 14 C team were highly spirited and successful, especially against Sevenoaks with a 39-1 victory. The D and E team members rotated players freely so all pupils could play competitive fixtures.

A Coach: Mrs S. Feast. **Most Improved Player:** Nicola Reid [C]. **Player of the Season:** Issy Milligan. **B Coach:** Miss B. Thomas. **Most Improved Player:** Amy Huntington [W]. **Player of the Season:** Luisa Schulte-Bockum. **C Coach:** Mrs D. Draper. **Most Improved Player:** Emma Docherty [C]. **Player of the Season:** Tory Sach [W]. **D & E Coaches:** Dr Chapman & Miss A. Labbe. **Most Improved Player:** Anna de Winton [Hn]. **Player of the Season:** Conor Shepherd Mort [W]. **Kate Murphy** ■

COMBINED SPORTS



— — — ATHLETICS — — —

The term started well with an early match for the boys against Charterhouse and Cranleigh at Charterhouse. The boys came away with a solid win of 313 points to Cranleigh's 305 and Charterhouse's 215 points. Sprinting was Wellington's forte. A significant proportion of the points came in the 100m and 200m races, in which Freddie Ward [HI] and Yemisi Belo [A] achieved the double, respectively in the Senior Boys' and Junior Boys'. James Gray [Wc] also won the Inter Boys' 200m. The strength

of Wellington's sprinting also was evident in the 4 x 100m relays, with wins in the Senior and Junior Boys' and a close 2nd for the Inter Boys'. Other convincing wins and notable performances came from Felix Fowler [Bn] in the Junior Boys' 800m, as well as the 1500m; James Gray [Wc] in the Inter Boys' discus and Yemisi Belo [A] in the Junior Boys' triple jump.

Meanwhile the girls were working hard at trials on Rockies. The results from the Cranleigh competition and the Girls' trials were also very encouraging, highlighting

significant talent across a number of different events.

The first home fixture of the term was the Copenhagen Shield, held at Bracknell AC against Epsom, Brighton and Marlborough. All those schools boast new synthetic tracks, consequently we were expecting some tough opposition, especially from the habitually strong Epsom team. The afternoon was a hot one, and with outstanding athletic efforts Wellington won the day, beating Epsom for the first time in many years. The Junior Boys', Inter and Junior Girls' all posted convincing wins over the other three schools. Bizzie Mallet [O] and Milly Hall [C] scored well in the Inter Girls' sprints and Molly Critchley [O], threw the javelin over 20m. For the Junior Girls' there were many very good performances, including Isabel Johnson [O] and Sophie

before. However, with an outstanding Wellington girls' team spirit, the B string athletes were supported just as vociferously as the A strings. Our athletes, knowing that every point counted, were victorious, winning the event by a significant margin. It was also tremendous to see so many Wellington parents supporting the athletes. During the day there were more than ten College school records set for Girls' events, including Sarah Burgin [Ap] in the Senior Girls' 800m—a prodigious talent and a person to watch for in the future; Amy Howells [W] in both the Senior Girls' 100m and 200m; Claudia Poulter [W] who was an Inter Girl but competed in the Senior Girls' hurdles and set a new College record; Milly Hall [C] in the Inter Girls' 100m and Sophie Edwards [C] for the Inter Girls' hurdles. New Junior Girls'

Sedgwick-Dwane [C] in the middle distance events and Emma Docherty [C] in the throwing events. The Junior Boys' middle distance events were dominated by Felix Fowler [Bn] and Sam Corsan [S], but the sprinters from Epsom and Brighton proved too strong; they registered some very fast times indeed.

The girls subsequently went to Marlborough to compete against all girl schools such as Downe House and Cheltenham Ladies, as well as other more established coeducational schools, like the home team. This promised to be much more of a challenge for Wellingtonians than they had experienced

records were set by Louisa Schulte-Bochum [Hn]—300m; Daniella Taylor [W]—800m; Emma Docherty [C]—javelin and Faye Driver [C]—shot.

By the end of the season, the Junior and Inter Boys' and Girls' had achieved a very successful season, which bodes well for next year. Sixteen new College records were attained and the overall standard of performance of both boys and girls improved markedly. Looking forward, it will be interesting to see how much more our performances will improve once Wellington has the promised all-weather synthetic track and up-graded facilities. *Chris Ewart* ■

— — BADMINTON — —

Badminton is played in lively fashion here at Wellington. The arrival of many more girls in College has given a tremendous boost to numbers. We have up to 30 pupils who practise regularly on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Some are serious; others come in for a knock about and a bit of College grapevine banter.

The Senior Team, ably led from the front by Colman Chui [BI], had a mixed season. Early wins against the Oratory and Bradfield proved difficult to sustain. We were defeated by Eton, Harrow and Abingdon, who were all very strong. But as the year wore on the team grew in confidence and enthusiasm, managing convincingly to

defeat the very experienced Sports and Social Club Team, which is largely composed of adults. The matches against the Club organised by Alan Ridout are enormously popular and provide a great opportunity for our current pupils to meet visiting OWs. Next year we retain Colman, our excellent captain. There is some talent in the Third form, chiefly represented by Christopher Hancock [Wc] who has been an absolute stalwart this season. Other stars include Brian Jeong [Hg], Oh Min Kwon [Hg], Govind Nair [Wc], Timothy Wong and Jin Kai Law [Hg]. Finally, a huge vote of thanks goes to the much loved Nikki Ramkrishna for her superb coaching skills. *Paul Boscher* ■

— — BOUGHEY RUN — —



Boughey Run 18th June 2009. At the stroke of Noon... Winners: Harriette Johnson [O] and Freddie Ward [HI]

— — BASKETBALL — —

It was a successful and eventful season for Wellington Basketball this year. College again hosted the pre-season inter-school tournament, as well as the inter-school prep school tournament for the first time. The OW match is still the final match of the season and the staff vs. pupil match was fiercely competitive.

The seniors captained by Ben Bowtell [Hn] had numerous wins, which included Eton (51-49), Bradfield (48-47) and many more. The highest scorers of the season were Ben Bowtell and Nash Hamami [Hg] both on 137 points. Other vital players included Kai Jin-Law [Hg] and Phil Vengrinovich [HI], both whom were new to Wellington this year. Henry Counsell [Bn] and Gudjon Bodvarsson [Bn] made an easy transition to the seniors and proved that they deserved positions on the team. Gudjon Bodvarsson was awarded 'Players' player' 2009, Kai Jin-Law received 'Most-Improved' and Ben Bowtell received the 'Most Valuable Player' award.

The juniors had a very promising season and, with up-

coming players such as Will Avrili [Bn], Ant Avrili [Bn] and Perry Miles [T], the team can only improve in the coming years. Jack Gault in the Third Form has shown real potential and has already been an asset for the juniors, undoubtedly becoming in time a crucial part of the Wellington basketball team.

Thanks to all the players in the teams in 2009, to Miss Jenkins (assistant coach) and to the leaving the Upper Sixth Ben Bowtell and Nash Hamami. *David Wilson* ■



Wellington Basketball team photographed after playing a school team from Los Angeles. The visiting team won with the final shot of the game.

— — CROSS COUNTRY — —

This year's cross country promised to be an interesting and challenging year as a large number of good runners had left Wellington in the previous summer. However, following the Xmas Races for the Third and Fourth Forms, a significant number of talented youngsters joined the squad. Consequently, this year's Junior and Intermediate boys' teams contained much talent and expectations were high. In addition, before the season started, a group of runners travelled to Banyoles, Spain for a week of pre-season training.

The Girls' and Boys' Xmas Races were respectively won by Harriette Johnson, [Fourth Form, O] and James Harris [Fourth Form, BI] in very competitive races. Encouragingly more than half of the top ten runners in both races were from the Third Form. This young talent came to the fore at the Berkshire Championships, where Felix Fowler [Bn], Jack Thorne [HI] and Tom Denison [S] were selected to run for Berkshire in the Junior Boys' team with Oli Marjot [S], Rory Stewart [Hg], Will Welton [T], Tom Foster [Hg],

Henry Martin [L] and Miles Seavill [HI] for the Senior Boys' and Sarah Burgin [Ap] for the Senior Girls. It has been many years since Wellington have been so well represented in the County squad. The County Championships were a great success.

As last year, the Wellington Relays attracted a large number of teams and nearly 350 runners. The standard also increased with a handful of new schools entering the Relays for the first time. Whilst Abingdon and Highgate produced outstanding competition the Wellington Junior Boys secured a well deserved 2nd place. The Senior Boys came a very creditable 5th.

Due to snow and ice on the roads we were unable to travel to the Cranleigh Invitation Run. Then the Charterhouse Cup competition, which our Senior Boys still retain, was cancelled. However the boys competed in the Radley Relays in very muddy conditions. The Junior Boys came away with an excellent bronze medal; the Inters, 9th place; while the Seniors ran in 6th. There was some serious

competition from Westminster, Winchester and Abingdon.

Another notable result was the Ranelagh Cup, in which Wellington came 4th with a Junior (Felix Fowler [Bn]) and an Inter (James Harris [Bl]) representing the Senior Boys' team.

The ever popular Inter-House Relays were fiercely contested, with The Beresford winning the Senior Boys, The Blücher the Inter Boys, The Benson in the Junior Boys, The Apsley in the Senior Girls, The Combermere in the Inter Girls and The Hopetoun the Junior Girls. The Kingsley's boys' race was won by Oli Marjot [S] and the girl's race, Harriette Johnson [O],

an outstanding result for a pupil from the Fourth Form.

The last event of the season was the English Schools' Championships in which Wellington had three Senior Boys; Rory Stewart [Hg], Oli Marjot [S] and Will Welton [T] with two Junior Boys Felix Fowler [Bn] and Jack Thorne [Hl]. Felix had a tremendous result, coming 102nd from more than 300 runners.

Thanks must be given to the outgoing Master of the Hunt, Oli Marjot [S] and congratulations to his replacement Rory Stewart [Hg] who is already leading his squad for what promises to be an exciting, successful 2010. *Chris Ewart* ■

— — FENCING — —

It has been another solid year for fencing. Even if there have not been many 'famous victories', the team always fought on valiantly. The enigmatic Tommy Hirst [Hg] again did very well in national competitions. At the annual Public Schools' competition, he made it to the last sixteen in the épée. Tommy has now departed, as has Club Secretary Chares Bailey [Hn], whose fencing improved dramatically over the year. His organisational skills, sardonic wit and wonderful stoicism will all be missed.

The Club Leavers' Dinner was held at the Pot Kiln Restaurant, which included as a guest Mr Ford, a former Master in charge of Fencing. Armed with top A2 grades, Tommy and Charles have now moved to Imperial College and Manchester University respectively, and will be excellent additions to any fencing team. The Club is now in the hands of Guy Bishop [Bl] and Will Johnson [T]. We extend our thanks, as ever, to our two brilliant coaches, Steve Davey and Hermann du Pré. *James Price* ■

— — FOOTBALL — —

As far as results are concerned—2 wins, 2 draws and 6 losses—this was a disappointing season. In a weather affected term, some of our poor performances were difficult to explain. The season was not without its highlights though, and matches against the Oratory, the Casuals, KCS Wimbledon and the narrow defeat to St John's showed our potential.

The season started well with a strong performance against the Oratory and a well deserved win. The side travelled to Sevenoaks full of confidence and this transferred to the pitch where we were 2 goals up early in the game. Unfortunately we then switched off for 20 minutes and came in at half-time 4-2 down. We played some of our most determined football in the second half and managed to get a goal back. A missed penalty then prevented us securing a draw and we headed back to Wellington feeling we had handed victory to a side which we should have beaten. Next

we were heavily defeated against an impressive Tonbridge side and although we possessed the ball much of the time, we conceded far too many goals, losing 1-6.

Our visit to Harrow was always going to be a difficult fixture, a side which had won the Charles Alcock Cup last season and which had already recorded notable wins this term. Two injuries to key players in the first 10 minutes made matters worse and having conceded two penalties, Harrow ran away from us in the second half. This was one of the most organised and impressive sides we have played against for many years. It was no surprise to learn that they went on to retain the Alcock cup.

During our visit to St John's, Leatherhead the boys rose brilliantly to the challenge out competing St John's for much of the game. With less than 5 minutes remaining we were leading 1-0. The boys had worked incredibly hard but sadly they equalised with a goal which looked offside. In the



Back Row: Tom Wood [Hn], Ben Hayes [Hg], Peter Carmody [M], Joe Williams [Bl]
Middle Row: N Lunnon Esq CR, Ben Cleary [Bd], Nick Jupp [Bd], Edward Mills [T], Tom Rowe [T], Pii Lee [Bl]
Bottom Row: Jonno McGovern [Bd], Hugh Chichester [T], Toby Hanington [Bl], Ben Blossie [Hg], Alec Barkett [Hl]

dying seconds, one of their players succeeded with a long distance shot. Narrowly escaping our goalkeeper's reach, the boys felt they were robbed of the draw.

FOOTBALL	
1ST XI	
ORATORY	2 - 0
SEVENOAKS	3 - 4
HAILEYBURY	1 - 6
TONBRIDGE	1 - 6
HARROW	0 - 7
CORINTHIAN CASUALS	4 - 4
ST JOHN'S, LEATHERHEAD	1 - 2
KCS WIMBLEDON	6 - 3
O.W.'S	3 - 3
EPSOM	1 - 3

A strong performance against KCS Wimbledon followed and it was good to get back into winning ways, especially at home on Turf. Two draws against the OWs and the adult Corinthian Casuals side lifted confidence and the side travelled to Epsom in good spirits for their final game. This was played on a poor pitch and we never seemed to get going in what was by some distance our worst performance of the season, losing 3-1 to opponents who had not won all season.

Toby Hanington [Bl] captained the side well and was our most impressive player throughout the season. He scored the majority of our goals, many of them spectacular individual efforts. His contribution to football during his five years has been excellent and he will be a hard act to follow. Ed Mills [T] played in a variety of positions, before settling in at centre back where he provided a solid base on which to build. His performance against St John's was outstanding. John McGovern [Bd] moved from goalkeeper to utility player and scored a number of excellent goals

towards the end of the season, using his height and strength in midfield. Tom Rowe [T] will return next year and has a promising season in the midfield holding role. Nick Jupp [Bd] played with passion and determination at right back and was ably supported by Tom Wood [Hg] who was ever consistent at left back. A number of players filled the centre back role, including good seasons for Hugh Chichester [T] and Ben Blossie [Hg]. Alec Barkett [HI] came into goal in the middle of the season and did an excellent job providing stability to the defence. Ben Hayes [Hg] worked hard all season up front alongside Toby Hanington although only managed to find the net in the final game of the season.

Peter Carmody [M], Joe Williams [BI] and Ben Clearly [Bd] all contributed positively and Pil Lee [BI], Micky Barkett [HI] and Freddie Fielding [Pn] enjoyed a handful of appearances between them.

I would like to thank my assistant coach, James Breen for his effort and encouragement as well as all the other coaches who committed themselves fully over the course of the term. 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 team for excellent catering. *Neill Lunnon* ■

— GOLF —

2008-9 brought a new kind of pressure for the golf squads at Wellington. Millfield had been the undisputed 'number one' school in the UK for many years, and recent advances by Loretto had placed the Edinburgh school as their closest apparent challenger. Both Millfield and Loretto had built their success partly on large numbers of specialist golf scholars, and

considerable investment in coaching: more than 20 scholars and one or two full time professionals at both schools being far beyond our figures of four golf/academic scholars, and part-time help from Jason Brant and David Rennie. Yet Wellington had begun in 2007-8 to demonstrate that we could compete very strongly at a national level, and the expectation before the 2008-9 season began was that we would have to win a number of events decisively to prove ourselves.

The second Saturday of the Michaelmas term gave us an early opportunity to measure performance, with a match against Millfield at The Berkshire. Despite missing three of our best six players at national tournaments, we won 6-2, prompting Max Smith, England U18 and their best player, to enquire of Jason Brant what our secret was!

At the West Sussex GC Schools Invitational Tournament, a foursomes stableford, we beat seventeen other schools from the south to secure the scratch trophy, donated by Peter Benka, the Old Carthusian and Walker Cup golfer, who died tragically earlier in the year.

In early October, at the Independent Schools Strokeplay Cup, Ed Peters [Bn], Alex Peters [Hn] and Jordan Mann [BI]

laid down a further early marker, winning by ten shots and beginning to make the school golfing world realise that Wellington is genuinely one of the leaders.

The Gerald Micklem Cup, at Woking, has traditionally been the pinnacle of the school golfing year, and despite the introduction of more nationally representative and competitive events, it remains a highly prestigious tournament. By agreement with the other schools, and out of deference to the history of the event, Wellington does not field any scholars who join after the

third form. Nonetheless, the team ranged in handicap from 1 to 4, and were favourites to retain the Cup and make it 6 wins in 9 years. Drawn against Bradfield, last year's beaten finalists and a strong side, in the first round, we won 3½-1½. The semi-final and final were against Charterhouse and Eton respectively, and both were won by margins of 5-0, which was more to do with our excellent golf than any lack of opposition. Jordan Mann, for instance, won against the number one players of both schools, both heading off on the Swifts Tour a week or so later, and both off a handicap of one. From the 9th hole of the morning to the end of his match in the afternoon, Mann was 10 under par! The team were superb ambassadors for Wellington, and Freddie Edmunds spoke impressively after collecting the trophy.

The Independent Schools Matchplay Cup finishes, oddly, with a strokeplay final. Wellington A beat Wellington B in the regional final, and so Jordan Mann, Ed and Alex Peters

“Wellington can comfortably claim to be the number one school in the UK in 2008-9.”



Edward Peters [Bn], Alexandra Peters [Hn], Jordan Mann [BI], I. M. Henderson Esq

made the trip up to the St Andrews Bay resort in late April. In windy and occasionally wet weather on the cliff-top Kittocks course, their control of the ball was considerably better than that of any other competitors. Only the very crusty and bumpy greens equalised that difference to any extent. One shot ahead overnight, they extended their lead to 5 by the end of the second round, and deservedly picked up their second national title of the year. In doing so, they qualified automatically for the finals in 2009-10, and Wellington will now represent England in the Schools Home Internationals in February 2010.

In the final event of the year, the HMC Foursomes, we won through to the national finals from what is universally considered the strongest group. King's School Canterbury, in particular, were very difficult opponents, and we managed to beat them 2-1 at Rye in the regional final. The national finals were in the summer holidays at Royal Ashdown Forest and Tonbridge School, and this unfortunately meant that several players were busy with major events. The great bonus of this was that it gave a brilliant opportunity to others in our strong squad. We beat Bedford and Bradfield comfortably with some intelligent and composed

golf, before coming up against Millfield. Murray Rose [M] and Sam Williams [HI] were our normal third pair, but were playing top, and won at the 21st against two boys in national squads. Archie Presley [L] and Sam Dovey [L] fought well at number number 3 but ultimately lost at the 16th. This left Oliver Fowler [Bn] and Robby Wibbels [M] needing to win at no.2. A very tight and fluctuating match was finished

MAJOR COLOURS:

F.J. EDMUNDS [L] (CAPTAIN), E.A. PETERS [BN],
A.E. PETERS [HN], J.N. MANN [BL]

MINOR COLOURS:

S.L. WILLIAMS [HL], M. ROSE [M], O.B. FOWLER [BN],
R. WIBBLES [M], T. FOSTER [HG], T. OH [L]

OTHER TEAM MEMBERS:

C. FARMER [BN], C. THOMAS [A], S. DOVEY [L],
A. PRESLEY [L], D. COOKE [A], J. TUCKWELL [BL],
W. LEITH [S], D. DOUGALL [BL], O. RALPH [BD],
J. BAMSEY [A], T. RYAN [M], A. DALLAMORE [BL], G.
BODVARSSON [BN], C. SEDGWICK-DWANE [O],
H. JONES [HN], A. COLEMAN [HN]

by a Millfield birdie at the 19th, and subsequently Millfield went on to win the overall final easily against Epsom. Despite this loss, Wellington can comfortably claim to be the number one school in the UK in 2008-9.

We have maintained and even expanded our extensive fixture list against other schools, and we try to match our team to the standard of the opposition as far as is possible. This means that there is a competitive opportunity for many players, and a chance to prove themselves. We have also played, and beaten, Oxford University, and Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Under 18 (twice). The only match that a full strength team lost this year, was to a very strong adult side from The Berkshire, and we are looking to add fixtures against North Hants GC, Wentworth, Sunningdale, Hampshire Under 18, and Surrey Under 18 next year.

In external competitions and representative golf, there were many successes, and I can list only a few here:

Freddie Edmunds was selected for the Swifts Tour—the biennial British Independent Schools Tour to the USA at Easter.

Sam Williams became Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire U16 champion by 5 shots.

Alex Peters retained the Fairhaven Trophy by seven shots with a 12 under par score over four rounds. She also came second in *The Daily Telegraph* International final in Abu Dhabi, among other tournament successes, and was promoted to the full England Womens' Squad at the age of 15.

Ed Peters became the first person ever to have won

the Nottinghamshire County Championship at U14, U16, U18, U21 and senior level.

Jordan Mann was selected for the BB&O elite squad and played his first senior county matches.

Freddie Edmunds (Suffolk), Murray Rose (Essex), Chris Thomas (Surrey), Cameron Farmer (Hampshire and Isle of Wight), Archie Presley (Surrey) all played county golf, in addition to those above.

It would be impossible for us to attempt what we are doing here without the help of some crucial people. Jason Brant has forged a reputation, deservedly, as one of the very best teachers in the whole of the UK. His ability to help players to develop, and to have a real understanding and ownership of what they are doing, is unmatched in my experience, and the progress shown by those whom he teaches is exceptional. David Rennie has been a marvellous addition to the golf here: his enthusiasm and easy manner combine well with his knowledge both of golf and of Wellington. He leads our vision of 'Golf for all'—that every pupil or staff member should have the chance to learn to play, should they wish to. Tim Head has been a great help too, and he looks forward to developing further his knowledge of the game in the coming years. Rob Collins and his team of greenkeeping staff have done an especially marvellous job this year. The condition of the course is excellent, and this has been true throughout the year. Martin Brandom, our Estates Bursar, leaves Wellington with our very best wishes for his new post down on the Kent coast: his dedication and willingness to help have been remarkable. *Iain Henderson* ■

— POLO —

This year has been one of highs and lows. The most significant event has been the death of Paul Sweeney. Paul was the owner of Ash Farm polo arena where we have trained in the winter for many, many years. His kindness and generosity has underpinned the success of polo here at Wellington, and a great number of Wellingtonians (past and present) had their introduction to polo under his watchful eye. He is sorely missed by us all.

We continue to train at Ash Farm, being looked after by Paul's daughter Charlotte and by Roy Prisk. Due to increasing numbers we only sent our top end players to Ash Farm and the beginners and intermediates headed off to Ascot Park, under the watchful eye of Robert Burke.

Our season really started with Garvy Beh [M] heading off to Argentina to play in the Copa Potrillos. Garvy played outstandingly well in helping his team to win this very prestigious tournament. His handicap in Argentina was subsequently raised to 2, so huge congratulations to him!

Unfortunately Garvy damaged his wrist in this tournament and so missed the first few games of our season. However, the A team of Andreas Papoyans [L], Luke Walsh [BI] and Hugo Singh [Wc] still managed to beat both Marlborough and Millfield in fine style in January. The same team followed this up with a good wins over Harrow and Eton.

A good arena season led to the National tournaments



Under 16s National Champions: Garvy Beh, Andreas Papoyans, Jasmine Pidgley, Chris Ewing

up at Longdole Arena. Our Girls' teams played some great polo, with the A team narrowly missing out on a place in the final and the Bs and Cs did well in their divisions given the fact that for some this was their first ever match. The Novice A team did make it through to the Novice Final, only to lose to a very well drilled Rugby team, the other Novice teams had a great day out and we were able to spot some serious potential. Our Intermediate A team, Harry Rosen [HI], Sophie Mills-Thomas [C] and Jess Best [Ap], were unlucky to lose their first match but played like demons after that and ended up 5th overall.

The main National Schools Tournament saw Andreas, Garvy and Luke in action. A very easy win in their first match (scoring 6 goals in one chukka!) led to a little overconfidence and we did not play anywhere near our best in the semi-final, missing several penalties and an open goal, and we ended up losing by one goal, to a team we would normally beat easily. The disappointment was crippling and this led to the boys losing in the 3rd/4th play-off to a Marlborough team we turned over convincingly at the start of the season. Next year will be the year.

Onto the Summer term and onto grass. This year our Intermediates and Beginners stayed at Ascot Park while, thanks to the generosity of Amar Sheik, our A team trained

at Cowdray Park with Roddy Wood and Hamid Ali. The A team were soon in action against Radley and onto our first win of the season. The next matches were against Harrow and featured our B team of Sophie Mills-Thomas, Jess Best, Jasmine Pidgley [W] and Emma Parkhouse [C], and C team, Michael Claessens [Pn], Chris Ewing [T], Adelaide Goodeve and Anna Neal [Ap]. The B team lost to a very strong Harrow B(A) team, but the magnificent C team were triumphant against a Harrow C team, which included a -1 rated player, hmm...

Our Girls' A team then went off to play against Cheltenham Ladies and Rugby in a 3-way tournament, but the long journey and trouble finding the horses meant they lost their concentration and came home without a win.

The big fixture of this term, our A team v. Marlborough v. Millfield became somewhat of a damp squib. Millfield had to withdraw as did two of our A team players, so Marlborough had a fun run out, we even had to borrow a player sitting on the sidelines at Tidworth due to an injury. Not our finest hour. Meanwhile the B and C teams were having a run out against Beau Desert prep school. We lost those matches which is not surprising given that the surname of most of the opposition was Hanbury.

The next match for the A team was at Guards against

Eton. This match saw Garvy return to the A team after resting his injured wrist. This was a hugely exciting match with some breathtaking individual play from Andreas Papoyans to ensure a comfortable win for Wellington.

Speech Day saw our now traditional polo match here at Wellington down on Farm Field. Every year this gets better and better and draws more of a crowd. This year we enjoyed some outstanding play from our A team joined by Brazilian International Juracy Santos (4) and England International Roddy Williams (5). A huge thanks goes to Amar Sheik for arranging these players and the umpires, Roddy Wood and Hamid Ali.

Before the National Girls tournament we had a warm-up match against Heathfield, in which we tried out different combinations of players and also included Luke Walsh and Garvy Beh to allow Heathfield to practise against some stiff opposition. Many thanks to Tony Pidgley for allowing us to play on one of his pitches.

In the Girls tournament, Wellington were able to field three teams for the first time, which is more than any other school. The play, from all the players, was outstanding. Each and every girl played at the very top of their game and can hold their heads high and the A team came a very creditable 6th in the top division. Heathfield did outstandingly well, thanks to their warm up against us!

The intermediate teams worked hard and saw a welcome return to Oli Botes [HI] (congratulations for getting into Oxford), who promptly crashed his horse and ended up with it on top of him. No permanent damage done to either horse or player, but this did unsettle the team and we threw away the next match and ended up coming 5th overall.

One of the highlights of the term was welcoming the Christchurch School polo team, from New Zealand, to Wellington for their week long stay with us. They were great ambassadors for their school, country and sport. We played them in a three-way with Harrow, but they were very strong and managed to just about beat our A team.

This match was a warm-up for the National Schools tournament in which our A team played. Jasmine Pidgley made the starting line-up of the A team after her outstanding performance in the National Under 16s, more of that below. Unfortunately we didn't wake up in time to play our best in the opening match of the tournament and ended up losing, which mean we went into the plate tournament. We won our way through to the final of this and ended up playing Marlborough. After a hard match

we ended up drawing, and so went to a run-down for a result. With Garvy and Andreas both able to hit well over a hundred yards we fancied our chances of getting some silverware, but a horrific bounce off a divot sent the ball almost sideways across the pitch. Unfortunately we were unable to make up for that and Marlborough were able to cross the line a fraction of a second ahead of us.

The shining star of our season this year was our Under 16A Team of Andreas Papoyans, Garvy Beh, Jasmine Pidgley and Chris Ewing. They were in action in the National Under 16 tournament. I thought we had been jinxed by an e-mail Andreas sent me the day before the tournament saying 'are u ready to win sum silverware?' However, the quality of polo on view at this tournament was breathtaking and it is without any modesty that I say most of it was due to us! We won our way through to the final with some great teamwork, Andreas seemingly everywhere on the pitch and some breathtaking individual flair from Garvy. In the final we were up against a very physical and determined Marlborough team. However, Chris and Jasmine played beyond their abilities and Andreas and Garvy were clearly the best players on view that day and we eventually came out as comfortable winners despite some dubious play from Marlborough, claiming the two of our goals did not cross the line and the Umpire, an ex-Picton parent, believing them despite spectators protests... Thus Wellington College are now the National Under 16s Polo Champions!

Also congratulations to Luke Walsh for being selected to represent British School for a series of Internationals over the Summer.

At the time of writing I have just had requests to play from 60 players including pony club champions and international players joining the college. With this amount of talent entering we should be able to hold onto the Under 16s cup for another few years.

Many thanks to all the parents who have provided support (vocal, comestible, written, emotional and financial) throughout the year, it has been invaluable to our success this year and I look forward to more of the same next year. Also huge thanks to Miss Edwards for all the work, time and effort she has put in this year, which has really enabled us to move forward in our ambitions, and thank you to Mr Fairclough for all the work he has done for us throughout the year. We really would not be able to operate on anywhere near the same level without their assistance. *John Gale* ■

— RACKETS —

Foster Cup, Queen's Club: The highlight of this winter's rackets season was undoubtedly Nick Hopcroft's [Bd] success in the Senior H K Foster Cup at Queen's Club in December 2008. Having won the singles and doubles trophies for Junior Colts the previous season, Professional Noel Brett and Nick took the bold and adventurous decision to bypass the Colts championship (for the Incedon-Webber Cup) and compete for the Foster Cup—the competition for the top 16 senior boys in the country.

The gamble paid off. Seeded three in the tournament, Nick won both his first and second round matches 3-0. In the semi-final he met Christian Portz from Winchester,

“At the age of 16 [Nick Hopcroft] became ... the youngest winner in the history of the Foster Cup.”

second seed in the tournament. In a match of exceptional quality Nick won 3-1; until he served the winning ace in the final game neither player had been more than 5 points ahead. In the final he met Portz's partner from Winchester, fourth seed Sean Knight. Playing aggressive attacking rackets with a strong sense of self-belief, Knight took the first game and the first 7 points of the second. Nick gradually took control of things as his opponent began to make mistakes, and won the next three equally hard-fought games. At the age of 16 he became possibly the youngest winner in the history of the Foster Cup.

School Competitions: In school matches and in

the Doubles Championships at Queen's in March, Nick played with captain Charlie Pickard [BI]. They produced some decent performances in the course of the season, the highlights of which were a close 3-4 loss to Winchester in December and a 4-2 win over Tonbridge in February. Gordon Hamilton-Fairley [Hg] and James Rendell [S] gained confidence as the Second Pair, and so were disappointed to lose to Rugby in the first round at Queen's.

With Hopcroft promoted to the First Pair, Angus Boobbyer [Pr] and James Whateley [A] played together in the Colts' Pair, and won a high proportion of their school matches. While not playing at their best, however, they beat a similarly underperforming Radley pair at Queen's, before losing to Harrow in the quarter final. We look forward to a good next year.

Oliver Rendell [S] and Peter Melhuish [BI] made significant progress in the Junior Colts Pair. As they began winning matches they visibly grew in confidence, and should continue to improve. They were also motivated by the desire to keep ahead of a promising group of Yearlings. Jack Wood [BI] and Charlie Barrow [Bn] also played at Queen's, while Connor Nurse [A], Rufus Hawkings [S], Tom Membrey [HI], Chris Thomas [A], Ben Rogers [BI] and Tom McClean all had opportunities in school matches. *Charles Oliphant Callum* ■

RACKETS			
	PLAYED	WON	LOST
FIRST PAIR	19	14	5
SECOND PAIR	13	4	9
COLTS	16	9	7
JUNIOR COLTS	9	2	7
YEARLINGS	7	5	2
COLLEGE TROPHIES			
SENIOR CUP	N.J. HOPCROFT [BD]		
COLTS CUP	J.P. WHATELEY [A]		
JUNIOR COLTS CUP	P.R. MELHUIH [BL]		
YEARLINGS CUP	W.T.G. MEMBREY [HL]		



Nick Hopcroft [Bd]

— — SAILING — —

This has been a wonderful season of progress in Wellington sailing. Bested only by Eton and Magdalen College School (MCS) before the British Schools Dinghy Racing Association (BSDRA) National Regatta, convincing victories over Charterhouse and Tonbridge, and a first recorded win over Sevenoaks in the East Kent Regatta, were particularly memorable. Even more remarkable this talented young team will be unchanged next year—unlike our main opponents—and even the year after that will see only the loss of Captain Charlie Esse [Pn].



Captain Charlie Esse [Pn] leads the way

Nowhere was the increased maturity and controlled aggression of the team more in evidence than in the match against OW Sailing Association and Parents. The OW Sailing Association (OWSA) team, led by last year's Captain James Robinson, was affected by the counter attraction on the day of the Round the Island Race, but the parents really meant business, with Olympian Barry Parkin and Admiral's Cup legend Harold Cudmore in the team. After a parental win in the first race (the result of extraordinarily fine tactical team racing), College

battled back with Charlie Esse in particular returning fire with fire. This was the finest team racing yet seen at Horseshoe Lake and gave particular pleasure to the retiring Master of Sailing.

In short, College has been on the podium at every BSDRA Regatta this year, losing out to MCS at the Southern only as a result of inexperience. The Second team, with a revitalised fixture list, has won about 50 percent of their races and I am delighted that girls as well as boys have featured prominently in both teams. The strength in depth of the squad was demonstrated by the fact that rank outsiders, The Hill, were winners of the Barnard Cup and that The Hopetoun were able to get two girls' pairs through to the final.

As I leave Wellington, I wish Ian Frayne (who takes over), Nick Maloney, Ed Venables and Richard Foskett every success. The news that College is prepared to invest in a new set of Fireflies (still the team racing dinghy of choice) is testimony to the team's success and College's commitment to take Wellington to the very top of the school sailing world. **Graham Nurser** ■



A good start for Jack and Charlie at the Nationals



First and Second teams at the Southern regatta

1ST TEAM MEMBERS:

CHARLIE ESSE [PN, CAPT], HARRY MARTIN [HL], JACK TRIGGER [M], ANGUS FRANZ [L], PATRICK GARRATT [PN], LILLIE CABLE [HN], SEBASTIAN O'HARA [T], IMOGEN SHEPHERD [HN], LYDIA GARRATT [HN], WILL MCCREADIE [HL], NICK HAYNES [A], LIVI FRAYNE [O]

2ND TEAM MEMBERS:

TOM ROBERTS [BD, CAPT], SEBASTIAN O'HARA [T], LYDIA GARRATT [HN], IMOGEN SHEPHERD [HN], FREYA CUDMORE [HN], CHRISTINE VINEY [W], GEORGIE MCCREADIE [C], LEO SUTTON [R], HUGO SUTTON [R], MAX WOOD [PN], FRED NOBLE [HL], OLIVER BANKS [A], ARTHUR SEAWARD [BN]

SAILING

ETON AND MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL	2ND TO MCS
ETON (A)	LOST 3-2
BSDRA EAST KENT REGATTA	2ND TO MCS
BSDRA HOAD SHIELD	15TH OUT OF 17 TEAMS
WINCHESTER (A)	WON 4-0
BSDRA MIDLANDS REGATTA	3RD BEHIND MCS AND ETON
TONBRIDGE (A)	1ST & 2NDS 1STS WON 6-0
BSDRA SOUTHERN REGATTA	1ST TEAM SECOND TO MCS IN FINAL
.	2ND TEAM SECOND TO CANFORD IN PLATE
BRADFIELD (A)	CANCELLED—NO WIND
BSDRA THAMES VALLEY REGATTA	2ND OUT OF 5 TEAMS TO ETON
.	2ND TEAM 5TH
CHARTERHOUSE (A)	WON 6-0
BARNARD CUP HEATS 1	PICTON, MURRAY, TALBOT AND HILL WENT THROUGH
MCS (H)	WON 3-2
HARROW (A)	WON 4-1
BARNARD CUP HEATS 2	HOPETOUN 1, HOPETOUN 2 AND ANGLESEY WENT THROUGH
ETON (H)	LOST 4-1
SHERBORNE (A)	CANCELLED
BARNARD CUP FINAL	WINNERS: HILL (WILL MCCREADIE & FRED NOBLE)
OWSA (COMMODORE'S PLATE)	WON 3-0
PARENTS (DARWIN CUP)	WON 2-1
BSDRA NATIONAL REGATTA	SILVER FLEET

SHOOTING

This year has certainly been a year of firsts. We have had our first shooting scholar; a record breaking average score of 95.25 on British Match Targets; we were recognised as the 'greenest department in College' and of course had our first unbeaten **Smallbore** season at 25 yards. The shooting team has gone from strength to strength to become the most successful sporting team in College. The British Schools' Open at Christmas highlighted just how far we have come, when the Wellington A team beat the Gresham's A team by a clear 7 points. Our A and B teams also beat Epsom in the 50m National Championships held at the Lord Roberts centre (our one time College Governor).

In November we had a Smallbore match against the OWs. For many of them it was the first time they had been to the College range since it moved from near the 'Upturned Boat', and so the new one was quite an adventure. Unfortunately for the OWs and fortunately for College, four members of our team scored 100s—something that even Jon Paul (OW) was not even prepared for. He did not have enough OW tankards to give to them all.

Early this year nine members of the team were selected for the England Schools' Smallbore side—with Alex Corner [L] shooting the highest score of the entire England team. Hannah Pugsley [C], Max Williams [S], Alex Bryson [S], Amir Idris [HI], Tommy Hirst [Hg], Harry Orpen-Smellie [BI], Andy Brooker [HI] and Oliver Lyon [M] were the others who represented England. As we had beaten every school we shot against on our usual circuit, we decided to contact the British Airways Rifle Club and travelled to Heathrow to shoot against them in a long range competition providing us with a new challenge. They awarded us with a Turbine Blade from a Concorde Engine when we got to within four points of them.

The **Fullbore** season has also gone from strength to strength. The team has become even more organised and motivated: the difference was noticeable during our Thursday training sessions. We were getting through details faster than the Old Theatre burnt down, to coin a metaphor, which has helped us enormously during team

matches. Earlier in the summer the Wellington side was selected as the North London Rifle Club Under 25 team during a match against the Honourable Artillery Company and the North London captain declared our team skills as 'exceptional'. We beat the HAC by a more than respectable margin. Andy Brooker [HI], who shot for Scotland last summer against the Combined Services and Home Countries, shot again for Scotland—this time against the RAF, Wales, Ireland and England.

Several of the team have also shot for their counties, Harry Orpen-Smellie [BI], worthy member of the Wellington family shooting dynasty, shot for Essex, Alex Corner [L] for Middlesex, Tommy Hirst [Hg] for Berkshire and Max Williams [S] for Hampshire. We also had a full bore match against the OWTRC. As many of the team were shooting for their respective counties it proved to be difficult to establish the scores but the result was more than conclusive when College yet again beat the OWs. Hannah Pugsley [C], after becoming the Junior British 50m champion in the morning, came and shot two 48s for College.

Schools' Week: We shot the four days culminating in 7th place in the Ashburton. The highlight of the week was the Overseas' barbecue with the British Commonwealth Rifle Club. The Canadian Team were so impressed by us that they invited the entire team to their exclusive reception during the Imperial—only a very select few Athelings get invited.

The Imperial Meeting is what all the hard work is about and our aim was to win the two most important Schools' Cups—the Anstey and the Garry Jones. Sadly we came second to Gresham's in the Anstey by just two points, but we won the Garry Jones, beating Gresham's, Dollar and Epsom amongst others. Alex Bryson [S] and Hannah Pugsley [C] both shot in the AG Bell as well as the Inter-Services Long and Short Range Competitions. Andy Brooker [HI] was the wind Coach for the Inter-Services Long Range which was a huge honour. Hannah Pugsley [C] came second in the Young Rifleman's Aggregate, which should help her in her application for the Athelings next summer. Tommy Hirst [Hg] was fourth in the Chairman's Prize, a superb performance. Several others shot possibles

"The shooting team has gone from strength to strength to become the most successful sporting team in College."



Hannah Pugsley [C] British Junior Women's 3-position Champion

(full scores) which will move them up a class next year. Hannah Pugsley [C] shot a 50.8 in *The Times* competition at 300 yards, Andy Brooker shot a 50.3 in the Conan Doyle at 900 yards and Alex Corner shot a 50.5 in the Duke of Cambridge at 900 yards.

Alex Bryson was the highest placed schoolboy and finished 75th in the Grand aggregate (out of 953 competitors from around the world). Hannah Pugsley was our next best coming 248th and was the 15th highest schools' competitor, which is pretty amazing considering she had only taken up Fullbore two months before the event. Alex Bryson [S] and Oliver Lyon [M] shot the second stage of the St George's Competition with Andy Brooker [HI] and Harry Orpen-Smellie [BI] missing out by just a handful of v bulls. Alex Bryson [S] made it through to the St George's Final which, along with his Grand Aggregate position, assured him of at least A class for next year.

Alex Bryson [S] and Hannah Pugsley [C] both just made it through to the second stage of the Queen's prize. Then Alex shot the score of his life, to not only make the Queen's Final, but to be in 3rd place at the start of the final. He shot a staggering 150 out of 150 over three ranges. The afternoon of the Queen's final was an amazing experience for everyone. Alex continued to shoot well at both 900 and 1,000 yards against the very best shooters, and ended up still on the leader board in 17th place, winning the George

Twine memorial Trophy for the highest placed schoolboy. This means he will also be X class next year, the highest classification for Target Rifle.

Understandably Alex had been disappointed not to be selected for the Athelings but his shooting in the meeting showed the selectors how big a mistake they had made not selecting him. He has been chosen to train with the Great Britain Under 25 team, to try and get selection for the World Championships in 2011. He has more than proved himself.

Finally: The support this year for the entire team has been fantastic. On the coaching side we have had help on Thursdays from what is arguably the strongest schools coaching side in the Country. We would like to thank Chris Tootell (OW and Atheling), Mike Martell (Captain of the Channel Islands World Championship Team), Eric Stuart-Bamford (Captain of the GB Veterans Team), David Hossack (GB, Scotland and Commonwealth Games), Nigel Ball (GB and former winner of the Grand Aggregate) and Mary Pearse (GB and former winner of the Grand Aggregate) for their support. Without them the team would not have come on as much as it has done. We are all extremely grateful for the time they have given up for us.

The most important person of all is Ian Shirra-Gibb our technical coach. He teaches everyone from the beginners to the top shooters in the team. He devotes as much time during both the Full Bore and Small Bore

seasons. He is the National Coach for 300m shooting and is regarded as probably the best positional coach in this country. Without Ian the quality of our shooting would be

nowhere near our present standard and the contribution he has brought to College shooting should never be underestimated. *Max Williams [S]* ■

— — SKIING — —

Independent Schools Ski and Snowboard Championships December 2008: Starting the skiing season Wellington skiers and boarders enjoyed great renown on the trip to Les Deux Alpes, where they competed in the Independent Schools Ski and Snowboard Championships. Blessed with fresh snow and sunshine, we were off to a good start in mid-December. After a couple of days intensive training, the boarding contingent and the A and B Ski Teams, were well primed and raring to go.

Top individual performances came from Charlie Bowring [O], who won Gold in the Giant Slalom and Silver in the Slalom against very stiff competition. Alice Richards [Hn], who had raced for the first time last year, won Silver in the Giant Slalom and Bronze in the Slalom. Both have improved significantly since last years races and had very impressive runs. Elliott Williams [Pn] and Silas Curtis [L] also won individual prizes for their racing, while Johnny Furness [Pn] came away with a Bronze medal for Giant Slalom on his snowboard.

Congratulations were due to the Wellington A team, who won Silver in the Team Parallel Slalom and the Team Giant Slalom. The team consisted of Charlie Bowring, Silas Curtis, Elliott Williams, Alice Richards and Charlie Spiers [A]. The Wellington B team should also be praised for their achievements; novice racers Mathew Morgan [S], Nick Allred [A], Josh Huckin [Pn] and Magnus Lyche [HI] all completed with decent times.

Overall the trip was a huge success. The initially disparate group of boys and girls of different ages became united through their love of snow sports. They worked together brilliantly as a team, competed with great sportsmanship which added to Wellington College's prestige around the slopes. They not only skied hard but they played hard too; bowling, ice skating, snowball fighting, you name it everyone enjoyed getting fully involved in true Wellington Spirit!



Austin Curtis [T] attacking the Slalom at the British Interschool's Challenge, Les Houches 2009

British Schoolgirls' Races January 2009: Lucy Lintott [C], Charlie Bowring and Lyssie Opzoomer [C], featured strongly in the British Schoolgirls' Races in Flaine. They proved to be a strong team and competed well in mixed conditions. After a day of intensive race training, first up was Giant Slalom. Lucy and Lyssie achieved good times, but unfortunately Charlie missed a gate on her first run and was disqualified.

On the third day the weather closed in and the Slalom slope was covered by deep fog when Lucy made her descent. She was not dismayed and put on an excellent performance. She even overtook the skier in front of her without realising it! On her second run the skies had cleared. Lucy's overall times meant that she came top in her age group and won the ESF cup for the best British based Junior. Charlie fell on her first run on an icy patch at the top which was disappointing for her, but Lyssie skied two very solid runs. Wednesday brought clear blue skies and a morning of free skiing and hot chocolate. A great few days were had by all and the girls were a great credit to the school.

British Interschool's Challenge March 2009: A strong team of skiers went out to Les Houches in March to compete in this prestigious and highly competitive race event, organised by the British Skiing Association. The group consisted of Charlie Bowring, Lucy Lintott, Joseph Rossi [Bd], Austin Curtis [T], Silas Curtis, Sophie Williams [O], Lyssie Opzoomer, Mathew Morgan [S] and Fred Hayes [T]. It was a challenging couple of days on the slopes, with unrelenting snowfall and very cold conditions, but they put up a good fight. Best performances in the team came from Lucy Lintott and Austin Curtis who both raced with impressive times but unfortunately not enough to get top places. Unfortunately two of our most gifted racers, Charlie Bowring and Joseph Rossi, fell on the Slalom and

had to abandon the race. They later completed with good times on the Grand Slalom. Solid, steady runs followed from Lyssie Opzoomer and Mathew Morgan. Special mention should also go to Fred Hayes, who raced for the first time,

completing all his runs in decent times and Sophie Williams who raced well but had a nasty fall resulting in disqualification. No trophies this time, but if there was a prize for team spirit, it would have been Wellington's! *Bethan Thomas* ■

— — SQUASH — —

Squash is flourishing at Wellington and we have ambitions of becoming competitive on the National Circuit. In addition to squash scholars, such as Nick Hopcroft [Bd] winning the Welsh open and coming 4th in the British Nationals, we will be adding to the team junior England players such as Alex Noakes [L] in the coming year. And with a comprehensive and highly skilled coaching team now including, Steve Meads, Sam Owen and Phil Mann, the squash will improve even further in the coming year. The 1st V have had an outstanding season, most notably their fine win in the Radley, Wellington and Marlborough triangular match, which they won comfortably against both schools.

Roehampton Invitational competition is the flag ship event of the year, and the team came within a whisker of making it to the finals, narrowly losing to Harrow. They did however, reach the plate final, losing to Eton in another close fought struggle.

In addition to being the most determined competitor and finishing his entire season with only one match defeat, Max Fawcett [Bd] as captain, has also managed to generate a social and vibrant atmosphere down at the courts. Seeing a crowd of some twenty spectators watching Max Tulley [Bd] battle it out was just such a highlight. Johnny Burgin [Bn] is a naturally talented player, with a confidence and finesse that will make him very difficult to beat in the years to come, as he works harder on his game. Luke Bowler [Bd] has proved to be the most improved player, epitomising the spirit of the squash club in the manner in which he trained fastidiously and fought all of his matches doggedly. His crucial win in the Roehampton tournament was most memorable. In order to give a wider group a chance to compete, numerous fixtures were set up and the competitive games in the Charters match were a fitting tribute to the commitment and enthusiasm of all those opting for squash.

The Junior Colts squash team improved enormously. James Harris [BI] was an excellent captain who led by

example on and off the court. The team particularly benefited from the arrival of Tom Membrey [HI] and Rufus Hawkings [S], who brought real quality and style to the junior team. Peter Melhuish [BI] continued his excellent form from last year and along with Rufus, only lost one game over both terms. In fact the team as a whole managed to lose only one game in each of the two terms (both times when missing key players). Battling for the 5th place and showing great potential were Zan Moynes [Bd], Harry Randall [Wc], Sam Gomarsall [S], Oli Rendell [S], Fergus Shires [BI], Filius Canakis [BI], Henry Thomas [BI], Sam Milliken Smith [Bd] and Ben Rogers [BI].

Wellington also played a number of occasional Yearlings' matches. These are an excellent opportunity to give those taking part in the Wednesday afternoon 'social squash' a chance to represent the school, and to impress the Junior Colts' coach. Rufus Hawkings, Charlie Wicks [A], Harry Randall [Wc], Andy Newson [A], Sam Gomarsall [S], Nikolay Malyguine [Bd], Ciaran Cooper-Craig [T],

SQUASH			
	1ST V	JC V	Y
CHARTERHOUSE5 - 0
CHARTERS	3 - 2	.3 - 2
CRANLEIGH	2 - 3	.3 - 2
EAGLE HOUSE4 - 2
ETON	5 - 4	.0 - 5
HARROW	0 - 5 1 - 4
LORD WANDSWORTH	5 - 0	.4 - 1
MARLBOROUGH			
ORATORY3 - 2
RADLEY	10 - 0	
ROEHAMPTON	PLATE FINAL	
WCSC2 - 3	
WINCHESTER	0 - 5	.4 - 1
WOODCOTE HOUSE2 - 3
WOODCOTE HOUSE8 - 0

Henry Thomas [Bl], Will Brown [A], Hugo Fullerton [S], Jack Wood [Bl], George Parry [Bn], Will Price [Bd], Ben

Rogers [Bl], Chris Parish [T], and Charlie Spiers [A] all represented the team. *Brynn Bayman* ■

— — — SWIMMING — — —

Swimming this year has been a rather chilly affair, with a huge amount of time and dedication being put into preparing to tackle the horrors of the English Channel, in order to celebrate Wellington's 150th anniversary and raise money for Hope and Homes for Children. Training began with a small squad in January 2008, following a really successful showing at the World Winter Swimming Championships, continuing until August 2009, when 4 teams (20 pupils and staff) attempted to make the crossing.

Part of our preparations saw Wellingtonians brave 2°C water at the UK Cold Water Swimming Championships in January. Out of 38 relay teams, the quartet of George Benfield [Hg], Evgeny Shuvalov [T], Trishan Vaikunthanathan [Hl] and Mrs Granville-Chapman [CR] managed to win the Silver. Evgeny also won Individual Silver in the under 20 year age group, narrowly beating George into an impressive third.

The Team's major selection race was held at the British Long Distance Swimming Association's 'Champion of Champions' Race. We all competed in a three-mile race in Dover Harbour against some of the best long distance swimmers in the country. The water was a chattering 15° and we all found that swimming, when hypothermic, is a less than pleasant experience! Many of the Team had to retire because of the cold, but we congratulate the following who

made it around the course: Barney Kempster [Wc] (who also won the race), Evgeny Shuvalov [T], Charlie Maughan [M], Georgie Singer [Ap], Katy Granville-Chapman [CR], Lucy Pearson [CR], Craig Morris [CR], Chris Jobson and Kitty Jack [CR].

Our actual Channel swimming feats can be found elsewhere in the 'Hope and Homes' section of the *Year Book*.

In school matches our teams swam really well. We were delighted to achieve convincing wins against Bradfield, Epsom and Winchester. Matches against Cranleigh, Charterhouse and Eton were really tight, with both of the matches against Eton and Cranleigh being decided on the final relays. In both cases, Wellington were just pipped to the post. We hope to return again with solid wins next year.

The relatively newly formed girls' swimming team did extremely well at the girls' inter-boarding schools relay championships held at Downe House. We had A and B teams in all age groups and the girls performed brilliantly. We were thrilled that the relay team of Emma Woolthead [C], Harriette Johnson [O], Alice Best [Hn] and Amy Edwards [W] took bronze medals in the 4 x 50m freestyle relay.

New College records were set by George Benfield (Senior 800 and 1500m freestyle); Evgeny Shuvalov (Inters 400m freestyle) and Amy Edwards (Junior 25m fly). *Katy Granville-Chapman* ■

— — — TENNIS — — —

Summer 2009 saw our first year of mixed boys and girls' tennis. Only two years since going fully co-ed, the courts were buzzing with boys and girls enjoying themselves in the warm spring sunshine.

The boys' tennis was filled with a jam-packed fixture list and they did really well to juggle their work revision and tennis practice to ensure a great season. The Senior boys played a huge number of games, with impressive performances from Nick Bethel-Collins [Hg],

James Whately [A] and Gordon Hamilton-Fairley [Hg].

The Junior Colts, who were continuously challenging each other for those top six spots, had super wins against Harrow and Cranleigh. The 2nd VI showed some great talent and eagerness to improve and win their games. Special effort was made by Elliot Williams [Pn] and Callum Davidson [Pn]. Our Yearlings had an incredible season. The 1st only suffered one loss, to Eton. Buchan Richardson [Pn] and Rob Alderson [S]

were particularly outstanding. The 2nds were unbeaten!

The senior girls had an unbelievable season, remaining unbeaten and in one case not even losing one single game. Special mention to the Haywood-Cook duo—Jojo and Lottie [both Ap]—who played with great talent and skill. Amber Coleman [Hn] (4th form), also had a great season, cementing her place in the College 1st VI. The Under 15 girls had a season of mixed fortunes, but never ceased in their enthusiasm and determination. Hattie-Jones [Hn] Lucy Barrett [O], Issy Hamilton-Fairley [O], and Katie Wells [O] played some very good matches. Our Under 15 Cs had an impressive win against St Mary's. Mana Murata [O] and Aoife O'Donaghue [W] playing especially well. The Under 14 girls showed great commitment and got a lot of enjoyment out of playing, but were rather averse to the sand astro court. Being very receptive to coaching and eager to learn, they did extremely well. Their highlight was winning

against Cranleigh in a very tight match; a real team effort.

Inter-House tennis was hugely competitive and extremely exciting. With great play from Luke James and Alex White (in their Bjorn Borg outfits), the Benson won the senior boys' cup. The Combermere girls made a great team effort too, toppling the Apsley girls to win the senior girls' cup. The Junior boys were very competitive and showed great house spirit. It was a truly nail-biting win in the semi-final for the Blücher boys, with all the teams watching from the side-lines, and then going on to win in the finals. The Orange dominated the Junior girls' competition by carrying off the Winners' Cup and the Plate with some superb play. All players showed incredible concentration and effort.

Altogether there was some great tennis throughout the term, a huge amount of sportsmanship and a very enjoyable season for all. *Camilla Bailey* ■

— — — TRIATHLON — — —

We started the year with a Biathlon (swim then run) match, before adding the bike section to our races. We entered the England South Region Schools' Biathlon Championships and our team performed superbly, giving us a taste of the success that we enjoyed later in the season. Evgeny Shuvalov [T] won the 5th form race overall, achieving the fastest time in both the run and the swim and Barney Kempster [Wc] scored with an excellent swim, to win his section of the 3rd form race. George Benfield [Hg] also won an individual prize, coming 6th in the 6th Form category.

Our first Triathlon of the season was the London Region Triathlon Series race at Hatch End. Here, our team took on the best triathletes in London and really held their own. Harriette Johnson [O] raced really well to come 5th on the youth girls' section and Nick Trehwella [Bd] came 7th in the youth boys' race. Barney Kempster and Fred Hayes [T] went on to race at the Wellington Axlr8 triathlon (sic). After they had already swum 200m and cycled 17km, Barney ended up overall 38th (21 minutes, 24 seconds in the 5km run) and Fred 101st (21 minutes, 25 seconds) out of 305 mainly adults.

The South East Region race, held at Arun, saw all of our team members getting into the top 12 in their age categories whilst competing against members of the South

East region team, who had won the national inter-regional competition the season before. Harriette Johnson [O] was our highest finishing member, coming 4th, whilst Alex Miller [Bl] was 5th in the youth boys' competition. Also in the youth boys', Nick Trehwella was 9th and Evgeny Shuvalov 10th. Barney Kempster finished an impressive 6th in his age group.

Probably the toughest race of the season for our young team was the F3 Triathlon held at Eton's rowing lake. The team took on a lake swim of what was meant to be 750m, but actually turned out to be more like 1000m. Then the 20km cycle ride was followed immediately by a 5km run, and Wellington had some really superb results! Out of 190 competitors (mainly adults) every member of the Wellington team came within the top two-thirds—a great achievement! In the junior men, Alex Miller was 2nd, Barney Kempster was 3rd and Evgeny Shuvalov was 4th. Harriette Johnson won the girls' junior race.

We were thrilled that OW Ben Gateley joined two teachers to compete for Great Britain at the European Age Group Triathlon Championships, and finished an excellent 25th. We really hope that more of Wellington's triathletes will follow him in the coming years as they follow our training programme, fully supported by Triathlon England. *Katy Granville-Chapman* ■

SERVICE



— — CHAPEL — —

The first year in any new job is always a combination of utter exhilaration and occasional bewilderment. I have been grateful for the tremendous support of the Senior Management Team and the Bishop of Reading; my two assistants Canon Trevor Walt and Mr Mark Boobbyer; Mr Paul Huckelsby our Chapel Warden and Felix Cook [T] the Chapel Prefect. James Lorenz [HI] and Jamie Allum [T] have been particularly diligent servers throughout the year. The Rt Rev David Rossdale, Bishop of Grimsby and member of the Board of Governors, has provided me with heartening encouragement.



Wellington's proud tradition of musical excellence. As well as being fantastic colleagues, their unstinting efforts elevate the services of worship to ever-greater heights. A new Wellington College hymn book is being published this year.

Some of the highlights from this year include sermons delivered by Mr Mark Dowd of Operation Noah, Rabbi Jonathan Paull the Jewish Tutor at Eton, and our very own Oliver Botes [HI]. The Rt Rev Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Reading, both officiated and

preached at our Confirmation service. That occasion stands out as having been an enriching experience for us all. As we continue to explore innovative ways to reach students, the foundation of the Anglican tradition and the Christian core will, of course, remain at the heart of our efforts.

I would like to extend my deepest thanks to the entire Wellington community for affirming my ministry here. It is an honour to serve as your Chaplain. *Father Tim Novis* ■

— — ST PAUL'S — —

Repeating our first visit of 2007, our fellow students of the new Wellington Academy in Wiltshire, expressed their deep delight in joining us from College at the St Paul's Cathedral Service of Celebration of our 150th Anniversary on 24th September 2009. The Service was graced by the presence of our President, HRH the Duke of Kent, who read a lesson, and the Lord Mayor of London, as well as OWs and friends.

The Service was a dedication and blessing—within the immense architecture of one of the finest Cathedrals in Christendom where Arthur, Duke of Wellington is laid to rest—of the spiritual relationship between his College and Academy. Dr Anthony Seldon, Master, and Andy Schofield, Principal, made a solemn, joint commitment before God. The Wellington College Orchestra played and the Chapel Choir sang Parry's superb anthem—accompanied by



St Paul's. The monument to Arthur, Duke of Wellington

strident and purposeful chords, full swell on the organ—'I was glad when they said unto me, we shall go into the House of the Lord'. The Right Reverend Graeme Knowles, Dean of St Paul's, preached a sermon on the passages of scripture read in the Service. He suggested that just as our

first Master Archbishop Benson built Wellington College on the firmest of foundations, both Royal and Religious, so should we as individuals build our lives on the Chief Cornerstone—Jesus Christ. For all who attended it was an experience of wonder, awe and worship. *Father Tim Novis* ■

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THE COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT

Wellington College CCF continues to grow in numbers, with the new Fourth Form embarking on all elements of training with great enthusiasm; including being drilled by the ever vigilant guest instructors from the Royal Military Academy and shooting under the direction of Flt Lt Roth and Capt Kitty Jack.

At Speech Day the Corps of Drums put on an excellent display and the Sword of Honour this year was presented to Cadet Under Officer Jamie Whitwell [A],

earning the rank after two terms as Cadet RSM. The new RSM was Amir Idris [HI] taking over for the Summer term. Jamie intends to go to Sandhurst after University and then on to the Irish Guards. Amir is also looking to go to Sandhurst after University and before returning to Malaysia. The Porteus Plate was awarded to Cadet WO2 Ben Bowtell [Wn], for his distinguished final year with the Royal Marines Section. Congratulations also to Capt Jim Price for his Bar to the CCF Long Service Medal. ■

ROYAL NAVY SECTION



Charles Esse [Pn] and Jack Trigger [M]—winners of the Combined Services Cup, coming second in the Bosun Class at the National ccf Regatta at Portsmouth

The RN section flourished this year. A varied and practical programme of sailing and kayaking supplemented the teaching of the Able Seaman

syllabus. As a bonus, drill has reached a higher standard than in recent years. Much credit must go to Coxswain Charles Bailey [Hn], P.O. Idris Aylwin [T] together with

Leading Seamen Lillie Cable [Hn], Michael Coles [A] and Elliott Kemp [Bn] who have led the section in exemplary fashion, setting high standards of organisation and dress as well as delivering excellent lectures.

Summer 2008 saw the resurrection of a Navy Camp at Salcombe and the section literally immersed itself in a variety of water activities. Charlie Esse [Pn] and Jack Trigger [M] were winners of the Combined Services Cup, coming



Angus Franz [L]
4th in the Pico Class
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at Portsmouth

second in the Bosun Class at the National CCF Regatta at Portsmouth, whilst Angus Franz [L] came 4th in the Pico Class. On the second day, Angus, getting in to his stride, beat a number of nationally ranked sailors. A grand finale to the year was 'afloat training' at HMS Excellent, courtesy of the Royal Navy. Many thanks must go to Sub Lts Chapman and Frayne and CPO Barnard for the vital part they played in a successful year. *Lt Graham Nurser* ■



Olivia Frayne [O], Sophie Williams [Hn], Michelle Brummer [O], Christine Viney [W] at RN CCF Camp Salcombe

ROYAL MARINES SECTION

For the Royal Marines Section this has been a busy and fulfilling year. Time has gone incredibly fast. It has included a weekend exercise, helicopter rides, section attacks and much, much more. The boys have utterly excelled and their attitude to training has very much set the standard for others to follow. The section has been brilliantly lead by Cadet CSM Ben Bowtell [Wn] who planned and coordinated

much of the training this year, supported by the ever positive Cadet Colour Sgt Simon Dempster [S] together with many morale boosting 'dits' from Cadet Sgt Callum Oliver [S].



Other promotions have been Geoffrey Hopkinson [Hg], Tom Wood [Hg], Rory Stewart [Hn] and Charlie Byrd [Bn] all promoted to Corporal—as well as Biz Nimmo [C] promoted to Lance Corporal. James Coleman [S] and Patrick Garrett [Pn] have been selected to attend a two week training exercise with the Royal Marines this summer in the mountains of Scotland. It promises to be really tough, but we

know they will love it. Congratulations also go to Patrick Garrett [Pn] who, from a very talented year, was selected as best new recruit.



Royal Guard of Honour for Her Majesty the Queen

Twenty-four recruits have been selected to join the Section next year from over 60 that attended the selection day. Standards were higher than ever and we are sure they will uphold, or even raise the standards expected of Royal Marine recruits.

Cadet CSM Ben Bowtell adds some words of explanation for the record about 'expected standards'. 'To be a Royal Marine, you have to be willing to put others before yourself; to endure strenuous physical exercise; be mentally prepared for any situation; lead decisively and follow hard, but above all be cheerful and loyal to everyone in your section.'

There is not one person in the Marines this year that has not displayed these attributes and it has been a privilege and pleasure working with such talented people in all areas of College life. It has been a challenge to come up with new ideas that would test the skills and determination of the Section. This showed during

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an exercise broken down into sub-units, with casualty evacuation, enemy fire, taking a hostage and then having a surprise attack once they thought it was over. Nothing seemed to faze the cadets.

I'm extremely proud to be part of the Wellington College Marines, let alone lead them. However, the Wednesday afternoons would not have run as smoothly as they did without the help and support of all the NCOs. Simon Dempster and Callum Oliver provided leadership, guidance and an example to follow, as well as promoting the Royal Marine ethos that sets us apart from the rest of the CCF. Geoffrey Hopkinson and Charlie Byrd have been simply outstanding, providing exercise ideas as well as making sure the small details are in place, and constantly reminding me when I've forgotten anything'. Cadet CSM Ben Bowtell and Captain Pearson RM ■

— WATERLOO COMPANY FOURTH FORM —

The Fourth Form march from strength to strength. As ever the cadets had a diverse mix of the military and not so military fun, with also the added personal development and leadership opportunities. Training included drill, camouflage and concealment, plus exercises involving stalking in the undergrowth, poncho-bivvy building, skill at arms, field-craft and patrolling, in which Theo Byrd [Bn] proved to be particularly accomplished at leading his patrol. To this stimulating variety of activity, was added first aid, map work (in preparation for the adventurous training camps at Fremington at Easter and South Wales in the summer), orienteering, field cooking, building survival shelters, the low ropes course, and stretcher races over the obstacle course. In this latter

occupation, a team from Chindits 1 achieved the fastest combined time of 7 minutes 32 seconds. There were lots of opportunities to shoot too, on the .22 range at College, clays at Bisley (under Capt Carole Blunden-Lee), and, as a finale on the successful Field Day at Gibraltar Barracks in the Summer Term, an exciting close quarter battle (CQB) exercise firing lots of blanks, followed by live firing with the Cadet GP on the 30m range. We also despatched a Section under Capt Eunice Gillan to the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, 1 YORKS, in Munster, Germany for an action packed spell with the Battalion. All thoroughly enjoy the experience, and many have since been in touch with the Schools' Liaison Officer, looking to turn this excellent visit into a possible career. Captain David Burns ■

— CORUNNA —

ADVANCED INFANTRY FIFTH FORM COMPANY

Major Gutteridge and Capt Granville-Chapman report that this year many more of cadets than in previous years volunteered to stay on for a second year in the CCF and join Corunna Company. With excellent NCOs in the shape of CSM Lizzie Wedderburn [C], C/Sgt George Offer [Pn], Cpls Angus Farquharson [A] and Fraser Barrett [S], cadets were rotated through a sequence of advanced infantry tactics. These included section attacks, patrolling and ambushes. The Field

Weekend at Bramley in September had Corunna Coy, under bashas for two nights—and for once it did not rain! The sections passed through a series of 'rehearsal' stances during the day, in preparation for night patrols around the area, searching for 'insurgents'. The final morning saw a series of section attacks on the 'enemy' that had been located holed up in a 'fortress' on the area. The best male cadet was LCpl Jack Harcourt [Hn] and best female cadet was LCpl Biz Mallet [O]. ■

— JUNIOR LEADERS CADRE LOWER SIXTH —

The main aim of the JLC is to produce leaders and develop potential NCOs who will instruct younger year groups in the Summer term and beyond. Therefore the first few sessions were dedicated to the theory of 'Teaching Practice' and how to instruct effectively. As the JLC was a rather large section—35 in total—we had to break them down into much smaller groups to practise their new found skills on each other. There were some tremendous efforts at teaching 'cam and

concealment', section attacks, ambush, SAA, etc. Even at this early stage, there were some obvious leaders emerging, whose instructional skills were excellent—Patrick Davis [T] is worthy of note. JLCs approach to patrolling, however, proved unique—how they ended up going from staggered formation to climbing trees boggles the imagination. The next week was section attacks and 'break contact' drills using blank ammunition—they were taking lives in their hands! However, all activities were carried out

with skill, despite the fact that cadets were constantly diving into freezing cold puddles on one of the coldest days of the year. Such it is to be a Wellingtonian and a cadet. By the end of the



training, the vast majority were ready to be promoted to NCO status and since then have well served the younger years in the Summer Term CCF activities. *Captain Eunice Gillan* ■

— RAF SECTION —

This year has been a great one for the Wellington College CCF RAF Section. At the beginning of the year we had no less than 40 Fourth Formers sign up, which is nearly double the normal intake. Combine this with a record number of Fifth Formers staying on into the Lower Sixth, the RAF section was bigger than it has been for many, many years.

At the first opportunity we took all the Fourth Formers to RAF Duxford, part of the Imperial War Museum. This gave them the opportunity to experience RAF and civilian aircraft close up. We even got to see quite a few WW II aeroplanes actually flying and a couple of them engaged in a mock dog-fight over our heads. Thrilling!

One of the highlights of the Michaelmas term was to pass the Fourth Form through their recruit training as quickly as possible, thus enabling them to visit RAF Benson for flying a few weeks within joining. Needless to say, their enthusiasm rubbed off onto the pilots, who went out of their way to give the cadets a truly memorable first flight. This has paid off greatly when one thinks that this year there was no spare places for any of our flying sessions, every one fully booked. Some of our keen Fourth Form have even been able to fly three or four times this year, and what a fantastic opportunity they had.

My other memory of the Michaelmas term was that we decided to take part in what is called the National Ground Training Competition. This tournament requires a team of 12 cadets to participate in a range of activities, in competition with cadets from other sections. The activities were shooting, fitness, leadership tasks, first aid, RAF knowledge, aircraft recognition and drill. As part of the leadership and NCO training that the senior cadets have to do, they were given the task of appointing a cadet to be in charge for this competition. The cadets then had to decide how best to approach their training and general

preparation for the competition. Under the leadership of Oli Barker [Hn] they did this superbly, making sure that they had correct equipment as and when needed, and they even organised external training with the RAF Regiment at RAF Benson. They spent several afternoons there, either practising drill or in the SAT Range, where one of the more trigger-happy cadets managed to fire off over 800 rounds in one training exercise. The actual competition took place near the beginning of the Lent term. We had no idea what to expect, but the cadets gave it their best shot and ended up a very creditable 9th out of the 36 RAF Sections in our Region.

The rest of the year consisted in getting cadets through the various examinations, to prepare the Fourth and Fifth Form for taking responsibility next year and to allow the Lower Sixth to gain the Senior Cadet status that they deserve. We also did quite a lot of work on RAF Regiment type training. The cadets learnt how to handle rifles and went patrolling in camouflage. We also made use of the on-site low ropes course and the range, with many cadets achieving recognition for their shooting skills. Hopefully this will be useful to those going on the RAF Summer Camp. This year we are going to RAF Shawbury, and look forward to some helicopter flying.

Finally we congratulate Oli Barker for gaining an RAF Sixth Form Scholarship, a superb achievement. Also congratulations to Matthew Dickenson [M] and David Lee [M] for obtaining Gliding Scholarships. We also look forward to celebrating during the autumn term the two most distinguished OW airmen in our history and the history of the Royal Air Force. The two brothers—Marshal of the Royal Air Forces Sir John Salmond [Bl, 1895–1899] and Air Chief Marshal Sir Geoffrey Salmond [Bl, 1892–1996]—with Lord Trenchard as successive Chiefs of the Air Staff, set up the first independent air force in the World. This is the 'Wellington College Corps' effect—*Per Ardua ad Astra*. *John Gale* ■

— STAFF —

Thanks must go to the officers, without whose dedication, expertise, experience and sheer enthusiasm the CCF just could not function. Majors Roger Auger and Sam Gutteridge, Captains Jim Price, Simon Allcock, Helen Lewis, Katy Granville-Chapman, Eunice Gillan and Kitty Jack, were the experienced 'wise heads', with 2nd Lieutenants Carole Blunden-Lee, Gavin Franklin, James Higham and Camilla Bailey were the 'enthusiastic newcomers', with Mr Mark Schramm helping out as an adult instructor. WO1 Ed Home has been

an outstanding addition to the College CCF. He did an admirable job covering for the Adjutant, deployed on active duty in Afghanistan.

Finally we say goodbye to our Commanding Officer, Lt Col Eddy Heddon. He has been a tower of strength, as a former Regular and dedicated Combined Cadet Corps officer. All the Officers and Cadets of the CCF thank him for his valuable service over many years. Like all good old soldiers, he only fades away. We wish him all the best in the future. *Virtutis Fortuna Comes*. *Gerry Long, Adjutant* ■

— FIELD GUN —

This has probably been the best season for many years. The weather was kind to us and we only lost one training session to rain. In addition we fielded two crews, so were able to perform a 'dual phased run' on Speech Day. The hard work of the last few years was built on by this year's captain Tom Melhuish [Bl] and the mix of age groups last year meant that we were able to start with full runs from day one. Two of the crew were running for their fifth year and, as a consequence of all these factors, we had very few injuries. The ground was hard, however, so we had a few twisted ankles. Two members of the crew were not able to run on Speech Day, which was a great shame, particularly for Dom Stalker [Pn], as it was his last year.

For the second year there was no CCF inspection, so the only timed run was to be Speech Day. A week before we timed the A crew to see how close they were to the record: they equalled last year's run despite making several major mistakes. It was pleasing that the CCF Drum Corps was able to perform in their usual slot between the 'phased run' and the 'timed run' on Speech Day, as that has been a highlight over the last ten years.

Lt Cmdr Matthew Lawson RNR was our guest of honour on Speech day ably supported by his ADC Lt David Ellis RNR. They were joined by a large number of ex-Fleet Air Arm Field Gun Crew members, who have been keen supporters over the last ten years. This year was the twenty-fifth anniversary of Field Gunning at Wellington

and the crews wanted to put on their best ever display. The run out started well, with the limber over the wall in just 13 seconds and the rig raised after 26 seconds. There were problems with the first swing, which meant a 15 second penalty, as he made use of the tan in the chasm. That aside the run continued, with the 10ft across after 47 seconds and then each piece of kit crossed without hitch. The gun was fired signalling a superb time of 2 minutes 8 seconds, increased to 2 minutes 23 seconds (with penalties) still the second fastest since we introduced the new gun (a genuine 6-pounder). The crowd enjoyed the perfect smoke ring on the first shot, followed by another on the third.

The run back was quite something to see, with the gun and limber going over the wall in just 8 or 9 seconds and the swings across after just 10 seconds. The kit came back without a problem and the flying angel (next year's captain Geoffrey Hopkinson [Hg]) making an incredible crossing, which allowed the gun to fire after an amazing 1 minute 20 seconds. This was the fastest ever run back even with the old gun. The crew needed a perfect run home if they were to break the record, as they had incurred a penalty taking up valuable time. This they achieved in just 1 minute 25 seconds; thus in the end they managed to break the record by 24 four seconds despite the 15 second penalty. Had the swings made it perfectly, they would have achieved it all within 4 minutes. That will be the aim of Geoffrey's crew next year.

Fifteen ties were awarded for new crew members and just 6 plaques for leavers, so we will start next year just 4 short of 2 crews. There has been a lot of work behind the scenes as the arrangements for the re-starting of the Royal Tournament reached their peak this year, with the Master signing his letter of consent for us to take part. We had a video crew of those members of the Field Gun Association at our display in early May, on their way to Twickenham for the Army v. Navy rugby match. The resulting video was watched by our crews at their annual barbecue and parts of it will be used as publicity material for the Tournament in 2010.

I am sure the chance to run at the Royal Tournament will mean we will have even more interest next year. Michael Blake [Bd] won the trainer's tankard for most amusing given to Kev (our first trainer) and the Officer's tankard was won by Sam Spicer [Pn], who very nearly pushed Sasha Ponomarenko [Hl] out of his A crew place. The Royal Navy prize was won by James Coleman [S] of the RM CCF section, for his outstanding contribution to Field Gunning. Tom Melhuish [Bl] won the Harris Shield and his name will be the twenty-fifth to be engraved on it. *Bruce Roth* ■

THE FIELD GUN CREW

BEN HARCOURT [T] 1 BARREL NO	DOM AUGER [T]
JACK HARCOURT [HN] 2 BARREL NO	PERRY MILES [T]
BEN WHITE [BL] 3 FIRST PAIR	JACK PILCHER [T]
MICHAEL COLES [A] 4 FIRST PAIR	DAVID DOUGALL [BL]
FELIX TITHERLEY [A] 5 CARRIAGE NO	SAM SPICER [PN]
SASHA PONOMARENKO [HL] 6 CARRIAGE NO	LUKE MORTELL [T]
JAMES COLEMAN [S] 7 CARRIAGE NO	OLIVER BANKS [A]
NICK TREWHELLA [BD] 8 CARRIAGE NO	CHARLIE BYRD [BN]
GEOFFREY HOPKINSON [HG] 9 FLYING ANGEL	SAM FIDDIAN-GREEN [A]
RUARAIKH STEWART [HG] 10 TRAVELLER	ALEX CORNER [L]
TOM MELHUIH [BL] 11 1ST SWING	EMANUEL VILA [PN]
PATRICK DAVIS [T] 12 SLAT NO	SAM AUGER [PN]
JAMES FOTHERBY [A] 13 SLAT NO	HARRY ORPEN-SMELLIE [BL]
AMIR IDRIS [HL] 14 SECOND PAIR	SAM SNELLING [HL]
INDER VIRDI [PN] 15 2ND SWING	PETER MELHUIH [BL]
JONNY TEMPLEMAN [A] 16 SECOND PAIR	JOSH ASIKO [BL]
TOMMY HIRST [HG] 17 BACK OF BOX	BEN COOK [T]
JAMES WRIGHT [T] 18 BACK OF BOX	MICHAEL BLAKE [BD]

DOMINIC STALKER [PN] 8 CARRIAGE NO.
FERGUS LESLIE-MILLER [L] 1 BARREL NO.

1ST TRAINER	KEV CLARKE
2ND TRAINER	JIM HARWOOD
FIELD GUN OFFICER	MR B N ROTH
ASSISTANT FIELD GUN OFFICER	MR I FRAYNE
ORDNANCE ARTIFICER	SIMON TRENDALL
BUGLER	ALISTAIR MARGOT [S]



Patrick Davis [T], Tommy Hirst [Hg], James Wright [T], James Fotherby [A]

HOPE AND HOMES

T'Pay bearer, one hundred and fifty thousand pounds sterling.' To coincide with Wellington College's 150 years of existence, we are raising this sum to present to an international charity of great importance and wonderful life-changing value to its beneficiaries. Hope and Homes operates in many countries, but we have chosen to support their Sierra Leone operation. That country has the highest infant mortality rate in the world. It is still deeply affected by the terrible war which cost the lives of 50,000 people. More than half the population became homeless. Hope and Homes helps those children living on the streets, young mothers living alone and families at risk of breakdown. So now do we.



Wellington students visit Sierra Leone

A group of four students, Max Fawcett [Bd], Charlie Byrd [Bn], Patrick Ware [L] and Anya Nelson [Ap] visited Sierra Leone in December 2008. They toured many towns and villages around the capital, Freetown, to speak with young people, discover how Hope and Homes has helped them and return to Wellington to inspire pupils, staff, parents and friends to support the venture. 'It was a sobering experience', said Anya. 'I have never seen such poverty and sadness. It's been so humbling'.

The first major enterprise was when the whole school and members of the Wellington Community turned out for a sponsored walk in April, to cover twelve miles around Bracknell and Bagshot heath. It ended with a truly festival event, with carnival rides, music, entertainments, food and drink. This brought in a massive £36,000.

The major summer event was a complex affair. It was named the 'Waterloo Multithon'—a happy adaptation of the term known by



Sponsored walk

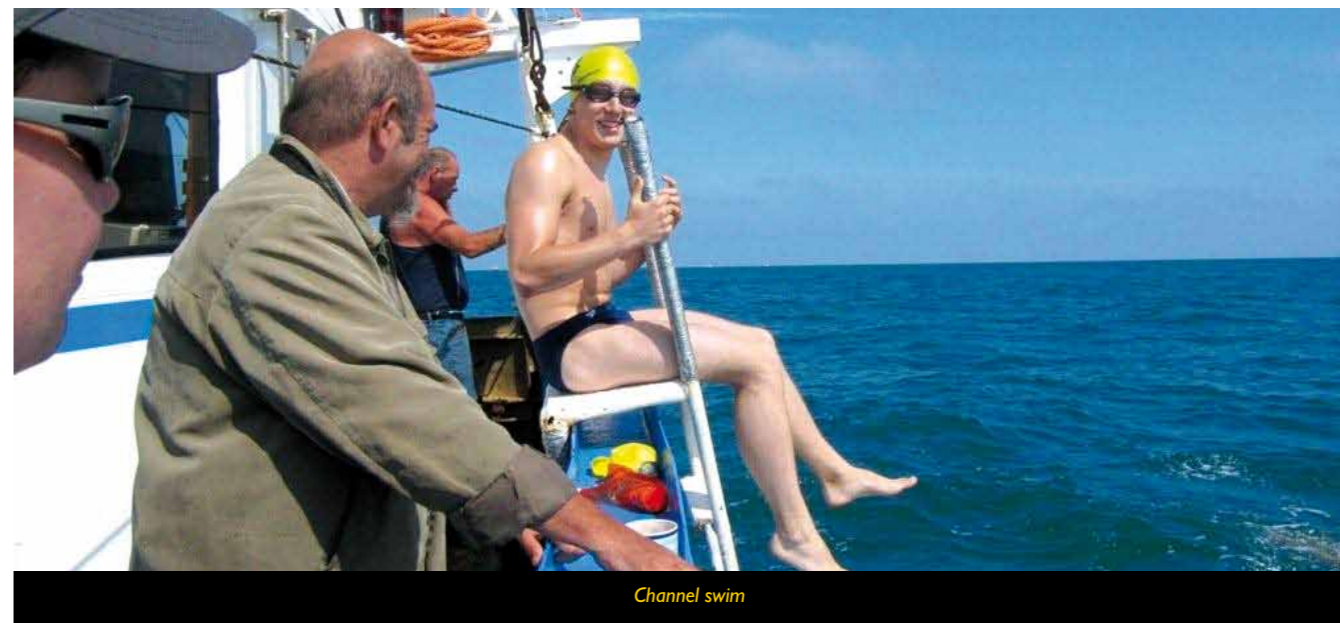
aficionados of a certain Gilbertian patter song—'From Marathon to Waterloo in order categorical'. The 'order categorical' in our case was Wellington–Dover–Channel–Waterloo–Cannes—and on to Elba. These are routes that our own dear Arthur, Duke of Wellington would have known, as well as the man who sped towards his personal destiny at Waterloo, arch foe Napoleon. Nosey versus Boney. Good job the former prevailed. 'Bonaparte Col-

lege' just doesn't have the right ring about it. Anyway enough of a counter-factual history lesson. The run to Dover involved 17 runners with 15 legs, covering upwards of 10 miles per runner. The team included the fleet-footed Dr Seldon: the Revd Charles Kingsley, an 1859 Wellington parent,

would have been proud. The route followed the Blackwater valley and then along the Pilgrims' Way to Dover. This activity was masterminded by Nick Maloney [CR]. David Walker [CR]organised the parallel College to Dover cycling expedition. Pupils and staff had their sponsorship cards full of willing donors, and the cash rolled in.

Again, Kingsley would have rejoiced in the Channel swim. 'Very manly—and womanly', he might have said. It is a venture, however, not to be undertaken lightly. The costs are quite steep and there are many regulations for the safety of enthusiasts, enough to dampen ardour. But we took the plunge.

'The Channel swim itself was an extraordinary challenge', wrote Katy Granville-Chapman [CR], 'and we had to build up enough speed and stamina to swim for up to three hours in freezing cold and very choppy water; we needed to acclimatise to swimming in water that was only 15°C; we had to build up enough mental toughness



Channel swim

to keep going even when we had seen jellyfish, various forms of pollution, tankers and sea cats, which rocked our tiny fishing boats to the point that we thought they were going to tip over on top of the swimmer, and to swim in the dark with only the lights on the boats to guide us'.

'The first time we tried to cross was 13th August. The conditions looked good and we were feeling very positive. Two teams hit the water at 2:30 a.m. with the first swimmers needing to swim to the beach, get out and then swim back to the boat to start the crossing from land. The teams were the pupil team, comprising Charlie Maughan [M], Ollie Hickenbotham [Bn], Georgie Singer [Ap], Alex Miller [Bl], Evgeny Shuvalov [T] and Barney Kempster [R] and staff team of Craig Morris, Lucy Pearson, Chris Jobson, Katy Granville-Chapman, Kitty Jack and Delyth Draper. Unfortunately, neither team made it this time, due to deteriorating weather conditions and sea sickness. But both teams were incredibly grateful to their helpers Eunice Gillan and Jenny Whalley, who did an extraordinarily good job of looking after us all as we were quite dramatically sick!'

'We were hugely disappointed and totally exhausted from the effort, but after some negotiations with the pupils' pilot, we were able to secure another chance to cross the following week and it was fortunate that this second attempt coincided with our third boat's crossing (the pupil and staff combined team). Armed with first hand knowledge of the Channel, we were able to prepare more effectively for our second attempt and both boats that set off on the morning of 18th August felt more confident of their chances of making it across'.

'The pupil and staff team had originally planned to race each other, but when that didn't work, we combined forces to tackle the Channel together. The boats to start on 18th August had the following on them: with Reg Brickell—team members Trishan Vaikunthanathan, Jenny Whalley, James Lyne, Steve Blossie, George Benfield and Eunice Gillan; and with Andy King, team members Charlie Maughan, Evgeny Shuvalov, Ollie Hickenbotham, Alex Miller, Georgie Singer, Chris Jobson and Katy Granville-Chapman. The weather was significantly better and we escaped without any rain, which was a real bonus given that the boats were uncovered! It was however, still extremely choppy, particularly in the shipping lane when 800m long tankers and Sea Cats were passing us. There were also really cold patches caused by up-welling'.

'Both boats made a fantastic start and we were absolutely thrilled and overwhelmed by the commitment that everyone showed to the challenge. After more than 9 hours one of the boats had to turn back, but we are delighted to say that Andy King's boat made it across to France in 12 hours and 18 minutes'. The teams raised a further £46,755.50 for Hope and Homes'.

Enough of water sports. Common Room provided a 'push bike spectacular'—and didn't they have stories to tell. Here are a couple of 'days in the life of' the CR cycling team.

'Wednesday 1st July. If anyone says there are no hills in Belgium, direct that person to any member of this team and they will put that person to right—quam celerime. Today, or should we say aujour d'hui, was tough. A challenge for the pros, brutal for the amateurs. All survived. The logistics for the team were stunningly good. Reaching the beauty of the Ardennes, our spirits were lightened. But



The Common Room cyclists sitting on the Wellington monument at Waterloo
 Back row: Bart Wielenga, Kate Murphy, Ed Venables, Faith Smith, Cat Novis, Nick Amy, Adam Seldis
 Front row: Michael Gove, David Walker, Nick Maloney, Craig Morris, Jon Walmsley, Bethan Thomas, Simon Allcock, Robin Dyer

Belgium will not be missed. Sorry Belgians, get rid of your cobblestones and try signposting your roads. Also do please give our Duke due recognition for winning the battle if you want us to return. Tourist of the day was Glen Waugh and his heroic debut with no training. Day two hero, Mike Goves showed unbelievable courage, so he told us, on one leg'.

'Thursday 2nd July. Advertised as a light 81 miles by the tour management, revised to go in the way the government buries bad news. The reality? We had the worst case of distance inflation known to man and woman—a gruelling 110 miles. Has France lengthened and will the Alps flatten? Amazingly everyone is in good heart. The countryside was great, the roads good and the campsite excellent. Auger won no friends by suggesting that we could do a peleton race around the beautiful camp-side lakes. Food was served bizarrely by Maloney as waiter. We looked at the storm clouds gathering. Will tomorrow, 100 miles to Dijon, be called off. It rained the night before Waterloo. No

chance! La route Napoleon beckons. Bonne chance team.'

There were a number of other fund-raising activities. Denise Cook organised an 'on line auction'. The 'Promise Auction' involved the pupils making commitments with small but 'growth guaranteed' amounts, raising £10,000. 'The Fashion Show was 'a fantastic opportunity to show off all the work of the Design and Art Textile students, from the 3rd Form to the Upper sixth', writes Emma-Jane Huddart [CR]. 'Laura Keeble [Ap], for instance produced a stunning collection, based on cultural identity and conveyed innovative and exciting fabric work, if you excuse the string of hyperbole. Liz Oleni stole the show with her 'green mirror dress', inspired by designers Julian McDonald and Pierre Balmain. All profits went to the Hope and Homes venture'.

As we write the proceeds of the 'Wellington College 150th Anniversary Grand Finale Ball' are being counted. There is still time to contribute and a hand-bill accompanies this Year Book. ■

— THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD —

The D of E award scheme has made a resurgence at Wellington, with approximately 120 students completing training and qualifying in expeditions

this year. The expeditions have been varied and taken boys and girls across the length of the country; with walking in the Lakes and canoeing down the Wye, for example. The

Bronze Award is run by the CCF. They have taken cadets to both North Devon and South Wales, helping over 60 students complete their expeditions. Silver and Gold Awards have been run by our on-site Outdoor Education provider—Wilderness Expertise, with weekend training. The boys and girls have all been introduced to the finer points of campcraft.

Bronze: over 60 students. Expeditions through the

CCF. First at Fremington, North Devon and second in the Brecon Beacons.

Silver: 30 students. Training on Lambourne Downs followed by a 'qualifying expedition' in the Forest of Dean.

Gold: 30 students. A canoe group, navigating the rivers Thames and Wye and walking in both the Brecons and the Lake District. Mark Schramm ■

— ROUND SQUARE —

As a member of the Round Square family, Wellington College is in partnership with over seventy schools worldwide sharing a belief in experiential education that allows the development of the whole person. This includes the self-awareness that comes from an international perspective and service to others; the self reliance that comes from initiatives undertaken in fund raising and pupil driven activity; the self confidence that comes from responsibilities fulfilled in democratic teamwork and adventurous activities undertaken way outside the comfort zone; and the intellectual curiosity fostered by first hand engagement with the problems of the world, be they human or environmental.

This has been another year that has seen the Round Square ethos deep at the heart of College. Never an exclusive club, the enormous number of fund raising initiatives and international projects springing up around the school demonstrate how everyone has taken on the IDEALS ('internationalism', 'democracy', 'environment', 'adventure', 'leadership' and 'service') in a way that means they are woven into the fabric of College life.

In February there was another hugely successful trip to Tiger Kloof School, Vryburg, South Africa and last Summer another group worked at Nightingales Orphanage in Romania. In both of these projects, work is moving out of the schools themselves and spreading into the local community. This means that students are gaining experiences only possible when in the company of local adult inhabitants. This was particularly clear when working in South African Soup kitchens in temporary settlements. Indeed providing soup to people living on a rubbish dump was unsettling and disturbing in every way. Ben Bowtell [Hn] was so moved by his visit last year that one of his last projects before leaving was to organise a Hopetoun music evening that raised over £2,000 for 'Maggie's Soup Kitchen'. The

partnership between Wellingtonians and those in economic need is educative for all concerned and Ben's fund raising an act of care and love. It was a particular pleasure that the Angels organisation brought across the Tiger Kloof 'Angels' Choir in November. The Choir made a whistle stop tour of the South East of England and presented two concerts at Wellington, as well as attending some of our classes. We are indebted to the Angels organisation for arranging the tour and allowing us the opportunity to repay a little of the TK hospitality that we have enjoyed over the years.

It was particularly fortuitous that their visit coincided with a visit from members of 'Coolkids UK', an organisation trying to prevent disaffected students truanting from school. South African children can be joyously happy even in poverty, and education is seen as a gift and privilege. There is clearly potential value in a relationship between these groups and it will be wonderful if Wellington can be instrumental in bringing them together.

Freya Reilly [Ap] spent the summer at Philippolis, a poverty pocket in central South Africa. She wrote, 'By the end of the project, we had managed to build half the centre, paint the school walls and establish the ground work for the Soul Buddies garden. However, for me the work was not about the physical work we did, but the time spent with the people of the Philippolis community. Initially I found it challenging being faced with the poverty in which they live, compared with the opportunity and security of my life and education. However by submerging yourself in the way of life of the Philippolis citizens, you become aware of their resilience in the face of such hardship. I met some amazing people, not only the residents of Philippolis but also my fellow Round Square participants. This challenging journey made a truly amazing summer and an altogether humbling experience. I would encourage anyone to participate next summer'.

Indeed Lillie Cable [Hn] has taken up the challenge



The children of Thusanang Disabled Centre sing 'thank you'

and will be working on the project this summer as well as spending time with the Amy Beihl Foundation in Capetown.

The International Conference 2008 was held in Vancouver and focused on environmental issues. It is easy to see the irony in students travelling from all over the world to discuss the problems of the World, but it was refreshing to get beyond the clichés and platitudes and realise how very differently Africans and Indians, for example, view those problems, compared with Europeans and North Americans. We certainly saw a World worth preserving, including Orcas, humpback whales and dramatic scenery. We also had the opportunity to meet some First Nation peoples, gaining a glimpse into a world where man did live in harmony with his environment.

Other Round Square initiatives have included a mixed age and gender Adventure Race in the Lake District and a more local Environment Conference at Box Hill School. Further details of these events and the participants can be found in the annual Round Square Newsletter, copies of which can be obtained from Ms Maggie Chodak [CR], Apsley Boarding House (mjc@wellingtoncollege.org.uk).

Round Square at Wellington is about the future, not the past. One of the most exciting developments this year has been the re-emergence of Junior Round Square. Under the guidance of Ms Chodak, the group organised a sweet sale, raising £89.95 for Hope for Homes, and a sponsored Touch Rugby Tournament that was hugely popular with 3rd Form boys. In addition they have taken over the Beadwork initiative (Kidspositiv in South Africa)

and provided advertising for the newly named 'Soup Day' fundraising initiative. Not since the dynamic work done by Mrs Jane Lunnon, who took over the group after her pioneering work 1996–2000 with Round Square Wellington during its fledgling years, has there been such a buzz of excitement. Her work with the Juniors produced a vintage crop of Round Square Leaders in the College and I have no doubt Ms Chodak's inspiration this year will have the same effect.

Penultimately, the big news is that Wellington is to host the 2011 International Conference. With over 70 schools worldwide now members, this will be a mammoth but invigorating occasion, allowing Round Square to benefit from the dynamism, ideas and excitement which are so evident in the school at the moment and for Wellington to embrace Round Square in a way never before possible.

Finally this year has been a particular joy for me as I head into retirement. Involvement in Round Square has widened my horizons as well as those of the pupils, and for that I am most grateful. Meeting gifted, talented young people from all over the world has been humbling; a constant reminder that education is a lifelong experience; a reminder that I intend never to forget. I leave confident that Round Square is in excellent hands. Maggie Chodak is already experienced as a Round square representative at Salem in Germany and has led International projects in South Africa and Thailand. She was also Co-Chair of the International Conference at Salem in 2002. She will flourish. Wellington College Round Square will continue to serve the World. **Graham Nurser** ■

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The following are recorded as having been accepted onto higher education programmes in Britain or abroad in 2008

Aberdeen Sarah Denman [O]
Academy of Contemporary Music, Guildford Digby Smith [L]
Architectural Association, London Yue Chai (Royce) Tsang [S]
Birmingham Jagraj Bhabra [M], Matthew Clemens [Pn]
Bristol Annaliese Abbott [O], Clemency Baxter [Ap]
 Charlie Gent [A], Alexandra Howard-Leach [Ap]
 James McGuire [A], Matthew Richards [Bn]
 Emily Smyth [Ap], Joe Taylor-Eves [C], Lewis Watkins [A]
 Oliver White [Bn], Rosanna Wollenberg [Ap], Olise Yadi [T]
Camberwell College of Arts, London Marcus Aitken [Pn]
Cambridge—Jesus Robert Stevens [BI]
Cambridge—Peterhouse Cornelius Riethdorf [HI]
Cambridge—Selwyn James Robinson [T]
Cambridge—St. John's Rachel Elliott [C]
Cambridge—Trinity Rosalind Lintott [C]
Cardiff Emily Winkworth [Ap]
Durham Guy Harvey [A], Katherine Jillings [O]
 George Looker [Pn], Genevieve Porter [C]
 Sandeep Purewal [Pn], William Scowsill [Hn]
Edinburgh Kah Hann (James) Ho [M], Verity Leeson [O]
Exeter Katherine Bryden [Ap], Florinda Carey [Ap]
 Saskia Cooper [O], Mark Douglas [Bn]
 Nina Gordon [Ap], Alessandra Muir [Ap]
 Phoebe Paskin Orr [Ap], Archie Wardlaw [T]
Fordham University—New York Tarik Abbas [Pn]
Hong Kong University Wing Sum Tse [C]
Kingston University Hugo Eaton [L]
 Victoria Guy [Ap], Dominic Lincoln [S]
Leeds Hannah Boissier [Ap], Laura Brooks [C]
 Elysia Byrd [Ap], Tessa Chichester [Ap]
 Catherine Dunlop [Ap], Katie Durrant [Ap]
 Adam Gadsby [BI], James Koch [M], Christopher Nash [C]
 Thomas Simkins [BI], Annabel Smith [Ap], Daniel Veary [Hg]
Leicester Oliver Hellicar [M]

Liverpool John Moores Freya Toovey [O]
London—Goldsmiths College In Jun Kim [Hg]
 Duncan Smith [Pn]
London—Imperial Shilong Chen [Hn], Benjamin Ebbetts [Bn]
 Tomi Fadojutimi [S], Daniel Izzat [A]
 Dongsu Kim [BI], Han Zhang (Theresa) Liu [O]
 Marc MacMillan [HI]
London—KCL Thomas Loizides [Bn]
 Alex Mallen [T], Daisy Prowse [Ap]
London—LSE Daniel Benzimra [S]
London—Queen Mary William Martin [T], Fedor Shuppe [M]
London—Royal Holloway Sanjay Arora [HI], Lucas Brandter [Bd]
 Jonathan Fisher [HI], Hannah Neenan [Ap]
London—UCL William Gault [HI], Kris Petnunthawong [T]
Loughborough Ben Bateman [Hn], Edward Bragg [Bn]
 Charles Githinji [M], Gordon Lai [S], Joe MacManus [Hn]
 James Whitfield [Bn], Isabella Williamson [Ap]
Manchester Jack Bennett [M], Adrian Calitz [A], Dylan First [Bd]
 Imogen Grey-Turner [Ap], Tayo Ilori [Hg]
 Ben McCabe [Pn], Thomas Smale [Bn]
Newcastle Cameron Drew [C], Sadiq Edu [BI]
 Elena Phillipson [Ap], Christopher Read [Hg]
 Samuel Shires [BI], Amanda Stephenson [Ap]
Northumbria Henry Sandars [T]
Nottingham Guy Harris [L], Arthur Kaminski [Hg]
 Charles McDonagh [Pn], Akash Patel [BI]
 Oliver Silver [Bd], Oliver Tyler-Elder [Pn]
Nottingham Trent Josh Kings [M]
Oxford—Brasenose Thomas Lowe [WC]
Oxford Brookes Katherine Benjamin [Ap]
 Jamie Boucher [S], Michael Cromwell [T]
 Tristan Garton [Bn], Alexander Hall [Bd], Emily Trehwella [C]
Parsons School of Art & Design, New York Talisa Carling [Ap]
Royal Academy of Music Claire Sledd [C], Sabina Virtosu [W]

Southampton Ben Clifford-Jones [Hn], William Jones [S]
 Rupert Lewis [S], Charles Murphy [S]
 Andrew Symonette [L]
 Surrey Joshua Mason [Hg]
 University of British Columbia, Canada Ross McGregor [BI]

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Brighton Alice Berry [C]
 Bristol Peter Durkin [L], Jack Pickard [BI], Tom Scott [Bd],
 Charles Wheeler [Hg]
 Cambridge—Selwyn Alexander Wedderburn [T]
 Cardiff Edward Bartley [BI], George Walshe [Hg]
 Durham Luc Durandt [Hg], James Huelin [BI], Hugh James [Bn]
 Daniel Jarrett [Pn], Edward Lowe [Bd], Angus Wilson [Hg]
 East Anglia Fiona Oxlade [C]
 Exeter James Addicott [L], Sophie Leon [Ap], Hannah Mason [Ap]
 Keio University, Japan Kenneth Allan [HI]
 Lancaster Charles Mann [Hg]
 Leeds Thomas Chitty [T], Emily Edgerley [Ap], Jemima Janney [Ap]
 Johanne Nelson [Ap], Frederick Stevens [Bn]
 London—KCL Anish Kanoria [HI], Claudia Lambeth [Ap]
 Rebecca-Rose Warden-Brown [Ap]
 London—LSE Robert O'Donovan [Hg]
 London—St George's Ben Gateley [L]

University of California—Santa Barbara Ted Lee [M]
 Wake Forest University, North Carolina Tom Gibson [L]
 West of England Rory Baxter [Hn], Alex Bergman [S]
 Charles Paterson [Hg], George Woodward [HI]
 York Giles Welford [L]

London—UCL Robert Allred [A], Francesca Lau [Ap], Henry Pinto [Bd]
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 Loughborough Tobi Ojo [Hg]
 Manchester Frederick Bowring [Bd], Benjamin Green [Hn]
 Felix McDonald [Bn], Edward Robertson [T]
 Manchester Metropolitan Marcus Hall [Bd]
 Newcastle Jack Katzler [Bd], Robert McGregor [Pn]
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 Angus McClean [Hg], James Royce [HI]
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 Oxford—Keble Varun Sarna [Hg]
 Oxford Brookes Andrew Whiteley [Bd]
 Royal Agricultural College Poppy Deakin [Ap], William Hanson [Bn]
 Southampton Aaron Bianchi-Jambes [S]
 West of England Nicholas Snow [HI]
 York Christopher Jackson [Hg], Poppy Wilcox [Ap]

— COMMON ROOM NEWS —

The numbers in Common Room have increased rapidly in the last few years with the introduction of new subjects and the start of the International Baccalaureate. In 2008, Common Room reached a record figure of 122 of which 20 were new to the College. It is indeed exciting times for Wellington and the changing nature of the teaching staff reflects this.

The demands on CR remain high with the looming introduction of the Middle Year Programme as a potential replacement for GCSEs and the first cohort of IB having begun their diploma in September. The academic standards have risen once more and Wellington is a constant presence in the National press, at the forefront of change and progress. The College is fortunate to have such a diversely talented group within CR that have embraced these changes and ensured that they are built on firm foundations.

There has been a spate of new arrivals to members of CR, and our congratulations go to Ian and Georgie Morris on the birth of Olivia, Nick and Nicola Gallop on the birth of Phoebe and Sam and Martha Owen on the birth of Francis. There have also been a number of weddings

during the past academic year. Our best wishes for a happy marriage go to Tim and Robyn Elton, Simon Kirkham and Rachel Bunce, Dave and Mel Walker and Matt Oakman and Rossana Mirambell.

The numerous social occasions for CR have been well attended in the past year from wine tasting hosted by Corney & Barrow, Pimm's parties on Turf to celebrate the end of Speech Day, as well as the usual end of term gatherings to welcome in the holidays. They are always joyous affairs and show the great spirit and bonhomie of CR. It is a united body and this has always been and will remain one of the great strengths of the College.

An extensive salve and valet appear in the *Year Book* but it was with great sadness at the CR Leavers' Dinner, that we said farewell to some very senior and valued colleagues. Graham Nurser spoke at length on behalf of the leavers and it was a very poignant occasion for all concerned. We wish both him and Eddy Heddon a happy and fulfilling retirement. Our congratulations though go to Simon Lockyer on his appointment as Deputy Head at Portsmouth G.S., Graeme Owton on becoming Headmaster at Bodiam Manor Prep

School and to Craig Morris who takes over as Head of English at King William's College on the Isle of Man.

The Common Room Association continues to thrive under the stewardship of Raine Walker and Ant Peter. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for the work that they do and in particular for their organisation of the Annual Dinner, which was very well attended this year. I would also like to thank the CR committee for the tireless work that they continue to do behind the scenes. Nick Gallop and Adam Seldis leave the committee and both have given an enormous service to CR; they are replaced by Kevin Brennan and Ed Venables (OW). My final thanks go to Raine Walker who, as Treasurer of CR, keeps the finances in

— WELLINGTON COLLEGE ASSOCIATION —

FEATURES OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Wellington College Association (WCA) has existed for a number of years and it has two aims. Firstly we organise a number of educational, cultural, sporting and social activities. Most College organised displays, concerts and dramatic events are open to members of the WCA who are thoroughly welcome. Secondly, the WCA exists to give parents opportunities to meet each other and members of staff in a relaxed atmosphere. Membership also includes, godparents, grandparents, teaching staff, OWs and other members of the 'Wellington Community'. We have a very lively programme each term.

SOME OF THE TALKS IN 2008/2009

Speakers have included, Sir John Major (former Prime Minister), Richard Holmes (historian and presenter), Christina Lamb (foreign affairs correspondent), Fiona Thornwell (explorer), Dr Patrick Mileham (historian of Wellington College), Edward Chaplin (HM Ambassador, Rome) and Lady Jane Wellesley (historian of the Wellesley family).

ACTIVITIES & TRIPS IN 2008/2009

The WCA and numerous parents have been fully supportive of the 'Hope and Homes' charitable initiative this year. We have organised theatre trips to The Royal Shakespeare Company's production of *Hamlet*, a 'Daffodil Country Walk' in Hampshire, an 'Arts and gardens weekend; Paris/Giverny' and a 'Trenches Tour'. A splendid exhibition was mounted by Christopher Miers FBA (OW landscape artist

impeccable order and ensures that flowers are sent at the right time and that traditions of the past are both respected and adhered to.

CR moves on. In the 12 years that I have been at Wellington, much has changed and almost all of it for the better. Innovations have swept aside the stubborn ways of old and the College is now in rude health and ready for the demands of the 21st Century. CR has had to adapt to these changes with speed and a positive mindset; it has done this with a great sense of pride, purpose and humour, exemplifying the spirit within the CR body. It remains a great pleasure to be associated with such a talented and friendly group. **Matt Oakman** ■

and former soldier). We look forward to a visit by Eurostar to the Waterloo battlefield in September, followed by a banquet in Brussels. The penultimate grand finale of the 150th year is a Ball, which we are co-sponsoring.

WCA COMMITTEE 2008/2009

The Committee meets once a term and consists of parents from different year groups and college and OW representatives. Committee membership has been lively and enjoyable under Ian Botes.

WCA

PRESIDENT: DR ANTHONY SELDON

CHAIRMAN: IAN BOTES

CO-ORDINATOR: DENISE COOK

TREASURER: STEVE BLOSSE

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

MRS CARLA BOTES, MRS GILLIAN NORRIS,

MRS LIZ WATTERS, MRS RITA JONES,

MR TERRY NORRIS, MRS PHILIPPA ORTON,

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— — VALETE — —



— — GRAHAM NURSER — —

1992–2009

Graham joined Wellington in September 1992, having previously taught at Rugby School. It soon became clear that he had an enormous energy for all aspects of College life. In the seventeen years that he was to spend at Wellington, he had an incredibly positive effect on all the pupils that he came across, whether inside or outside the classroom. He was an inspirational English teacher, whose love and passion for the subject was clear for all to see. This led him to produce and direct a number of plays during his time at Wellington—they were always well-polished and performed to the very highest standards, culminating in the magnificent performance of *Dido and Aeneas* in his final year.

Graham ran the Apsley for a number of years and had great success in this arena. It is clear that the girls benefited from his caring manner and sage advice. He helped ensure that the house was fully integrated into what was, at that time, very much a boys' boarding school.

His energy for extra curricular activities was second to none. It is perhaps in the field of Sailing and Round

Square that he had the most positive effect; his legacy in these two areas is clear for all to see. Sailing was very much a minor sport when Graham took it on; by the time that he left, it had been transformed into an elite sport at Wellington, able to compete and prosper at the very highest level with winter training camps and pupils representing their country. In the world of Round Square, Graham was and remains a legend. He ensured that Wellington became a leading force in this organisation and he made it an integral and core part of life at Wellington. Many pupils have benefited from the drive and passion that he put into Round Square and he can be attributed with making Wellington a truly international school.

Graham will be sorely missed and we wish him, Wendy and the family all the very best in retirement. Graham will no doubt keep himself incredibly busy; he is already back teaching part-time at Elstree School and will return to Wellington in 2011 to help host the annual Round Square Conference. Wellington owes him a huge debt of gratitude for all that he has done. ■

— — EDDIE HEDDON — —

1994–2009

Eddy arrived at Wellington in September 1994 having previously been in active service for the REME. Eddy took over as Master i/c CCF and ran this with great pride and purpose throughout his time at College. He modernised the CCF and brought in a wide range of outdoor activities to accompany the military core of the programme. He did so with great success and popularity amongst the pupil body. Eddy also led a number of expeditions throughout the world, giving generations of Wellingtonians the opportunity to broaden their horizons and experience fending for themselves in inhospitable conditions.

Eddy was also a key player in the world of sport at Wellington, running both Hockey and Athletics in his time at Wellington. It is to his great credit that he resurrected Athletics at a time when it was becoming the poor relation of the summer sports programme. He reinvigorated the sport, radically changed the nature of the training regime embracing SAQ work and thus the popularity of Athletics



rose and great success was to follow. Eddy was equally passionate about Hockey and was without doubt responsible for much of the success over the last fifteen years. Eddy was also a top level umpire and enjoyed being able to combine this with his coaching.

Eddy took on the role of Supremo of Events and it was during his watch that the Bonfire Night and the Summer Spectacular rose to new heights. Through these events, he raised seemingly countless sums of

money for a variety of charities, and enhancing the profile of Wellington within the local community. He was also able to develop and integrate Academic IT within the Wellington syllabus and ensure that pupils were far more IT literate than had previously been the case. In sum, Eddy was always involved at the heart of Wellington whether teaching, commanding the CCF or organising another events spectacular. It will take about five members of Common room to replace all that he did. He retires to Cornwall with our very best wishes for a happy and fulfilling time. As an old soldier he will surely 'soldier on'. ■

— — SIMON LOCKYER — —

1999–2009

Simon joined Wellington in September 1999 as a Biology teacher having previously taught at Bishop's Stortford H.S. where he was also lucky enough to meet his wife, Abigail. It was soon very clear that Simon brought a great passion and energy to all that he was involved in and that he was a true schoolmaster. He contributed to many of the different aspects of life at Wellington College.

It was in the Biology department where he truly made his mark and in September 2001, he took over the reins and continued to put the subject at the very forefront of academic life at the College. Numerous trips ensued to exotic locations further increasing the popularity of the subject and inspiring many pupils to



carry on with the subject beyond Wellington.

His success in the Biology department very quickly led to him taking over the Hill in September 2005, where he did an outstanding job in creating great 'house spirit' and a more focused and purposeful group of pupils. The Hill truly flourished in his hands and this was largely due to the firm, caring and thoughtful manner that Simon was able to bring to the students.

Simon was also involved in so many other aspects of College life and coached a wide variety of teams in Rugby, Hockey and Cricket with great success. It was no surprise that he would go on to further promotion (as Deputy Head of Portsmouth G.S.) and we wish him, Abigail and the family great success in their new life by the sea. ■

GRAEME OWTON

2004–2009

Having previously taught at Feltonfleet School, Graeme Owton arrived in January 2004 at Wellington both as an English teacher and the 1st XV Ruby coach. He had a wonderful influence on many aspects of College life, but perhaps most notably so on the rugby field. As one of the academy coaches at London Irish, he quickly forged closer links between Wellington and the club with the result that four Wellingtonians have gone on to play professional rugby for London Irish.

Graeme soon became Master i/c rugby in 2005, a role that he was to develop over a further three years. He did much to improve the standing of Wellington rugby and modernised the coaching techniques that were quickly grasped throughout the year groups. The 1st XV had a number of successful seasons under his leadership



and in 2008 he led them to victory at Twickenham in the Daily Mail Cup Final over St Benedict's, Ealing. Many young OWs have been able to forge successful rugby careers joining serious clubs. Much of this was due to the outstanding coaching and advice that Graeme gave in his time at Wellington.

Outside of his wide ranging Rugby commitments, Graeme proved to be an outstanding teacher of English in the lower school. In 2007 he became the first housemaster of the new boys' day house, Whitecairn, now Raglan. He was able to integrate these pupils in a seamless fashion and it was perhaps inevitable that he would in due course seek further promotion. Indeed this was the case and Graeme leaves Wellington to become Headmaster at Bodian Manor Prep school. We wish him, Nita and the family great success in their new lives in leafy Kent. ■

OTHERS

CRAIG MORRIS

Craig arrived in 2002 to join the English Department and to be Assistant Housemaster of the Picton. He is leaving to become Head of English at King William's College, Isle of Man.

BRONWEN KAJA

Bronwen arrived in September 2006 to teach Textile Technology. She has been Assistant Housemistress in the Orange. She leaves us for Cheltenham College.

HELEN LEWIS

Helen arrived in September 2006 to teach Design and Technology. She has been Assistant Housemistress in the Anglesey, a CCF regular, and heavily involved in chapel. She is leaving for Christ's Hospital to be Housemistress of a girls' boarding house.

AMELIA MORSE

Amelia arrived at Wellington in 2007 as a teacher of Drama. She has directed various shows, including *Les Misérables* and

Jesus Christ Superstar. She leaves us to return to the world of commercial theatre.

TOBY SETH

Toby arrived in September 2007 as Head of Modern Languages. He was leader of a highly successful IB training trip to Athens the following year. He leaves us to be Head of Modern Languages at Godolphin and Latymer School.

MELISSA JENKINS

Melissa arrived in September 2008 from the USA and returns there to complete her studies.

JON WALMSLEY

Jon joined Wellington in September 2008 from Brunel University, where he returns for his final year.

RACHEL WARD

Rachel arrived in September 2008 to join the Biology Department. She plans to continue her teaching career in New Zealand.

SPEECH DAY PRIZES

MALIM PRIZES

Winners Haider Rubbani [T]
 Sam Sud [Bd]
 Runners-up. Felix Fowler [Bn]
 Cameron Henderson [Bn]
 Oliver May [T]
 Daniella Taylor [W]

MASTER'S PROJECT PRIZES

1st Prizes Dominic Auger [T]
 Oliver Bailey [Wn]
 Hugo Bennett [Bd]
 Filius Canakis [Bl]
 Andrew Edwards [T]
 Angus Franz [L]
 Harriette Johnson [O]
 Min Ju Oh [Hn]
 Rebecca Patrick-Patel [C]
 2nd Prizes Jamie Allum [T]
 Gustaf Borelius-Larson [Bn]
 Saskia Glaisher [O]
 Imogen Halsey [O]
 James Lorenz [HI]
 Thomas MacKinnon [L]
 Sebastian O'Hara [T]
 Lucinda Patrick-Patel [O]
 Oliver Rendell [S]
 Jack Trigger [M]
 Eloise Wardlaw [C]
 Tom Wilson [S]
 House Winners Talbot [1st]
 Stanley [2nd]

FOURTH FORM

ow Biology Prize. Rebecca Patrick-Patel [C]
 ow German Prize Andrew Dallamore [Bl]

FIFTH FORM

James Ramage Prize Samuel Hunt [Bl]
 Willans English Prize. Alistair Marjot [S]
 ow Chemistry Prize Alistair Marjot [S]
 Christine Viney [W]
 John Falconer Prize for English & History
 Christine Viney [W]
 Atlay History Prize. Christine Viney [W]
 Elton Geography Prize. Christine Viney [W]
 Art Prize Kane Collings [M]
 Freer Greek Prize Angus Boobbyer [Pn]
 Entwisle Latin Prize Elizabeth Robinson [O]

Freer Religious Studies Prize. William Ayrton [S]
 ow Physics Prize Tom Roberts [Bd]
 Frew Mathematics Prize Tom Roberts [Bd]
 Product Design Prize Patrick Garratt [Pn]
 Textiles Design Prize. Rosie Atkinson [C]
 ow Spanish Prize. Elizabeth Mallet [O]
 Ronald Herring French Prize. William Leith [S]
 Physical Education Prizes. Abbie Dorling [C]
 James Middleton [Bd]

LOWER SIXTH

Freer Greek Prize Jamie White [T]
 Frew Latin Prize Sam Edgerley [Bd]
 Frew Classical Civilisation Prize Nik Salmon [Bd]
 Art Prize. Gina Kuschke [Ap]
 Art Textiles Prize Sophie Rhodes [Hn]
 Textiles Design Prize. Hannah Holt [W]
 Product Design Prize Nicholas Cho [T]
 Ridsdale Physics Prize James Fotherby [A]
 Ridsdale Chemistry Prize Trishan Vaikunthanathan [HI]
 Harry Lee [M]
 ow Biology Prize. Miles Seavill [HI]
 Elton Geography & ESS Prize Audrey Davies [Ap]
 Blakemore English Prize Michael Au [HI]
 Frew Mathematics Prize Joshua Han [M]
 John Walter History Prize Daniel MacKinnon [L]
 Physical Education Prize Lottie Hayward-Cook [Ap]
 Frew German Prize Arthur Montagu [Bn]
 Montgomery Recital Prize Anton Crayton [Wn]

UPPER SIXTH

Instrumental Prizes:
 Silver Bugle. Khalid Samea [Bl]
 Singing Richard Bignall [Bn]
 Choral Emma Parkhouse [C]
 Woodwind Oliver Marjot [S]
 Percussion Jonathan Robb [Bn]
 Strings James Lyne [HI], Stephanie Tress [O]
 Crowthorne Choral Society Prize Stephanie Tress [O]
 Anthony Browne Piano Prize Nick Jupp [Bd]
 ow Prize for Music. Jack Manser [Hn]
 John D. Gold Memorial Prize for Performing Arts
 Richard Bignall [Bn]
 Lake Drama Prize Polly Watson [Ap]
 Theatre Prize Felix Cook [T]
 Stockdale Art Prizes Kirsten Shastri [Ap]
 Freya Reilly [Ap]
 Eden Art Prize Laura Keeble [Ap]
 Plaistowe Prize. George Offer [Pn]

Batchelor Art Prize Max Skipworth-Button [Bd]
 David Moreland-Green Memorial Prize Roni Coral [Ap]
 Product Design Prize Felicity Macleod-Arnold [Ap]
 Textiles Design Prize. Ella Yarnton [Ap]
 Freer Greek Prize Stephanie Tress [O]
 Frew Latin Prize Oliver Marjot [S]
 Frew Classical Civilisation Prize Oliver Botes [HI]
 Strettel Politics Prize. Oliver Botes [HI]
 Freer Religious Studies Prize. William Barns-Graham [A]
 The Scholey Prize for Economics Toby Hanington [BI]
 The Rake Business Prize Anna-Karin Neal [Ap]
 Carr English Prize Felix Cook [T]
 Parks Prize for Mathematics Jonathan Sole [S]
 ow Spanish Prize. Marina Lanaghan [Ap]
 Physical Education Prize Emily Plank [Ap]

SENIOR ACADEMIC

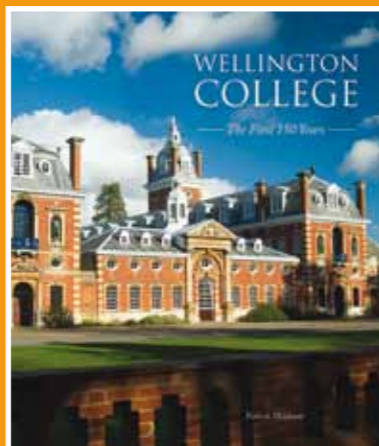
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Verrall Greek Prize. Oliver Marjot [S]
 Buckley Mathematics Prize. Sarah Jung [Ap]
 Lord Derby French Prize. Darya Kravchenko [O]
 Vaughan Geography Prize Angharad Davies [Ap]
 Prince Consort's History Prize Anna-Karin Neal [Ap]
 Frew Physics Prize Jonathan Sole [S]
 Frew Chemistry Prize Harry Willis [L]
 Pender Biology Prize. Harry Willis [L]
 Master's Essay Prize Imogen Lawson-Cruttenden [Ap]
 Marina Lanaghan [Ap]

SPECIAL AWARDS

The Master's Prizes Ben Bowtell [Hn]
 Callum Oliver [S]
 Oliver Botes [HI]
 Amy Cooper [Ap]
 Christopher Donnelly [Bd]
 Hugh Chichester [T]

Wellington College the First 150 Years by Patrick Mileham (OW). Published by Third Millennium Information, November 2008. 224 pages, over 200 illustrations, mostly in colour. Specially commissioned to commemorate Wellington College in its 150th year, the book complements David Newsome's excellent Centenary 'institutional history'. With all the historical developments and events of note, *Wellington College the First 150 Years* begins with the Royal and religious foundation of College in 1859, proving it to be a College of national importance, then and now.



Capturing the 'spirit of Wellington College', of every generation of Wellingtonians and OWs spread around the World, has been the aim of this book. It includes many contemporary accounts dwelling on life for the boys and

staff in Victorian times; famous Masters, Old Wellingtonians and Common Room personalities; education, sport, social habits, Chapel, Corps, 50th Jubilee and Centenary celebrations; Wellington and the Army; OW sacrifice in the First World War with a whole generation lost; 'digging for Victory' during the Second World War and the fate of the Master, killed in a bombing raid in 1940 beside his own Lodge; 'taking their punishments like men'; intellectual inspiration; the 'Wellington village'; the teenage revolution of the 1960s; changes in the past 50 years; co-education and College as it enters a 'new era'. The book is completed with current activities described with skill and vivacity by the pupils themselves. The conclusion is that much is the same as it has always been, but more is new as the years pass.

'An absolute triumph', Sir Michael Howard [Bn 1934]. 'Wonderful... a fantastic production', Roland Hill [A 1938].

'I have achieved nothing for 36 hours since tucking into the book. Excellent'. Ross Mallock [M 1954].

'Marvellous reading', Hugh Edleston [Pn 1962]. 'Tour de force', Bobby Baddeley [Pn 1948].

'A fine memento of our great school', Sir Henry Beverley [A 1949].

Copies of the book can be obtained from 'Grubbies', and The Secretary of the Old Wellingtonian Society, Wellington College, Crowthorne, Berkshire RG45 7PU. 01344 444069, e-mail: owsoc@wellingtoncollege.org.uk. Alternatively College Reception office have facilities for accepting credit card sales on the telephone 01344 444000 or info@wellingtoncollege.org.uk

Price £32.50 collected. Add £5 post and packing to UK address. Overseas postage, on request from the OW Office.

O.W. SECTION

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

CHARLES BAKER [BL 1962-1967]

A very warm welcome to all of you for coming here today for the AGM, when once again the weather gods are smiling on us.

The last 12 months have certainly been active ones for the OW office under our valued helmsman Chris Potter and his keen-eyed look-out Kay Mitchell. Behind the scenes your General Committee and, in particular, its E & F Sub-Committee, have been very busy scrutinising what your Society does—or doesn't do—for its members and for the general Wellington community. We have also been looking long and hard at several new initiatives.

MAIN EVENTS OF 2008/2009

On 30th October excellent reunion was organised by Paul Heward and attended by some 70 members at the New Club in Edinburgh, courtesy of the Club's Secretary, Charles Ritchie (OW). The Master addressed those present, who included an encouragingly large number of university students. This was only the second reunion I have been to and it made me determined to attend many more.

In November 40 leavers of 2003 gathered at the Alma Tavern in Wandsworth. None knew—or for that matter cared—that this was their Chairman's local when he bought his first house 50 yards away!

Mark Lovett's last OW Year Book was published in December. Under his editorship the Year Book has become a much larger and greatly improved publication. We were very fortunate to persuade Patrick Mileham, fresh from his huge achievement as author of *Wellington—the first 150 years*, to take on the mantle of editor. Incidentally, the book has been selling well, but there are still some copies

available. Contact Chris Potter for details.

February saw Dr Seldon's first overseas tour, when he was accompanied by Ed Schneider, the Development director, and Chris Potter, who put in much preparatory work setting up OW reunions in Hong Kong (45), Sydney (90), Melbourne (12), Adelaide (8) and Auckland (10). In each case a real effort was made by OWs in each location to make the visits a great success.

In late February the OW Sports Clubs held their customary highly successful dinner for 90 OWs at Queen's Club. Most of the organisation of this dinner falls on John Goodeve-Docker's shoulders, for which he deserves all our thanks. As is the case with almost all events for members of OW sports clubs, young OWs' tickets are quite heavily subsidised by the Society.

More overseas reunions took place in March in New York (45) and Toronto (20) to mark the Master's second overseas tour.

The first 'traditional' gaudy of the year was in April for 125 who entered College between 1975 and 1985. Although these gaudies are clearly enjoyed by those attending, we are asking ourselves whether the format—particularly the custom of taking entrants over a 10-year span—can be improved.

On 18th June Waterloo Day celebrations were arranged by OWs in virtually every time zone. The miracle that is the Internet enables the OW office to receive reports and pictures of each gathering, however small, almost as they happen. We are always keen to receive news of OWs from every corner of the globe. I joined an enjoyable dinner arranged for a dozen OWs at the County Club in Newcastle



Apsley Picnic
William Marshall, Chloe Marshall and Alison Eyles

by Charles Linaker and Andrew Martell.

The Apsley reunion picnic also took place in June and was attended by some 20 former Apsley ladies and, in many cases, their families.

Our Society celebrated the Jubilee with an excellent dinner at St George's Hill Golf Club by kind permission of our Vice-President and this year's Captain, Peter Hunt: 115 OWs and their spouses or friends were present, OWs under 25 benefitting from tickets at the subsidised price of £25. The Clubhouse was a magnificent venue and a very good time was had by all.

The next event was the opening of the Hugh Monro pavilion on Bigside on 12th September. It was good to see a large number of OWs, many of whom had contributed generously to the project, turn up to watch the OWRFC scrape a hard-fought victory against Old Wimbledonians and stay on for the opening ceremony.

Finally on 24th September many OWs joined in the special service at St Paul's Cathedral which was attended by both the College and students from the new Wellington Academy in Tidworth.

BEHIND THE SCENES

The OW office has moved once more and is now to be found in the passage leading to the Driver Rooms (the old Art School).

Towards the end of last year and first few months of this year a small Task Force was set up, consisting of Deborah Alun-Jones, Ed Venables and Toby Allen, to look at what the Society was doing and, in particular, what it was not doing for its members. The Task Force's report was delivered at the end of April and its recommendations, widely endorsed by the General Committee, have influenced all of the E & F Committees' activities since then.



Apsley Picnic
Sam Leckenby, Sarah Allen, Vanessa Caiden and Liz Hughes

I am enormously grateful to the E & F Committee, who have put in an unusual amount of work in the last 12 months, thereby also increasing the workload on Chris Potter and Kay Mitchell. Numerous E & F meetings have taken place to re-define the Society's relationship with College in certain key areas.

- Improved communication with OWs and the wider Wellington community through a more versatile website hosted on the College's servers and benefitting from improved software currently being acquired by College and the OW office;
- The setting up of a Career Scheme with a database containing details of OWs' career experiences, grouped by profession, which can be accessed by Wellington students and OWs. This will also be used to increase visits to College by panels of OWs to give talks on specific careers.
- The last *Year Book* contained some 140 pages, but only about 30% was about the Society, even though all the costs are borne by the Society. A current proposal is that College recognise that it is to a large extent a 'school' publication and take over much of the cost. This would release sorely needed funds to be invested in setting up and running the Careers Scheme;
- Finally, we are looking at ways of re-invigorating the OW Charitable Trust, notably with a view to attracting funds to help children and grandchildren of OWs attend College.

More news on these initiatives will be available by the Spring General Meeting. In the meantime, no one should hesitate to let me, Chris Potter or any member of the General Committee know if you fear that we are missing a trick or charging up a cul de sac. ■

SECRETARY'S REPORT

CHRIS POTTER [c 1960-1965]

The winds of change gusting through the Wellington quadrangles are bringing about a new alignment of College, Development Office, Wellington College Association and the OW Society. Together we shall face the challenges of the next 150 years, even if it seems that the OW office has been lightly tossed to yet another home, now close to the Driver Rooms, once the Art School overlooking Turf.

The innovations at College in recent years, such as the introduction of an exciting and fizzy style of 20/20 education with white boards, Harkness tables and gurus in residence, has delighted OWs of all vintages. E-mails are daily whizzing into the Society HQ to support the trail blazing 13th Master.

Improved (with expensive capital costs) IT will link the four arms of Wellington in its push forward. The rich human resources of the OW Society will increasingly be used to help young OWs with career advice and net-working with other OWs in all career fields during these difficult times and to help with the education of OW offspring, amongst other initiatives. To this end the OW Society is seeking to add to its membership, not least from the over 50s, of whom only 45 percent are members—which means that 55 percent do not receive the *Year Book*.

The OW community is 10,000 strong. E-mail is by far the cheapest and quickest way of keeping in touch. (A mail-shot from the office to OWs costs £3000, while e-mails cost next to nothing). Not everyone is on e-mail, however, and an important letter will be posted in January to all OWs.

The Wellington 150th celebrations have been recognised by OW gatherings around the globe and a Grand Finale Ball on 28th November, hosted jointly by College, the OW Society and WCA, brings closer to an end the fund-raising activities for the 150th Anniversary charity Hope and Homes for Children. Many of you have contributed, for which our thanks.

As 2010 dawns so is there the opportunity for all OWs to support the work of the Society in whatever way they choose. There are social functions and events for all age groups, details of which are on the website www.owsociety.com. No password is needed. Please get in touch, stay in touch and it is always a great pleasure to show OWs around the school whenever they choose to visit. The chances are there will have been some change made at Wellington between the writing of the first and the last word of this piece and my next job is to spot it. *Semper Domus Floreat!* ■

GAUDY AT WELLINGTON

1975-1985 ENTRANTS

The Gaudy was held on 25th April 2009 in fine weather and more than 100 OWs, guests and former members of Common Room arrived in mid afternoon, well prepared and ready to take trips down memory lane. Tea in Great School was followed by Chapel (without Roll Call) and an amusing update on Wellington post 2006 from the Master. Tours, guided by pupils, took the assembled throng into venues the assembled can only have dreamed of in the spartan days of their own youth. The V&A café was reckoned a more than adequate replacement for the 'Change Baths' (1914) and a visit to the

new 'hotel-style' Beresford stretched even the most elastic memories of life in Front Quad. After the wander around the College it was back to Great School for drinks and then on to Dining Hall for an excellent dinner and an increasingly noisy hubbub of reminiscence. Tales of fug-rugger, tish-popping, and unrepeatabe derring-do from those years ago resounded around the room. Wise heads had booked into the Waterloo but, as ever, wise heads were in the minority and breakfast was being laid before the last of the one-time squealers stumbled towards the rising sun. A greatly enjoyed occasion and thanks to College for hosting us so well. ■

— WATERLOO DAY DINNER, LONDON —



Those in attendance: Simon Wilson, Rory Shackleton, Lynn Shackleton, David Bishop, David Johnson, Nigel Birch, Bill Clark, James Greenstreet, Quentin Hunter, Simon Verstringhe, Matthew Saunders, Alistair Kellie, Jonathan Lewis-Jones, Edward Groves, Johnny Doulton, Richard Green, Hugh Wilbraham, Alex Luker, Oly Scoular

Nineteen OWs attended the East India Club on the evening of Thursday 18th June 2009 for a Waterloo Day Dinner, including Lynn Shackleton, better half of Rory Shackleton. With approximately half being first timers, it is hoped to grow the numbers for next

year's dinner to least thirty. The 'board of fare' was excellent, including what else but magnificent Beef Wellington. An excellent time was had by all—judging by the photo including the waiter who must have been sampling the port generously donated by David Bishop. ■

— BIGSHOTTE REUNION —



Front (left to right): Andrew Lambert [Bl 1962]; Alistair Todd [Hg 1960]; Desmond MacDermott [Bd 1946]; John Wakely [Bl 1970]; Ian Brazier [Bl 1979]; Christopher Jones [Bd 1952]; Hugh Aldridge [HI 1956]. Back (left to right): Julian Armstrong [Pn 1948]; Anthony O'Gorman [Bn 1962]; Julian Chancellor [Bl 1970]; Iain Carmichael [M 1950]; Richard Ellis [C 1964]; Colin Messenger [Bl 1969]; Nigel Messenger [Bl 1963]; Nicholas Jenkins [Bd 1963]. Stephen Brent [M 1975] also attended but left before photograph was taken.

One of the local feeder Prep Schools for Wellington from 1939 to 1977 was Bigshotte School. Always a small school (less than 70 pupils) a high proportion of its Old Boys became Wellingtonians. As a

one-off service to a much loved institution, we publish a photograph of Bigshottian OWs taken at the Reunion held in Crowthorne on 26th April 2009. ■

— HONG KONG REUNIONS —

We have had two functions in Hong Kong of vastly different scale and consequence.

Firstly in February Dr Seldon, Ed Schneider, Chris Potter and James Walker came through Hong Kong during half term as part of a trip visiting parents and old boys here and in Sydney. Over 50 OWs, partners and parents assembled at Hong Kong Cricket Club to meet the illustrious touring party. Nigel Stearns (OW and the GM of the HKCC) and his team put on a fine evening.

The Master gave an inspiring speech on his vision for Wellington College and then fielded some searching questions. Chris, Ed and James were in fine form particularly the former who of course was known to all OWs present. Secondly, Waterloo Day, 18th June. Alastair Bruce, Toby Hudson, Tom Bolland, Jason Yeldham, Graeme Bateman, Richard Barton and David Mallinson enjoyed a convivial evening at One Fifth Nuevo bar. Wine and beer flowed with some tasty (if meagre) bites. ■

— AUSTRALIA, SYDNEY, REUNION —

On Friday 20th February 2009 around one hundred OWs, partners and friends gathered to celebrate the 150th anniversary, precisely one month earlier. The event, surely one of the largest OW gatherings ever held Down Under, was generously hosted by James and Robyn Todd with the magnificent Sydney Harbour providing an idyllic backdrop to the evening.

The guests, a number of whom had flown in from interstate, mingled with the Master, Chris Potter and Ed Schneider (Development Director), while the Master gave an update on developments to the Wellington brand around the world and took questions from the floor. We look forward to The Master's next visit already! Mark Hodgson [A 1984–1989] ■



— THAILAND REUNION —

Waterloo Day lunch was held at Hua Hin in Thailand on 18th June 2009 by 4 of the 36 OWs living in the country present were Rupert Russell-Cobb [L 1957–1961], Col Johnny Thoyts [Bd 1959–1963], Tony du Vernet-Davis [Bd 1966–1970] and Mark Cole [L 1995–1997]. ■



— PERTH, AUSTRALIA REUNION —



9th February 2009. Back row: David Millar [Bn 1939–1942], Robert Gould [Bn 1962–1966], John Carver [T 1952–1956], Peter Smith [Bn 1968–1973], Bob Margesson [L 1955–1959]. Front row: Malcolm Little [Bl 1961–1966], Adrian Momber [Pn 1971–1976], Stephen Graham [O 1976–1981]

— UAE REUNION —

Eleven of us met on Thursday night—the Middle East's Friday—for drinks and dinner in the shadow of the Burj Al Arab. Was this the first OW gathering in the UAE? (Well 37 OWs dined in nearby Baghdad in 1918). Our ages ranged from 27 to 52. The names and the stories varied widely, but the rest of the content was easily recognisable from one tale to the next, showing a



Standing (left to right): Iain Vitty [Bl 1990–1995], Ed Harris [Bl 1992–1997], Michael Brown [Pn 1974–1979], Jamie Foord [A 1971–1974], Alex Wilson, James Cadbury [Bd 1992–1997], Tim Cox [Bl 1984–1989]. Sitting (left to right): Gavin Samson [A 1987–1992], Alex Barder [Bd 1992–1997], Max Palethorpe [T 1988–1991], Jim Horsley [Pn 1989–1992]

remarkable consistency in the school's character over the years. We ate well and drank competently enough to ensure that there were some artistic displays on the dance floor later in the evening. I think it's fair to say that we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and are keen to have more gatherings in the future. There are currently 27 OWs on the UAE list, so the new 'chapter' is looking strong. Alex Wilson [Hl 1989–1994] ■

The Vancouver area OWs had a very enjoyable lunch at the Tsawwassen Inn on June 13th 2009, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of Wellington College. Seven OWs plus several spouses attended but, unfortunately, none of the OWs from Vancouver Island were able to come. ■

Left to right: Michael Compton [Bn 1958], Roger Wooldridge [Hl 1956], Jack Meadows [C 1937], Peter Moore [Wellesley 1941], Chris Heath [Bd 1953], Bill Fairbank [Bn 1942]. Front row: Neil Seldon [Bn 1956].



BEVIR REPORTS

MASIHAMBISANE—LET'S GO TOGETHER

REBECCA CHILTON [AP 2003–2005]

Having decided to take a post-university gap year, what better way to kick it off than with 2 months teaching in South Africa followed by 3 weeks travelling? Five days after graduation I was on a flight to Johannesburg with a few familiar faces from a pre-project training weekend. We had all been offered teaching assistant posts by Tenteleni, a student run charity who send over 100 British University students to schools and orphanages in Africa each summer. Although virtual strangers, we were united by our simultaneous excitement and uncertainty about our 8 week placements. Our group of 18 volunteers was based in Nelspruit, a town situated 220 miles East of Johannesburg, and were allocated in pairs to schools in the nearby township of KaNyamazane.

My project partner, Charlie, and I had been assigned to Masihambisane Combined School which encompassed Grades R (Reception) to 9 and an age range of 4 to 19. Despite this massive age range and a variety of other hurdles that we came to discover, the school faced including

being the poorest and least resourced school in the area, Masihambisane, meaning 'let's go together', had a fantastic sense of community and both Charlie and I absolutely loved every minute of our placement.

Although my official role was as a teaching assistant, my placement often did not turn out that way. Due to a variety of factors I frequently found myself teaching lessons on my own, often with no prior warning, and teachers would frequently just leave me to it in the middle of a lesson. On my second day I found myself left to teach Grade 5 English which, as I had nothing prepared, was rather unnerving. But my improvised lesson was a great success and this gave me the confidence to think on my feet and to deal with similar situations whenever they arose.

Tragically, just over a week into my placement one of my best friends Jack Stovold [Bn 2000–2005] was killed in a car accident and I returned to the UK for 5 days for his funeral. Although his death was of course absolutely devastating, Jack's enthusiasm for working with children

and his energy in all aspects of life really encouraged me to make the most of my placement and I returned to South Africa even more motivated than when I had first arrived.

The majority of our work was focused around English, both teaching in the classroom and improving both the teachers' and students' English just by interacting with them. We also helped with 'Life Orientation' and a few other subjects here and there, including one occasion when I found myself alone teaching an impromptu lesson on magnetism to Grade 7—a bit of a shock to the system! However, as soon as I revealed that I was a music graduate I found myself teaching music to Grades 4 up to 9, as nobody on the staff was able to understand most of the music syllabus, let alone teach it. This involved both teaching the students and also one of the teachers so that she could continue to teach music once I had left. We formed a very strong relationship with this particular teacher and she invited Charlie and I to go to church with her and spend the day with her family in the township. We were also invited to stay overnight at another teacher's house, where we went for a walk around the slums of the township to see some of our students. Both of these experiences allowed us to have a taste of what life is really like in the townships of South Africa, both the slightly wealthier areas where our teachers lived and the poorest areas where most of our students lived.

As well as helping with, or teaching, almost every lesson Charlie and I ran extra reading sessions, an informal choir and sports activities in break times and after school. We even organised a school sports day in preparation for an inter-school sports competition organised by some of the other volunteers. I also organised a cultural day for all of the schools to participate in, in order to encourage inter-school activity without a competitive element, as

well as allowing allow the students a platform to perform traditional dances and songs in front of their peers. When I arrived I was so keen to make a difference through my teaching, but by the time I left I realised that in many ways my interaction with the students and teachers outside the classroom was just as important as my role as a teacher.

As well as working in our schools all of the volunteers spent two afternoons a week in the local SOS Village orphanage. The orphanage was made up of ten houses each with a 'Mother' and up to ten children. I was assigned to House 1 which was made up of the Mother and six children aged between 3 and 12. They became my family. Our role was to help the children with their homework and take some pressure off the Mothers. I really loved working in the orphanage because it gave me the opportunity to form deep relationships with a small number of children, something that had been far more difficult in school.

I always thought that when people said that experiences like mine are 'life changing' they were grossly over-exaggerating, but here I am saying the same. Perhaps 'life changing' is taking it a little far but I certainly believe that my summer in South Africa was one of the most rewarding and enriching experiences that I have ever had. The chance to really immerse myself in another culture, or even two in view of the still very prominent racial divide, and the relationships that I formed with both the local community and my fellow volunteers will be ones that I will cherish. Despite the fact that I will be unable to continue the majority of these relationships, the memory of them will remain with me for many years and reflection upon my time at Masihambisane will always bring a big smile to my face.

I thank the OW Society and Bevir Trustees for their wonderful support in this project. ■

BUGS, HEARTS & FIJI

TOM PARKS [L 1998–2003]

Think back to the worst tonsillitis you ever had. If it was accompanied by a high fever and there was pus on your tonsils then your symptoms might well have been attributable to a bacterium, *Streptococcus pyogenes*. Next, ask your Grandparents whether they, or their parents, suffered from rheumatic fever as a child. The answer may well be, 'Yes'. You see, as recently as the

Second World War, but before antibiotics were freely available, rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease were common in the UK. An inappropriate immune response to those bacteria that caused your throat infection will unchecked attack and damage the joints and the heart. This manifests, in children and adolescents, as rheumatic fever, a self-limiting illness that is, most commonly, a fever

accompanied by joint pain and a heart murmur. This might sound benign, but the long-term consequence is severe, a chronic, inflammatory disease of the valves of the heart that can result in heart failure, infection of the heart valves, stroke and death.

Today, in the West, rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease are almost forgotten; however, in the Developing World, rheumatic heart disease remains an important cause of suffering, disability and death, afflicting young adults in their most economically productive years of life. Indeed, worldwide, more people show at least the early stages of rheumatic heart disease than are infected with *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, the tuberculosis bacteria.

This summer, supported by the Bevir Memorial Trust, I and others, including those sponsored by the Wellcome Trust, spent my seven week medical elective—an opportunity for final year medical students to spend time studying overseas—investigating the diagnosis and management of rheumatic fever in primary care in Fiji,

an Island Nation in the South Pacific. Based in Suva, the capital city, I conducted a research project with the Fiji Group A Streptococcal Project team.

It is difficult for an outsider to comprehend the importance of rheumatic heart disease in Fiji and the other Pacific Island Nations but Wellingtonians and Old Wellingtonians alike might be most affected by the anecdotes of promising young rugby players who have been known to collapse and die on the field from rheumatic heart disease.

Early on in my time in Fiji, I accompanied the project's radiographer to one of the rural primary schools where the World Heart Federation is funding the use of ultrasound to screen the children for rheumatic heart disease. The children were playing and the reality—we were looking for an important and dangerous disease—was distant. The fourth little girl of the morning agreed to let me photograph while her ultrasound was undertaken. She was nervous, but happy and apparently healthy; however, as I moved to take her photo I noticed my colleague's face drop as she pointed gingerly to the fuzzy black and white images on her small screen. Her expression was enough, but she added, 'Tom, look at this, that regurgitant jet there, that's classic of RHD'. But this was not one isolated case of a rare disease. Instead, the screening programme is beginning to tell us



irreversibly. Every child, in whom a doctor or nurse suspects rheumatic fever, needs proper examination and blood testing, something we in the UK would take for granted. Nevertheless, in our study, of every 1,000 patients with features of rheumatic fever, the clinic staff took the time to listened to the patient's heart with a stetho-

scope in only 1,000 hundred of them and only considered the diagnosis in 10. When asked, in an anonymous questionnaire, of 32 staff at the 2 clinics, 13 staff told us they did 'not have enough time to make the diagnosis', 17 that 'patients do not return for follow up' and 15 that they do 'not know enough about the disease'.

But this is not as simple as bad practice on the part of the Fijian doctors and nurses; it is crucial to understand the context. Despite its image as a tropical paradise, at least a quarter of Fijians live below the poverty line. A coup in 2000 and another in 2006 have led to large-scale emigration of skilled labour, which has had significant impact on the delivery of healthcare. Fundamentally, Fiji struggles because its health system, like that in so many nations in the world, must simultaneously deal with the diseases of under-development (those of malnutrition, poverty and the major infectious diseases) and the diseases of modernisation (the diseases of lifestyle such as diabetes and obesity). Worst still, the total expenditure on health, as a percentage of the gross domestic product in 2005 was the lowest rate in the Pacific at 4.1%. Consider then that according to the World Health Federation most Pacific Island Nations spend between 4 and 12 percent of their local health budgets and half of the budget for overseas treatment on sending

patients with RHD abroad for life-saving heart valve surgery.

Rheumatic heart disease does not exist in the UK. It is an easily preventable disease. It is therefore a disease that is intimately related to poverty and reflects the gross divide between the health of populations in the West and the Developing World. From our work we concluded, that the current guidelines for the diagnosis of RHD fever are

simply not compatible with the basic management of a sick child in low-resource settings. We have recommended a simpler strategy for managing these children that might be applicable in low-resource settings throughout the world.

The support given by the OW Society and the Bevir Trust has been of great benefit in helping to understand and treat this disease in the Third World. ■

CYCLING THROUGH SHAANXI THE GREAT WALL TO THE TERRACOTTA ARMY

JAMIE HEPBURN [O 1990–1995] & DAVID HEPBURN [BN 1997–2002]

At the end of September 2008, Jamie Hepburn and David Hepburn took part in a 7-day, 680 km cycle ride through Shaanxi Province in north-central China on behalf of Macmillan Cancer Support. They raised over £6,400 for the charity.

Fifty-eight of us (aged 18–65) set off early from the fortress at Yulin on the Great Wall on a bright and fresh morning. We had pitched our tents the night before beside the road, promptly causing traffic jams as the locals stopped to inspect the unlikely invasion of cyclists from the other side of the world. Having assembled our bikes we headed for a local restaurant for our first Chinese banquet and spent the evening drinking Tsingtao beer and chatting with the locals.

The route took us out of the city and into scrub—the southern edge of the Gobi desert—before winding down into a broad, flat river valley, which we were to follow for the next few days, passing through small villages where the local people lived on small-holdings, growing their own vegetables and rearing small numbers of livestock. Our guides went ahead each night to arrange our lodgings, and we pitched our tents on land owned by these local farmers. They were usually quietly curious, and never less than welcoming and friendly.

On day three we left the river valley and passed through more industrialised areas (along a stretch of road taken by Mao Zedong and his Red Army), which offered a fascinating glimpse of the contrasts of modern China: enormous state-run gas and petrochemical plants and coal-mining operations were interspersed with small family-run industries, individual nodding donkeys, and small-scale quarrying. The landscape was uniform, often dirty and sometimes uninspiring—a feeling which was increased by

the heavily overcast weather that turned to rain on more than one occasion.

As the weather deteriorated, the terrain became more grueling and the nights a battle to keep out the rain. But in these conditions the hot evening meal and the Great Wall red wine and Tsingtao beer was usually enough to keep spirits up. The towns we passed though were a constant source of interest, both for us and the locals who came out in large numbers to watch and ask questions. David's Mandarin skills made these stops an entertaining break from the saddle. In one town, word of our arrival had preceded us, and David ended up giving an interview to the local TV station.

On the fourth day we set up camp near a school. We were welcomed by four teachers who invited us on a tour of their school (the pupils were all there on a Sunday at 8.00 p.m.), and we had a chance to meet some of those studying English. They were all very polite, if somewhat shy, until the first intrepid child asked for our autographs, after which we were swamped.

By day five we had begun to climb into the hills, ascending 15 km stretches at a time. These days were the hardest and most physically challenging. Nevertheless, there was also a great spirit of camaraderie, and if ever someone was struggling, it was never long before another rider stopped to provide support and a morale boost.

The final day will remain etched in our memories. It was especially cold, and raining hard when we set off, climbing 13 km into the clouds, before descending steeply to begin another climb of 12 km. As we went the rain got harder and, by the time we had made our second ascent and begun the long winding descent into Huanglong, it was torrential.

Huanglong is a coal-mining and industrial town: as we descended the water being thrown up by the bikes turned grey and then to black. By the time we wheeled wearily into a bar in the centre of town every one of us was black from head to toe. The road we were to take out by bus to Xian to see the Terracotta Army was blocked by trucks, and so we had to squelch our way past the long line of waiting vehicles. No-one said a word on the four hour journey to Xian ...

Overall, the trip was very rewarding and a fantastic

experience. Macmillan is a great charity which provides an enormous range of medical, nursing, financial and emotional support to cancer sufferers and their families. Fundraising and individual donations make up 98% of their funding, and so such events are a crucial source of income to support their good work. The total raised on the Shaanxi expedition was over £200,000. We are extremely grateful for the support of the Bevir fund in helping us to reach our fundraising target and making the expedition possible. ■

SABRE TRUST VOLUNTEER TEACHING IN GHANA

WILL MITCHELL [C 1998–2003]

Since the beginning of last September I have been working for a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) called the Sabre Charitable Trust based in the central region of Ghana in West Africa. The Sabre Trust is a small charity working on a big issue; education. With the help of the local education authorities, Sabre's primary objective is to make school a better place for Ghanaian children and encourage them to stay longer in education. Sabre focuses on four communities in the KEEA district. Established in 2004, Sabre has since hosted 140 volunteers working as teaching assistants and construction workers and funded the building of a kindergarten and nursery school, a junior high school, a school canteen, a playground, a music room and three libraries.

On my arrival in Ghana I was initially assigned to work as a teaching assistant in the government school of the village of Besease.

The village of Besease is home to approximately 2,000 people. Sitting snugly in the bush, it is a peaceful farming community, with rich green farmland in every direction. Electricity arrived in Besease about four years ago, although few people can afford to pay the bills. Very few people are connected to mains water, and instead have to make their way to and from water pumps every

day. Despite having relatively little material possessions in relation to the Western world, community members made me feel extremely welcome the moment I set foot in the village, with a tiny old lady welcoming me, insisting on taking my huge bags and hoisting them onto her head to carry them into the guesthouse. Everywhere I

walk in Besease, people greet me, asking me how I am. They have even taught me a little of the local language, laughing hysterically when I say I am 'abrou'; from a fighter's family! I cannot walk anywhere without the children shouting 'Mr Will, how are you?' I have been invited to attend weddings, funerals and community meetings and have been officially accepted as a member of a well respected local family. The friendliness and hospitality of the Ghanaian people has simply amazed me.

Besease government school, like all Ghanaian schools, is split into

three components: kindergarten and nursery, primary school, and junior high school. This forms a total of 12 classes, and with approximately 800 children attending the school, it is not hard to imagine the huge class sizes and cramped conditions. The two kindergarten classes cater for a total of 120 children, while the nursery can be attended by up to 100. Evidently this does not enable the



Ghanaian teachers to give attention to individual children, meaning that many get left behind and struggling children are not identified until it is too late. There are a significant number of children in junior high school for example, who are still unable to read and barely know their letters.

These huge class sizes mean that the teaching assistants Sabre provides often prove invaluable. Sabre volunteers tend to take on roles such as working with individual children having difficulty in lessons, helping the Ghanaian teachers to facilitate group work in the classroom, and helping control the 120 kindergarten children through song and dance.

A further benefit of volunteers is that they expose the children to greater levels of spoken English. English is not the first language of Ghanaians, despite it being the official language, and fluency levels are surprisingly low. In the central region, the language spoken is Fante. Regardless of whether or not children are sufficiently competent, by class 3 of primary school, all lessons are held in English. Subsequently many children sit through lessons day after day with very little understanding of what they are being taught.



I spent four months working in Besease school and managed to spend time with every class. Ghanaian classes are set on ability. This means that although children should finish junior high school at 15, it is not uncommon to come across 18 or 19 year olds in these classes. I therefore spent time working with children from the age of 4, right up until the age of 19 and I can honestly say that every class presented me with moments that I will treasure. The enthusiasm, liveliness and acceptance I received from the children is something I will never forget. Particularly memorable experiences include making snowflakes with the kindergarten children as they struggled to use scissors for the first time, playing football against the school team in sweltering 35° heat, explaining the word 'mischievous' to form 2, only for one boy to adopt the name 'Mr Mischievous' for the rest of term and the kindergarten children having a 'dance-off' during craft day. Volunteering as a teaching assistant in Ghana is something I cannot recommend highly enough not only for the benefit to the Ghanaian teachers,

but also for the huge rewards felt in spending time with these wonderful children. But that is only half the story.

While I spent the first term in school, my time in Ghana from January onwards has been spent working as community co-ordinator for Besease. Although I have little time in school now, my days are still jam packed with organising and ensuring the smooth running of the volunteer programme in the community. Responsibilities include leading weekly elders meetings to introduce new volunteers and keep the community informed of the work Sabre is doing, inducting new volunteers into Ghanaian life, ensuring that they behave appropriately and responsibly in and around school and the community, liaising with the Besease school staff and headteacher to maintain a successful

relationship between them and overseas volunteers, coordinating construction projects such as an outdoor classroom and school canteen, as well as writing an education handbook designed to help volunteers with little experience in education. I also arrange days in the community for overland tours who, in return, provide us with substantial donations to go towards school materials.

Although the responsibilities of being a community co-ordinator often mean a hectic schedule, I am thoroughly enjoying working in a role where I am able to interact with so many people, both Ghanaians and volunteers on a daily basis, and see the reactions of both to the valuable work Sabre is doing. Next on the agenda this week is to oversee and help volunteers erect a new playground kindly donated by a UK company in front of Besease kindergarten school, the likes of which the Ghanaian children will never have seen before in their lives. I am definitely looking forward to seeing the faces of those children and seeing their excitement and enthusiasm!

My time in Ghana has not been all work and no play. Ghana is an amazing country and has a huge amount to offer travelers. I have visited the slave forts of Cape Coast and Elmina, a sobering and humbling experience. I have camped in the rainforest of Kakum National Park and taken a dugout canoe to the stilt village of Nzulezo. I have

shopped at the largest market in West Africa in Kumasi and seen the tallest waterfalls at Wli. My personal highlight however, has got to be visiting Akosombo dam on the river Volta, a hugely impressive structure set against beautiful surroundings. I will most definitely be returning sometime in the future! Firstly though to see my friends in Besease, which has become a second home to me and a place I will truly be sad to leave.

After completing the building of a new kindergarten school in Besease in January 2009, Sabre Charitable Trust is currently building a further kindergarten school in a

community called Dwabor and hopes to build a third in a community called Egyei Krom. The charity desperately needs funds in order to fully realise this dream. If you are interested in fundraising or volunteering for this charity please visit www.sabretrust.org. As the Ghanaians say, 'Medase papapa!' or 'thank you very much!'

I would like to thank the Old Wellingtonian Society and the Bevir Trust Fund for making this possible for me. Without their assistance volunteering for a year would have been near impossible. I look forward to returning in August and thanking you all personally. ■

THE EDINBURGH EXPERIENCE

MARK COOPER-JONES [BN 1999-2004]

Last August myself and Nazim Osmanoglu [S 1999-2004] led a 'critically acclaimed' sketch comedy group 'WitTank' to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Performing in Edinburgh in the world's largest international arts festival has always been both hugely challenging yet greatly rewarding. 2008 was certainly no exception. With the wettest summer in the history of the Festival, vying with more than two thousand other productions—plus a poster labelled by *The Guardian* as the seventeenth worst of the entire Fringe—getting an audience was always going to be tough.

Going back a few years, Naz and I started writing comedy at Wellington, with the Lower Sixth play *Murder, Mystery and a horse named Daisy*. Despite some very memorable performances by Nick Mason [O] and Kailash Rai [HI], the less said about it the better. In our final year, we wrote and performed the informatively titled *An evening of sketches with Naz and Mark*. This we enjoyed so much we made sure we went to the same college at Durham University. Carrying on from there, we formed the group WitTank in our first term. Naz and I co-run the group of five, and have taken on the tasks of production, marketing, writing, performing and directing. Were we not on stage ourselves, but made sure we got enough of the credits. The responsibilities certainly proved enough work along side a degree.



Having travelled to Edinburgh in both 2006 and 2007, picking up a host of positive reviews, we strode into the 'Athens of the North' in 2008 (assisted by a Bevir grant), like seasoned veterans—experienced and ready to vanquish all competition. Edinburgh, however, always provides the unexpected; bit like College really.

The first blow was the weather. For those who haven't been to the Festival, you know nothing of the chaos. The Royal Mile is closed off to traffic for the entire month of August, and instead is filled to bursting with street performers, publicists handing out flyers, punters and—worst of all—a host of angry Scots unsure as to whether the whole thing isn't just an old fashioned English invasion under the pretence of 'art'. The point I'm making, however, is that there is huge competition on the mile between the thousands of shows trying to drag in an audience. Three days in and nobody wants a flyer any more, even though you've ordered 3,000. This year, to make things worse, it rained solidly and nobody wanted to stop let alone talk. Least of all to Naz. However, the ever inventive Guy Corbett soon discovered that flyers stick very well to wet umbrellas—which were then paraded around the whole city for all to see; a technique that nobody else seemed to cotton onto. WitTank 1: the competition o.

The Edinburgh experience, as a performer, is often more about 'flying' on the Royal Mile than the performance itself. It takes at least 5 hours work a day to have any chance of getting 'bums on seats'—and over our three years of experience, only now are we getting to grips with what to say to make people come along. 'Free' is the best word, until they realise you're lying. But strangely words such as 'great', 'funny', 'worth it' and 'please' fall on the public as frequently and irritatingly as drops of rain.



WitTank Comedy Group in action

So we tried some new techniques. Naz's style—as those of you who know his obsessive nature can imagine—involves following people around Edinburgh and telling them, rather than asking them, to come. I soon discovered that flattery is also a wonderful tool, often opening a conversation with sickly words like, 'Hello there, can I just say you look just like the sort of intelligent, sophisticated people who would really enjoy some four-star sketch comedy'.



(We ignore the fact that they might enjoy five-star comedy more—and simply go from there telling them how beautiful they look that day—despite the weather.) The golden rule on the Royal Mile is don't flyer a local. Here, a kilt acts as a sort of pirate flag, warning you not to approach them at all costs. They don't want to see your show. They just want to eat something covered in batter. If you are obviously English, you are in the way. Smile and step aside.



Our final publicity hurdle was our publicity material. The 2008 show was titled *WitTank: Sexy Pudding* (for no relevant reason)—and so we designed our poster. We

opted for a scoop of vanilla ice cream in a tall sundae glass, where the image had been adapted to look like the playboy bunny (a cherry where the eye would be, two

wafers as the ears etc.)—all against a black background. The Guardian decided this would fit perfectly in their twenty worst flyers at the fringe article, and published a picture of Naz's body (the shot doesn't include his head) standing in the rain holding out a flyer hopefully. The caption read: 'No wonder he doesn't want to show his

face, the show is called *Sexy Pudding*'. Of course we soon realised this was our unique selling point, and would ask people to 'come and see *Sexy Pudding*, as featured in *The Guardian*'. It was important not to say why.

Despite our set backs, and there were many more including a prolonged fire alarm during the show, incompetent venue managers, the ticketing problems that beset the entire festival, the credit crunch, hangovers

and stolen props, it's impossible not to enjoy the Festival. The show was seemingly enjoyed by punters and critics

alike—and WitTank rocketed, being eventually listed alongside three other groups in 'Comedy of the year 2008' in critical publication *The List*. Needless to say we'll be up again in 2009, to brave whatever new challenges this amazing City can provide.

WitTank would like to thank the Bevir Memorial fund for an extremely

generous grant, without which the greatest challenge of all—financing Edinburgh—would have been impossible to overcome. You can look us up at www.wittank.co.uk. ■

O.W. SPORT



— — CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION — —

JOHN GOODEVE-DOCKER [A 1961-1964]

O W Sports continue to flourish and provide much fun and satisfaction for all those OWs who take part or are just spectators. Most importantly is the enthusiasm provided by the Secretaries and Captains of the various sports, especially as all but one of them (the exception being Golf, of which I am Secretary) are run by much younger OWs. This says a great deal for their commitment and the on-going good health of the Societies and Clubs.

It has been particularly good to welcome the OW Milers Club into the ranks, especially as most of those involved left College in 2008—this must be a record for setting up a new Club. Congratulations go to Ben Gateley and Charlie McDonough for their enthusiasm and commitment.

However there is one big 'but', and that is the

involvement of OW girls in their respective sports. The OW Society and College authorities are looking to give massive encouragement to build up clubs and teams as more and more OWs are girls. We would welcome any suggestions and comments about how OW girls can continue playing their sports after they have left. Some sports, such as sailing and golf have lady members of course, but there seem to be still few events and matches that they can take part in. I feel sure that there must be a lot of latent interest for OW Girls' sports, particularly with the evident success that the girls are having at College.

If you would like to be involved in a current or new sport, either to play or help, then please contact the relevant secretary whose names are at the end of the *Year Book*, or contact me. ■

— — RUGBY — —

A fter narrowly missing out on promotion in 2008 due to a final day defeat, we approached the new season with high spirits. Several new faces joined the ranks amongst the old stalwarts and we got off to a flying start, winning our first six matches by quite a margin. Unfortunately we then started to suffer from an unprecedented number of injuries to team regulars—at one stage, 14 first team players were out of action!

Despite these setbacks, we ground out several tough matches and overall, we had another excellent season, finishing the league in 4th position. Whilst we did not secure the top position that we had set out for, it certainly

felt like a monumental effort given the amount of injuries and the need for players to continually play out of position.

On the pitch there were again legendary performances from old heads such as Steve Brownrigg, Adam Joy and Peter Byre who masterminded some mesmerising rugby in the back line at times.

New recruits such as James Simpson (club player of the season), Robbie Thomas, Nick Kertesz and Michael Barnard also provided consistently excellent displays. In addition we welcomed a number of new faces in the 2nd XV who will no doubt provide a solid core for next season and beyond.

Special mention must go to Doug Harrison for



OWRFC Young and Old. Several of the founder members turned back the years, helping the 2nd XV overturn the Law Society 75-12

performing heroically on the pitch but also taking over the captain's armband following the early season injury of club skipper Nick Gulliford. We would also reserve special thanks for John and James Robertson for their hard work behind the scenes during the season.

The club is now going through a transitional stage with some old heads moving on and it is very encouraging that we have continued to successfully recruit young blood in order to take the club forward—however we are always delighted to welcome new players. We still have a no training policy but play a competitive standard of rugby in the London regional leagues. This is combined with a dedicated focus

on the social aspects of the game and we hope makes for a thoroughly enjoyable club. Please do not hesitate to contact James Britton or Dougie Harrison if you would be interested in playing for the club; or even just joining our club membership and receiving weekly updates of our progress.

Finally, we would also like to send our congratulations to Max and Thom Evans on their try-scoring exploits in this year's Six Nations Competition. Both of them have been registered players of OWRFC since leaving school, and have represented OWRFC on many occasions—proving that OWRFC is the perfect nursery for aspiring international players of the future! *James Britton* ■

— HOCKEY —

OW Hockey has hidden in the shadow of other sports like Rugby and Cricket for a long time now, so it seemed about time that this changed. We thought the best way to kick-start some momentum was to organise a tournament of matches against other Old School teams from the typical circuit that we used to play against. After months of extensive deliberation, hundreds of e-mails and plenty of last minute panic/administration, the OWHC launched our renaissance in a tournament at the University of Westminster Sports Ground, Chiswick, with 5 other Old Boys teams, namely Bradfield, Canford, Charterhouse, Cheltenham and Sherborne.

Our cunning plan was to prove that not only were we the best then, but we're still the best now.

The OWs put out a healthy sized squad, with plenty of variety of age and talent, all of whom seemed more than happy to strut around proudly displaying the new strip.

OWHC got off to a fine start breezing through the opening game with a 5-0 win over Canford, who were so shocked by our dominance that questions were floating around suggesting bad sportsmanship on our part—they thought we had trained together. Our second match was another pretty easy cruise to a 3-0 win over Cheltenham, putting us in the final and vying for top spot against Sherborne.

The final was a tighter contest from the outset, but the OWs looked stronger and took the first goal. In typical fashion, Mac Nicoll arrived late in the opposition goal mouth to get the slightest of touches on the ball just as it was about to cross the goal line. What a hero. The second half saw some fresh legs enter the fray, but the game began to wilt slightly as both teams showed signs of fatigue. Intricate play of which Arsène Wenger would have

been proud, resulted in Jerome Alexander hitting the cross bar. That was the closest either team were to altering the score line, leaving OWHC to win the first championship and earn bragging rights for 12 months. Well done team.

More fixtures will be organised throughout the year—both one-to-one and maybe the odd mini-tournament as well. If you'd like to get involved please contact the OWHC captain Jerome Alexander. *Jerome Alexander* ■

— CRICKET —

Another Old Wellingtonian Cricket season has been and gone with the traditional mix of highs, lows, laughs and smiles. The Club is lucky enough to be able to play the vast majority of their matches on Turf and so feels a part of all the dynamic and changing Wellington environment. Although there are fewer pupils around on Sundays than when the majority of us were at College, it's still great to be able to talk with current students and find out what's the same, what's different and enjoy the buzz that envelops the great old place.

As for the cricket it has, as ever, been competitive, enjoyable and played in a great spirit with some tremendous finishes. As the world changes OWCC does not stand still. Last year we had an experiment, with a 'Twenty over' game on the eve of Speech Day. That has now been formalised and the OWs showed that experience can triumph over youth in the shortest format of the game. We came unstuck on the Saturday against a strong College batting line up in no mood to let the OWs enjoy a hurrah in the sun. Rightly so. We also played three forty-over games, one against Brook (including a first hundred on Turf for Anthony Mills), which we looked like losing, until we won off the very last ball. The other was against the Old Amplefordians, which we were winning until their number eleven hit a six off the last ball. Match to our friends from the North!

The final game of the season was also a forty-over affair against a much improved Harrow side. While batting first and with 213 runs, it never looked like enough—but it wasn't a bad score having been 18-0 off 9 overs. Old Wellingtonians don't know the meaning of a lot of words, and 'rolling over' and losing to Harrow is certainly not in the vocabulary. Harrow looked to have the game sewn up (to mix metaphors) at 160 for 5, with a man not out on 50 and 10 overs remaining on an ever flatter pitch. The bowling

attack, lead by Oli Stott and Mike Brownrigg, ensured that there were rousing celebrations as the umpire gave the opposition number 11 out, Harrow one run behind.

The theme of the players continues to be that of a lot of cricketers enjoying a few games, rather than a core of players playing a lot of games. This means that there are often people enjoying their Turf debut on Sundays throughout the Summer and new players are always welcome.

Apart from the games mentioned above there have been other close finishes, played generally in good weather, although rarely in the same sun one seems to have perpetually basked in during our youth. We were unbeaten during the OW Cricket week, with only one game lost to the weather. Many thanks to Chris Potter for all his help and support during the season. During that week specifically, we could not have done without him.

Cricketer Cup: With better than usual cricketing talent that has come out of Wellington in the recent past the OWCC Committee, led ably by Chairman Mark Milliken-Smith, has made it a priority to try to win the Cricketer Cup in the next five years. This is, of course, easier said than done. But with team bonding and even a few nets (!) to focus the mind, the first game was duly won against a Westminster side unable to compete with the quality on show from the men from Berkshire, specifically Luc Durandt.

The second round against the Bradfield Waifs was always going to be a sterner test—and so it proved to be. It was at the height of the summer (such as it was) and when the Waifs got to 310-5 off their allotted 50 overs it was—in modern cricketing parlance, 'a big ask'. But that's how OWCC likes it and Ed Young tucked into the opposition's attack with a relish he used to reserve for Grubbies. His 154* was one of the finest innings Turf had

seen for a very long time, he was ably supported by his older brother Peter with 104.

The quarter-final game against the old enemy from down the road proved to be a testing affair. Having got into a position where the game could have been won, the Eton Ramblers were the victors by 3 runs. A frustrating end to a very promising campaign. Next year we will be stronger for the successes of this year and for another year's experience under the belt of what is a very young

— FOOTBALL 2007—2008 —

Record breaking was this season for the Old Wellingtonian Football Club and, after three years in the Arthurian League, another significant step in the right direction. We scored more goals, recorded more clean sheets and, unsurprisingly, as a result won more games. Our approach and style of play also improved significantly due to the emergence of a committed

group of players with only one over the age of 30.

All that remains to say is thank you to the Match Managers for their work in getting out sides and sides out, Phil Stockwell and his team at Wellington but especially Peter Lewington who provides us with excellent wickets and reminds us that rarely are any of us pushing for a call up to the England XI.

If you would like to play for the Old Wellingtonians, please contact me. *Sam Streatfeild* [C 1993–1997] ■

core group of players. Off the pitch, with the help of our newly elected President, John Edwards, the committee did much to improve the day to day running, financing and stability of the Club.

We had a good pre-season, kicking off with a friendly triangular tournament at Richmond's Old Deer Park. It was a hot Saturday afternoon and our rustiness showed as



OWFC V WCFC 1ST XI, John Edwards Cup, Sunday 2nd March 2008
Back row: B. Mead, C. Lyons, D. Curtis, J. Murray, C. Money, F. Longe, R. Gilmour
Front row: J. Emsell, D. Martin, W. Misselbrook, R. Hoddell, T. Alexander

we lost our opening two games. However, we came back to win both the second legs convincingly. The pre-season campaign continued with a match against Malvern and our traditional trip down to Cobham to play at Chelsea's trainingground. Security was tight but Abramovich decided to stay away, and missed another promising performance.

As ever our league performance was up and down. This inconsistency cost us promotion. The season proper started off well with impressive victories over Bradfield and Oundle, before slumping to three straight defeats in a row. Victory over Eton III's put the season back on track and an Ed Mallaburn hat-trick kick started a goal scoring tally

that would eventually see him score 13 goals in 12 games, thus retaining the Golden Boot award for another year.

The win at Eton prompted us to go on a five-game unbeaten run and drive us closer to promotion and the Junior League Cup. This can be largely attributed to a combination of finding a consistent keeper in Rory Hoddle and a strong defence, which was again excellently marshalled by Alex Gulliford in partnership with James Murray and, on occasions, the Dixon brothers. During the course of the season David Curtis also made the right back position his own and had an enormously positive impact on the team whenever he played. All three Gilmour brothers

also made a significant contribution throughout the season, proving their family's sporting pedigree.

The highlight of the season was a monster 9-0 romp over Chigwell. Ben Mead scored two fantastic goals within the first five minutes before Chris Money, Will Misselbrook and Charlie Wade all added one a piece. The ever-prolific Ed Mallaburn contributed a further four. It was an extraordinary team performance, full of free flowing total football. Chris Money held the ball up brilliantly, as he did for much of the season, and playmaker Will Misselbrook was ever present in central mid-field, tackling tirelessly.

Two further defeats and a well earned draw away to eventual league winners Harrow meant that, after two seasons of fighting against dropping a league, we could bask in the comfort of mid-table mediocrity.

We enjoyed another good run in the Junior League Cup, beating several teams, most notably Charterhouse in emphatic fashion, reaching the quarter-finals where we played Eton II's in the salubrious grounds of Bisham Abbey. The team, undaunted by Eton's lofty 'division one' status—or the fact that they resembled a Norwegian high jump team, with their average height well in excess of 6'4"—put in a virtuoso performance.

Despite creating a hatful of chances, we somehow managed to find ourselves 2-0 down at half-time. Quickly after the re-start, Will Misselbrook found the back of the net. Buoyed by this early goal we began to dominate the second half and not long later a defence splitting through ball from Dan Martin, allowing Chris Money to bring the score-line back to 2-2. Now bossing the game, it was Wellington's for the taking. Unfortunately we failed to convert several clear chances in front of goal and then paid the price as Eton scrambled the ball over the line in the dying moments of the game. The team fought extremely

— FOOTBALL 2008—2009 —

The OWFC had another thoroughly enjoyable and successful season, finishing fourth in division three of the Arthurian league, our highest finish since entering the league in 2005. Our pre-season match against Radley allowed us reignite old rivalries, dust off some summer cobwebs and blood a number of young players. This enabled us to start the season proper firing on all cylinders, recording victories over Westminster,

hard and were very unlucky not to come away with a place in the semi-finals.

In the annual Derby match against the College 1st XI, the team were keen to reclaim the John Edwards Cup—having lost it in 2006 and missed the 2007. The OWFC started the game clinically and after 20 minutes we were cruising at 2-0 up without even breaking a sweat, Chris Money and Freddie Longe having both fired along like seasoned pros. However, a few good passages of play from the boys and some barracking from Dr Seldon, completely unsettled us. We spent the next 40 minutes running around like headless chickens. However, with 20 minutes to go and the score line now at 2-2 the OWFC showed their added experience and started passing the ball around again, producing a second goal from Freddie Longe and a fourth from Will Misselbrook to make the score-line a little more convincing at 4-2. It probably wasn't one for the spectators, but it was certainly a great feeling to be back playing on Turf and hopefully a useful recruitment exercise.

Overall though it was another vintage and most enjoyable season for all those involved in the OWFC and it was certainly an honour to captain the side. ■

2007—2008

OWFC PLAYER OF THE SEASON
WILLIAM MISSELBROOK [BD 1995–2000]

GOLDEN BOOT
EDWARD MALLABURN [A 1995–2000]

COMMITTEE PLAYER OF THE SEASON
DAVID CURTIS [T 1996–2001]

Lancing and Charterhouse. However, the damp October and November weather soon put out any potential fireworks, as we lost four out of five next games. This included a frustrating and particularly embarrassing 4-3 loss to Eton, having been 3-0 up with twenty minutes to go.

However, with the New Year came a change of results and due to the continued help of College we enjoyed playing an increasing number of games back at Wellington



OWFC V WCFC 1ST XI, John Edwards Cup, Sunday 1st February 2009
 Back row: C. Lyons, Mr Lunnon, (3 boys), D. Martin, (boy), R. Hoddell, J. Gilmour, T. Alexander, C. Money, J. Murray, (5 boys)
 Front row: (2 boys), D. Curtis, P. Burroughs, W. Misselbrook, R. Gilmour, (boy)

during the Lent term. This proved hugely successful, and motivated the team into maintaining an unbeaten record there. We opened our account in the January sunshine with a 3-1 victory over Old Foresters. Charlie Lyons curled in a cracking free kick from the edge of the area early on, before Chris Money rolled back the years to beat both the last defender and keeper. Finally James Murray popped up at the back post to head the ball home, sealing the game for Wellington.

Determined to avenge the earlier defeat in the season to Eton, a resolute OW team turned up for the away leg. An early goal from Will Misselbrook put us 1-0 up, but two quick goals from Eton after the break put them back in control of the game. A

'never say die' attitude, developed over years of playing together, sustained us and an equaliser from Ed Mallaburn and a late winner from Ral Gilmour, meant that we ran out with a thoroughly deserved 3-2 victory.

Another defining moment of the season saw a severely depleted 10 man side take on title leaders Charterhouse on Farm Field. Despite the defence playing superbly, led by James Murray, we quickly found ourselves 2-0 down. However, with typical Wellingtonian spirit, we fought our way back into the game. Thanks to David Curtis scoring at one end and Alex Bennett pulling off a number of extraordinary saves at the other, we managed to hold out for a extremely impressive 2-2 draw.

Unfortunately we did not manage to emulate the cup runs of previous seasons. We were knocked out of the

first round of the Arthur Dunn Cup, losing 4-3 to Old Wellingtonians. We then suffered a first round exit of the Junior League Cup courtesy of the Old Wykehamists. Despite some fantastic interlinking and build up play from both the left and right defenders and wingers—Ed Foy, Pete Burroughs, David Curtis and Dan Martin—Winchester managed to force the game into extra time with a late equaliser. During extra time neither team was able to break the deadlock, so the game was decided by penalties. Will Misselbrook, Charlie Lyons and Dan Martin all scored, whilst the vice captain and captain Ed Mallaburn and Tom Alexander both hit the post, sending Wellington crashing out.

The OWFC did manage to retain the John Edwards Cup for another year, with a 3-3 draw against the College 1st XI. The OWs started well passing the ball around well and dominating possession. However, the boys superior clinical finishing saw them score two unanswered goals. As the game wore on the OWs added experience began to shine through and this combined with two goals from Chris Money and a spectacular 30-yard shot from Dan Martin, brought the game back to 3-3. Despite pressing hard in the final twenty minutes, the OWs couldn't find a winner.

The OWFC are always actively looking for new players. We typically play more than twenty matches in and around west London from September to May and also train once a fortnight in Baterssea Park. All the relevant contact details can be found on the OW society website. *Tom Alexander* ■



— — GOLF — —

The Golf Society's report is split into two halves—the serious Competitions and the more sociable meetings and matches. The serious competitions are the Halford Hewitt, the three Bernard Darwin competitions and the Grafton Morrish. We also take part in an invitation trophy at Woking—The Alba Trophy.

In the Halford Hewitt this year we beat Taunton 4-1, then Bedford 4½ to ½, but lost to Charterhouse in the third round. The team was Crispin Manson [S], James Wyke [Hn], James Harper [Pn], James Holland [Hl], Chris Rowse [C], Ed Barry-Walsh [Bd], Charles Richardson [C], Richard Eggleshaw [Bd], Hugo De Pree [S] and Christian Abrahamsen [Bd]. Mike Power [S] the non-playing Captain was spoilt for choice as we had several more contenders for the last place which bodes well for the future, let alone all those excellent golfers coming through College at the moment.

Unfortunately we again failed to qualify for the Grafton Morrish. Our team was James Harper, Alex Gowar [Bn], James Holland, Richard Eggleshaw, Matt Davies [C] and Chris Britton [A].

In the 2008 Bernard Darwin competitions we had a mixed bag of results, but Neil McAlister [Hg] and Roger Spurling [T] did very well in the Veteran Competition (age 75+) and came second.

At the 2009 Spring Meeting at Rye, 34 members played and 27 attended the dinner and AGM in the evening. The weather was good and Alex Gowar won the O'Brien Trophy with a score of 70. The Captain's Shield was won by Alex Gowar with 37 points and the Birkmyre Trophy by Peter Mallinson [Pn] with 33 points. The Birkmyre Card (scratch prize for those over 50 years old) was won by Barry Campbell [Hg] and the most fiercely contested prize—The Wooden Spoon—was won by Anthony Martin [Hg]. The Captain's Tankards were won by James Holland and Ben Simpson [Hn] with a score of 36 points. On the Sunday, Annie Stradling [Ap] won the Guy Docker Trophy and Ed

Bragg [Bn] the Walter Greenway Cup. Ed Bragg also won the Dutton Trophy for the three rounds of foursomes on Saturday and Sunday.

The 2008 Autumn Meeting, held at Liphook at the end of September, was a great success. Richard Eggleshaw was the winner of the Needham Trophy with a score of 75 on a count back against Ed Bamford [Hn]. However Ed Bamford got his reward in winning the Roberts Wilson Cup with 39 points and Richard Hardingham [C] was second with 36 points. Richard Hardingham won the John Booty 50+ Scratch Prize with 81. Richard Eggleshaw won the Board Challenge Cup (combined Spring and Autumn) with 72 points and with 31 points the Allom Trophy was won by Richard Wynne [Hg]. The Leese Challenge Cups were won by Mike Preedy [C] and Richard Hardingham with an excellent score of 41 points.

There were mixed results in the matches against other societies and clubs, but as always they have been enjoyable and the individual match managers deserve many thanks for their hard work in getting teams together. Judging by comments from other schools we have a good fixture list compared to many. This is reflected in the popularity of the matches, which are all very well run by their respective match managers. It is easy to forget the hard work that match managers put in organising their teams and making sure everybody turns up on the right day at the right time. We are very grateful to them for doing this.

Patrick Power is in his second year of Captaincy and I am delighted to report that Hugh Teacher [Pn] has accepted the offer of becoming Captain next year, so no doubt we will see an upsurge in golfing interest in Scotland, even though he travels south a great deal.

Of course, the very final word has to be concerning those OWs who play golf and are not members of the OWGS. Why not? is all I've got to say. It's great fun whatever your skill level. Join up. *John Goodeve-Docker* ■

— — LONDON MARATHON — —

Five OWs ran in the London Marathon in memory of Jack Stovold [Bn 2000–2005], who was killed in a car accident last summer. Jack was hugely

popular and well known at Wellington, as Head of House of the Benson and Captain of the Jazz Orchestra.

Jack had himself pledged to run the London Marathon

again in 2008 to raise money for The Variety Club Children's charity. Coming together for the London Marathon on Sunday 26th April 2009 in celebration of Jack's life and example were Robert Quaile [A 2001–2006], James Quaile

[A 2001–2006], Matt Perkins [Hg 1998–2003], Jeremy Barker [Pn 2000–2005] former Head of College and Kate Stovold [Ap 2001–2003] former Leader of the Orchestra. *Kate Stovold* ■

LONDON TRIATHLON

Duncan Crooke [M 1988–1993], writes 'A big thank you to all OWs and friends who sponsored me for the London Triathlon. You have been hugely generous. It nearly killed me but I made it in



2 hours 35 minutes. I have raised over £2,000 already for Macmillan Cancer Support. My web site will still accept donations'. www.justgiving.com/duncancrooke ■

MILERS

2009 has seen the birth of the newest addition to the OW Sporting calendar, in the form of the Milers Club. Inspired by a group of recent OWs who wanted to carry on their Cross-country success after leaving Wellington, it is headed by leavers from the class of 2008, with the veteran support of Patrick Mileham [A 1959–1963] as Chairman. The future therefore looks bright for the Milers. We have forged links with one of London's oldest running clubs (Ranelagh Harriers), allowing members to take part in races in and around London at their leisure. The 18th of June saw the Milers take part in their first race at College—the Boughey Run—after the disappointment of not being able to field a team for the renowned Kingsley's due to other commitments, Milers Alex Standing and Jack Spencer set out to withhold the honour of the OWs at this College event.

Running as a sport has been integrated within the College from its earliest days, indeed it was the first and



only sport for a while, inspired and led by the great Victorian social reformer and writer the Revd Charles Kingsley. Rory Bremner's memory of Wellington was 'running, always running'. This summer the Milers will be in full recruitment mode, looking for any OWs of all abilities out there who have ever been for a jog round the park and are looking to further their ability in an enjoyable and relaxed atmosphere. What we aim to offer at the OWMC, is a club open to all OWs where we can cater for all abilities in an environment that is enjoyable and light hearted. It will be run on an ad hoc basis, fortified by the internet, with the occasional training run organised when members are available. A selection of races will be open to members during the course of a year, and all are welcome to take part. Whether you are interested or just a bit curious please e-mail Ben Gateley (OWMC Secretary): ben@owmilersclub.co.uk. Make this year the year you get involved in something different, we look forward to having you on board. *Ben Gateley* ■

SAILING

Last year's report expressed the hope that 'we maintain the spirit and level of interest that our tenth anniversary engendered in younger

OWs'. I think it is fair to say that support and enthusiasm remained high from all ages.

We held our AGM in March, which produced a record



turnout and new appointments to the Committee. We have 71 full members with 3 new members, 3 in the pipeline and more to follow. Of the total, 40 took part in at least one event.

The Rally was again held over two nights with 25 attendees aboard 8 boats. There was also an excitingly close dinghy fixture vs College, which the OWs won in the last round. Obviously this was not quite the result expected—there was no trophy to present on the day as it was still in the College cabinet! We again have two entries for the Arrow Trophy.

How are we encouraging young members and current Wellingtonians? Well, one of the two new OWSA Committee members is a recent OW; two race training

bursaries were awarded, one to a recent OW and one to the retiring Captain of College Boats; the average age of the OW team in the College fixture was lower than hitherto, indeed the oldest OW competitor was female; we again have a young crew on one of the Arrow boats to defend their richly deserved third place in last year's competition; we were delighted to welcome a College boat on the Rally, with three members of CR and a mixed crew of students; and on financing OWSA has a new discount arrangement with Gill Marine, an element of which will generate donations for OWSA to make to WCSC. We are very grateful to the OW Society for helping us achieve one of the Association's objectives, that of encouraging young sailors through training and practical experience. *Jonathan Hudson* ■

RACKETS

This season Old Wellingtonian rackets has once again excelled. The younger group have done particularly well.

We entered three pairs into the Milne Hue-Williams

Cup. Rod Shephard and James Fuller reached the semi finals, but lost to the Etonian pair of Hopton and Rowland-Clark, never a nice feeling! Justice was restored when Coyne and Tysoe beat the Etonians in the final 3-1. It

was a good match, with some high quality rackets but our experience prevailed.

Three pairs entered the Noel Bruce Cup. Sadly two of the three pairs saw an early exit, but the 1st pair of Coyne and Cockcroft saw it through to the semi-finals. They came up against a very strong Harrow pair who, sadly, were better on the day. This pairing, however showed a lot of promise, and we are expecting great things from this competition next season.

Individually the OWs have been doing well. Tim Cockcroft (partnered with Al Titchener-Barrett) this year beat fellow OW James Coyne (partnered with Will Hopton) in the British Open Doubles Final 4-1. It was a good contest and Tim and his partner are arguably the best doubles pair in the world at the moment, though they are yet to get a challenge. James Coyne and his partner (again Hopton) won the 2009 US Open Doubles Championship, which was a great achievement for their first season together. Coyne also won the US Amateur singles and doubles titles.

The Under 24 and Under 21 championships were held

again in 2009, but sadly there was no silverware for the OWs. Coyne and Penna (the duo of old) lost in the doubles final of the Under 24s after beating Tysoe and his partner in the semis. Coyne also lost a very tight match 3-2 in the singles final. In the Under 21s the pairing of Fuller and Shephard got to the semi-final of the doubles only to be cut short by Etonians. They seem to be everywhere! In the Singles it was Shephard who ended Fuller's run in the quarter-finals—it was a great match and went right to the wire. Fuller is still wondering what would have been if only he had made that regulation volley down the line. Shephard was sadly stopped in his tracks but yet another Etonian in the semi-finals, but the play from them both was very encouraging.

All in all a good year and we are hoping for an even better next season. I will also endeavour to organise the OW Real tennis matches promised at the end of last season. E-mails will go out to various clubs soon to try and arrange some fixtures so if you read this and you are keen to play please let me know and I will keep add you to the circulation. *James Coyne* ■

— SQUASH —

OW squash is all about playing enjoyable games of squash with similar standard players, good networking and camaraderie at some great clubs and institutions, followed by an equally enjoyable post match dinner. We play every other week but are a nomadic team, so every match is an away match at interesting London venues. This season has been a good one with some fine results and menus:

Swans—at Lord's (Fish and chips)

Roehampton—at the Roehampton Club (Liver and Bacon)

RAF—Piccadilly, Running Horse Pub (Pie)

Sheen Lawn Tennis Club (Homemade Lasagne)

John Lewis—Dolphin Square (Burger)

Escorts—at Wimbledon (Steak and Kidney)

Lloyds—at Spitalfields (Brick Lane Curry)

Old Tonbridgians—at Roehampton Club (Steak au Poivre)

HAC—at Armoury House (Shepherd's Pie)

Queen's Club (Chicken breast in a white wine sauce).

One fixture that has sadly lapsed from previous years

and needs resurrecting is versus the College Common Room. We are looking forward to sampling the new cuisine!

The Londonderry Cup was hard fought this year and we progressed well through the first round by beating Haileybury. The horseradish mix of OW squash players assembled at Hurlingham (for Roast beef) and did battle with an old foe, triumphing 3-2.

The next match was against Norwich (famed for its Colman's mustard) and was a hotter prospect. Norwich was too strong and won 3-1. We retired to the Hurlingham lawns and watched the sunset over a glass of Pimms—turning defeat into victory.

We have a relatively new team full of young recruits with only a couple of veterans left from the old squad, but we are always in need of new players. Please contact Nigel Clarke and we can see how good you are at the next match as a trial—the proof of the pudding is in the eating! *Nigel Clarke* [L 1974–1979] ■

— TENNIS —

2008 was a mixed bag of a season, with a couple of wins and a couple of losses to report. The season started disappointingly with the withdrawal of the OW pair due to illness on the day of the pre-qualifying tournament for the D'Abernon Cup, the annual public schools' old boys' tennis competition. Thus our run in the tournament had finished before it had even started!

The season then, however, picked up with a comprehensive away win 6-0 against Old Westminsters at St Vincent's Square, with James Bray, Adam Hogg, John Denham and Matt Cooksley proving far too strong for their erratic opponents. Next was a home fixture at the Hurlingham Club against the Old Carthusians, where because of rain, the 2-pair match was reduced to a 1-pair match indoors. The OW pairing of Rupert Wiggan and James Bray easily prevailed. Unfortunately the season declined from here on, with losses in 3-pair matches against the Old Rugbeians and a much stronger Old Carthusian side, both on the astro grass courts at the Hurlingham Club. Against the Old Rugbeians, the OW 1st pair of James Bray and Simon Temple remained undefeated, but the other OW pairings of John Denham

and Alex Tregellas, and Adam Hogg and Matt Cooksley both ended in a 4-8 defeat. The OWs struggled against an even stronger Old Carthusian side, with none of the pairs able to beat either the Old Carthusian 1st or 2nd pairs. This ended in a 3-9 defeat (Team: James and Oliver Bray, Bill and Chris Crawford, and Matthias Kerbusch). The final fixture of the season against the Public Schools Old Boys Tennis Association fell victim to the weather, not perhaps too surprisingly given the overall poor summer weather. My thanks as ever to all the OWs who turned out for the team during the season.

As always I am keen to get more OWs involved in matches, and especially those OWs who have recently left College. We need to provide a more youthful and energetic feel to the Club, and help carry the older members of the team on the court. 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 OW Tennis team. Please e-mail me at jbray@fdl.co.uk if you would like to get involved or would just like to be added to the OW Tennis e-mail circulation list. *James Bray* ■

— RIFLE CLUB —

At the time of writing last year's report, there were still a few matches left in the 2008 season. The Quadrangular match, shot between the OWs, Old Marlburians and Old Alleynians (no team from the old Bradfieldians) was won by the OMs. The OWs were second, thus beating the Old Alleynians and retaining the Lane Shield. The OW Championships was won by Ed Welford [L 1998–2003] with a very impressive score of 99.13. The Chairman's Cup, an individual competition open to all OW shooters, was won by Jonathan Paul [Hg 1998–2000].

I am very pleased to report that after an absence of some 15 years, we have revived the small bore match between the OWs and College, which was shot in November. We found out last year that the Harris Trophy, which had been awarded to the top scorer in the full-bore

competition, is in fact meant to be for small-bore. This has now been put right. Our President, Lieutenant-General Sir Henry Beverley [A 1949–1953], has very kindly donated a beautiful replacement trophy, known as the Beverley Cup, to be awarded in the Harris Trophy's place. There was a great turnout by the OWs, who shot with great accuracy and no little nostalgia, although we fell short of the impressive College total of 791 out of 800. Top OWs were Simon Brown [T 1989–1994] and Phil Bernard Carter [Hg 1993–1998] both with 99. Hannah Pugsley top scored with the best of the three College 100s, and took the Harris Trophy.

The 2009 season started with the very friendly clay pigeon competition, held at Lains Farm near Andover. Robert Brown [T 1989–1994] took home the Townsend cup. Jonathan Paul was defeated for the first time! The first

full-bore match was against the HAC, Surrey RC, and Oxford University. We put in a good team, which was enough to defeat the HAC, but fell short against Surrey and OU.

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 OWs having to shoot for their county teams as it was also the Inter-Counties weekend. Ed Welford (Hampshire), Peter Halford ([M 1970–1975] and Kent), Ben Ebbetts ([Bl 2002–2007] and Berkshire), Richard Hebblethwaite ([T 1981–1986] and London), and Ed Reis [S 1989–1994] and Wiltshire) all did their best to be in two places at once! As seems traditional in this match, both teams shot to a very high standard, and the OWs just lost out to a very impressive College team by 611 points to their 617. Sir Henry Beverley personally awarded his new trophy to the highest scorer on the day. College shooting master Bruce Roth, achieved a perfect score of 100.13. Alex Bryson took the Parkinson Cup for the highest score for a current pupil, with a score of 97.9.

The highlight of the season was the fantastic turnout for the Public Schools Veterans' Match. For the fourth year in a row, we had twenty OWs competing in the match, making four full teams. In fact we had twenty-two firers, and had to drop two members from the team, not a normal decision we have to make! (The problem is that as most of our members can only turn up once a year, so deciding which team to put them in proves to be a headache for the Captain.) Our A team once again put in a tremendous score of 247.29 out of 250. Their scores were: Stuart Williamson [A 1986–1988] 50.9, Mike Baillie-Hamilton [Bn 1972–1976] 50.5, Ed Welford 50.5, Richard Hebblethwaite 49.6 and Peter Halford 48.4. Such were the conditions against the stiffest opposition that we ended in 8th position; a little harsh considering our fine score. The inevitable happened, with our C team scoring an extraordinary 244 out of 250, beating our B team by 4 points. This automatically promoted the C team into the second team match, where they finished a very impressive 4th (C Team top scorer: Simon Brown with 50.5). The B team finished 4th in the 3rd team competition (Top scorer Ed Reis with 50.4). The D team finished 11th (top scorers Mark Hodgins [Hl 1961–1966] and Dan Mitchell [Hn

2001–2004] both with 49.4). In the Aggregate of the top three teams from each school, we finished 3rd, behind Old Guildfordians and Old Greshamians. We significantly beat the Old Epsomians and Uppingham Vets. We came 6th in The Lucas match, which is the aggregate of the veterans A team and the Ashburton, one place better than last year. Stu Williamson was an excellent 3rd in the Individual tankard with his score of 50.9. Afterwards, around twenty-five OWs, the current College team, as well as current and past supportive parents, gathered at the traditional barbecue at the Inns of Court Hut, our HQ. Ed Welford was the winner of the Luke Winkworth 'lottery' trophy with the score that was closest to the one pulled out of the hat. Luke's sister Emily made the presentation with flair. Then eight OWs competed in the Imperial Meeting, although it was left to a current College pupil to represent Wellington in the Queen's Final. Alex Bryson [Hg 2004–2009] is the outgoing College Vice-Captain, and ended up 17th in the final, a quite remarkable achievement for a schoolboy, competing against the best shots from all over the world. He also reached the St George's final. We look forward to having him shoot with us, and the Atheling selectors must be hanging their heads for not selecting him.

Other external achievements were Alex's older brother James Bryson [S 2002–2007] shooting and coaching for Cambridge University in their victory over Oxford University in the Varsity match; and Richard Hebblethwaite, who captained The City of London to 3rd place in the Inter Counties short range match. Around fifteen OWs and guests were present for the now traditional OWRC dinner, which took place on the night of Queen's 1; a very enjoyable affair, although tinged with sadness at the passing of our most senior member, Major Neville Cooper [S 1939–1944] (see Obituaries). Neville was one of Britain's finest shooters, and an enormous supporter of College. He was Captain of the OWRC for more years than anyone can remember. He will be very sadly missed, not just by OWs, but by the entire shooting community.

We are always looking for new members, so if you fancy having a go, please contact the under-signed for more information. *Edward Reis* ■

O.W. GAZETTE



HONOURS & AWARDS

2008

The Rt Hon the Lord Luce [Pn 1950]

Appointed KG

Sir Christopher Lee [C 1936]

Awarded KBE

A.G. Lawton [L 1960]

Awarded OBE

Col A.J.P. Barr [Pn 1979]

Awarded OBE

2009

Brig J. Hemsley [Bd 1948]

Awarded OBE

J.T.E. Illingworth [L 1980]

Awarded OBE

Lt Col A.S. Richmond [O 1979]

Awarded OBE

Maj H.F. Sugden [A 1979]

Awarded MC

R.W.L. Scott OBE, JP [Pn 1965]

Lord-Lieutenant for Tyrone

OW SOCIETY CHARITIES

FINANCIAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2008

CHARITABLE TRUST

Income for the Charitable Trust over the calendar year was £6,071 (£5,322) and expenditure £6,568 (£3,226). The current assets of the Charitable Trust are £17,886 (£18,183) and the Trust exists both to recognise the achievements of current Wellingtonians in artistic, cultural and sporting fields and to support the charitable activities of former pupils.

HERBERT OW TRUST

There were grants to two OW families in 2008 totalling £6,000 (£11,200). Investment income was £19,787 (£17,326) and the value of the Herbert portfolio at 31st December was £316,760 (£433,752)

J.R. BEVIR MEMORIAL FUND

Nine young OWs received grants from the Bevir Fund in 2008. The total grant was £5,100 (£2,350) and the list of activities undertaken is as follows:

Conservation GAP year in Malaysia

Vet Training Course in South Africa

Tentelini—Volunteer work in South Africa

Sabre Trust—Volunteer work in Ghana

Leap Company—working with the disabled

Medical Research into acute rheumatic fever in Fiji

Macmillan Cancer Cycling challenge in China

Teaching English in Morocco to local children

Note: Brackets show previous year's figures ■

OBITER DICTA

Twins **ALEX AND ELOISE WOELK** born November 2008 to Christopher [Hn 1989–1994] and Ann-Celine Woelk. The family live in



San Diego, where Christopher is a medical researcher in the University College of San Diego, part of the University of California. ■

A**LEXANDRA TOLSTOY** [Ap 1989–1991] was on the television in 2009, with her own show 'Horse People'. Writing in *The Times*, Andrew

Billen wrote of her as 'the epitome of beauty, courage and equipoise', particularly while 'barrel racing' in Montana in one episode. ■

S**IMON BAKER** [M 2001–2006] excelled at Manchester University, being a team representative member in University Challenge

in the final 2009 competition against Oxford, who were disqualified. 'A hollow victory' he says, but that's showing his characteristic generosity. ■

God works in mysterious ways. Having spent many hours in the Chapel of Wellington College in his year as an exchange scholar—'The Chapel of the Holy Spirit'—OW the **REVD. DR ROBERT HUGHES** [T 1961–1962] has now been awarded a major prize at Duquesne University in Canada, for a major contribution to the 'study of the Holy Spirit'. His book *Beloved Dust; Tides of the Spirit in Human Life*,

is deemed a 'breakthrough' in the modern understanding of the Holy Spirit, guiding human life in the twenty-first Century. Another U.S. exchange Scholar **PROFESSOR GEOFFREY MILLER** [O 1968–1969] has a chair at the New York School of Law and runs the Centre for the Study of Central Banks. When we spoke to him recently on the telephone, he confirmed that this time of financial chaos had made him 'very busy'. ■

A spontaneous gathering of OWs met for dinner in Islamabad on 12th August, which may develop into another OW Society Branch. **JUSTIN HUNTER-DAVIES** [M 1984–1988], **SAYED HASSAN HAMID** [Bl 1954–1959] and **JONATHAN FARRER** [Hg 1994–1997]. Sayed was the son of Major General Hamid, who had been Military Secretary to **FIELD MARSHAL**



SIR CLAUDE AUCHINLECK [Bd 1896–1901] when Supreme Commander-in-Chief India and Pakistan in 1947. Also living in that 'front-line' nation is **IZZY LEIGH** [Ap 2002–2004]. She works for Dawn News and makes documentaries. 'Being here', she writes, 'in a critical time for Pakistan, I don't think there is anywhere in the world right now where history hangs more heavily'. ■

If you travel BMI, you might find two OW pilots in the cockpit. Iain Gibson



[A 1978–1983] and Hugo Webb [HI 1998–2003] found themselves on a flight to Beirut recently. ■



On Waterloo Day, 2009, we invited back to College the man who is the most famous International Athlete that Wellington ever produced—Bruce Tulloh [A 1949–1953]. He presented the Boughy Run Prizes and a special lunch was laid on for him surrounded by College athletes, presided over by Director of Sport, Steve Shortland. Ross Watson, Head of the Anglesey, (standing on the right in the photograph above) presents Bruce Tulloh his Anglesey Dormitory, Minor Colours (Cross Country) and Major Colours (Athletics) none of which, amazingly, he was awarded while at College. You cannot ignore a man who

represented Britain in the Olympics, European Athletics Championships, Empire Games and England Cross Country Championships, carrying off many trophies and breaking records just because he was of slight build and didn't make the College front-line as a youth. Bruce is still running and he and his wife Susan, seen above, were absolutely delighted that Wellington should make amends nearly sixty years on. It proves that it's never too late to receive recognition in any field after leaving Wellington. Bruce has now kindly agreed to spearhead the raising of funds for the proposed all-weather athletics track on Rockies. ■

Calling all OWs serving in the Armed Forces. We are keen to publish in the next Year Book, news of your recent service in Iraq and Afghanistan, with suitable illustrations. Please write in. We shall also be catching up in the OW Gazette section names of all

who have received commissions in the last five years. The Year Book traditionally does this. We also intend to publish a historical article about OWs serving in the RAF in the Second World War, particularly during the Battle of Britain. ■

Continuity. Her Majesty the Queen, visiting Great School on 1st December, probably recognized our copy of a picture in Windsor Castle, *The First of May*, by Winterhalter. It depicts the aged Duke of Wellington presenting a gift to his namesake and godson, the infant Arthur, Duke of Connaught. He was our long-term Royal President, who having witnessed the laying of the Foundation Stone in 1856, lived until 1942. The Queen would have met him in his old age, as one of Her great-great-uncles. That is historical continuity over nearly 160 years. ■

Quam dilecta. The inscription illustrated on page 6 can be found within College grounds. A prize awaits the first Wellingtonian pupil to inform the Editor personally (not electronically) of its exact whereabouts and the provenance of its Latin verses. ■

Finally, the Editor's Prize for Hyperbole goes this year to Laurence Hedges, Director of Art, for his multi-adjectival, gastro-feast (metaphorically speaking) of a contribution. ■

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College has a garden 'full of stately views, of borders, beds and shrubberies and lawns and avenues', in the words of a famous parent. One of the best woodland gardens in the South of England is to be found at Wellington, and well worth a visit when life becomes just too—well, dynamic.

OBITUARIES



GERALD ASHFIELD

L 1923–1926

The second generation representative of a four-generation OW family. On leaving College Gerald went into the City. According to OW historian, David Kynaston, when he 'started his own unit trust—probably the first stockbroker to do so—the Stock Exchange refused [his]...inclusion in the register

of agents'. Called up for war service, Gerald spent three years in India. Returning to the City he was involved in many financial innovations. Almost certainly the oldest chairman of a quoted company, the London and St Lawrence Investment Trust, Gerald was still conducting brisk board meetings as he approached his century. ■

ALASTAIR BANNERMAN

PN 1928–1932

Taking up a theatrical career, Bannerman joined John Gielgud's Queen's theatre, acting alongside many well-known actors, notably Michael Redgrave, Alec Guinness, Peggy Ashcroft, Anthony Quayle and Glen Byam Shaw. During the war he was commissioned into the Royal Warwickshire Regiment and commanded an anti-tank platoon landing on D Day in Normandy. Escaping death three times at closer quarters, he was captured and spent the rest of the war in Oflag 79 POW

camp, near Brunswick. There he organised entertainment and theatricals. Later in life the post of National Events Organiser for the National Trust was created for him, and from 1979 he staged many theatrical performances at notable country houses, particular Stourhead, Wiltshire. There he revived the 18th Century fête champêtre type of entertainment, with evenings of music, floodlighting and fireworks, events which now thirty years later are routinely mounted all round the country. ■

GEORDIE CHALMER

PN 1944–1948

As a National Service officer with the Black Watch in the Korean War, Geordie took part in the intense fighting at the battle of the Hook, where hoards of Chinese soldiers attempted to over-run the battalion's dug-in defensive position. After farming in Kenya, he and his wife returned to Scotland.

He became one of the best known figures in Highland life, acting as factor to a number of large estates. 'A great Highlander and bastion of commonsense', amongst many public activities Geordie was on the Board of the National Trust for Scotland, a Councillor, director of the Laggan Community Trust and Deputy Lieutenant for Inverness. ■



— DR NIGEL DAVISON, MA DMUS FRCO —

C 1943–1947, CR 1957–1967

Nigel Davison was one of Europe's most distinguished musical scholars and editors of Renaissance polyphony', reads the Times Register. He trained at the Royal College of Music and Peterhouse, Cambridge. After national Service, Nigel was appointed to the staff at Oundle, before returning to Wellington in 1957 as Deputy and later Director of Music. He persuaded Maurice Allen, then Director, that in addition to the large Choral society, there should be a well trained choir to sing in the cathedral tradition in College Chapel, the 'Small Choir'. Proving an inspired teacher and all round schoolmaster, he was also a devoted cross-country and athletics coach. Nigel qualified as Fellow of the Royal College of Organists and then DMus at Edinburgh

University in 1962. Many Wellingtonian musicians during his ten year appointment at College owe much to Nigel for his inspiration and sparkling 'Wellingtonian goodfellowship'. Moving to the Music Staff at Bristol University, he became a leading expert and editor of the works of Pierre de la Rue (1452–1518), contemporary of Josquin de Prez, whose work he also edited amongst a number of other composers. He was University Organist and played in a number of Bristol churches over many years. He also conducted orchestras and trained many choirs as well as conducting the near professional Bristol Opera Company, performing works to the highest standards that most amateurs would not dare to stage. He was an avid hill walker and much loved family man. ■

— DR IAN ROWLEY —

HG 1939–1943

As a young RNVR lieutenant, Ian served in minesweepers clearing the Channel before the Normandy landings. A graduate of Cambridge, he moved to Australia and studied Agricultural Science at

Melbourne University. His studies and teaching of ecology and particularly bird population and breeding in Australasia brought him a leading international reputation. ■

— WING COMMANDER JACK COATES, CBE DFC —

S 1934–1938

On leaving Wellington, Coates read mechanical sciences at Trinity College, Cambridge gaining a half blue in athletics and serving in the University Air Squadron. His early service in the war was on sea convoy escort duties, and in the Eastern Mediterranean and Egyptian Coastal Commands, where he won the DFC. Selected to command 454 Squadron Royal Australian Air Force, his squadron proved very successful on reconnaissance missions in the Aegean. He

ended the war as Wing Commander Operations, Middle East Command. After the war Coates studied personnel management at the LSE and rose to become General Manager Personnel Co-ordination, responsible for ICI's personnel functions world-wide. He also served in the International Labour Organisation and was President of the Institute of Personnel Management from 1979 to 1981. A passionate fisherman, he was chairman of the Salmon and Trout association from 1989 to 1991. ■

— MAJOR-GENERAL GEOFFREY COLLIN, CB MC —

O 1934–1939

As a member of the Orange, Geoffrey was known for his exploit in breaking out of College and into Broadmoor, where an inmate introduced himself with the word, 'I am a poached egg'. Commissioned into the Royal Artillery, Geoffrey joined 114 Field regiment in 20th Indian Division for the campaign in North East India. He served as a Forward Observation Officer in the deep jungle and ravine terrain at Imphal, his regiment assisting in successfully repulsing enemy attacks over a two month

period, for which he was awarded the MC. He later served with the Royal Navy, directing naval gunfire support and undertook training as an air observation pilot with the RAF. Essentially 'a soldier's soldier', Collin rose through various command and Gunner staff posts, skilfully avoiding service in the MOD. His final appointment was GOC North East District. In retirement he ran the Great York Show for eleven years. ■

— LIONEL PINCUS —

O 1948–1949

Grandson of Russian and Polish immigrants, Lionel was US exchange scholar at Wellington for a year in the late 1940s. In 1964 he set up a financial consultancy, Lionel I Pincus and Co., which was merged with Eric Warburg's company two years later. He was a

founding member of the US National Venture Capital Association and played an active role in changing federal regulations, opening up significant opportunities and markets in the financial sector. Despite his successes, he remained a modest and self-effacing man, and was active until 2002. ■

— SHAUN WYLIE —

CR 1939–1940

Shaun Wiley was one of a number of very talented Oxbridge dons recruited to teach at Wellington during the Second World War. His time at College was cut short when he was recruited by Alan Turing as a mathematician to work in his team at

Bletchley Park. The story of the huge success of their top secret code-breaking activities has now been fully recorded. Their work assisted hugely in the allied victory over Nazi Germany. ■

— MAJOR NEVILLE COOPER, RM —

S 1939–1944

Neville started his lifelong interest in shooting at Wellington during the Second World War, and joined the Royal Marines in 1944. He served with 40 Commando in Malaya and in many other stations overseas and took part in the Suez campaign in 1956. He then became an expert specialist in RM small arms training, successively at Browdown Camp, the RN Gunnery school, HMS Excellent and the Army School of Infantry at Hythe. After retirement he became a legal executive in London and Leatherhead. His interest and success in target shooting at Bisley and around the world continued late in life, with consistently high scores and placings in many competitions with an international reputation. He finally settled in Canada. He was a council member of the national Rifle Association, and Shooting Captain and President of the North London Rifle Club. For very many years he was a regular member of the OW Rifle Club, adding to their great successes, and also assisted in coaching the boys' teams, with expert advice and infectious inspiration. ■



— LIEUTENANT GENERAL SIR DAVID WILLISON, KCB OBE MC —

BL 1933–1937

In 1937, David Willison entered the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich winning first place both in the entrance exam and the order of merit on commissioning. Commanding 17 Field Company Royal Engineers, he landed in Normandy on D Day, 6th June 1944, but was severely wounded later that day. Returning to command in the latter stages of the North West Europe campaign, he was awarded the MC. Successive command and staff appointments followed over the years, in the Middle East, Berlin, Malaya and Aden. From 1963, Willison specialised in defence intelligence, rising to Brigadier Defence Intelligence, Deputy Director of Service Intelligence in the MOD, and Deputy Chief of

Defence Intelligence. Retiring from uniformed service in 1975, he was finally made Director General of Defence Intelligence, then a civilian post. During that period, the DIS assessments of the Soviet threat led to an expansion of defence spending, with the deployment of Cruise and Pershing II missiles to counter the threat of Soviet SS20 missiles, as well as agreement by the then Labour administration to replace Polaris with Trident submarine-launched nuclear missiles. 'Always implacable in his determination to expose every facet of the Soviet threat', reads *The Times* obituary, 'his encyclopaedic memory, clarity of mind and unyielding personality made him a powerful force in Whitehall'. ■

— MAJOR-GENERAL MARSTON TICKELL, CBE MC —

HN 1937–1942

Marston Tickell came from a large family of Royal Engineer officers, no less than seven generations being represented in the Corps. After an abbreviated Cambridge course, Tickell was commissioned into the RE commanding a bridging company in the Normandy to the Baltic campaign. His company, often under fire, successively bridged the rivers Orne, Seine, Meuse and Maas. His was the first bridge over the Rhine in March 1944 and his company went on to bridge the Weser and Elbe. 'Wherever danger was to be found', read

his MC citation, 'there was Tickell encouraging his men with complete disregard to his own personal danger'. His career progressed rapidly in field appointments and the War Office and MOD. In 1972 he was Chief of Staff in Northern Ireland, responsible for planning the successful Motorman Operation—opening up areas of West Belfast and Londonderry from IRA control. His last appointments were as Engineer-in Chief (a post his father had held) and the Commandant of the Royal Military College of Science, then being the Army's technical university. ■

— MAJOR-GENERAL DENIS REDMAN, CB OBE —

HG 1923–1927

Denis Redman graduated from London University with a first class degree in electrical engineering. After a period in business, he was commissioned into the Army in 1934, spending the years 1936 to 1943 in support of armoured units, latterly during the North African campaign. He became expert in conducting and planning desert recovery and repair, vital to success in

the Desert. His planning and management skills were particularly evident and he was a founder member of the Royal and Electrical and Mechanical Engineers in 1943. Thereafter he was in the forefront of the development of the Corps, particularly in electrical and electronic engineering. He served as Director General REME from 1963 to 1968. ■

— MILES HUDDLESTON —

T 1944–1947

After serving in the 12th Lancers during National service, Miles became a 'jobbing printer' in publishing. He worked his way up through various posts in Longmans, Green and Routledge and then Kegan Paul and Heinemann, before joining Constable in 1964. He was responsible for reissuing the novels of Edith Wharton and initiating the Constable Crime Fiction

list, which produced as many as 40 titles a year. Later successes were Leslie Thomas's *Virgin Soldiers* (eventually reaching 4 million copies), Lord David Cecil's biography of Max Beerbohm and Lord Moran's Churchill: *The Struggle for Survival 1940-65*. Behind every successful book and author is a publisher of note, and Miles Huddleston was one of a number of notable OW publishers of his generation. ■

— PROFESSOR CHRISTOPHER ELRINGTON —

BL 1944–1948

After national Service and an exhibition at University College, Oxford, Christopher Elrington devoted his life to the study and recording of

local history. This led to his directing the massive series of Victorian County Histories, undertaken by a team of writers based in London University's Institute of Histori-

cal Research. The way in which parish histories should be written was of particular concern, and he drew up examples and devised standards for others to follow. It was largely due to his own dedication, astonishingly hard work and ability to inspire colleagues that the success of the series was assured. To his scholarly breadth and detail, he

PETER TAHOURDIN

HG 1944–1948

After National Service, Peter trained at the Trinity College of Music, London and Toronto University. In 1965 he moved to Australia and was appointed visiting composer at the University of Adelaide. He worked as a composer, lecturer and broadcaster, creating one of the earliest university electronic music programmes, sustained by studios he established in the

added as constant fund-raising effort to maintain the momentum of the work. A keen squash player into old age, he took part in an inspirational 1,260 mile walk late in life through historic English counties, 'at a pace which many of his younger companions found hard to match', to raise money for historical research. ■

1970s. Having composed a score for *Illyria* for Australian Ballet in 1966, he continued composing in retirement from Melbourne University, including two operas, *Heloise and Abelard*, and *The Tempest*. His last work was *Elegy for strings and percussion*, subtitled *A lament for a World that might have been* (2005). ■

PETER WILLEY, TD FRGS

CR 1947–1982

A valedictory record on Peter Willey is contained in the *Wellington Year Book* for 1982. He is best remembered at Wellington for his pioneering work on the GAP concept and implementation, recognized internationally. His twenty-three pioneering archaeological expeditions to the sites of the castles of the Assassins, which included a number of OWs and Army

team-members, were written up in two books, the *Castles of the Assassins* (2001) and *Eagles Nest, Ismaili Castles in Iran and Syria* (2005). A group of mainly Blücher OWs held a lunch for him near his home at Upavon, six weeks before he died, and many more attended his funeral, at which Quentin Peel OW gave the address. ■

REAR ADMIRAL J.F.T.G. SALT CB

HG 1953–1958

Universally known as 'Sam', and a legend within and beyond the Royal Navy, Salt entered Britannia Royal Naval College after Wellington. He served on many surface ships around the world in his early career and, like his father (who was lost at sea in 1940), became a submariner. Commanding HMS/M Fin Whale he became second-in-command of HMS/M Resolution, a Polaris submarine, then he took command of HMS/M Dreadnought. Commanding HMS Sheffield in the Falklands

war, his ship was the first of four to be sunk by enemy action. He was soon put in command of another 42 Type Frigate, and then worked in Fleet HQ, Northwood and the Defence Intelligence Service. Promoted Rear Admiral, Salt was an Assistant Chief of naval Staff before his final tour as military deputy in Defence Export Services. In retirement he was a director of Vosper Thornycroft and Master of the Cordwainers' Company. ■

DEATHS

Notification has been received of the following deaths since the last Year Book was published and up to 30th November 2009, listed in entry date order. Those in italics have an Obituary on the preceding pages. Obituaries for ex-members of Common Room are not normally prepared, but photocopies of the relevant Year Book Valette may be obtained from the OW Society Office.

	DIED	HOUSE	ENTRY		DIED	HOUSE	ENTRY
Ashfield, Mr G.W.	11/09/09	L	1923–26	Roland-Price, Col H.A.	14/12/08	HI	1940–45
Redman, Maj Gen D., CB, OBE	18/07/09	Hg	1923–27	Short, Mr R.J.	24/05/09	T	1940–44
Kentish, Maj B.L.	11/09	T	1925–30	Troughton, Capt J.C.M.	18/02/09	A	1940–44
Clarke, Mr G.C.L.	14/05/09	L	1926–30	Trousdell, Mr E.H.	10/09	Hg	1940–44
Andrus, Mr F.S., LVO	11/09	Bl	1928–32	Bright-Holmes, Mr J.H.G.	10/08/09	L	1941–46
Bannerman, Mr A.J.M.	06/02/09	Pn	1928–32	Cockrill, Mr R.M.	31/10/08	Bl	1941–45
Halton, Mr E.D.	17/11/08	Pn	1930–34	Anderson, Maj G.C.	22/11/08	Bd	1942–46
Edwards, Lt Col D. St John	21/10/09	L	1931–35	Beak, Mr P.C.V.	01/02/09	T	1942–47
Footitt, Maj I.D.	30/01/09	A	1931–36	Burchell, Maj W.J.	06/09	O	1942–46
Heaslop, Maj H.A.P., MC, JP	27/07/09	Bd	1931–36	Gardner, Mr J.H.R.	18/06/09	Hg	1942–47
Jourdiere, Mr J.M.	18/10/09	M	1931–36	Tahourdin, Mr P.R.	28/07/09	Hg	1942–46
King-Harman, Col A.L., OBE, DL	25/04/09	O	1931–36	Davison, Dr N. St J., MA, DMus, FRCO	26/10/09	C	1943–47
Bagshawe, Mr L.E.	12/01/09	O	1932–36	CR	1957–67
Everidge, Mr P.J.R.	18/12/08	Bn	1933–37	Findlay, Brig W.F.A.	16/10/09	A	1943–47
Portman, Mr B.C.B.	24/11/08	T	1933–37	Chalmer, Mr G.A.D.	05/02/09	Pn	1944–48
Timmis, Mr D.W.	19/07/09	L	1933–37	Elrington, Prof C.R.	03/08/09	Bl	1944–48
Willison, Lt Gen Sir, KCB, OBE, MC	24/04/09	Bl	1933–37	Gibson, Mr D.W.	26/04/09	A	1944–46
Coates, Wg Comd J.A.G., CBE, DFC	16/07/09	S	1934–38	Smith, Mr P.E.	15/10/09	T	1944–48
Collin, Maj Gen G. de E., CB, MC	14/02/09	O	1934–39	Sparling, Mr W.R.	12/06/09	S	1945–48
Goodall, Maj K.M., MBE	13/12/08	Hg	1934–38	Thompson, Dr P.A.	05/12/08	Bd	1945–48
Laing, Lt Col J.M., MC	16/09/09	Bl	1934–38	Andrews, Mr M.D.	05/10/09	T	1944–44
Roome, Maj Gen O. McCrae, CBE	08/11/09	A	1934–39	Champion de Crespigny, Mr A.R.	15/11/08	Hn	1944–45
Yates, The Rev J.A.	16/01/09	HI	1934–39	Drummond, Mr J.B.G.	20/03/09	Hg	1944–48
Cook, Lt Cdr J.R.L.	27/12/08	S	1935–40	Morris, Mr D.T.	18/09/09	Hg	1944–48
Daubeny, Mr R. de P.B.	14/03/09	Hn	1935–40	Huddleston, Mr M.	06/02/09	T	1944–47
Fox-Male, Mr B.G.	11/09	M	1935–38	Bagwell-Purefoy, Mr P.	07/02/09	Bl	1946–51
Griffin, Mr F.W.	05/10/08	L	1935–36	Drummond, Mr J.M.	13/10/07	Hg	1946–50
Mousley, Maj A.R.W.	02/02/09	M	1935–39	Gillespie, Mr C.D.E.	30/11/08	M	1946–50
Newton, Capt R.F.	15/11/08	L	1935–40	Pim, Lt Col M.V.F.	04/09/09	Pn	1946–50
Banks, Mr P.M.	08/01/08	Bn	1936–40	Lowther, Mr G.A.	19/11/08	T	1946–49
Leese, Mr D.P.	28/03/09	W	1936–41	Clarke, Maj P.D.	28/04/09	L	1947–51
Sayers, Mr A.L., CBE, DL	27/10/09	C	1936–41	Willey, Mr P.R.E., TD, FRGS	23/04/09	CR	1947–82
Wilson, Mr C.W.G.	09/07/09	Bl	1936–41	Ashford, Mr D.E.	28/12/08	L	1948–52
Tickell, Maj Gen M.E., CBE, MC	08/09/09	Hn	1937–42	Inglis, Mr I.G.	07/10/09	S	1948–52
Savile, Mr C.W.	10/04/09	Hg	1941–45	Loch, Mr H.A.B.	10/10/09	Pn	1948–52
Roome, Capt D.G., LVO RN	27/03/09	Pn	1936–40	Pincus, Mr L.I.	10/10/09	O	1948–49
Best, The Hon P.G.M.	30/10/09	HI	1937–40	Rose, Mr R.A.C.	17/10/09	A	1948–51
Burchell, Mr J.R.	01/08/09	HI	1937–40	Bullard, Maj W.A.	16/10/09	M	1949–53
Ellis, Mr D.M.	14/08/09	C	1937–40	Shiffner, Mr G.F.	17/09/09	O	1949–54
Fitzgibbon, Col T.	22/03/09	Hn	1938–43	Seavill, Mr C.S.	20/06/09	Hg	1950–54
Hepper, Mr C.M.	14/04/09	HI	1938–43	Williams, Mr G.M.W.	20/10/09	Pn	1951–55
Stubley, Cdr G.	14/06/09	Bl	1938–42	Salt, Rear Admiral J.F.T.G., CB	03/12/09	Hg	1953–58
Wylie, Mr S.	10/09	CR	1939–40	Antony van der Bunt	15/07/08	S	1953–58
Fairbank, Mr M.H.	12/01/09	Bn	1939–42	Cramsie, Lt Col A.J.	16/11/08	T	1954–59
Foster-Greenwood, Mr J.L.	05/03/09	Bl	1939–43	Howard-Vyse, Mr R.E., TD, JP, JL	15/11/09	O	1955–59
Rowley, Mr I.C.R.	29/05/09	Hg	1939–43	Patrick, Mr R.A.	06/06/09	HI	1955–60
Cooper, Maj H.N., RM	27/03/09	S	1939–44	Bransbury, Mr R.W.H.	28/12/08	Bn	1956–61
Lambie, Brig I.C.	27/01/09	Hn	1939–44	Edwards, Mr A.D.	05/10/09	O	1957–60
Lucey, Mr P.W.	18/12/08	O	1939–42	Ducat-Hamersley, Mr J.R.	05/03/09	Hg	1958–62
Mackesy, Mr A.C.	29/11/08	Pn	1939–43	Chaplin, Mr G.R.	02/11/09	O	1965–70
Ayers, Mr M.	25/12/08	T	1940–44	St Clair-Ford, Sir J.A.	03/08/09	Hg	1965–70
Cooper, Mr D.C.	05/05/09	C	1940–44	Dawson, Mr J.E.	13/05/09	Bn	1976–78
Dean, Mr R.L.	02/01/09	S	1940–44	Swinhoe-Standon Mrs V.E.L.	09/05/09	Ap	1976–78
Evans, Col J.B.	04/12/08	O	1940–44	Adeane, Miss E.W.	12/12/08	Ap	1978–80
Proctor, Mr G.C.	05/09	A	1940–44				



Jocelyn Galsworthy 2009

To commemorate the 150th anniversary of College, the OW Cricket Club commissioned the internationally renowned cricketer artist

Jocelyn Galsworthy to paint the 150th Speech Day Match on Turf. A limited edition of 250 prints of this painting, each signed by the artist, has been offered for sale, all profits

going wholly towards the funding of cricket equipment at the new Wellington Academy. Unframed prints are £100 (plus £10 p&p). Framed prints, from the artist's own

framers, are available for collection from College, costing £210. To order a copy, contact Mark Milliken-Smith at milli@haslemere.com. ■

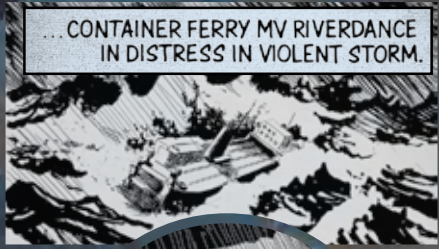


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2008



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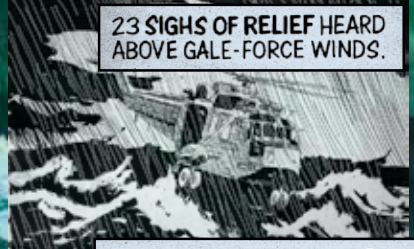
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