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FROM THE  
EDITOR



**R**evolution...’ at Wellington. There is no need for instant alarm. It was only a newspaper headline quoting the Rt Hon. Michael Gove, Secretary of State, following the Wellington Sunday Times Festival of Education in July 2010. His message, was merely about A level exams. College, of course, has firmly attached itself to the International Baccalaureate and the Middle Years Programme. But as Wellington has always been near the centre of national life and led the way, if the new Coalition government wishes to choose the Wellington College theatre to declaim policies, who can deny them the opportunity, certainly not our revolutionary Master, Dr Anthony Seldon.

Speech Day this year concentrated on celebrating the ‘Eight Aptitudes’, the physio-psycho-cognitive uniqueness—if that term does not seem too fearsome—of each student, in which to nurture the roundness of his or her development. There is no doubt that every student is offered a superb all-round education at Wellington and most take full advantage, in the words of a founding father, in ‘learning how to live’.

Wellington is a College, however, not a mere school. What is the difference? Collegiality is the abiding aim—living and working in groups both large and small, with friendship, cooperation, collaboration and team work amongst true ‘colleagues’. In addition, all students are learning how to balance those often antithetical elements in human nature and society, of altruism and ambition, of ‘dynamic cooperation’ and ‘fierce competition’, involving risk. Wellingtonians will meet much competition and risk in their lives after College. But with the experience of their years at Wellington College they have a greater chance of developing two other ‘abilities’—to compete fairly and to lead. Those abilities are urgently needed for the greater public good, for a more trusting, civilised, global society.

In the various sections that follow are graphic descriptions of both collegial cooperation and competitive activities—from academic, sporting, musical, artistic, dramatic, military or charitable, to such other group activities as Chapel worship, chess and debating, as well as the spirited, healthy, perennial inter-house rivalry. Certainly the language of the accounts

in this year's *Year Book* is livelier and more hyperbolic than ever, but who is an editor to moderate with heavy hand what others write so enthusiastically? I am very grateful for the support of scores of contributors and the hard work of Chris Potter and Kay Mitchell of the OW Society, together with our designer Jules Akel (OW).

Last year the *Wellington Year Book* celebrated the visit of Her Majesty the Queen at the end of our anniversary year. This year there has been an accumulation of military material reaching the editorial team. So be it. For the first hundred years the Wellingtonian DNA displayed military characteristics, to slip into a modern metaphor. The overwhelming majority were sons of soldiers. But even today there is still much keenness for military affairs, from the CCF, Field Gun run and Great War battlefield tours, to the resurrection of Wellington's Cavalry tradition. On a more poignant note, very many OWs joined the Royal Air Force in World War II, and their service in the battle of Britain is remembered in this 70th anniversary year. Above all we have been hugely surprised and encouraged by the sheer number of OWs who have served in Iraq and Aghanistan, described in the 'Dispatches' article. Next year? We hope to describe more fully some of the life of other Wellington institutions, the Academy in nearby Wiltshire and the College in not-so-far-away China.

Finally, in this the 120th edition of the *Wellington Year Book*, it is well to reflect on its purpose. As the College's flagship publication, it is designed to be an accurate account of events during the academic year, of pupils' efforts and successes, of staff personalities, of OW news and insights into the wider College community. Many readers rely on the two gazette sections. Indeed as the one consistent record over the past 120 years, the *Year Book* is a comprehensive source of primary research material and thus has a central place in the newly reconstituted Archives, supporting the richness of Wellington's history and development. Above all the *Year Book* is a means of recording the vitality of Wellingtonians—nothing new of course—and the Wellington Community. Hopefully it captures the collegial spirit, being, in the words of two former Masters, the 'big match mentality' and the 'genius loci'. Such are the dynamics which, over time, combine to prove the uniqueness of Wellington College.

PATRICK MILEHAM



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# SPEECH DAY

SATURDAY 29TH MAY 2010



## THE VICE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

SIR ANTHONY GOODENOUGH

My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen. Disraeli said 'Change is constant. Change is inevitable'. I am with Disraeli and am proud to have served as Vice-President at such a time of change, with impressive academic, sporting and artistic achievements, growing pupil self confidence, full co-education, the Wellington Academy and Wellington in China. Demand for places suggests that the quality of the all round education we provide is high and parents approve of the changes in train. Wellington is on the march.

Successful change demands courage and leadership of a high order. I pay great tribute to the Master for his leadership and vision as well as to the Senior Management Team and the teaching and support staff for their enthusiasm, commitment and skill. Governors deeply appreciate their work. I thank also Dr Joanna Seldon and all spouses and partners for their work for Wellington, and Andrew Barnard and his team at Eagle House.

Today we celebrate the successes and achievements of the prize-winners and of every pupil who has done their best in the huge array of activity that the school offers. Congratulations to you all. Work hard. Good luck in your exams.

Governors recognise that the fees we ask parents to pay are high especially in these difficult times. We are doing

our best to tighten budgets, to limit any fee increase and to provide value for money. We are immensely grateful for the generosity of donors.

I owe a huge debt to my fellow governors for all they do for Wellington. I have relied heavily on their dedication, hard work and friendship. A number are leaving: Victoria Mitchell and Antonio Borges after ten years' service; Christie Marr for California; Baroness Symons, Bishop David Rosedale and Sir Nick Kenyon to other commitments. Thank you all. I thank also Susan Meikle, Bursar and Clerk to the Governors, who leaves Wellington at the end of term. Susan has played a vital part in Wellington's development. I have much enjoyed working with her.

At the end of term, Sir Michael Rake succeeds me as Vice-President. An OW, Chairman of BT, Wellington will be the stronger for Mike's appointment.

I entered Wellington as a boy 56 years ago, one of fifteen in an extended family to do so in the last 100 years. As an OW, father of three OWs, two of whom are here today, and Governor, I have never felt

prouder of the school than I do now. I owe an incalculable debt to my Wellington teachers for firing my imagination and ambition. May today's Wellington students feel similarly proud and inspired. I wish you all good luck for the future. ■

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## THE MASTER'S SPEECH

DR ANTHONY SELDON

My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen, today is a celebration of the most wonderful school in the world. Rather than the long and traditional speeches, this morning comes a series of performances by our pupils, displaying the Eight Aptitudes we foster amongst our pupils at Wellington. But some words from me are inevitable, and I hope you will forgive me as I introduce eight major points myself.

My number **one** is about our retiring Chairman of Governors, Sir Anthony Goodenough. We have some photographic shots of him as he looked as a pupil at the College 51 years ago in 1959, first as a prefect in Front Quad, then in the Naval Section, and finally in his house Rugby team. He has been a stunning Chair of Governors. Without him, all the changes of the last five years would not have occurred. He is a masterly chair of meetings, a wise voice, and a wonderful friend to many. Speaking personally and for all of us, we shall miss him greatly, as we will Veronica, Lady Goodenough. My thanks are due also to all his fellow Governors, who put in hundreds of hours each year serving the school.

**Two** is for our Visitor, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. Her visit to Wellington in December, her fifth, was hosted entirely by the pupils. Despite an overnight flight, she arrived fresh as a pink rose. She delighted everybody by her enthusiasm and graciousness. The only awkward moment was when she was looking at the model of Wellington College in Tianjin. She twice tried to pronounce the full name, saying 'so this is Wellington College Tian..., Tian...', 'Gin, Ma'am' was on the edge of my tongue, but it seemed indelicate to say it.

She formally opened the Harold Nicolson Modern

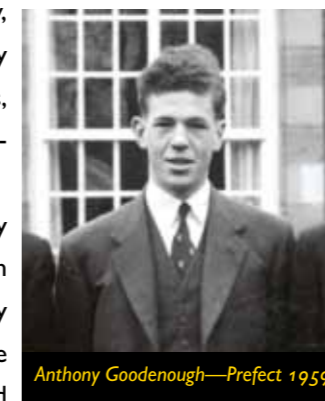
Languages Institute, with its eleven classrooms and state-of-the-art facilities. She visited the new V&A café, and listened to music, though Rocky didn't quite manage to sell Her Majesty a King-size latte. As Her car swept regally along, she would have seen the new Monroe Pavilion, opened in September on Bigside. These are just three of many new buildings opened in the last five years.

My number **three** is about developing buildings and facilities at Wellington. We hope to open next year Selangor Court, joining the front of the school to the main courtyard, a wonderful new facility, in honour of Amir, the future King of Malaysia. We also hope to open next year the Copenhagen Stables: show-jumping, horse riding and polo are all forging ahead. These buildings have all been made possible because of generous bequests.

Why am I asking parents for donations when one could very fairly respond that the fee levels are already high? In fact, some two-thirds of fees are spent on teacher and support staff salaries, and few would argue that they are paid too much. Current Wellingtonians benefit from the generosity of earlier generations, with the wonderful facilities that they all enjoy. I wonder, therefore, if I could ask current parents, if they are willing, to donate in order that that cycle of giving can continue on into the future. We badly need an all-weather athletics track. An eight lane

facility on Rockies would enhance our athletics, as well as the general fitness of all our students, and would contribute hugely to their well-being. Phase one could even begin in 2011, with phase two, the artificial pitch in the middle, beginning later. If every Wellington parent could donate £1,000 over five years, £200 a year, which is £4 a week with Gift Aid, we would reach the one million pound target. We

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Anthony Goodenough—Prefect 1959

are asking all parents of children in the Third, Fourth, Fifth and Lower Sixth if they would like to become part of the athletics 'club of givers'. Parents in the Upper Sixth will receive a separate mailing and are being asked to give on a sliding scale to the new Library, which again we are keen to begin in 2011. The target here is £2m, and we already have £1.1m raised. Upper Sixth parents are thus being asked to give, and again with their donations recognised appropriately in the new facility. Separate efforts are taking place via houses to raise money for bursaries.

Longer term, we are very keen to raise money for a combined Performing Arts Centre and Assembly Hall, at a cost of £8m, which will allow the whole school to meet in one location, which we are unable at present to do. Sir Nicholas Grimshaw [M 1953–1957], Old Wellingtonian architect, President of the Royal Academy, noted for his Eden Project, is keen to design this wonderful new facility.

**Number four.** That brings us on to our four major Common Room leavers, who between them have served for 83 years. Glen Waugh retires after 36, having been head of PE, historian extraordinaire, 1st XV rugby coach, hockey, athletics, and swimming coach, much loved confidant of staff and pupils alike, and for twelve



Richard Foskett—inspiring chemist

years housemaster of Hopetoun. Glen has epitomised the life and soul of Wellington at its very best—you will not find a better man anywhere.

David Burns joined Wellington 24 years ago as head of Biology. He was an outstanding housemaster of Combermere and then of the Apsley. He has been a senior figure in school CCF, climbing and rugby. David is a hugely intelligent and capable man, and an ever-loyal colleague, as shown most recently by his serving as Hall Master.

Richard Foskett joined 19 years ago, as a brilliant teacher of Chemistry. He is a figure much loved by all, a truly inspiring man. We see him in action, in a typical Chemistry lesson (photograph above).

Lucy Pearson, my first appointment, joined in January 2006 at the same time as I did. She has been Deputy Head, and is an ex-Oxford Blue and England international. She has taught brilliantly, coached teams, overseen co-education,

the arts, sport, directed the Arts Festival and the pending Sunday Times Festival of Education, and has been our bridge to Wellington Academy. She becomes head of Cheadle Hulme. In 25 years of teaching at 5 schools, I have never worked with an individual more talented.

We are very sad also to bid farewell to our hugely popular and experienced Bursar, Susan Meikle, who has been a profoundly humane and civilising influence throughout College over the last three years.

We also bid farewell to a number of other colleagues, all of whom have contributed hugely to the school. Christelle Aguilon-Williams, a brilliant French teacher. Ian Hendry, our Exams supremo and supporter in all areas. Adam Seldis, our ebullient head of Business Studies. Ollie King, a zestful organist and musician. Naomi Pendle, inspiring and compassionate teacher of History and Politics. Bex

Ross, the force of nature who got girls' games on the move. Pandy Dean, our dazzling head of Dance. Tim Elton, a stunning Maths teacher. Phil Mann, a particularly popular and successful sports coach. Mark Schramm, our learned Head of Physics. Anne Hill, a caring and enthusiastic Chemistry teacher. And Sarah Blowes, an inspiring teacher of English.

**My fifth point** is about all the staff, who should be thanked for their contributions. There is no finer or harder-working group of teachers anywhere in Britain. That includes our support staff. They have had a highly successful year, not least of which has been taking on board so many changes—the IB Diploma, Middle Years Programme, new A Levels, new GCSEs, the lot. Thirty of them have worked on Speech Day, led by the indefatigable Robin Dyer, Jim Dewes, Laurence Hedges, Hugh Macgregor, Steve Blossie and James Baker, and all our wonderful Senior management Team. At lunch last week, a group of Fourth Formers were saying that they loved their teachers and are really proud of them. How could it be otherwise? The privilege of working with these staff is truly a great honour. To a man and woman they are dedicated, first-class practitioners, deeply compassionate and caring. I thank them all. Let us show them that love in our applause.

**My sixth** subject refers to the six areas of innovation where Wellington College is leading British education.

Innovation number one is academic excellence and enrichment. The 2009 league table of 'added value' shows not who gets the top A Levels, but which school actually contributes the most value to the pupils, given their ability on entering. On Open Days with prospective parents, I never brag about how well Wellington is doing compared to other schools—even though our leap to premier academic from third division is unique—but with a home audience I can and will name names. Twenty-second from the top is St Paul's. The next higher is Epsom College, then Wycombe Abbey School and in ascending order, RGS Guildford, Magdalen College School, Oundle, St Paul's Girls, Radley, Marlborough College and Eton. Harrow is better still at twelfth, then The King's School Canterbury, Charterhouse, Clifton, St Edward's School, Oxford, Tonbridge School, Bradfield, Cranleigh, Brighton College, and with third top Rugby School. Then, with a stunning leap up to 1,046 points, is Wellington in second place. In view of their high ranking given by IB, we were only just pipped by the highest 'value added' school in Britain, namely Sevenoaks.

Wellington, be assured rightly puts the emphasis on student learning and active enquiry rather than passive absorption. Hence we are ourselves adopting the IB Diploma, MYP, and Harkness Tables, which will spread throughout the College in the next two years.

Innovation two is leadership. Every Wellington pupil learns how to become a leader, following the example of Arthur Wellesley, first Duke of Wellington. Next year we launch our Leadership Institute.

Our third innovation, is well-being and positive psychology, headed by Ian Morris. This is about helping people move not only from 'minus five' to 'zero', but from 'zero' to 'plus five'.

The fourth area where we lead the country is our links with state schools, including Wellington Academy, the first I hope of many in the future to be named after a public school. I thus welcome onto the stage Andy Schofield, Head of Wellington Academy.



David Cook:  
Headmaster of Wellington College International

Andy Schofield: 'I am delighted to be here as part of the Wellington family. The Wellington Academy has been opened since September 2009, also

fostering Wellington's Eight Aptitudes, well-being emphasis and house names. 'Our starting point was being the lowest achieving school in Wiltshire, serving their most deprived community, with forty percent of children coming from Army families. What we have achieved already is remarkable. On the value-added league table, we will move from bottom to top in a year. I am confident that this will prove the biggest academy turnaround anywhere in the country. Most importantly this significantly changes the life chances of our students. Our iconic new

buildings open next Easter. We are changing the world, starting in Tidworth, 45 minutes down the M3. Do please come and visit us. We are one of Wellington College's biggest success stories.'

Our fifth innovation is our commitment to a truly international and world class education, inspired by the great North American schools like Philips Exeter and Philips Andover. Professor Howard Gardner, Marty Seligman and Ken Robinson—all in the U.S.—are our inspirations. Listen to Robinson's latest TED talk next term at Wellington.

Wellington College International Tianjin, our first overseas school, is to be opened next April.

Here is the head-elect, David Cook, formerly of Westminster and currently head of Repton Dubai to introduce himself and Wellington, China.

David Cook: 'Honoured guests, students, staff, parents and Governors of Wellington, let me begin by saying how privileged I feel to be here today, as the Founding Headmaster of Wellington College International in Tianjin, our first venture overseas.

'Due to open in fifteen months' time, Dr Seldon has already set me two targets for the school. Firstly, I have to create the best international school in China. This would seem to be attainable, given the wonderful support I am already receiving from everybody



Andy Schofield:  
Principal of  
Wellington Academy

here at the College. However, I am rather more worried about the second target, in the Master's words, 'Bring Confucius back to China!' This might take some time, but in all our endeavours before we open in August 2011, we will follow the Confucian dictum, 'Wheresoever you go, go with all your heart!' Such is the spirit of Wellington.

Our final innovation is the Eight Aptitudes. They embody Wellington's commitment to the development of the whole person in all their eight intelligences. This is in contrast to the increasing obsession in Britain and worldwide for factory schools, concentrating on the intellect alone, and the mere passing of exams. Wellington, using the Eight Aptitudes, seeks to prepare our young, not only for university and work, but also for life in all its fullness. Many adults live stunted lives because they do not fire from all their eight intelligences. This is sad. Our pupils will be different. They are now going to perform for us, live.

The first Aptitude is **Logical intelligence**. It is about processing material and acting sequentially. It is epitomised for us today in the playing of an extract from the first movement of Elgar's Cello Concerto by Upper Sixth pupil Anton Crayton [R], who is lead cellist in the National Youth Orchestra. The presentation of major certificates and prizes will come under this logical aptitude heading, and they will be presented following the Elgar—no doubt to uproarious applause—by Sir Anthony Goodenough and our senior female governor here today, Olivia Deighton.

*Anton Crayton and the Wellington College Orchestra, conducted by Hilary Davan Wetton play Elgar. During the prize-giving, the 'Bachinale' by Saint Saens is played by the Orchestra.*

Moving to **the second aptitude, the Linguistic**, I would like to invite onto the stage. James White [T] and Ellie Porter [C]. In the junior Speech Day this morning, we had two students speaking Mandarin. James, who is taking

six language A Levels, will speak in Arabic, and Ellie will speak in Spanish.

*Ellie Porter (in Spanish): 'Good morning my name is Ellie Porter, and I am introducing the Linguistic aptitude.'*  
*James White (in Arabic): 'And mine is James White, and I am speaking in Arabic.'*

*Ellie and James: 'The linguistic aptitude is represented for us today by Gudjon Bodvarsson [Bn] in the Lower Sixth. He is a famous singer in Iceland, and will be singing for us today 'Vetrasol'. I hope you enjoy it. We recommend that you all start learning Arabic at once, or Icelandic.'*

*Gudjon Bodvarsson sings 'Vetrasol'*



Gudjon Bodvarsson [Bn] sings 'Vetrasol'

**The Personal intelligence** is all about the ability to lead an intelligent life, a long, healthy, harmonious and meaningful life. Not many adults achieve this. You need to start young, which is why we put

so much emphasis on the personal intelligence at school.

I am now going to ask Max Tulley [Bd] and Biz Nimmo [C] to come on to the stage as the two Sixth Formers who epitomise the Personal and Social intelligences. Both Max and Biz are outstanding Wellingtonians, natural leaders, very hard workers and great athletes.

*Biz Nimmo: 'First I would like to introduce Trishan Vaikunthanathan who, appropriately for the personal intelligence, will be playing Prelude to Life by the composer Paul Read.'*

*Max Tulley: 'Trishan was the winner of the 2010 Montgomery Prize for Wellington's most outstanding soloist. We hope you enjoy it.'*

*Trishan plays the 'Prelude', by Paul Read.*

*Biz and Max: 'And now for something entirely different, but very much on the theme of personal resilience, which is an asset that we encourage so strongly in well-being classes. We cannot avoid sad things happening in our life, but we can show strength in facing up to them. Let's hear about courage from Gina Kushke*



Amber Coleman [Hn] (backview), Sophie Robertson [O], Imogen Halsey [O], Katie Wells [O]

*Gina Kushke sings 'I will survive'.*

**Social intelligence** is all about the ability to live and work with others, something Wellingtonians are frankly rather stunning at, but many in the world are not. Izzy Wilkinson [O] and Luke Walsh [BI] are our exemplars. Wellington puts great thought into helping our young become at ease with others of all backgrounds. We place kindness at the top of all we strive to be.

Our promotion of the Social aptitude reaches beyond the pupils to you, our parents, principally via the WCA. Wellington has wonderful parents. A whole year has gone by without a difficult conversation or communication from any of you, and I have been inundated, as have my colleagues, by lovely comments that you have said. The WCA has had a fantastic year under Denise Cook and her hardworking committee. While we listen to the Jazz group play 'Soul Bossa Nova' some images from the trips and events will

appear on the screen, and we have some dancers for you.

*Jazz Group play 'Soul Bossa nova'.*

The fifth aptitude is **Moral intelligence**. Schools do nothing like enough to give their young a grounding in morality, which is the cement that binds together families and society. It is all about moral choices and moral decisions. To introduce our Moral presentation, I would like to invite Gbade Adewole [M] and Lillie Cable [Hn]. Gbade is a wonderfully gentle character, and Head of House who has a deep moral understanding. Lillie is one of Wellington's true givers, who has immersed herself in charitable activities and caring for the less fortunate.

*Gbade Adewole and Lillie Cable: I would like to call up onto stage Nik Salmon [Bd], Christian Sahle-Selassie [BI] and Clem Bunting [Ap]. They performed in Shakespeare's Othello at school earlier this term, and in China, Hong Kong, Vietnam and Singapore over the Easter holidays. In*

these extracts from the play, we see Othello overjoyed by greeting Desdemona after he feared she had been lost at sea. Othello loves Desdemona dearly. But instead of trusting her, he makes the moral decision of listening to his old soldier friend, Iago, which is a big mistake. Later Othello confronts Desdemona. He berates her furiously. Othello faced a moral choice, but discovered only too late how foolish his choice was.

*Nik Salmon, Christian Sahle-Selassie and Clem Bunting perform the extracts from Othello.*

**Spiritual intelligence** is all about the appreciation of the eternal, about beauty in nature and art, and about love. First we are going to hear *Hallelujah*, originally recorded by Leonard Cohen in 1984 and sung since by Geoff Buckley, Rufus Wainwright, K.D. Lang and Alexandra Burke. It is now sung by our own a cappella group. We shall then hear the College choir singing Handel's *Zadok the Priest*.

*'Hallelujah' and 'Zadok the Priest' are performed.*

We have special prizes under the Spiritual and Moral aptitudes, the award of which now takes place.

The seventh is the **Cultural aptitude**, which is about developing the musical, visual art, dramatic, dance and creative writing gifts we all possess. We will now see Illias Thoms [T] and James Ellis [L] in an extract from Alan Bennett's powerful play *The History Boys*, performed at Wellington last term.

*Illias Thomas and James Ellis perform an extract from the 'History Boys'.*

To represent the music aspect of Cultural intelligence, we have Ming Bridges, who will be singing *Sway*, accompanied by Josh Vicino and Ollie Ralph. Ming joined Wellington this year, and is the 'Hannah Montana' of Singapore where she lives.

*Ming Bridges, Josh Vicino and Ollie Ralph perform 'Sway'.*

To introduce the eighth and final aptitude, the **Kinaesthetic**, I call upon Sam Edgerley [Bd] and Amy Howells [V], two outstanding athletes, to talk about the



Angus Paskin Orr [Bd] and Will Bennett [Bd]

Kinaesthetic aptitude. Sam has represented England at Under-20 rugby and Amy Wales for Under-21 hockey.

*Sam Edgerly and Amy Howells:* We are first going to show you a short medley of Summer Term sports, representing cricket, tennis, athletics, swimming, golf and polo. They are just six of the many options on offer. This video is followed by another, with some highlights of the first XV playing in front of the new Monro Pavilion this autumn.

*Video clips.*

We thought they were rather good. The Kinaesthetic intelligence also encompasses dance. We are proud to introduce our contemporary classic dance company with their performance of *Terminator Welly*.

*Dance Performance by the girls.*

Well done girls. Boys can also dance, and this year has seen a dramatic new arrival on the Wellington arts scene, the boys' physical theatre. Here they are presenting *Gladiator Titan*, showing boys can move just as well as girls.

*Physical Theatre Performance by the boys—Gladiators and Titans.*

Well our morning revels now are nearly ended. The penultimate theme of my eight signifies the events that take place at Wellington. I'd like to thank all those you have seen and heard perform this morning, and all who will be performing later in the day, including the exhibitions, Field Gun on Armoury Field, horses on

Rockies, cricket on Turf and the South Front Pageant.

At the end of this term, I hope all parents will be supporting the third Wellington Arts Festival in late June and also the inaugural Sunday Times Festival of Education in early July, with Germaine Greer, Rory Bremner (OW), David Puttnam, Greta Scacchi, Toby Young, A.C. Grayling and seventy others.

My eighth and final theme is people. I would not want to finish my Speech Day comments without referring to one person I have not thanked in five years, my wife, Joanna, who works so tirelessly for the school. Along with my own office and SMT, she does all the work, while



Gladiator Titan

I get all the praise. This is also a poignant day for us as our youngest child, Adam, finishes Wellington, and will follow his two sisters on gap years and to university.

The poor chap had me as his headmaster at Brighton for twenty-four terms, and has had me again here for the final five. We never regretted moving him to Wellington, and neither did he regret coming. The decision allowed us to reappraise the school, in all its quality, with fresh eyes. Seeing Adam's pile of tuck and bags full of untidy clothes and random objects piled in the hall on Sunday nights since term began, has given us both pause. This was his final school term. We have been very lucky and so has he.

The pupils at Wellington are wonderful, a delight to know and be with. The staff are the best souls you will find anywhere. The place radiates love. At an OW dinner a few days ago, a particularly large and wide OW said to me, 'We didn't much like you when you came'. I looked up at him and from side to side, and said I was sorry to hear that. 'But we now think you have done a damn fine job', he proclaimed. 'Oh, good', I muttered. 'But, if I were you', he continued, 'I'd quit now while you are at the top'. I paused. 'No, I don't think I will', I said. 'But thank you anyway.'

We are not at the top. We have still a long way to go. We have much to do. The best is yet to come. And we will get there.



A note for readers and future historians. Innovation and extravaganza. The sequence of Speech day performance and prize-giving can barely be described in words. An accompanying multimedia DVD would help to bring the whole dynamic experience closer to the real life performance. None, however, is offered with this edition of the Wellington Year Book. Describing it as a mixture of the Oscar and BAFTA awards and 'Britain's got Talent' still doesn't do it justice. As well as colour, sound, movement and joyfulness, the correct gravitas of the occasion was faithfully respected.

Indeed there were two performances. The second was for the Upper School, as above, while the earlier performance for the Lower School contained some variations and of course, different prize-winners. Pupils who featured in the Lower School performance, included Alice Richards [Hn], Harry Randall [L], Louisa Mak [Ap], Olivia Plummer [O], Folabi Oworu [A], Luke Walsh [B], Michael White [Pn], Katie Leader [Hn], Amber Coleman [Hn], Charlie Daggart [L] and Hattie Jones [Hn].

In the afternoon, further prizes were awarded on South Front. The Head Boy, Patrick Ware [L], and Deputies, Georgie Singer [Ap] and Charlie Pickard [B], gave short speeches in praise of their experience at Wellington. They are published in full in *The Wellingtonian*. The Vice-President and Chairman of Governors, Sir Anthony Goodenough [S 1954–1959], accompanied by Lady Goodenough (OW wife, daughter of an OW and mother of three OWs), were also on the Dais with the Master. ■

— SPEECH DAY PRIZEWINNERS —



LORD DERBY'S GIFT  
Sam Edgerley [Bd]



BATES-BLEWITT PRIZE  
Gordon Hamilton-Fairley [Hg]



LORD COLNBROOK'S PRIZE  
Geoffrey Hopkinson [Hg]



TALBOT MEDAL  
Charlie Pickard [BI]



PURNELL GIFT  
Tom Dauncey [Hg]



DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S PRIZE  
Jamie White [T]



LADY EMMA TALBOT'S PRIZE  
Milly Bryden [C]



WALTER CASTLE PRIZE  
Georgie Singer



MASTER'S PRIZE  
Alex Sanina [C]



MASTER'S PRIZES  
Ben Butcher [T] & Fred Idle [L]



PENNY MEMORIAL GIFT  
Ben Beart [S]



CLAUD HUGHES-GAMES MEMORIAL PRIZE  
Rosie Bartley [C], Aaron Walters [Hn/Hg], Alex Guy [O]



ROUND SQUARE MEDAL  
Charlie Byrd [Bn]



NIK SALMON  
OW Society Prize for Artistic and Athletic Distinction



MASTER'S PRIZES  
Ellie Porter [C], Audrey Davies [Ap], Biz Nimmo [C]



College Prefects

Back row: Gbade Adewole [M], Luke Dovey [L], Michael Coles [A], Robert Tyrrell [Pn], Tom Rowe [T], Alex Hardy [S], Tristan Vaikunthanathan [HI].  
Middle row: Bella Day [O], Ellie Porter [C], Amy Howells [W], Luke James [Bn], Charlie Byrd (College Prefect), Angus Palkin Orr (College Prefect), Gordon Hamilton-Fairley (College Prefect), Sean Stevens [R], Sam Edgerley [Bd], Tatiana Wolter [Hn], Sophie Goddard [Ap].  
Front row: Alex Ziff (College Prefect), Anya Nelson (College Prefect), Dan MacKinnon (College Prefect), Biz Nimmo (College Prefect), Charlie Pickard (Deputy Head) [Head of BI], Patrick Ware (Head of College), Georgie Singer (Deputy Head), Geoffrey Hopkinson (College Prefect) [Head of Hg], Milly MacManus (College Prefect), Ben Butcher (College Prefect), Fred Ide (College Prefect).



THE QUEEN'S MEDAL  
Patrick Ware [L]



TOYE CHALLENGE TROPHY  
The Orange (Head of House: Bella Day)

## — — — ACADEMIC SUCCESS — — —

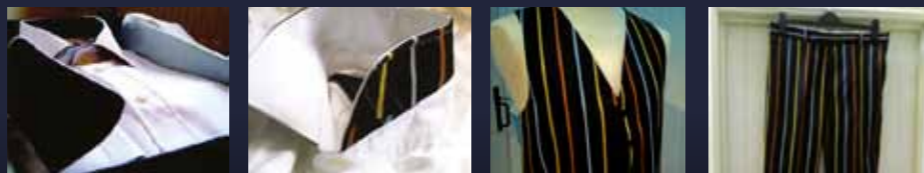
Once again, Wellington students have broken records for academic performance. The 2010 leavers attained a remarkable 93 percent A-B grades at A Level, making them the most successful year group in the College's history. A quarter of all students gained straight A grades and nearly a fifth of all grades were awarded at the new A\* Level. At the same time the Lower Sixth Form gained the College's best ever AS results, with an outstanding 73 percent A-B grades, giving them a better start on their final results than any year group before them. As if that were not enough, Wellington's first ever IB students gained an impressive average of 35.3 points in their IB Diplomas, putting the College on a par in its first IB year with many similar schools that have been running the IB for over a decade. More than a third of the group gained 38

points or more, which is remarkable given that only 8 percent of the candidate across the world attained such strong results. With the College's success in both IB and A Levels this year, the average UCAS score per student leapt dramatically from 371 to 399, making this one of the College's most successful years ever for university entry, even at a time when university applications have become more competitive than ever. Over 90 percent of Wellingtonians attained their first or second choice university place, with the London universities, Bristol, Exeter, Leeds and Newcastle amongst the most popular destinations. Such excellent results firmly consolidate the College's place in the academic first division of independent schools and reflect both the students' hard work of the College's commitment to high aspirations and innovative teaching and learning. *Justin Garrick* ■



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# EXTERNAL



## — — — THE WELLINGTON ACADEMY — — —

As reported in the last *Year Book*, The Wellington Academy opened in September 2009, between Tidworth and Ludgershall on the Wiltshire-Hampshire

boarder, with a mission to become the best and most exciting non-selective state school in the country. Whilst our new campus doesn't open until 2011, this hasn't stopped staff and students from making incredible progress so far, with the same students who were under-performing in the previous school.

'We've achieved a huge amount since opening and we're all extremely proud', writes Andy Schofield, who has received a number of accolades and awards recently on behalf of the school. 'We've been congratulated by Michael Gove for our 'incredible increase in results' and 'hard work and commitment', described as 'an outstanding example of what an Academy can do', by James Gray MP during proceedings in the House of Commons. We have been notified by Wiltshire Council that we are the second-best school in the county for Contextual Value Added, a national measure of pupil progress—only being narrowly beaten by one of Wiltshire's academically-selective grammar schools. We've also been lucky enough to receive the Toshiba Mobile Learning Award from the Independent Academies Association

(IAA) at their inaugural awards ceremony in Nottingham, in recognition of the contribution of our leading-edge ICT towards pupil achievement.'



When asked to outline other factors behind the school's success, Andy continued, 'When we became an Academy, we committed to changing the lives of our students. We interviewed all of

them, with their parents, to gain an understanding of what they wanted and what would work. Our first step was to alter the school day to benefit all our students: we now hold three 100-minute lessons a day, enabling students

"I am hugely impressed"

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EDUCATION  
RT HON. MICHAEL GOVE MP

to study subjects in more depth and with fewer interruptions to learning. This has proven very popular and is a major factor in our improving levels of attainment. Our teaching staff work hard to ensure that their lessons

include a variety of activities, so that students remain motivated to learn. We identified the twenty strategies that would have the greatest impact on the achievement of our year 11s and a team of staff to implement the ideas remorselessly. We have also adopted and adapted the 8 aptitudes model and well-being programme, as fostered at Wellington College; we are leading the field in our

"At the end of our first year, we achieved record-breaking exam results"

ANDY SCHOFIELD  
PRINCIPAL OF WELLINGTON ACADEMY

holistic approach to an all-round state education and our pastoral care is second to none. This is reflected in our exclusion figures, which are the lowest in the county, a year after being the highest'.

There are even more exciting things to come, as the new £32m campus is due to open in stages throughout 2011, with the main school building opening after the Easter break. The new school will be able to house 1,250 students



Ryan Taylor

aged between 11 and 19, a significant increase from the current school roll of 719. In September 2011, the Academy welcomes its first boarders into fantastic new accommodation, which will house up to 100 students in two wings. Continuing to lead the way in state education, Wellington Academy will be Wiltshire's first state



Year 7 Football Team

**2010 RESULTS' SUMMARY**

IN 2010, WELLINGTON ACADEMY ACHIEVED ITS BEST EVER RESULTS FOR THE COMMUNITY OF TIDWORTH, LUDGERSHALL AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES.

THE RESULTS PLACE THE ACADEMY IN THE TOP 10 (5)% OF SCHOOLS NATIONALLY FOR CONTEXTUAL VALUE ADDED, WHICH MEASURES THE PROGRESS MADE BY ITS STUDENTS.

GCSE AND EQUIVALENT ACHIEVEMENTS FOR STUDENTS AT THE END OF KEY STAGE 4

AT LEAST 5 A\*-C GCSES OR EQUIVALENT

98%

AT LEAST 5 A\*-C GCSES OR EQUIVALENT INCLUDING ENGLISH AND MATHS

45%

2 GCSES OR EQUIVALENT AT A\*-C INCLUDING KEY STAGE 4 SCIENCE

87%

boarding school, which will be a real bonus as nearly half our students come from Service backgrounds.

Located on Salisbury Plain, Wellington Academy is very well supported by the Armed Forces. It has plans for a thriving CCF, housed in a purpose-built facility with its own shooting range, which is part of the Academy's lively and varied programme of after school activities. Other popular clubs at the Academy include sport, the arts, Young Enterprise and hair and beauty in the Wellington Spa. And, being a keen footballer, Andy was extremely delighted when the Academy's year 7 football team won the Salisbury and District cup during the first year the school was open.

If you are interested in visiting The Wellington Academy, please contact Louise Mungur, Head of Marketing and Business Development—[louisemungur@thewellingtonacademy.org.uk](mailto:louisemungur@thewellingtonacademy.org.uk). Louise would be delighted to show you around and invite you to the opening of the new building. And please visit the Academy's website at [www.thewellingtonacademy.org.uk](http://www.thewellingtonacademy.org.uk) to find out more. ■



## — WELLINGTON COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL —

Our new venture in China, Wellington College International Tianjin, China, is racing skywards, in half the time it took to build the original Wellington College in Berkshire. That is how they do things in modern-day China. The Foundation stone was laid in September last year. This year, on 10th September, HRH Prince Andrew (photograph on the right), Special Representative for International Trade and Investment, presided at the Inauguration Ceremony, taking the project closer to being opened to pupils. HRH is, of course, already connected with Wellington, being President of Wellington Academy in Wiltshire.

Close to the capital Beijing, Tianjin is a seaport and thriving industrial centre. It has a large international, expatriate community. It is for the sons and daughters of that community that Wellington College International is

being established. The prospectus is written, registration is well under way, the governing body has met. The Founding Headmaster, David Cook, has been appointed—he is already a well-known visitor to Wellington College,



Crowthorne. The Master has direct responsibilities too. 'Create the best international school in China', he has instructed the Headmaster, 'and bring Confucius back to the Chinese'. Maybe that will be the more difficult task, but the Wellington spirit should bring energy to the enterprise.

David Cook has much experience of international schools, having worked in Qatar, Thailand, Colombia and has recently been Founding Headmaster of Repton in Dubai, which has 1,700 pupils. Educated at King's College London and Lincoln College Oxford, he was Head of History and a housemaster at Westminster School, London. The team

in China includes Joy Qiao and Michelle Liang, working tirelessly alongside David. Visit the website: [www.wellingtoncollegeintl.cn](http://www.wellingtoncollegeintl.cn)

It is the intention to build up an intimate multi-dimensional relationship between Tianjin and Crowthorne, and with the Wellington Academy. In due course, with further international schools, sponsored by Wellington, the following activities and relationships are the aims and objectives.

- Curricular cooperation, with pupils studying the same topics at the same time, sharing information, data and results
- Staff exchanges and secondments
- Pupil visits and exchanges, of length varying between short holiday visits, to one, two or three terms
- Gap year opportunities after graduation from the schools
- Opportunities for parental visits —both ways



David Cook  
Headmaster of Wellington College  
International

- Cultural exchanges
- Distance learning opportunities

This has started already. The College production of Othello, produced by the Master, Anthony Seldon, was

staged in Tianjin in April. Details follow in the Drama section of this *Year Book*. What next? Chinese construction companies have an enviable record of completing on time and within budget. The Tianjin College opens its doors to students on 22nd August 2011.

Fifty years ago the then Master said that 'Wellington must go out into the World', not just as OWs. He would be quite surprised, but pleased with this global venture. 'Wheresoever you go, go with all your heart', said Confucius. 'Fortune favours the brave', is the apt and traditional Ducal response. In due course, interaction of the Wellington Colleges with the Chinese

population—through education—must be our true global inspiration. *Paul Cabrelli* ■

# ARTS & ACTIVITIES

## — THE ARTS COMMITTEE —

The Arts Committee had the pleasure of discussing some of the truly magnificent Arts events that took place during the year, as well as how we could better promote the arts at Wellington College. The three times we convened this year were to celebrate the high calibre of our artists, musicians, actors and dancers. No less than twenty pupils were awarded Arts Colours this year, eight of whom with Distinction. This is a truly magnificent achievement. Well aware that the Michaelmas term would mark the final months of our glorious 150th anniversary, we knew that the Arts needed to be nothing short of extraordinary. After all, we were hosting a very special guest in December.

I know that a wonderfully detailed article has already appeared in the 2008/2009 *Year Book* about Her Majesty the Queen's visit on 1st December 2009, including all the various performances, art exhibition and Queen's gift. I would like to pay tribute to all pupils who played their part in ensuring the arts were really transcendent on that day. Art Scholars Gina Kuschke [Ap], Alice Chau [W] and Ellie Ashley [Ap] met HM and spoke to her about their work in Great School. Our musicians played sublimely both in Front Quad as part of the welcoming party and also in the V&A with the a capella group and Anton Crayton playing solo. A wonderful ballet was also performed by two of our finest dancers, Mana Okada [O] and Warren Leung [M]. Miss Spencer and Miss Dean directed and choreographed the imaginative potted history of Wellington College with some

### THE ARTS COMMITTEE

LAURENCE HEDGES (CHAIR)  
LUCY PEARSON (I/C ARTS)  
SIMON WILLIAMSON (DIRECTOR OF MUSIC)  
SARAH SPENCER (DIRECTOR OF DRAMA)  
WILLIAM HEATHCOTE  
EMMA-JANE HUDDART (DESIGN)

JAMES PRICE  
ISABELLE WILKINSON [O]  
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WILL BENNETT [BD]  
NICK JILLINGS [BL]  
TRISHAN VAIKANTHANATHAN [H]  
ANGUS PASKIN-ORR [BD]  
EUNICE TSANG [AP]  
GINA KUSCHKE [AP]

really excellent performances. When it was mooted that we should present HM with a gift, it wasn't long before we looked to talented sculptor Richard Gunston [Bd] to make a piece specifically for the Queen. Entitled *Exuberance*, this beautiful small scale soapstone sculpture was presented to HM on her departure and has subsequently become part of the Royal art collection. In sum, every musical note, dance

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movement, art work and acting nuance were the very best for HM the Queen.

Continuing the royal connections, there was a truly magnificent concert for the Duke of Kent in November, with outstanding performances by Jonny Leon [BI], Trishan Viakunathanathan [H], Anton Crayton [R] and Emma Buckley [Ap]. Earlier in the term, Jonathan Marsden (Director of the Queen's Art Collection) and Desmond Shawe-Taylor (Surveyor of the Queen's Pictures) spoke to an assembled audience about the art and architecture of Wellington College, to coincide with an illuminating Wellington College archive exhibition in the V&A that Mrs Shawe-Taylor curated. Our most celebrated OW artist, internationally known architect and President of the Royal Academy, Sir Nicholas Grimshaw [M 1953–1958], came to College, in the Lent term, and gave an illustrated presentation of his life and work. Of particular interest to the audience, packed into the Driver lecture room, was his Eden Project, Cornwall.

A historical tradition was re-established this year with the Inter-house Art competition judged by BP Portrait award winner and Director of Art at Charterhouse School Peter Monkman and Head of Art at Dragon School Luke Osmond. All Houses put on an excellent display of work. The Orange won best overall House, with The Hopetoun second and The Murray, third. The Disney themed House Singing Competition was also hotly contested. Judged by Mr Potter, Mr Shortland and Annabel Croft, the Anglesey won the competition with a stunning rendition of *The Circle of Life* from *The Lion King*.

Our Art Scholars and Exhibitioners put on a brilliant exhibition of work in the V&A and it was good to see the work of different age groups side by side. All pupils spoke about their individual pieces with confidence and passion. The Animated Gallery used several venues, including the Chapel, Chapel Crypt, Library and Old Hall. This new event showcased the considerable literary skills of our Creative Writing Group, including Chloe James [W] and Gregory Fillippov [S], who won the Senior section of the Gavin Ewart Poetry Prize this year. Mr Ant Peter responded to Gina Kuschke's [Ap] monumental figurative triptych, with some excellent poetry read by Michael White [Pn], George Turley [Pn] and Sam Glover [C]. There was a veritable cornucopia of wonderful music, including solo and band performances from Guani Indians, Dicky Addicott [M], Hermione Hedges-Robinson [W] and Bronwen Wilson [W] among others.

#### ARTS COLOURS

ALEX ZIFF [L] DISTINCTION  
 NICK JILLINGS [BL] DISTINCTION  
 WILLIAM BENNETT [BD] DISTINCTION  
 EMMA BUCKLEY [AP] DISTINCTION  
 TRISHAN VAIKUNTHATHAN [HL] DISTINCTION  
 ANTON CRATON [R] DISTINCTION  
 MILLY BRYDEN [C] DISTINCTION  
 ANGUS PASKIN-ORR [BD]  
 CHRISTIAN SAHLE-SELASSIE [BL]  
 NIK SALMON [BD]  
 JAMES ELLIS [L]  
 GINA KUSCHKE [AP]  
 LILLIE CABLE [HN]  
 JONNY LEON [BL]  
 LESSU KIM [BL]  
 RICHARD GUNSTON [BD]  
 EUNICE TSANG [AP]  
 JI PARK [AP]  
 HOLLY LYNE [AP]  
 ILLIAS THOMS [T]

The summer term brought with it a fabulous array of arts' events. After a hugely successful Far Eastern tour, *Othello*, directed by Dr Anthony Seldon, was a spellbinding production with superb performances by Clem Bunting [Ap], Christian Sahle-Selassie [BI], Adam Seldon [L] and Nick Salmon [Bd]. The annual Fashion Show took place in the V&A over two nights and revealed the extraordinary talents of our young designers including whole collections by Charlie Bowring [O] and Yasmin Cowan [C]. Superb individual pieces by Aimee Robinson [O], Claudia Poulter [Hn] and Rosie Atkinson [C] were also modelled. The term culminated in an astonishing Speech Day: probably one of the most extraordinary events Wellington College has witnessed in its one hundred and fifty years. Celebrating the very best of the Arts, it bedazzled with both literal and metaphorical pyrotechnics. Based around the school's Six Innovations and Eight Aptitudes, music, film, drama and dance took place on a tiered stage which, coupled with projections, meant that the transitions between acts were seamless, an incredibly professional feat.

The school Symphony Orchestra played wonderfully as ever, conducted by Hilary Davan Wetton. The packed audiences were treated to new innovations such as pupil made film with Eunice Tsang's [Ap] delightful *Going Two Where*, a more than apt Speech Day vignette, visually stunning with Vanessa Mae's rendition of *Favourite Things* as a soundtrack. The Physical Theatre group stunned audiences with a breathtaking performance, based on the theme *Gladiator* and a mixture of wonderful group and solo performances gave a foretaste of the world class aspirations we have for the arts at Wellington College. In terms of visual arts, the Art School was packed out with visitors viewing the fabulous array of painting, sculpture, ceramics, textiles, film and installation work on display.

Finally, a conscious effort was made this year to 're-brand' the Wellington College Artsfest, ably led by Mr Turner and Miss Churchill. This year's feast included the London Mozart Players, comedian Simon Brodtkin (Lee Nelson's Well Good Show) and Martin Parr, whose Luxury series of photographs were exhibited in the Modern Foreign Languages Institute. Martin also gave an illuminating talk about his life and work, which culminated in a book signing. It was great to see far more pupil involvement this year, as well as an eclectic range of arts based workshops including screen-printing, communal House art and comedy. *Billy Elliott* was truly spectacular and it is credit to Miss Spencer

and her amazing cast and crew that this was sold out on each of the three consecutive nights; an astonishing and delightful production! The five-day event had much more of an Arts Festival fringe feeling to it—even at times with near-authentic Glasto' tempo-beat—than in previous years and bodes well for future innovations in this arena.

I apologise if I have missed any important name or event out of this article. Believe me, it's not through want of trying! I shall leave the more in-depth subject specific reports to my wonderfully gifted, esteemed colleagues Miss Spencer and Mr Williamson. The arts are expanding exponentially at Wellington College, to the point where we need to establish many more committees and sub-committees, reflecting the willingness of pupils to get involved. For my part, I have re-vamped the form of the Arts Committee, so there are pupil representatives from every year group, reflecting the need for greater ownership and leadership on the behalf of pupils. There is also an Arts Society from September, which will be a veritable springboard for the increasing high trajectory of the arts at Wellington, including poetry, film making and creative writing.

I wish all departing pupil members of the Arts Committee the very best of luck for the future and thank them wholeheartedly for the vital role they played in moving the arts forward at Wellington. *Laurence Hedges* ■

## THE MUSIC SCHOOL

The music department has continued to develop and this year has seen some outstanding performances, both in ensembles and individuals giving remarkable solo performances. Already there are many times during performances at Wellington when you can shut your eyes and imagine that you are sitting not in a school concert hall, but in a professional concert venue in London or other international centre. Therefore I do encourage you to keep supporting our concerts and hear the high standard of performances that is now a continual feature of Wellington life.

So how do we continue to improve? A music department achieves more if all involved recognise and embrace what can be achieved by their efforts, and that is not just the staff but also the students. We have some outstanding Sixth Formers who have continued to

raise expectations and standards and have been hugely supportive. The Upper Sixth Form music scholars Trishan Vaikunthanathan [HI] Anton Crayton [R], Jonny Leon [BI], Holly Lyne [Ap], Ji Park [Ap], Alexandra Guy [O], James White [T], Emma Buckley [Ap], Leesu Kim [BI] and Katie Trehwella [C] have all given a huge amount to the school and I wish them considerable success in whichever path they take.

The year began with an innovation—a department 'open morning' on the first Saturday of the Michaelmas Term, when we welcomed a number of prospective musicians to the department. Trishan Vaikunthanathan performed exquisitely at a short concert and a number of open rehearsals took place. Bringing prospective musicians to the department meant that we had a bumper crop of music scholars and applications for awards later in the year,

indeed many more than in previous years. We also had a very successful prep school orchestral day, run again by our vibrant conductor Hilary Davan Wetton, as well as two choral days—with about 500 pupils attending in all—brilliantly led by Ben Parry, the director of the Junior Academy of Music and one-time Swingle Singer.

The Michaelmas Term had four extra-ordinary musical events. Firstly the Orchestra and Chapel Choir performed in St Paul's Cathedral at the 150th Anniversary service on the 24th September. Preparation began in earnest with intense rehearsals to motivate these ensembles up to standard, and with *I Was Glad* by Parry resounding within the vast acoustic of that magnificent cathedral, we certainly felt that the extra rehearsing was well worth it. The orchestra

played a moving rendition of *Sursum Corda* by Elgar, as well as triumphant dances from Handel's *Water Music*, as arranged by Hamilton Harty.

On the 25th November our musicians gave a concert in the presence of HRH the Duke of Kent in Old Hall. This was a particularly special event for governors, invited guests and parents, for whom we laid

on a varied programme of pieces in this intimate setting. Music scholars performed—Jonathan Leon performing unaccompanied Bach on the violin (Preludio from Partita No.3) and Anton Crayton on the cello (Prelude from Suite No.2); Max Gumpert [HI] sang Schubert's *Gute Nacht* and Trishan Vaikunthanathan played the first movement of the Saint-Saens Clarinet Sonata. I had set the task that no groups should be directed by music staff and so Illias Thoms [T] conducted a girls' choir singing *The Snow* by Elgar; Ji Park admirably led Camerata in pieces by Warlock and Karl Jenkins and the Brass and Percussion ensembles performed three Renaissance dances by Susato.

It was a very great honour to provide music for Her Majesty The Queen when she visited on the 1st December and the Concert Band performed with pomp when she arrived and the Corps of Drums drummed with precision and excitement when she left. The small concert featuring Anton Crayton [R] playing *The Swan* by Saint-Saens and the a capella group singing *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas* was performed three times—once for parents (a dummy run), then for HRH The Duke of Kent and then, finally, for Her Majesty. On all three

occasions, the musicians performed exceptionally well.

The fourth extra-ordinary event was on the 2nd December when the Chapel Choir went to St Mary Abbots in Kensington High Street, to perform at the carol service for Hope and Homes, the charity chosen for Wellington's 150th celebrations. The performance was outstanding with exceptional solo singing, particularly in *Mary's Magnificat* by Andrew Carter.

The Orchestra has performed a number of times this year under the guidance and inspiration of Hilary Davan Wetton. As well as at St Paul's, they have performed three concerts and had two Masterclasses with the London Mozart Players. They also performed to the whole Upper Sixth Form in an illustrated lecture, performing

Beethoven's Overture to *Prometheus* and Saint-Saens' *Bacchanale* from *Samson & Delilah*. Under Leesu Kim's leadership, the orchestra has really risen to being outstanding. Indeed Leesu's performing came under the microscope with an outstanding rendition of the first movement of Mozart's Violin Concerto in D major.

The Chapel Choir has continued

throughout the year to provide the music for Chapel services, including the beautifully moving Advent Carol Service and the three Christmas Carol Services. Other performances have included performing in orchestral concerts, with *How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings* by Brahms and *My Soul There Is A Country* by Parry. All pieces have been exquisitely accompanied by Mr Oliver King, the College Organist, either from the organ loft or from the piano. The other highlight was the involvement by the chapel choir and other singers with Crowthorne Choral Society, performing Karl Jenkins's *Requiem* and a complete performance—with Vivats! and orchestra—of *I Was Glad* by Parry. Anton Crayton was the soloist in Shostakovich's Cello Concerto No.1 in this concert. His was an astonishing performance, thoroughly musical and exciting and phenomenally difficult. Anton carried the performance off with considerable poise.

Masterclasses this year have been truly inspiring—from Roderick Williams teaching our singers how to develop their performing, to Remus Azoitei inspiring our young string players. We have also welcomed William Bruce, head of strings at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, to work with our cellists; Ian Clarke to work with our flautists

“There are many times during performances at Wellington when you can shut your eyes and imagine that you are not sitting in a school concert hall, but in a professional concert venue in London”



Elizabeth Robinson [O], Solenn Guegantou [O] and George Toone [Pn]

and composers; Peter Stark to work with our conductors; Guildhall Brass to work with our young brass players and a selection of jazz musicians, the Blakey Tribute sextet, to work with our jazz band.

The Jazz Orchestra, under the careful eye of Ben Greenslade-Stanton, has continued to make progress, with performances during the Michaelmas term, as well as the popular Christmas jazz concert in the V&A. Other performances included the concert in aid of the Crowthorne Minibus and the Eve of Speech Day concert in the Combermere Quad. With Ali Marjot [S] on drums and Josh Vicino [R] on bass guitar, this has become a very tight group and there have been some memorable vocal performances from the likes of Gina Kuschke [Ap] and Ming Bridges [Ap].

The Concert Band's profile has continued to rise and the numbers performing now almost reach 70 strong. Under the direction of Jeff Oakes, head of Woodwind, they have performed a varied programme of film music and songs from the musicals—all toe-tapping and easy listening and much enjoyed by audiences. This group has been led by Megan Clarke.

The a cappella singing in school has continued to gain prominence and Wellington even entered a competition at St Paul's School. This group, called Glee for this occasion, led and inspired by Mr Timothy Elton, had a fantastic time performing to a number of other groups and parents. Indeed the standard of singing in school has risen a great deal and those who managed to hear the House Singing Competition in February, would have seen virtually the whole school fighting for the title. The Anglesey won (just), but the standards were so high that a number of Houses could equally have come away with the trophy.

Musicians have also been heard in the theatre, instrumentalists and singers in *Boney and the Billy Ruffians*, performing and singing in *The Ragged Child*; performing and singing in *Robin Hood*; performing and singing in *Billy Elliot* and incidental music in *Othello*. This latter play was taken to the Far East along with a group of musicians and performed in China, Hong Kong, Vietnam and Singapore. The music was written by Mr Tom Young, a composer of considerable ability and one of the department's piano teachers and was performed by Jonny Leon (violin), Trishan Vaikunthanathan (clarinet), Max Gumpert (French Horn), Josh Vicino [R]



Keshan Vaikunthanathan [HI] brother of Trishan

(double bass), and Timothy Chan [HI] (marimba). Other musicians who performed were Holly Lyne [Ap] (voice and cello), Ming Bridges [Ap] (voice), Oliver Ralph [Bd] (saxophone), Ilias Thoms [T] (voice) and Molly Gray [O](voice).

The musical highlight of the year was again the Montgomery competition, this year adjudicated by Nicholas Wilks, Master of Music at Winchester College. As our standards are improving, we decided to increase the number of finalists and, therefore, decrease the length of the individual's programme. Clearly this makes the event slightly easier for the performers, but did not diminish the brilliance with which they all performed. The standard remains phenomenally high, with breathtaking performances of pieces such as the *Faust Fantasia* by Sarasate (performed by Jonny Leon), the *Cantabile and Presto* by Enescu (performed by Lucinda Patrick-Patel [O] and the Schumann Violin Sonata opus 105, performed by Ji Hyan Park [Ap]. There was also some notable singing by Emma Buckley [Ap] of some very fine Fauré songs and Gudjon Bodvarsson [Bn] singing songs from Musicals. Alex Goodwin [R] provided a short organ recital in Chapel to begin the evening with some exceptional stylistic performing of Bach and Buxtehude. In the end Trishan Vaikunthanathan was a worthy winner with a particularly fine performance of *Solo de Concours* by Messager.

It would be remiss of me not to reiterate praise for the stunning performances on Speech Day morning performed by so many musicians. The confidence of their performing in front of some 3,000 people—on a vast stage with cameras pointing at them and with images projected up onto a huge screen behind—was outstanding and a grand example of the standard and range of musical activities at Wellington College.

The Artsfest at the end of the Summer Term was an interesting week of pupil-run activities and music in the Combermere Quad, the odd recital and a wonderful concert given by the London Mozart Players with Trishan Vaikunthanathan performing the 1st movement of the Mozart Clarinet Concerto. There are so many opportunities for listening and performing

in the school and this event will surely develop.

A highlight this year was the forming of a record label/publication company by William Bennett and Jonathan Furness to promote new music and bands within the College. There was an exciting CD launch and many sponsored events organised by these entrepreneurial Sixth Form Music technologists. I hope this will continue and the Music Technology department will take this initiative further. Certainly with the investment in new computers and equipment over the Summer holidays, we will see further events and recordings.

The number of pupils applying for Music Scholarships to Wellington College has risen spectacularly, with some 22 applying at 13+ and 12 at 16+. This number is very encouraging for the future of Wellington music and we continue to perform not only within but far beyond the gates



Hilary Davan Wetton and the College Orchestra receive the audience's applause

of the College. Some notable performances by Music Scholars have been at the recital room in Southhill Park and at St Martin-in-the-Fields, London. All events have been packed with enthusiastic audiences. At home, music is heard regularly at nearly every

Assembly, at Open Days and there are more and more impromptu events taking place during the school year.

Finally we say farewell to Tom Young who leaves us after teaching piano for the last two years and to Liz Toye after teaching singing for the last four years. During the year, we welcomed Katrina Butt for two terms in the Music office, before she returned to her native Australia. Thank you to Xavier Iles, Susie Henwood, Jeff Oakes, Hilary Davan Wetton, Ben Greenslade-Stanton, and to Laura Eaton and Sandra Smith in the Music School office. Thank you also to the 45 visiting staff and particularly thanks to Oliver King for all his help, enthusiasm and performances over the last five years. Oliver leaves us to become organist at Saffron Walden Church and to study an MA in Music Therapy at Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge.

In sum the quality of music at Wellington has surpassed my expectations this year and I look forward to further progress as we seek to realise our loftiest of aims—that is to attain a place within the top five non-specialist schools for music in the country. Simon Williamson ■



Iago (Nik Salmon) and Othello (Christian Sahle-Selassie)

## — — D R A M A — —

Once again it has been a highly successful year for the Drama department, with a varied programme of events to suit all tastes.

The Michaelmas term started with *Boney and the Billy Ruffians*, directed by Anthony Peter. This production consisted of two comedies, *The Poor Gentleman* and *Raising the Wind*, which had been performed onboard ship in front of Napoleon Bonaparte, when a guest of His Majesty on board *HMS Belerephon*, heading for exile. (The sailors had a problem with the name of their ship, hence the sobriquet.) Wellington College was lucky enough to be loaned the scripts by former Royal Navy officer, OW Christopher Justice [O 1949–1953], who was there with his wife and theatrical expert Angela, to give advice on how the productions were staged in their original historic performance. The plays were an enormous success and saw the acting debut of Jack Gault [BI] and Callum Woodcock [HI] in leading roles.

Next was *The Ragged Child*. Directed and written by National Youth Theatre founder Jeremy James Taylor. It showcased the talents of our Third Form and was a wonderful chance for them to work with one of the most accomplished figures in British theatre. This play told the story of the opening of the first 'ragged schools' and the lead roles were taken by Emily Evans [C] and Huw Braithwaite [Pn], demonstrating excellent acting and singing talent lower down the school. Director Jeremy is known for his exacting standards as well as an extraordinary ability to get the very best performances out of a cast. We were truly lucky to have him at Wellington. It is a fitting tribute that Jeremy was recognised for his contribution to the theatre in the New Year's honours list with an OBE.

The Pantomime *Robin Hood*, played to packed houses over several nights and was testament to the range of pupils such as Christian Selassie [BI] and Nick Salmon [Bd], ably supported by Luke Walsh [BI] and Vladimir Yakovenkov [Pn] who have dazzled throughout the year in various dramatic guises. It showed that the Sixth Form demonstrated exceptional talent for all things silly! Feedback from local schools attending the matinée was excellent, and all performances were sold out.

Directed by Denise Cook, *The History Boys* was truly magnificent. Set to a 1980s soundtrack of great music, including The Smiths and New Order, Wellington pupils

and staff Jim Price, Cressida Henderson, James Breen, Ilias Thoms [T], James Ellis [Bd], Patrick Ware [L], Nik Salmon [Bd], Robbie Offer [Pn] and Max Wood [Pn] all acted superbly. This is a play that demands every line is delivered with pithy aplomb and perfect timing: it was. The production was an enormous success and gave the Wellington staff a taste for all things dramatic. An eruption of mirthful talent resulted in the hilarious staff production of *Allo Allo* later on in the term.

Next Dr Cromarty directed Anouilh's *Antigone*, a play that requires consummate understanding of a complex web of dialogue and narrative. Alice Richards [Hn], Murray Rose [M] and Andy Brooker [H] stood out, giving really excellent performances and Dr Cromarty found his whole cast utterly professional.

Then *Othello*, our Shakespearean play, directed by Anthony Seldon, toured the far east, including Singapore, Hong Kong and Vietnam, before being performed at College on four triumphant nights in April. The production was a musical and dramatic re-working of the classic story and played to packed houses. Featuring a cast of Upper and Lower Sixth students, stand out performances came from Christian Selassie—a true scion of an imperial dynasty—Clementine Bunting [Ap] and Nik Salmon. It deserves a review independent of the Magisterium, and our Head of English, Nick Amy takes up his sharpened quill.

'Dr Seldon, impresario and director—who also happens to be Master—staged an energetic production of Shakespeare's internationally known play of poignant topicality.

'Othello is a problematic play; it deals with love, sex, death, race, war, power and the problem of evil. At its heart is a moral knot, which was suggested at the start of this production by symbolic black and white ribbons, criss-crossing the performance area. It provided the audience with an instantly recognised, visual metaphor for the complex dynamics to be unravelled.

'We in the audience actually 'arrived' in the performance space, through an atmospheric tunnel of torches, walking into a fully darkened theatre. This was an *Othello* where we ourselves were manifestly part of the action at all times.

The interplay between light and dark was intrinsic to the production. The torches at the four corners of the stage cast sinister shadows and threw light intermittently onto the characters' faces, suggesting a twilight world of half-truth and uncertainty. A group of talented musicians crafted an eerie soundscape, literally underscoring the tragedy playing out in front of us.

'The script was carefully edited. This gave the show a ferocious pace and a tripping inevitability, keeping our 'greedy ear' spellbound. The immediacy and power of every scene was underlined by the staging 'in the round'. For instance, Felicity Morgan's [Hn] Emilia spat some of her lines right into the faces of the audience: we were compelled to share her hatred of the male characters, whose calculating cruelty and monstrous jealousy cause such terror and destruction.

'Nik Salmon has clearly established himself as one of Wellington's finest actors over the last couple of years and Iago presented him with his greatest challenge yet. One of the difficulties in playing this part is establishing some sort of motivation. Nik's interpretation was clear: his Iago simply enjoyed the playful game of deceit. His habitual gesture was an uncomfortably cruel giggle, shielded behind his hand. His actions were motivated by schoolboy malice. However, the terror we experienced in watching this production of *Othello* lay in the way the action ratchets up this playful malignity to an extreme demonstration of psychological brutality.

'Christian Sahle-Selassie's [Bl] performance as *Othello* was convincing and assured. His stillness spoke of his authority. His carefully paced delivery convinced us of his integrity. His movements became increasingly closed and uncontrolled as Iago's bile poisoned his every muscle. The audience listened, charmed, by the storyteller who won Desdemona's heart and we truly believed in the sincerities of relationship between *Othello* and Desdemona, played by Clem Bunting [Ap] with honesty and a brittle truthfulness. When alone, *Othello* and Desdemona were captivated by each other. Their unity and fleeting happiness were troubled only by the haunting shadow of Iago flickering above them.

'Unusually, much of the action of the play was played out as comedy. In between the emotionally intense scenes, involving the three central characters, we were presented with a world of quick-wits, laughter and drinking. We won't easily forget the incessant energy of Adam Seldon [L] as Roderigo. Clem Nicholson [W] as the rather surprising Mrs Brabantio, Illias Thoms [T], Nick Harris [Bn] and Josh Ware [Bn] all deserve credit for their excellent performances in key supporting roles.

'As an introduction to one of Shakespeare's major tragedies, this was a triumph. The pace, clarity and emotional honesty of the production won much praise. The moral knot is unravelled with the death of *Othello* and the incarceration of Iago. This story, of a man who 'loved not wisely, but too well', will stick long in the minds of many who saw it. If drama is metaphor for a journey, then this production too was a real journey, which deserves recording.'

Hugh Macgregor accompanied the tour and felt that a day-by-day description is also appropriate to celebrate College Drama International. The works of Shakespeare for the Chinese and Eastern peoples—as they, like us, begin to understand the implication of globalisation, connected with what began in the Globe, the 'wooden O' of 16th Century London—must be as important on the world stage as Confucian philosophy. Hugh writes

'A touring party of 18 performers, 5 staff and 2 OWs descended on the Far East for a whistle-stop tour of four major South East Asian cities; performing a selection of music alongside a groundbreaking production of *Othello*, the group wowed audiences in Beijing, Hong Kong, Ho Chi Minh City and Singapore.

'Touching down in Beijing, wearied but excited, we were warmly welcomed to RDFZ, able to gently settle into the Chinese way of life. We spent our first day touring the spectacular Forbidden City, before bargain hunting in one of Beijing's exotic shopping malls. After an evening of rehearsal, day two saw us climb aboard a Bullet Train which, reaching 333kph, swiftly took us to Tianjin, where we saw the considerable progress made on the site of the new Wellington College International. On our return to Beijing we hot-

Desdemona (Clem Bunting)



footed it to Tiananmen Square, historic site of many significant events in Chinese history; it now serves as a market place for vendors of Chairman Mao themed gifts. A second evening's rehearsal prepared us for the arrival the following morning of Dr. Seldon, who led the cast of *Othello* through an intensive day's rehearsal, culminating in our first performance.

'In front of an audience of 800, including the British Ambassador amongst other dignitaries, the show was a huge success. The musical performances were received wonderfully; the a cappella group of Ming Bridges [Ap], Holly Lyne [Ap], Molly Gray [O], Max Gumpert [Bd], Ollie Ralph [Bd] and Illias Thoms [T] set the bar very high for the play that followed. The *Othello* cast cleared it with consummate ease, received an impromptu, not to mention lengthy, standing ovation. The audience were very quick to praise Christian Sahle-Selassie [Bl] and Nik Salmon [Bd] as protagonists *Othello* and Iago. With little time to rest in their overnight stays with RDFZ students,

the cast were back on stage the following morning, with equal success. Josh Vicino [R], Ming and Ollie performed an excellent version of *Sway*, a favourite throughout the tour, as it was on Speech Day. There were also outstanding solo performances by Jonny Leon [Bl] and Montgomery Prize winner, Trishan Vaikunthanathan [Hl]. After another standing ovation, we spent our final day in China tackling the arduous climb of the Great Wall, with mixed success!

'Hosted with real style by various OWs, Hong Kong presented a huge change of culture to what we had experienced in Beijing. We took in the sites and smells of Kowloon by night, spent a day on the South China Sea and, finally, performed! On home soil, Tim Chan [Hl] stood out; usually a marimba player, he adapted to playing the xylophone with professionalism and flair. The *Othello* performance saw Adam Seldon [L] and Nick Harris [Bn] really distinguish themselves, tackling the challenge of a thrust stage for the first time.

'Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam was the shortest of



William Kirk, Henry Counsell and the cast of Billy Elliot

all our stops on tour, but made the greatest impact on many of us. Negotiating the city's swarming mopeds, we reached the War Remnants Museum. It was a shocking, eye opening and profoundly moving experience, which left a mark on us all. Given that our Vietnam 'performance' seemed like a battle with the building's air conditioning, Nik's performance was all the more incredible. His energy and charisma were breathtaking—quite literally. He left the stage dehydrated and barely standing. His efforts had been truly Herculean. As Nik rehydrated and we all caught our breath after an incredible day, the news reached us that

the television cameras in the auditorium had broadcast parts of our *Othello* on one of the major Vietnamese television stations. Celebrity was in our grasp but, sadly, it was time to leave.

'Our final destination, Singapore, provided us with the slice of luxury we had all looked forward to. Reverting to type, we lived as tourists, taking in the sights of the Singapore Flyer (think: London Eye but bigger), relaxing on the beach and indulging in some highly competitive go-kart racing on Sentosa Island, before heading back to Sentosa for a night time safari. Our performance in the ballroom at Eden Hall, home of the British High Commissioner,

was a crowning glory. Performing in-the-round for the first time, the musicians took to the challenge with real aplomb—how Jonny failed to get dizzy, spinning around whilst playing his violin is beyond me—whilst the *Othello* cast all took their roles to new heights. Clem Bunting [Ap] was mesmeric as Desdemona alongside a performance of huge power from Christian.

'We returned tired but inspired; the succinct words of one tourer summed up the feelings of us all: "Thank you so much for the most amazing ten days of my life. I loved every minute of it."' We finished the year with our biggest musical

production to date, Billy Elliot. Wellington College were selected as one of 115 schools across the country given the performing rights to this production to celebrate five years of the show in the West End. Wellington College joined forces with Eagle House to put on this show, unearthing some stars of the future, namely, the supremely talented William Kirk as Billy Elliot. Kirk joins The Hill in September. Outstanding performances came from Molly Gray [O], Henry Counsell [Bn], Harry Keeble [L] and Katie Wells [O]. Tickets disappeared out within a week of going on sale and letters of feedback suggest that it was even better than our landmark production of *Les Misérables* two years ago. Sarah Spencer ■

## — THE ART SCHOOL —

This is my third year at the helm of the Art School and what a dazzling year it's been. The bar was set high with the inaugural Inter-House Art Competition, judged by Peter Monkman, Director of Art at Charterhouse and winner of the 2009 BP Portrait Award and Matt Osmond, Head of Art at Dragon School. An amazing array of work was on view at all seventeen houses and it was really heartening to see such a huge amount of effort being put into the competition by pupils. The philosophy of the Inter-House Art Competition is team spirit and collaboration: the categories within the competition certainly reflected this. The overall winning house was The Orange, who turned the house into a gallery with an array

“Lillie is our equivalent of Heston Blumenthal—an alchemist who puts seemingly disparate elements together with extraordinary results”

of paintings, textiles, mixed media works and prints. The Hopetoun came a more than credible second place, having transformed the main entrance into an extraordinary installation. In third place were The Murray, who produced a wonderful exhibition work, set off by a background of the house colours in black and purple material. The winners in each year group were: Third Form, Polly Chapman; Fourth Form, Silus Curtis [L]; Fifth Form, Oliver Lyon [M]; Lower Sixth Form, Christian Bourne [Pn] and Upper Sixth, Gina Kuschke [Ap] and Milly Bryden [C]. I look forward to this becoming an annual event. There have been many standouts this years in terms of the sheer quality of work produced, but it is the way that pupils have worked together, especially with the advent of the Middle Years Programme, that has made 2009/2010 especially memorable.

My team of exceptional Art teachers have devised many innovative projects, in which Third Form pupils have been completely immersed. It was wonderful to have this tremendous year group represented with an exciting display of work at Speech Day. The MYP, as well as developing existing skills, encourages pupils to be reflective, engaged and thoughtful about their work and, along with the IB Diploma, has changed the way we both think and work as a department. Our Third Form Art Scholars and Exhibitioners have been a credit to both department and school, so I would like to acknowledge Isabella Hutley [A], Phoebe Cave [O], Annie Rose Fiddian

Green [H], Alina Diba Mauritzon [O] and Max Waud [M] for being so proactive and making their mark, quite literally, in their first year at Wellington College. Fourth Form pupils have been an absolute delight to teach this year. They are, to a person, creative, skilful and a hundred per cent dedicated to the subject and we look forward to their stars being in the ascendant even more next year. I pay tribute to all of them, especially the Art Scholars and Exhibitioners, India Ayles [O] who took her AS Level Art this year, Lexi Prew [O], Polly South [C] and Emily Herring [O], who was this year's Fourth Form Art Prize recipient.

The Fifth Form worked hard this year towards their GCSE and it was really thrilling to see the moderation exhibition with 3D Design, Fine Art and Art Textiles on display. This year group have produced some really fabulous work in an array of media and I would like to pay special tribute to the Art Scholars and Exhibitioners Oscar Lahiff [BI], Oliver Lyon [M] and Bethan Cotterill [Hn] and we look forward to their continued success as Lower Sixth Form pupils. Our Lower Sixth Form, as I write, are about to ascend to the Upper Sixth. They have been a really excellent year group, who have led in terms of the way that, more than any other year group, they have really innovated—using installation, film, lasers, sculpture, printmaking and painting. They are a very exciting year group whose progress we shall be watching with great interest. Lower Sixth Form Art Scholars include Florence Batchelor [Ap], Ellie Ashley [Ap] and George Russell-Tracey [Bn]. What to say about Upper Sixth? They have been a truly outstanding year group, who have led the way in terms of their drive and ambition to produce exemplary work. The range of work produced has been the most exciting I can remember. What has struck me most, however, is the scale of work; they have been a year group unafraid to work on any size and any medium. I had to be particularly ruthless when selecting the work for Speech Day, but more on that later. I pay wholehearted tribute to all of them, with particular mention to our Upper Sixth Form Art Scholars Alice Chau [W], Gina Kuschke [Ap] and Sophie Rhodes [Hn] for being superb ambassadors for the Art School.

*A Good Night Out*  
Millie Tett [Ap]





Livy by Milly Bryden [C]



And They're Off by Amy Howells [W]

Then there are the artists who really stand out this year. With so many to choose from, this was incredibly difficult. Eunice Tsang [Ap] represents a new direction for our artists; a generation of really excellent thinkers who use a range of materials and media with intelligence and skill. Eunice's films have received many plaudits this year and she is fortunate to have such a multitude of skills at her fingertips, which she has put to excellent use in film, painting, drawing and photography. Eunice was awarded the Eden Art Prize this year, achieved her Arts Colours and has been offered places to study Fine Art at both the Slade School of Fine Art (UCL) and Goldsmiths College—a terrific achievement and one to be duly proud of. Lillie Cable [Hn] has been an exceptional pupil too this year: she has made two really engaging installations, using aspects of technology and conflict to inform her work. It's tricky to pigeon-hole Lillie's talent; she uses so many aspects of art, science, mathematics and sheer brilliance. Lillie is our equivalent of Heston Blumenthal—an alchemist who puts seemingly disparate elements together with extraordinary results. We are hoping her straight run of full marks achieved at GCSE and AS Level will follow through at A2. Lillie was awarded the David

Moreland-Green Memorial Prize, a fitting and deserved plaudit for this unique Renaissance woman. Alice Chau [W] has continued to produce excellent work for the IB Visual Arts course; it has been a pleasure to watch her maturity and skill as a painter really blossom. Alice was awarded one of two Stockdale Art Prizes and has a place to study at Farnham College of Art (University of Creative Arts) in September 2010.

Every now and again, if one is lucky, a pupil comes along with so much innate, natural ability that it's hard to believe

that he or she is still of school age. Milly Bryden [C] has produced work this year of such exceptional quality that it was particularly highly praised by the winner of the BP Portrait Award 2009, Peter Monkman, when he co-judged the Inter-House Art Competition in November. Milly is a truly gifted painter. She would hate her oeuvre to be described merely as portraiture as she seeks to penetrate below the skin, to dig deeply, unwrap and render visible aspects of her sitters' true self. Milly was one of the Stockdale Art Prize recipients and has been offered a place to study at Wimbledon College of Art (University of



Nascissus by Bethan Cotterill [Hn]

Arts). Charlie Bowring [O] started the A Level course in September 2008 having not studied any form of art since Third Form; it is therefore quite astonishing that she has studied both Fine Art and Art Textiles to such a high level. Charlie would be the first to admit that her passion lies with textiles. She has been an incredibly proactive and prolific maker this year, producing a whole collection of wonderfully imaginative garments, being offered places to study Art at Kingston University and the London College of Fashion (University of Arts) and being awarded the Bachelor Art Prize. Charlie will no doubt continue to flourish, and we look forward to her creations on

the catwalk in Milan, Paris, New York and London sooner rather than later! Alex Ziff [L] has, in many ways, been the glue that has held the department together over the past year, with both generous ambition and pragmatism. Alex never takes no for an answer and as a result has produced some of the most exceptionally ambitious work I have witnessed as an art teacher. Firstly, there was the remarkable feat of producing a truly remarkable Holocaust memorial, taking wax castings of hands from over seven hundred pupils and staff from the Wellington College

community, which Alex transformed into an installation in the Chapel crypt. The piece was so moving and well realised that it wouldn't have looked out of place in any contemporary art gallery or museum. Alex was awarded the Plaistowe Art Prize and has been offered places at both Leeds College of Art and Leeds University, to study Art and Design. Gina Kuschke [Ap] has consistently produced exceptional work during her time at Wellington College. Gina is a wonderfully expressive, intuitive and ambitious painter whose gifts will serve her well for the future.

Hot on the heels of our Upper Sixth cohort are the Lower Sixth Form which are turning out to be a real Tour de Force. They represent a 'sea change' in the culture of the department in terms of the way they are exploring media. The appetite to produce large scale work has been replaced by a more eclectic range of film, photography and often ephemeral site-specific pieces, which demonstrate versatility and a willingness to experiment. As with their predecessors, there have been standouts including Laura Dyer [O], whose Art Textile work has demonstrated exceptional artistic talent, coupled with skill, imagination and attention to detail. Laura was awarded the Lower Sixth Form Art Textiles Prize. Priya Baxter [O] has also produced very strong work this year. Her 'Dragon' piece won many admiring viewers when it went on display during Speech Day and it is clear how much passion and dedication Priya has for the subject and she was the unanimous choice to be awarded the Lower Sixth Form Art Prize. Lily Pickard [C] was awarded the Fifth Form Art Prize. With stunning Textiles pieces for both coursework and examination, Lily has wowed everyone with her breathtaking skill, flair and passion for the subject. She will undoubtedly fly when she takes the subject at AS Level next year. Emily Herring [O] was awarded the Fourth Form Art Prize. Emily is an excellent Fine Artist and Art Scholar, with a huge amount of natural ability in the subject. I am in no doubt that her work will continue to flourish in the Fifth Form. Finally, outstanding artist and Art Scholar Max Waud [M] won the Third Form Art Prize. The Third Form are proving to be an exceptional year group and we look forward to their ascending star next year.

As for our other esteemed year groups, the Fifth Form rose to the challenge of their final GCSE year and produced some outstanding work in Fine Art, 3D Design and Textiles, which saw its first ever cohort through in style, with many pieces resplendent on the Catwalk in

this year's Fashion Show. Our 3D Design and Fine Art continues to shine and it gladdens me that there is no house style. All of our pupils continue to work with great independence and we are looking forward to welcoming back those who have chosen the subject at IB or A Level for September 2010. Our clearly talented Fourth Form have produced some really excellent work this year and will continue to spread their wings even further as they embark on their final GCSE year. I would also like to pay tribute to our very first Third Form MYP group who have been absolutely superb in rising to the challenge of our exciting new IB curriculum. The MYP has re-energised our teaching in the department and has made our resolve to be a world class department even stronger.

The Art School has been prolific as ever, with an exciting programme of exhibitions, including our first ever Scholars exhibition where all Art Scholars and Exhibitioners exhibited their work. Her Majesty the Queen saw a display of pupil's work when she visited for the 150th anniversary and we have had the more than perfunctory series of moderation exhibitions at GCSE, A Level and, for the first time, IB. Our Speech Day exhibition was packed to the rafters with parents and we continue to find new places around College to exhibit site-specific installations.

Trips have been plentiful including the Hannah Peschar Sculpture Park, Pitt Rivers and Ashmolean museums, Oxford for Fourth Form, London galleries and museums for the Fifth Form and various delights for our Sixth Form, including Anish Kapoor at the Royal Academy and the sumptuous History of Art trip to Italy, where pupils saw extraordinary art and architecture in Rome, Venice and Florence. Pupils also took part in The Big Draw at The New Art Centre near Salisbury and a History of Art Study Day at the Dulwich Picture Gallery and Victoria and Albert Museum. Our Sixth Form look forward to the New York/Los Angeles cultural trip in February 2011.

I was given one simple directive when I was appointed as Director of Art in September 2007: to make the Art School at Wellington College the best in Britain. I have another two years to make this vision a reality. I know I can make this happen because I work with an extraordinary team. I pay tribute to Madeline Churchill, Emma Huddart, Bethan Thomas, Rose Shawe-Taylor, Hattie Johnson, Stephanie Lang, Norman Pawley, Jeff Puttock and Paul Redfern for their loyalty, commitment, hard work and passion. *Laurence Hedges* ■

## — — CHESS — —

This has been an outstanding year for Wellington Chess, with successes at both team and individual level. The 2010 Final of the ECF National Schools Championship, sponsored by Yateley Manor, took place at Uppingham School over two days at the beginning of July. Wellington College won a hard fought tournament and repeated their success of 2009.

To begin at the beginning, Wellington qualified for the Finals by first winning their division. They were well tested, however, in the divisional stages by schools with strong reputations in this tournament, most notably RGS Guildford, past winners. They met Wellington in the second round of the division. The score line of 5-1 did not reflect how close the teams really were. In the National stages, Wellington first met Torquay Grammar School, who very sportingly agreed to travel to Wellington. Torquay have an excellent history in this tournament, and Wellington had to turn around a couple of bad positions to win the match 4.5-1.5. The next match was the Quarter Finals, for which Wellington travelled away to Winchester College. The team were on the best form of the year and won the fixture convincingly 5-1.

This meant Wellington had now qualified for the Semi Finals, and hopefully the Finals, scheduled to take place in early July at Uppingham. This year external exams disrupted the team's preparation. All but one of the students was involved in major exams. Last year the team prepared thoroughly for the Finals with friendlies against Crowthorne and Local GMs. This year each individual player had to be responsible for his or her own preparation. In the Semi Finals Wellington faced Manchester Grammar School. Although Manchester were without three of their first team, they fielded a young side that meant that Wellington would have to score more points to win under the handicap rules. An early loss soon put the Wellington team under pressure, in a match that should have been a straight forward win, given the grade difference between the two sides. Adrian Archer Lock [R] was the first to put points on the board for Wellington and he was soon



followed up by Felix Ynojosa [M] and Matthew Kim [M]. At 3-1 and needing just 0.5 of a point to secure the match, Akash Jain [M] and Alex Galliano [M] both offered draws to their opponents, which meant that if they accepted Wellington would win the match. Given the position of both of their matches this was an understandable result and a sporting gesture of the Manchester players, which allowed Akash and Alex to finish early.

Overnight Wellington met to discuss the selection of their team. They were due to meet The Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School in the Final. Habs had a very strong board six dominated by their player Ravi Haria, and it was felt that both Matthew Kim and David Lee [Hn] would find

it difficult to gain a good result. The team were unanimous in deciding to lower the teams average age so that they could complete on level terms. This brought David Lee in for the second time in the season. In the final the match was hard fought all the way. Lateefah Massam-Sparks [Hn] secured an early half point and was soon followed by wins from Felix Ynojosa and Alex Galliano. At 2.5-0.5 Habs pulled one back through board six, this meant that Wellington needed only half a point to win. Adrian Archer

Lock was ahead both on the clock and on the board in a complicated position, but knowing he needed to secure the win as Akash was fighting in his game, added extra pressure. In the end the Habs player ran out of time and the match was won. Akash made the score up to 4-2 with a draw in his game. The top two performers were Adrian Archer Lock on board five, and Felix Ynojosa on board one, who both finished up with 2 out of 2. The dynamics of team chess are as dynamic as anything at Wellington.

Felix has now played on Board one for two years and has returned a 100 percent record! Individual Honours also went to Lateefah Messam Sparks, who won the British Under 18 Girls' Title and the U.K. chess Challenge Under 18 Girls' title. Felix Ynojosa won The U.K. Chess Challenge Under 18 title and finished runner up in the British Under 18 and Under 14 competitions. Adrian Archer Lock won the British Under 16 Title. *John Rawlinson* ■

## DEBATING

The Wellington Debating Society has an ancient and honourable history. Like all human endeavours, it has good and not so good years. We are aiming for a what we term a heyday period. This year has seen another step forward. More and more students chose to join the Debating Society, and we saw the debating teams compete further afield than ever before. Indeed it is reaching the forefront of Wellington's activities. 'Teaching us how to articulate our thoughts clearly and to present a compelling argument', is our noble aim.

At the beginning of the year, Solenn Guegantou [O], Eleanor Taylor [W] and Illias Thoms [T] travelled to Deerfield Academy, just outside Boston, to take part in the International Independent Schools Public Speaking Competition. Illias only narrowly missed out on a trophy in 'Interpretative Reading', coming fourth out of eighty.

In the Mace competition, the foremost national schools debating competition in the U.K., Solenn and Isabel Dennahy [Hn] reached the final twenty in the country, narrowly missing out on the national finals. We also competed again in both the Oxford and Cambridge Schools Debating Competitions and saw excellent performances from Akash Jain [M] amongst others. The junior teams took part in the International Competition for Young Debaters, and Ashna Shah [Hn] and Edward Grigg [Bn] were especially successful, managing to reach the semis on finals' day held at the Oxford Union.

The House Debating final was a re-match, featuring last year's finalists, with Adam Seldon [L] and Fred Ide [L] triumphing for The Lynedoch, after being defeated last year by The Orange. A great deal of potential has been discovered in the younger years, which bodes well for the continued success of debating next year. *Nick Amy* ■



Ashna Shah [Hn] and Edward Grigg [Bn] in the Library at the Oxford Union (International Competition for Young Debaters)

# BOYS' SPORT

## RUGBY

### 1ST XV

For the first match of the season we welcomed Whitgift School. Due to the opening of the new Monro Pavilion, Whitgift very kindly agreed to stagger the kick off times of all the matches throughout the day. That resulted in a bumper crowd and superb atmosphere on Bigside 1. Having recently returned from a tour to New Zealand, and with a number of schoolboy internationals in the Whitgift XV, we were very aware of what a strong team we faced. So it proved. The opening minutes were keenly contested, with both teams working hard to gain the upper hand. A number of excellent breaks from fly half Max Tulley [Bd] kept Wellington on the front foot and resulted in Wellington taking the lead. As half-time approached all was going to plan, with Wellington playing the quick, wide rugby we are renowned for. As the match progressed however, the tide slowly began to turn, with the powerful Whitgift pack beginning to assert their dominance on the young Wellington debutants. Though Wellington continued to battle hard, the superior fitness of the Whitgift team meant our first match was lost by the narrowest of margins, 13-15.

With the disappointment of the opening match, the squad were determined to put things right the following week with a trip to Dulwich College. Wellington played with intensity throughout, and though the match was scrappy, our XV ended up scoring some excellent tries by wing Madison Hughes [A] and captain Sam Edgerley [Bd]. Wellington showed tremendous spirit in defence, managing to hold Dulwich to a solitary penalty. The final score was 55-3. The XV then

travelled to Sherborne and Cheltenham, where powerful performances from Guy Armitage [Bn], Liam Hanna [HI] and Charlie Gordon [BI] meant convincing victories.

After these away matches, we returned home for the first time since day one of the season, and we welcomed Eton College. Always a hard fought match, the 1st XV were determined to put in a good performance. The match showed the Wellington backs and forwards combining for some spectacular tries. Gbade Adewole [M] was on great form, showing the pace, power and agility he has become known for. Centres, James Middleton [Bd] and Guy Armitage [Bn], were very effective, often providing the crucial link with the in-form Wellington backrow of Alex Seward [T], Liam Hanna [HI] and captain for the day Freddie Ward [HI]. It was one of the best performances of the season, and provided much needed confidence for the trip to Blackrock College, near Dublin, during half term.

We were extremely privileged to be invited to the Blackrock College, 150th Anniversary Rugby Festival. The format of the tournament meant that we would have to qualify for the main competition by coming in the top two places in our group on Day 1. We started well with victories over Royal Belfast Academy, Castlenock and St Munchin's. This ensured qualification for the main competition. We did, however, have one more match versus the host school and powerhouse of Irish rugby, Blackrock College. It was a superb finale to the day on their spectacular 1st XV pitch. As expected, the match was extremely intense and physical, with neither side taking a backward step. Blackrock scored early on through a driving lineout, before cleverly

controlling the game through their powerful forward pack. We tried in vain to release our dangerous backline, but conditions and stern defence from the hosts meant we were unable to breach the Blackrock line. We finished the match losing by one try to none, but it had been a good day with qualification for Day 2 secured. We unfortunately lost lock forward Nik Salmon [Bd] with a nasty hand injury, but Vadim Toczyklin [BI] was really beginning to show maturity in the middle of the Wellington pack, and was putting in some excellent performances.

The front row of Tom Margetson [A], Kieran Ball [Bd], Harrison George [T], Simon Haddad [S], Kyle Ross [Hg] and Will Harris [L] had been rotating throughout the tournament, and this proved invaluable as we entered the second day, with all members of the front row union playing with excellent intensity to ensure a steady stream of good balls for the backline. The second day began with a tough opening match against Terenure College. Wellington started at a blistering pace. Elliott Markham [Hg] turned in his best performance in a 1st XV jersey and guided the side to a superb victory by 3 tries to 1. The momentum was building and the squad were looking towards the final matches with optimism. Next up came Colston's School from Bristol. Again Wellington tried to widen the game, putting together a breathtaking opening ten minutes, culminating in scoring a length of the field try started by Markham, finished by Edgerley with help from Middleton, Armitage and Hughes on the way. By this stage Wellington were rampant and looked set to blow Colston's away. Half-time served to break up the rhythm of the Wellington attack, with Colston's looking more dangerous as the match progressed. Late in the match it was Colston's that latched on to a Wellington error to bring the scores level. It was an excellent performance, but extremely disappointing to finish with a draw. The result changed our situation very little. Wellington would need to beat the only other unbeaten side in the group, Clongowes Wood College, in order to progress to the final. A mistake from the kick off allowed Clongowes to take a 5-0 lead immediately as the match started. Despite the poor start, Wellington set about playing the wide, expansive game that had brought so much success earlier in the tournament. The Clongowes

press defence was smothering and Wellington struggled to make any telling breaks. Despite continued pressure from Wellington, the Clongowes defence held firm to give them a 5-0 victory and a place in the final. Seven matches over 2 days was a huge task for the squad, but each and every member played their part in what was an extremely rewarding and beneficial trip.

Back home we returned to our regular fixture programme, with the always strong Bryanston next. Wellington started well, with hooker Harrison George [T] carrying excellently and Louis Timpany [A], the find of the Ireland trip, continuing to impress with his tough, no nonsense approach to defence. After building a healthy lead in the first half Wellington, began to lose intensity in the match. As expected, Bryanston capitalised on this and began to claw their way back into the contest. It was too late however, and Wellington managed to hold on for victory.

Next up the 1st XV travelled to Welford Road, home of Leicester Tigers for a special floodlit fixture with Sedbergh School. It proved to be a tremendous occasion. Sedbergh came to Leicester unbeaten, and their confidence was evident, as they began the match very well taking an early lead, whilst demonstrating

some excellent work by their very impressive pack of forwards. Wellington hit back with a dropped goal from Elliott Markham [Hg], but were struggling to get a hold of the game and trailed 3-18. It was clear that Wellington would have to change their tactics should they hope to compete successfully, and so they did. After defending an initial onslaught from Sedbergh at the beginning of the second half, the tide slowly began to change. Wellington increased the pace of the game, and began to stretch the now tiring Sedbergh defence. An excellent individual try from Charlie Gordon [BI], brought the Wellington team right back into contention, and the momentum had well and truly shifted. Unfortunately with minutes to play one of the Sedbergh players suffered a very serious injury causing a substantial hold up in play. Thankfully he has recovered well, and we look forward to seeing him against us in next year's fixture. The stoppage, however, slowed the match down, and despite a last minute attempt by Guy Armitage [Bn] to claim victory for Wellington, Sedbergh

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finished the match the deserving winners. It was a great schoolboy rugby match.

There was no time to rest, with an away trip to Bedford School only two days later. In some very difficult conditions Wellington struggled to pick up where they had left off against Sedbergh. Despite gaining dominance up front, Wellington produced a fragmented performance with little direction. Our loss allowed Bedford to record an unbeaten season. It was hugely disappointing for Wellington, given the progress that had been made over previous weeks.

After what seemed an eternity, the 1st XV returned to Bigside 1 the following week. Although the performance against Epsom was not exceptional, it did yield a much needed victory. The confidence gained from this allowed the team really to express themselves when visiting Cranleigh the following week. Tom Margetson [A] had an impressive match in the loose, but the standout forward of the day was Tom Garvey [S], who played with real freedom in the back row. The college scored a number of exceptional tries in the first half and ended up one pass away from some spectacular scores in the second half. It was an excellent team performance.

The visit of Tonbridge is always one that Wellingtonians look forward to, and this year was no different. The Tonbridge leavers had been a very strong year group throughout their time at the school, and Wellington were well aware of just how tough a match they were in for. With their powerful driving lineout, Tonbridge took an early lead in the match. It was clear that Tonbridge also possessed some very dangerous backs to complement their strong forward pack, and both sides enjoyed periods of dominance throughout the game. Harrison George [T] had an excellent game, conjuring up some excellent turnovers in open play. It was Tonbridge, however, that held the lead, going into the final ten minutes. Wellington pressed hard for the equalising try, but Tonbridge stood firm to record a well deserved victory.

With only one match of the season left, the leavers in particular were determined to finish their time at Wellington on a high note. RGS High Wycombe always provide a stern test, but the motivation of the Wellington team was clear for all to see. Having raced to an early lead, Wellington seemed to be in control of the match. That was until a length of the field interception try brought RGS within four points of Wellington with minutes to spare. Despite some nervous moments the 1st XV

managed to hold on for a final day victory on Bigside.

The team were superbly led by Sam Edgerley [Bn], who completed his third year in the 1st XV. He commanded the respect of all those who played with and against him, and set the highest standards both on and off the pitch. Sam represented England U20 in the Six Nations, an outstanding achievement and one we may not see again from a current schoolboy. Guy Armitage [Bn] joined Sam when representing the England U19 Academy side that defeated the touring Australians, and both have signed professional contracts with London Irish. 2010 Captain of Rugby Charlie Gordon [BI] was capped by England U18s, with Kieran Ball [Bd] and Tom Margetson [A] playing for Ireland U18s in AER International Tournament. We also had the rare achievement of having an American U18 representative this season, with Madison Hughes [A] playing for U.S.A. U18s against Canada. Alex Seward [T] was deservedly awarded the OW Player's Player of the Year Award. He showed character, determination and no shortage of skill throughout the season, whilst proving that attitude and application remain the most valued contributions of any Wellingtonian to rugby.

## SEVENS

Following a highly successful 2009 sevens' season, the 1st VII entered 2010 with a number of titles to defend, including Bryanston Sevens, Surrey Sevens and the Rosslyn Park National Schoolboy Sevens. Bryanston saw the first outing of the term and some much needed game time. After a comfortable progression through the groups and early knock out stages, the team came up against a much fancied Brighton College side in the semi-finals. Struggling at kick-off time and in the set piece, Wellington found it hard to gain the possession needed to hurt Brighton, and lost to the eventual tournament winners.

The squad then made a first visit to the Portsmouth GS Sevens, a tournament that has vastly improved in standard over recent years. We found ourselves in the so called 'Group of Death', alongside Academy Sixth Form Colleges Ivybridge, Filton and Coleg Sir Gâr. The players put in some excellent performances to win the group convincingly. After such a physically demanding group, we were rewarded with a match against Millfield in the semi-finals. A poor start in sevens usually ends in defeat and so it proved, with Millfield racing to a 0-19 lead and eventually a 10-24 victory over the tired Wellington VII.

## RUGBY 1ST XV RESULTS

PLAYED: 12; WON: 8; LOST: 4; POINTS FOR: 320; POINTS AGAINST: 141

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|--------------------------------|----------------|-------|
| WHITGIFT SCHOOL . . . . .      | LOST . . .     | 13-15 |
| DULWICH COLLEGE . . . . .      | WON . . .      | 55-3  |
| SHERBORNE SCHOOL . . . . .     | WON . . .      | 32-7  |
| CHELTHENHAM COLLEGE . . . . .  | WON . . .      | 59-7  |
| ETON COLLEGE . . . . .         | WON . . .      | 38-11 |
| BLACKROCK TOURNAMENT . . . . . | SEMI-FINALISTS |       |
| BRYANSTON SCHOOL . . . . .     | WON . . .      | 24-13 |
| SEDBERGH SCHOOL . . . . .      | LOST . . .     | 15-21 |
| BEDFORD SCHOOL . . . . .       | LOST . . .     | 5-11  |
| EPSOM COLLEGE . . . . .        | WON . . .      | 11-3  |
| CRANLEIGH SCHOOL . . . . .     | WON . . .      | 24-5  |
| TONBRIDGE SCHOOL . . . . .     | LOST . . .     | 21-26 |
| RGS HIGH WYCOMBE . . . . .     | WON . . .      | 23-19 |

We moved on to Richmond Athletic Ground to defend our Surrey Sevens title, and despite no return on any of our previous tournaments, the squad remained upbeat and confident. Having played some excellent sevens in our group, we had a slight wobble against Sherborne in the last 16, but progressed to face Filton College none the less. Wellington began well and opened the scoring with a well worked try. Filton tied the game up with a score of their own, before Wellington had one disallowed just before the break. Filton were the next to score, before Wellington again replied. It was a great game, but unfortunately Wellington didn't quite get the rub of the green in the closing stages and Filton managed to steal victory. The squad were understandably hugely disappointed.

The main focus of the term was understandably on the Rosslyn Park National Schools' Sevens; a tournament that has traditionally brought the best out of Wellington sides, having won the title a record nine times previously. We moved on to the tournament determined to finish the season on a high note. For the second year running we faced Marlborough College on the opening day of the competition. Wellington were more focused they had been all season and put on an impressive display. Further group wins versus Eltham College, New Hall School and Monkton Combe School secured our progress into the Final 16. Day

two saw us open in the knockout stages against Christ College, Brecon. Wellington put together their most complete sevens performance of the season, winning 38-0 and confidence and self belief began to run through the squad. The college next defeated Trent College, setting up a semi-final against The Oratory. In one of the significant games of the tournament, Wellington and the very talented Oratory side swapped the lead on several occasions. With barely a minute left of the match Wellington trailed by a score, and, without the ball, looked on their way out of the tournament. The team however were more determined than ever and continued to press hard in defence, putting plenty of pressure on their opponents. Oratory made an error and Wellington were back in possession, but still needed another score. After a series of good decisions the ball found it's way to Darion Naylor [Hg], a key member of the sevens squad for the previous two seasons. Darion managed to squeeze over in the corner and Wellington found themselves in their second successive Rosslyn Park Final.

The final saw Wellington face friends and rivals Tonbridge School. Wellington began well, opening the scoring through Charlie Gordon [Bl]. Tonbridge quickly struck back, before Wellington were unfortunate to have a player put into the sin bin. Despite being a man down Wellington continued to play with conviction and purpose,



Back row, left to right: Harrison George [T], Simon Haddad [S], Alexander Seward [T], Kieran Ball [Bd], Elliott Markham [Hg], Darion Naylor [Hg], Madison Hughes [A]. Middle row: Kevin Brennan Esq, Tom Margetson [A], Tom Garvey [S], Vadim Toczylkin [Bl], Nik Salon [Bd], James Middleton [Bd], Max Tulley [Bd], Steve Shortland Esq. Front row: Charlie Gordon [Bl], Will Harris [L], Freddie Ward [Hl], Sam Edgerley (Captain) [Hl], Guy Armitage [Bn], Liam Hanna [Hl], Gbade Adewole [M]

managing to score a length of the field try through Guy Armitage [Bn], resulting in a 10-7 half time lead for the holders. The second half began with Wellington continuing to press hard, but it was Tonbridge who took control of the ball and the pace of the match. Tonbridge were the next to score, and quickly followed their try by regaining possession straight from the kick off. They managed to achieve this another two times, starving Wellington of the ball, whilst taking every opportunity they had to score. Wellington lost the final 10-24, to a Tonbridge side that deserved victory. Despite the loss it was an excellent finish to the sevens. Wellington had produced their best rugby in the biggest tournament.

### COLLEGE RUGBY

Yet again Wellington was blessed with excellent depth throughout all of the teams in the school. This led to many sides playing against higher teams from opposition schools, and in many cases still producing excellent victories. The 2nd XV were superbly led by Fred Ide [L], who gained his full college rugby colours as a result. For the second year in succession the 2nd XV lost only one match. They were joined in losing only once by the 5th and 6th XV. The 3rd XV built up an excellent team spirit and finished the season as the only unbeaten senior side in college. Their

leading players were Gordon Hamilton-Fairley [Hg] and Luke James [Bn], but they were not the only two in the 3rd XV who could have comfortably graced a higher team.

The Colts were led by Ian Mitchell, the driving force behind Colts forward play at Wellington for almost 20 years, and Jimmy Higham a novice by comparison. The year group enjoyed by far their most successful season at Wellington, through combining their existing natural abilities with a more mature understanding and appreciation of how to ensure their efforts resulted in victory. This saw them triumph in all but two fixtures, including victories over Dulwich and Tonbridge for the first time as a year group. More importantly, however, the squad made enormous strides in terms of their personal development as rugby players and also as young men. The outstanding players during the season were Luke Mortell [T], Will Donnelly [Bd] and Seb Moseley [Hl]. Next year will see this talented group of players move up to senior rugby where many will surely be pushing for 1st and 2nd XV honours.

The Junior Colts year group were another at Wellington that possessed great depth, and huge competition for places throughout all of the teams. The Junior Colts 2 and 5 lost only one match, with the 3s finishing unbeaten. Again all of these achievements were made even more impressive, due to them playing against higher teams from opposition

schools. The biggest story of the year however, was the hugely exciting Daily Mail Cup run that the Junior Colts 1st team managed to put together. Despite having lost a number of fixtures during their regular season fixture card, they always managed to find ways to win when representing the College in the National competition. The most notable victories came against Colston's School and Hampton School. The Colston's victory was built on solid defence, sheer character and determination. Do Hun Kim [A] epitomised these characteristics and always impressed with his close quarter work. The semi-final victory over Hampton School was another where Wellington emerged from their tag as underdogs to secure a place in the Final at Twickenham. The forwards tackled and battled gallantly throughout, but it was the electrifying finishing of Yemisi Belo [A] and Tom Inglis [Bd], along with the cool head of fly-half Charlie Wicks [A] that won the day for Wellington. The side enjoyed a superb day at Twickenham, and although they fell just short, losing 7-10 to Wilmslow School in the final, it was the journey and the manner in which they conducted themselves throughout that will remain with them. The side was captained by Alex Corner [L] and

earlier in the season by Simon Sexton [A]. Simon also represented England U16A in the International Festival, an exceptional and rare achievement for someone a year young for the team.

The Yearlings had a very tough introduction to Wellington rugby, but their results do not tell the whole story. Despite losing a number of matches there were some very encouraging signs throughout the term. Steady progress was seen, and the more the boys played and trained together the greater was their success. This was clearly evident post-Exeat, when the team lost only one match, whilst chalking up impressive victories against Sedbergh, Epsom and RGS High Wycombe. Richard Butler [Bd] and Brett Herron [L] both played for the Junior Colts during their Daily Mail Cup run, an experience that will surely stand them in good stead for next year when the whole side enters the competition.

*Correction:* The 2008/2009 Wellington Year Book Rugby Report erroneously stated that 'we had not beaten Tonbridge School in eight years'. It should have read: 'We beat Tonbridge the previous year; we just had not beaten them away at Tonbridge for eight years'. Kevin Brennan ■

## — HOCKEY —

Once again with a very cold start to the season and pitches covered in snow, we saw the weather winning over Boys' hockey. Very little hockey was played in the Lent term of 2010 in what is already a very short hockey season. However, once the pitches became just playable, the enthusiasm and the commitment that the boys showed—in what at times was some of the worst hockey weather I have seen—was commendable. All teams had very little time to prepare and select their members ready for our first fixture of the season.

Once again we were crowned County Champions in both the Under 14 and the Under 16 Tournaments, with the 1st XI narrowly missing out on qualification to the South round on penalty strokes. The Under 14 and Under 16 teams went on to finish 4th in the South Tournaments.

With the season being so short and the boys playing almost no hockey in the first term of the academic year, the Michaelmas term, emphasis will be placed in future on getting our top players to club sessions before Christmas. That should ensure we are producing hockey players

who will perform more consistently and 'hit the ground running' come January. It has been a while since our boys' hockey has made a trip to national competitions, and it is about time we start to get the boys back to where they belong—at the top of schoolboy hockey in the country.

### 1ST XI

The weather, having yet again spoilt the pre-season training, this year's extended snow meant the 1st XI only had two indoor training sessions before their first match. We really should learn and go abroad for a few days at the start of the Lent term in future! Having said this we played pretty well for the first five matches, so maybe going into a season blind is a better way to start after all.

With a slightly different line up for this year's fixtures, Charterhouse were first on our fixture list. We were fortunate to get any game at all, as the snow was still lying deep on the Wellington pitch. Fortunately Charterhouse had managed to clear their pitch, so we switched the venue and played there. The team was obviously pleased

to be out playing, and there was a good buzz about the squad as we went out onto the pitch. With six of last year's team returning, we had the core of a decent side. Max Fawcett [Bd] had been persuaded to come back and keep goal, having not played last year, and I might go as far as saying he ended up being the outstanding player of the season. On many occasions he saved the team from embarrassment, and he got better and better as the season went on. Jamie Russell [Hg] captained the team from centre-half in his third season for the XI and marshalled his team well in this opening match. It was a pretty even contest, but Wellington managed to work the ball well down the right channel through Charlie Pickard [BI] and Dom Cooke [A], to open the scoring. Dom Cooke received the ball just outside the 25 and eventually scored in the top left corner of the goal, without too many of his team mates getting in the way. I will accept a 1-0 victory against Charterhouse any day and this was a good opener to the season, indeed showing we had potential, but also exposing frailties at the back. We needed to learn fast that, in defence, marking your man was key, then accurate sharp distribution was next on the agenda, and that flare could follow, once these basics had been mastered. Most of the changes in the line up over the season occurred in the backs. We struggled throughout as our defence was not solid enough:

we were too keen on getting forward before the danger had been averted. On a number of occasions we left ourselves exposed when we had worked so hard to gain the ball in the first place. For the last few matches we settled with Ollie Barker [Hg] and Peter Davidge [Hg], both who had worked their way up from the 2nd team and in the end proved a much safer pairing.

Eton featured next. Playing on their bouncy pitch is always a challenge. However, we once again rose to the occasion. The game was fairly evenly matched throughout, but we managed to convert our short corners well and our work rate was excellent, leaving the hosts 3-1 down. Our opening Boarding Schools' Cup match against Repton

had been postponed earlier in the term so Cranleigh were our next opponents. Having had an epic match against them in the semi-final of the BSC last year, we were out for revenge. However, they were as strong if not stronger and more disciplined than last season and ran out easy winners, 1-4. The maturity, poise and selflessness that they showed always works for success in hockey. Having said this, we missed two open goals at the beginning of the match which could have changed the outcome completely. One cannot afford to miss those types of opportunities against good opposition. We did not give up though, and once again our work rate, led by Max Tulley [Bd], kept us in the hunt.

After a three-hour bus journey up to the Midlands

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and a 5.30 p.m. push back, we were treated to constant drizzle, for the rearranged Repton match. This did not dampen our spirit though and playing against the unknown was a blessing in disguise. We took the game to them and made significant inroads against an obviously well-drilled team. Both teams battled hard, but Repton had the upper hand and we were very fortunate that they could not convert a number of chances. We came in at half time tired, but very pleased in the way we were playing and still felt we had a good chance. Then out of the blue with a little bit of luck and a stroke of genius, James Colman [S] made a run down the right wing from right back. He weaved round a couple

of their players and kept going until he hit the base line: taking a sharp left he continued towards the goal. The Repton defence kept expecting him to pass the ball back to those waiting in front of the goal, but he deliberately keep going and somehow managed to squeeze the ball under the goalkeeper—*incredible!* Repton pressed hard again but could still not find an opening—Jack Tuckwell [BI] picking anything that came his way and Max Fawcett having a blinder in goal and Gordon Hamilton-Fairly [Hg] working his socks off quietly at left-mid. With ten minutes to go, we were still 1-0 up and started to think we were in with a real chance. Then our luck ran out and Repton scored with a fortunate deflected goal. Heads went down

and their quality started to show and we ended 1-3. We travelled back down to Crowthorne and Repton went on to win the National. If we put it in that context, our's was a pretty good outing and showed that we are not that far off from the top, as long as we can be consistent.

The team had learnt hard lessons from the last couple of outings. Tonbridge, our next opponents, were made to feel the weight of our bouncing back during one of our best performances of the season. They went down 4-2 as our forwards, Max Tulley, Will Western-Kaye [Bd] and Lloyd Watters [S] started firing. Then the 'wheels came off' for the next couple of weeks. The County Championship has not been good hunting ground for Wellington at this level for a few years, but we honestly thought this would be the year to get back on top again. We started off well with a 2-0 victory against Windsor, but played poorly against Bradfield and then Eton in the semi-final, who went on to win overall. One day later Marlborough proved not to be a great day out either, and we struggled to a 1-1 draw in the first of six matches in the newly formed Charlie Barker Trophy, a league competition. We then went to Abingdon on a very cold and damp day, slipped back into old habits and really didn't play well at all, losing badly 2-6. Two points from two matches was not quite the plan and going to Bradfield next was always going to be a difficult proposition. In the end it proved to be a decent tussle and goals were scored at either end. Wellington escaped another defeat by scoring from a short corner in the last play of the game.

St Edwards were the next league match and we had the better of the first half, but could not convert any of the numerous chances we had once again. Ali Marjot [S] and Jamie Russell in the mid-field worked 'terrier like' that day, but Teddies slowly broke down our defence and we walked away a little unlucky, at 0-3 down. At this point we were sitting at the bottom of the league and were desperate for a win. Travelling to Cheltenham, who were also having a tough season, gave us a decent chance. We started brightly and continued to move the ball well all afternoon. Goals came, but so did a few cards and playing with nine men for ten minutes of the second half did not help. We hung on, however, and once Tulley and Russell had re-joined the match, we snuck a third goal to win 3-2 in a game that we should have won easily by the end of the first half. The next day we entertained the OWs, but youth did not show

| <b>HOCKEY</b>                          |                      |
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| 1ST XI                                 |                      |
| CHARTERHOUSE . . . . .                 | WON . . . . . 1 - 0  |
| ETON . . . . .                         | WON . . . . . 3 - 1  |
| CRANLEIGH . . . . .                    | LOST . . . . . 1 - 4 |
| REPTON (BSC) . . . . .                 | LOST . . . . . 1 - 3 |
| TONBRIDGE . . . . .                    | WON . . . . . 4 - 2  |
| <b>BERKSHIRE U18 COUNTY TOURNAMENT</b> |                      |
| WINDSOR . . . . .                      | WON . . . . . 2 - 0  |
| BRADFIELD . . . . .                    | LOST . . . . . 0 - 3 |
| ETON (SEMI-F) . . . . .                | LOST . . . . . 0 - 0 |
| (3 - 4 ON FLICKS)                      |                      |
| MARLBOROUGH . . . . .                  | DREW . . . . . 1 - 1 |
| ABINGDON . . . . .                     | LOST . . . . . 2 - 6 |
| BRADFIELD . . . . .                    | DREW . . . . . 3 - 3 |
| ST. EDWARDS . . . . .                  | LOST . . . . . 0 - 3 |
| CHELTENHAM . . . . .                   | WON . . . . . 3 - 2  |
| OWS . . . . .                          | LOST . . . . .       |
| RADLEY . . . . .                       | WON . . . . . 3 - 0  |

and the old boys ran out easy victors. It is always nice to the save the best until last. In the final game of the season we played Radley for the first time for a number of years. In front of the biggest crowd of the term, both teams fought hard and entertained them to a great game of hockey. Radley did nothing wrong that day and played well, but Wellington blew them away with some scintillating flowing hockey in a 3-0 victory.

In an up-and-down season, at times Wellington showed that they could compete with the very best. We could have beaten the National Champions. We could have been County Champions. We could have beaten the three teams that ended above us in the league. However, sport is not about what 'could have been' and consistency, simplicity and basic skills needed to be more prevalent. On the other hand we did not lack in effort, spirit and tenacity and that is sometimes all you really want to ask for from a team.

Jonathan White ■

## — CRICKET —

The 1st XI enjoyed a season of mixed success. A return of nine victories was both impressive and satisfying, but frustratingly, several school matches were lost each by a narrow margin.

The team were captained by Tom Wood [Hg], who after a brief period of absence during the IB examinations, led the side with determination and intelligence. Frustratingly for Tom, he did not pass 50 all season, despite looking classy and confident whenever he was at the crease. The runs were shared amongst a number of batsmen. Angus Boobyer [Pn] scored 500 runs overall, but carried the frustration of a back injury preventing him from spearheading our seam attack. Will Leith [S] bowled with beautiful control and consistency all year, and deservedly topped the wickets tally. After a slow batting start to the season, after taking his exams, he came into his own with some high quality innings at the top of the order, including a fine century in our victory v. M.C.C. Max Tulley [Bd], played with energy and aggression throughout the season and his all-round statistics demonstrate the considerable improvement that he has made as a cricketer. Arguably, our player of the season was James Brooks [L], who was one of the finest wicket keepers on display throughout the summer. He also scored invaluable runs in the middle order, in his own refreshingly selfless but aggressive manner.

The first block fixture of the season came against a strong Marlborough XI on Turf and we prevailed. Set 252 for victory, the game appeared to be lost for Wellington until Oli Barker [Hg] strode to the crease. He smashed five of his first eight deliveries for six and, together with the impressive Boobyer, a victory was within reach. Unfortunately, Barker's cameo performance came to a disappointing end, as he skied a full-toss to mid wicket. With his departure, so Wellington's hopes of victory faded; we finished 14 runs short. Nevertheless, this was a wonderful game of schoolboy cricket, and it certainly set the tone for the season. A narrow last over defeat to a very strong Radley side (away) and a frustratingly rained off fixture at Harrow, left the XI still awaiting their first victory. This came, in emphatic fashion, at Bradfield, where Junior Colt, Connor Nurse [A], demonstrated his obvious run scoring ability with a well accumulated 92. A target of 245 would always be difficult for the hosts, and with tight bowling and

some excellent fielding from Nick Hopcroft [Bd], Bradfield fell 82 runs short. Two days later, we headed to Cranleigh and in a declaration match, we restricted our opponents to 254. Left arm spinner Leith showed his obvious talent, with figures of 24-4-74-5. Having lost two early wickets in our reply, Leith and Boobyer steadied the ship with a calm and impressive 90 run partnership. However, when they and Rendell fell in quick succession, we entered the last hour (20 overs) still needing 130 runs to win with 5 wickets in hand. Brooks and Tulley constructed the best partnership of the season and with 15 needed off 4 overs, a Wellington victory seemed certain. However, the next 16 deliveries resulted in only 4 runs and Tulley's wicket. With Brooks starved of the strike, Oli Barker, our very own Gilbert Jessop, marched to the crease: 11 runs needed off 8 balls. An almighty swing and a miss was followed by a no-ball being launched over the (not short) mid-wicket boundary. Barker obviously showed little trust in his batting partner, and promptly dispatched the final (and 7th) ball of the over in the same direction as the previous ball, only 15 yards further over the rope—a wonderful end to a super game of cricket. A narrow loss to Eton on Turf in a low scoring fixture, where not for the first time, our top order failed, was disappointing, but we went into half-term with a strong victory against the OWs in a rain affected T20 fixture—on a damp and dreary, yet thoroughly enjoyable Speech Day.

After the half-term break, another poor top order batting display against Tonbridge saw us 7 down at lunch, with not yet three figures on the board. However, an equally typical resilient fightback from our middle/low order saw us post a respectable, but never enough, total of 191, on a typically true Turf pitch. After some tough fixtures, we were in real need of a victory against Charterhouse and, thanks to some fine batting from James Rendell [S] and a sound all-round bowling display, victory by 50 runs was secured. Special mention must go to Tom Membrey [HI] who, as a Junior Colt, opened the bowling and recorded economical figures of 9-2-26-1.

Amidst soaring temperatures in the latter stages of term, we travelled to Winchester to play against a very successful XI. Losing the toss was not the start we wanted, and when the Winchester batters came in for lunch on 191 for 1 off 36 overs, a total way in excess of



The 1st XI: standing: Chris James [R], William Lowe [Bd], James Brooks [L], Oliver Barker [Hg], William Miller [S], Oliver Rendell [S]  
Sitting: Angus Boobyer [Pn], Max Tulley [Bd], Tom Wood [Hg], James Rendell [S], William Leith [S]

300 was on the cards. However, our boys showed great fight. Impressive spells from leg spinner Barker and the affable medium pacer, Will Miller [S], helped us contain the hosts to 265 for 8 off their 50 overs. On a belter of a pitch with a lightning-fast outfield, this total did not appear insurmountable. We seemed to pace our chase perfectly, with Nurse and Boobyer working the ball around cleverly in the middle overs of our innings. An unfortunate run out and some clever bowling from Winchester, however, saw us fall agonisingly short by a mere 4 runs, despite some lusty late hitting from James Brooks. Our hosts were justifiably ecstatic with their victory.

We welcomed no fewer than seven touring teams to Wellington in the latter stages of term and some wonderful cricket and sporting relationship-building occurred. Victory was secured against M.C.C., captained by C. P. R. Hodgson [A 1991–1996], thanks to a wonderful partnership of 220 by Boobyer (97) and Leith (107). Leith added these runs to an already impressive 3 wicket return. Victories were also achieved over our friends from Scotch College,

Melbourne and St Peter's Adelaide—again thanks to some fine bowling from Leith (4 for 45), who was well supported by his captain, Tom Wood who took 4 for 36. We had less success against the South African schools, as Maritzburg College and Rondebosch were quite simply too strong for us. Hilton College provided our boys with further tough opposition and they defeated us by 5 wickets in an excellent game on Turf. They were wonderful visitors and their strong army of travelling support enjoyed the fine cakes, sandwiches and Wellington College white burgundy that was on offer! We did, however, defeat regular visitors, the Blue Leopards, thanks to the innings of the season by Will Leith who fell 2 runs short of a second century in a week.

The anchor leg of our extremely full season, saw an exciting and young Wellington XI (containing four Junior Colts) head to Sedbergh for our annual BOWS festival. Whilst we failed to defend our title, we secured an excellent 31 run victory against the Festival winners, Sedbergh (Brooks 57, Nurse 55 and Leith 4 for 22). Narrow defeats followed against Brighton (despite another Brooks 50) and

## 1ST XI CRICKET STATISTICS

PLAYED 22, WON 9, LOST 11, DRAWN 2

### BATTING

| NAME          | INNINGS | N/O | RUNS | HIGHEST | AVERAGE |
|---------------|---------|-----|------|---------|---------|
| M.W.A. TULLEY | 15      | 2   | 442  | 72      | 34.00   |
| J.P.P. BROOKS | 21      | 4   | 564  | 64*     | 33.17   |
| A.T. BOOBYER  | 22      | 2   | 583  | 97      | 29.15   |
| J.B. RENDELL  | 16      | 2   | 359  | 52      | 25.64   |
| W.R.G. LEITH  | 22      | 1   | 523  | 107     | 24.90   |
| C.J. NURSE    | 17      |     | 370  | 92      | 21.76   |
| W.O.E. BARKER | 18      | 2   | 298  | 44      | 18.62   |
| T.J. WOOD*    | 19      | 1   | 312  | 38      | 17.33   |

### BOWLING

|                | OVERS | MAIDENS | RUNS | WICKETS | BEST | AVERAGE |
|----------------|-------|---------|------|---------|------|---------|
| W.T.G. MEMBREY | 98.4  | 18      | 324  | 16      | 3-21 | 20.25   |
| M.W.A. TULLEY  | 87    | 5       | 443  | 19      | 5-32 | 23.31   |
| W.R.G. LEITH   | 225   | 24      | 829  | 33      | 5-74 | 25.12   |
| C.D. JAMES     | 125   | 16      | 462  | 15      | 3-35 | 30.80   |
| T.J. WOOD*     | 149.5 | 17      | 592  | 19      | 4-36 | 31.15   |
| W.E. MILLER    | 95.3  | 8       | 375  | 11      | 3-63 | 34.09   |
| W.O.E. BARKER  | 97    | 3       | 442  | 11      | 3-50 | 40.18   |

Oakham, who scored 275, thanks to a masterly unbeaten 180 from Tom Fell, a colt. Boobyer topped the run-scoring for the season, Leith the wickets tally and Brooks was outstanding with the wicket keeping gloves and with the bat. Chris James [R], Will Miller [S], Tom Membrey [HI] were all impressive in the seam bowling department and pleasingly all return next year. We say goodbye to Max Tulley, James Rendell, Oli Barker and Tom Wood who have all contributed so much to cricket at Wellington in the last five years and they are sure to be great assets to the OWCC.

### 2ND XI

After two 'last over' losses to Marlborough and Radley, then an abandoned match at Harrow, the 2nd XI won their next six matches. The team gained in confidence, competence and style, and had a thoroughly enjoyable season. Charlie Pickard [BI] captained with authority, and his innings of 137 not-out in the win over Cranleigh was considered by many experienced observers one of the best innings seen on Turf for some time. William Western-Kaye's [Bd] contributions

in his third season in the team became better and better, with scores of 74, 62, 52 and 46, leading the side in four of the last five games. Alex Ziff [L], also returning after the 2009 season, contributed scores of 40, 57 and 47, before injury and exam commitments curtailed his season. Of the bowlers, Nik Salmon [Bd] had his best season out of the five he has played at Wellington, finding a consistent line, and at times bowling with real pace. Of the Lower Sixth Formers, Will Lowe [Bd] played just two innings for the 2nd XI, scoring 82 and 65 and, after scores of 72 not-out, 50, 77 and 32, Nick Hopcroft [Bd] finally caught the eye of 1st XI selectors. Madison Hughes [A] kept wicket athletically and made several useful contributions with the bat, as did Kyle Ross [Hg] when opportunities arose. Peter Davidge [Hg] bowled several impressive spells with the new ball, and Aun Abdi [T] bowled some genuine wicket-taking deliveries, as he began to control his away swing. These were supported by seamers Will Miller [S], Will Quinn [M] and Vad Toczylkin [BI], while Michael Reid [S] took useful wickets with his controlled off-spin.

## COLTS

We regularly fielded 16 teams on a Saturday and thanks to the enthusiasm and commitment of our staff and the attitude and ability of our pupils, there was a wonderfully friendly environment around the College on match days. There were many individual and team highlights throughout the summer and a selection of these are listed below.

The Colts 1st XI had a hugely successful and enjoyable season, winning six from eight matches, some by considerable margins. The squad lost only Chris James [R] to the College team—although Ollie Rendell [S], Pete Melhuish [BI] and Charlie Daggart [L] also played on occasion—and a reasonably settled side gelled together, with many individuals shining during the year. Having snatched defeat from the jaws of victory at Marlborough in the opening match, Charlie Daggart led a spirited recovery with a sparkling hundred on Turf against Harrow and, although some erratic bowling allowed the opposition to get close, this started a run of wins with only the match against Tonbridge being lost. Against Radley, we posted 219, with Rendell scoring 62 and with some aggressive hitting and running between the wickets from Charlie Skipworth-Button [Bd] and Will Avrili [Bn], who moved from 2nds to captain the 1sts. Will McCreery [HI] led the way with the ball, taking 3-27 with some controlled off spin and he developed his awareness and flight well during the season. Cranleigh were next in line on New Ground, which became something of a fortress for the Colts—Max Gumpert's [HI] powerful 72 not-out saw Wellington home after a few wobbles early on. Pete Melhuish supported well with a workmanlike 32. Pete was also the go-to guy with the ball and a sharp fielder—he looks a promising all round cricketer. Josh Huckin [Pn] opened the batting in this match and scored quick runs—with more opportunities, he may have scored more and was always keen and a good team man. So was Fergus Shires [BI], whose left-arm seam was always accurate and reliable. Daggart was back to form against Eton, smashing several sixes as we knocked up 182 with ease to win by 4 wickets. The half-term break perhaps explains our loss of momentum, when disastrous batting against Tonbridge left them only 151 to score. Tight bowling from Shires and 'Pistol' Pete Melhuish was not sufficient to prevent defeat. The final two fixtures saw comprehensive wins over both Charterhouse and Winchester. The first by ten wickets after a brilliant partnership between Rendell, who scored 90 and Lissy Macleod [W] with 71. Lissy worked hard all

year and really came into her own in this match: 173 for no loss—a great effort. If this could be bettered, it was by the bowling performance against Winchester. After some gung-ho batting, Max Gumpert steadied the ship to set 231 and Winchester failed even to make it to 50. Max clearly was man of the match with a five wicket haul. The team played the whole season with a positive spirit and supported each other's success throughout. Thanks to Miss Pearson for all her hard work and encouragement—she will be missed next year.

Colts 2nd XI had, by recent standards, a successful season winning one match (against Radley) and losing 4, although all of them were reasonably close. The win was the first for Colts 2 in three years. The talent in the team was focused in a few players, with Rob Levett [Bn] scoring well over half the total runs of the team, including a knock of 90 against Eton. Our losses were usually down to the lack of penetration by the bowlers, who nonetheless tried gamely.

## JUNIOR COLTS

The coaching 'dream team' of Mr Brett and Mr Wielenga had set the Junior Colts team up nicely for an excellent season, having eased their way through to the regional rounds of the Under 14 Lord's Taverners' Competition last year. There had been one or two near misses on the way, but they managed to finish the season unbeaten. Thus Mr Mann's goal for this season was to continue this form and go one better. Our sights were set on winning the Under 15 Lord's Taverners' and go a step further than half the team had done in the Under 15 Daily Mail Competition!

The season got off to a great start as the squad were back at College for two days of pre-season training and a practice match against Whitgift—much needed before our first Cup match in the first week of term. Playing RGS Guildford away, we set them a target of 232 and managed to only lose 6 wickets in our 40 overs. Jack Wood [BI] opened the batting with a good 40 and Jack Hersh [S] finished it off with a solid 47. Tom Membrey [HI] then knocked over their top batsman and they struggled to gain 122-8, giving us victory by 110 runs. The normal fixture list then commenced with a good win over Marlborough, by 6 wickets, and then a thriller against Harrow, resulting in a narrow victory by 1 wicket. Having bowled them out for 146 on a wet wicket, we started well, with Ben Rogers [BI] scoring a belligerent 65, but then struggled to reach the target. Charlie Wicks [A] ground out the first

of many very gritty innings and with at least 10 overs to go and our last pair at the wicket, we escaped scoring 4 off the last ball. The Radley match was another good but low scoring contest, which we won by 44 runs before our next Cup match against Brentwood School. Away again, we batted first and reached a total of 237-6, thanks to Connor Nurse [A] who carried his bat for 148. Knowing Brentwood had the fire power to match this, the team went out to save every run possible. However, Jack McClean [L], 3-15, and Tom Membrey, 3-25, bowled superbly, blowing away their top batsmen. In the end they scored a mere 164 all out, putting us through to the last 16.

Next, we beat Bradfield by a massive 153. Jack Wood scored 102\* before a newly promoted Ed St Aubyn [T] took 5-20. The bowlers again did the job against Cranleigh, as we won by 70 runs before the next Taveners' match against Tonbridge. There we batted poorly and only managed to scrape together 146 runs, being bowled out within our 40 overs. After a 'do or die' team talk, the opening bowlers produced the goods again, as Tonbridge lost 3 wickets for 17 runs. They battled back scoring 60 runs before the next wicket fell having been strangled by some beautiful spin bowling from J.J. Dewes [HI], who ended up with figures of 2 for 19 off his 8 overs. Tonbridge started to wobble, but still had plenty of wickets in hand. Run-out going for a silly run; caught going for a big hit; bowled; then another run-out ended the game. At one point they had needed 20 off the last 18 balls with 3 wickets in hand. The bowlers were magnificent at the death. Our winning by 8 runs was in the end a massive margin considering the state of the game just 3 overs earlier. Wellington had again snatched victory from the jaws of defeat and walked away thoroughly relieved from a very disappointed Tonbridge.

Eton were our next opponents, but were never really in the game. Ben Rogers smashed a very quick 33 and the rest the batsmen filled their boots and posted a total of 240-7. Eton were then wrapped up by Jack Wood and Ed St Aubyn with figures of 5-24 off 6, and 4-35 off 8 and another fine win by 66 runs. Stowe visited us for the quarter-finals of the Lord's Taverners, but Wellington struggled on a damp day. Only Connor Nurse, 21, and Sam Behr [Bd], with a typical quick-fire 37 off 22 balls made any impact and we set a meagre total of 133, managing to survive only 27 of our 40 overs. At 0-52 Stowe were looking very happy. However the magic that was never far from the Junior Colts team found one more spell. Some inspired bowling from Jack

Wood and J.J. Dewes reduced them to 4-57 and eventually to 118 all out. Another ridiculous game of cricket and another one to put the coaches' tickers on over-load again.

After all the excitement of the previous weeks we travelled back to Tonbridge to play them in the school match. Our hearts were not really in the game and we came off a very disappointing second, losing by 8 wickets and losing our unbeaten record. However, this was a timely reminder that we can't always have it our way. Carey GS from Australia visited us next and in yet another tense game we posted 148 all out. Not enough again, we thought but the Aussies never quite managed to keep up with the run rate they required and they ended up a very exciting 1 run short. Charterhouse was the next fixture and, having elected to bat first, they clocked up 208 for 6 on a day when our bowlers struggled to find their rhythm. We had not chased a score for a few matches and set about the task steadily. No one batsman really took hold of the game, but everyone got a few runs to keep the score ticking along. Charlie Wicks again came to the rescue along with Andrew Newson [A] and secured victory with a partnership of 81 to win with 2 overs to spare.

The Semi-Final of the Lord's Taverners was next on the agenda and the big one! Millfield won the toss and chose to bat. We had them 2 down fairly early on, but this brought their two big guns to the wicket. An inspired bit of bowling from Tom Membrey, who had been outstanding all season, drew their captain into a loose shot and he nicked the ball to second slip. Unfortunately, we failed to seize the chance to have them 20 odd for 3. The next over the same batsman cut a ball to point and Ben Rogers, probably our best fielder of the season, dropped it. They say 'catches win matches', and drops don't, and this unfortunately was to be the case. Millfield went on to score 227-5, with their number 3 and 4 making a ton and 95 respectively. 'The game was on' at this point, but our top 4 batsmen failed to score highly and it was left to Wicks to once again to battle it out. He nearly saw it through to the end, but when he was finally out for 75 he was absolutely exhausted and dehydrated as a consequence of pure bloody mindedness and a passion to win. Jack McClean tried as hard to make up the difference with a quick-fire 20 at the death, but we were too far off and fell short by 20. It was the end to an incredibly thrilling ride through the competition, culminating in defeat to the eventual winners, but our performance showed the fight and determination that got the team through the ups and

down of the season. To finish off the season, we entertained Winchester in a game that everyone enjoyed. We posted a huge total which was totally out of reach of Winchester and then some unusual bowling saw out the match.

Played 16, won 14 and lost 2 is a magnificent effort by a team who should go on and play some exciting cricket over the next 3 years. Quite a few will make the move up to the 1st XI next season, but the team should hold on to what they achieved as Yearlings and Junior Colts for a little bit longer. Teams like this don't come round very often so savour the moment.

Junior Colts 2nd XI enjoyed a season of continued development and increasing opportunity. Only Eton beat us and our strength in depth was sufficient to account for everyone else. Seam bowling was penetrative and the spinners posed questions. There were several outstanding performances, but Chris Parrish [T], who ensured victories against Marlborough, Radley and Charterhouse with some fine hitting and Will Brown [A], whose bowling was consistently accurate, emerged as our leading batsman and bowler respectively.

It was an outstanding season for the Junior Colts 3rd XI. The year group has remarkable strength in depth, and that has meant that we were able to select from a rich pool of talent. The results have been most gratifying: heavy defeats of Marlborough, Cranleigh, Charterhouse, Winchester and Radley all confirmed the cricketing flair in the side. Even the mighty Etonians crumbled in the face of our severe bowling skill and athletic fielding, whilst the game at Harrow ended in torrential rain without a result. The only defeat came at the hands of Tonbridge. Tonbridge smashed 303-6 from 30 overs, an innings that included more sixes than singles, and, whilst it was a brave effort to face up to this, the Junior Colts fell short by 74 runs. In all, there were 532 runs scored from 60 overs on a beautiful day, so the defeat was cushioned in part by such a great game of cricket. The team effort was tremendous, but a number of individuals should be congratulated on their contributions. Sam Sud [Bd], before securing a place in the Junior Colts 2nd XI, averaged 119.5 with an aggregate of 239 runs in three innings. Alex Cardoe [S], his fellow opener, played beautifully all season, ending with an average of 46.75 and there were entertainingly brutal knocks from Hector Sales [HI], Adam Gregory [Bd] and Max Kinder [A]. The bowling was equally impressive—except for the Tonbridge match—with Callum Nicholson [R], Cameron

Henderson [Bn], Ryan Lever [L] and Edward Beedham [Pn] all showing considerable potential for the future. Special mention should also go to our two astute skippers. Charlie Speirs [A] led the side in the first few weeks until poached by the team above. Hector Sales [HI] then took over and did an admirable job of juggling his bowling attack and setting thoughtful fields.

### YEARLINGS

For Yearlings 1st XI, it was a most enjoyable and successful season for this industrious and willing group of boys, who recorded 9 victories in 14 games. They were not the most accomplished or experienced side we have had in recent years, but they possessed the fortunate and skilful ability to get results. They were also a particularly gratifying team to coach, as there was clear evidence of progress, both as a collective unit and for a number of individuals.

Chris Leith [S] led the team with aplomb showing maturity and wisdom on and off the field. He was a reliable opening bat who passed 30 on 6 occasions, but only scored 15 fifties. He averaged 29 with the bat and took 15 wickets at 15 apiece. Wicket-keeper James Doggart [L] was the most prolific batsman, scoring 466 runs at an average of 46 and including 4 fifties. Just over 70 per cent of James's runs came in boundaries, so while he was at the crease, the runs tended to flow pretty easily. Brett Herron [L] and Oliver Ebsworth-Burland [Bn] both chipped in, with useful runs at important times; Brett's destructive 47 against Eton was a particular highlight. On the bowling front, Callum Maciver [R], Max Waud [M], Sean Neat [T], Amit Anand [HI] and Brett Herron [L] all got into double figures in terms of wickets. By the end of the season a three-pronged spin attack of Herron, Neat and the later addition of Alex Rennie [BI], was beginning to look pretty effective. Harry Hook [HI] was the team's best fielder at cover-point and his batting improved significantly. His courageous 28 in a 72 run partnership with Brett Herron (67\*) against Charterhouse gave us our most impressive and definitive win of the season.

Nine-wicket victories opened and closed the season against Marlborough and Winchester respectively. In between that we beat Eton twice, making it 6 wins out of 8 against them in recent years. We had a very good chance of winning the Lord's Taverners' for the second season in succession, as we played a Bradfield team, whom we had beaten quite comfortably earlier in the season in the final.

We lost the final by just 3 runs through a bizarre series of incidents, but the effort of the boys could not be faulted.

For Yearlings 2nd XI, it was a season of more promise than results (Won 3, lost 5). Everyone could bat, but few built big scores. At Marlborough, a decent batting performance set a good total, but one of the opposing batsmen easily defeated our bowling. We played Harrow in torrential rain, and Radley in such cold weather, that players were glad merely to survive. Cranleigh offered us a chance, but our batting collapsed. Against Eton we won at last—by 1 wicket. Tom Maynard [R] scored 53 runs and Calum Varrall [Pn] bowled fast and straight, while Alex Rennie [BI] took vital wickets with his off-spin. Tonbridge were beaten in a tight game, with late wickets from our excellent captain Tom Surrall [P], and after a disappointing loss to Charterhouse, there was a feast of runs at Winchester, with Michael Wright [T] scoring 123 and Matthew Spooner [R] 107. Many others chipped in with vital contributions throughout the season, and the team were always great fun to coach and played in the right spirit.

The Yearlings 3rd XI had a bit of an up and down season that saw them win 4 matches and lose 4. With that said, the boys improved remarkably over the year and were led well by Freddy Joyce [T] and backed up by outstanding bowling performances from D. Hill [Bd] and J. Holmes [T]. Special mention needs to go to A. Rennie [BI] who, after starting in the thirds, represented and performed well for the Under 14 A team during the second half of the season. The boys finished the season on a high note, with a great win away at Winchester.

### — — FOOTBALL — —

**T**here is an age old belief that 'you can score too early in a match'. Until now I had not seen evidence that would support another statement that 'you can score three goals too early in a football match'. This theory was proved true by the 1st XI in their opening fixture against Tonbridge, with three Wellington goals in the first twenty minutes.

After a snow-covered pre-season, which might have presaged a sluggish start, no one could have expected much from the opening exchange of the season. The boys, however, showed that they could keep both their shape and possession of the ball with equal ease against

We I would like to thank our colleague, Mark Boobbyer for our endless (and sometimes needless) cricketing conversations and his help and commitment towards the development of cricket at Wellington. Dr Mark Farrington remains one of the finest scorers on the circuit, but it must be noted that he performs better with a quality lunch and tea inside him. He provided invaluable statistical support to our young players and is a fine asset to the Management team. Peter Lewington continued to provide top quality pitches for our young cricketers and his coaching support was invaluable to both the boys and staff throughout the season. His popularity was seen at a wonderful and jovial dinner in the Monro Pavilion, hosted by Mark Milliken-Smith (Chairman of OWCC), celebrating 30 years of 'Lewey's' involvement for at Wellington. It was a fitting tribute to a loyal and committed man—we are very fortunate to have someone of his experience, knowledge and good humour to call upon.

Thanks are also due to Phil Stockwell, Becky Evans and their team for their top quality catering, indeed numerous visiting teams and parents regularly commented on the wide array of delicious cakes that were on offer. Bryan Evans and his team of groundstaff worked tirelessly throughout a very dry summer, preparing good and fair pitches all term and we thank them all for their efforts. The success of Wellington cricket is indebted to the outstanding impact of our ultra keen and dedicated coaching staff—their passion for the game is infectious and their endless hours of coaching on Turf, New Ground and Derby demonstrates the current strength of cricket at Wellington. *Gavin Franklin and John White* ■

the Tonbridge team. Our early pressure was rewarded with two set piece goals from Nick Aldred [A] and Ben Blossie [Hg], before Tom Rowe [T] set his mark on the game with a howitzer of a strike from all of 25 yards on his weaker side.

Although Wellington's industry continued, their possession did not as Tonbridge began to get their foot on the ball. Their pace and technique began to take its toll. By half-time the scores were even. Still, Wellington had a fantastic chance to put a halt to the shifting balance of power. The moment of opportunity was missed. Two minutes later, the Tonbridge No.10 player seized his



Back Row: Mr Jim Heal [CR], Mr Neill Lunnon [CR], Brian Jeong [Hg], Beau Wyatt [T], Nick Allred [A], Will Oliver [S], Tom Wood [Hg], Will Miller [S], Robbie Offer [Pn], Ed Mallaburn [OW], Tom Alexander [Capt] [OW], Charlie Lyons [OW], Chris Money [OW], James Murray [OW], Will Misselbrook [OW], Alex Gulliford [OW], Tom Misselbrook [OW], Mr John Edwards [OW]. Front Row: Sam Maynard [Bl], Will Ayrton [S], Toby Hannington [OW], Tom Rowe [T], Jo Williams [Bl], David Curtis [OW], Peter Burroughs [OW], Odi Akinrele [M]

opportunity and the match was lost. A late goal flattered the home side, Tonbridge. Pragmatically looking back, this seemed quite an encouraging start to the season, proving that Wellington could mix with teams of genuine quality.

Sadly, as it turned out, the tale of Tonbridge became an all too familiar narrative as the season progressed—early potential unrealised, initiative relinquished and ultimately the balance of power reversed. This was never for lack of industry and determination, more a matter of the boys losing their way in games that were often there for the taking.

The tie against St John's was well deserved. It was a game of genuine quality. That match and the win over the OWs, however, seemed as relief in an otherwise frustrating story of the season. The other matches can be put into the category of 'what might have been' or 'just not good enough'. Tonbridge, Haileybury, Brighton and Corinthian Casuals were all games in which we either led at one stage, or

at least had concerted periods of ball control which just didn't tell. Harrow, Sevenoaks and Radley are best left out of the history!

The team was ably captained by Tom Rowe [T], whose work rate, vision and range of passing was often what got

the team on the move. The 'twin towers' of Ben Blossse [Hg] and Will Miller [S] at centre back, complemented each other nicely. The former was a strong physical presence and the latter was a competent distributor. At full-back

were the ever reliable Tom Wood [Hg] and highly energetic, combative Robbie Offer [Pn]. Our mid-field varied in personalities during the campaign, with telling contributions from Joe Williams [Bl] (a natural, left-sided winger, giving pace, width and high quality delivery), Will Ayrton [S] (a clever ball player with the knack for picking the right pass), Will Oliver [S] (a highly physical ball winner, who screened the back four superbly, but struggled with fitness), Beau Wyatt [T] (a pacey, wide man, who often took position up front) and Nick Allred [A] (a good first touch with decent distribution). Up front, Odi Akinrele [M] led the line admirably for a Fifth Former playing a year ahead. He has the potential to make great strides next season

The verdict? A season to learn from in many ways, the campaign showed some promising moments, but little more. So, it's wise to learn from our mistakes and build from there. As ever, we give thanks to all the work done by coaches, ground staff and catering department. *Neill Lunnon* ■



John Edwards presenting the John Edwards Cup to Tom Rowe [T]

# GIRLS' SPORT

## HOCKEY

Wellington Girls' hockey is climbing to new heights! December saw the end of yet another very successful hockey season for all our girls' teams. The brand of hockey that they played this year was exceptional across the board. The hard work of the entire coaching staff paid off, with some fantastic results. If this trend continues WCGHC is going to be a force to reckon with on a national scale in the very near future.

Wellington once again performed well in the County hockey events that were held, with the Under 14 A team winning the Berkshire tournament without conceding a goal and going on to claim 4th spot at the South Round. Our 1st XI narrowly missed out in the Nationals', suffering a 2-3 defeat in what proved a very closely contested game.

There were many other notable team performances and we saw a couple of the teams heading into the final two weeks of the season unbeaten. Both our Under 14 B team,

as well as our Under 15 B team only lost one game all season, whilst our Under 15 A team (winner of the new team of the year award) were devastating at times in their attack, scoring goals a plenty and playing great attacking hockey.

The strength and depth of our hockey is improving every year and, with our B teams going unbeaten for almost an entire season and our A teams continually improving and playing an exciting attacking style of hockey, it seems that our girls' hockey is in very good hands and I am extremely excited to see what we are going to achieve in the coming seasons.

We will be putting out even more teams next season and expect to field as many as 14 teams. With the continued work of Mark Pearn with the 1st XI and the arrival of Adele Brown to the coaching staff, we intend to push on and to start competing for national titles and really put Wellington Girls' hockey on the map! *Gareth Carr* ■

### 1ST XI

Looking back now at the results' card, the girls played an amazing amount of hockey in the Michaelmas term. As always there were ups and downs in the season, but to have achieved as much as Wellington girls' hockey has done in such a short time is amazing. The back bone of the team, captain Biz Nimmo [C] and Ellie Porter [C], joined Wellington as two of the first ever lower school girls and have never looked back. For the last two years they have provided the drive and ambition of a team very much on the way up and leave Wellington girls' hockey in a very healthy position.

The season started very well on the back of a successful Tour to South Africa, where newcomers into the

Lower Sixth, Jo-Jo Blunt [Hn] and Charlie Ambidge [Hn], had made their mark and the squad was coming together nicely. Victories over St Edwards, who are always strong, and Perse Girls in the first two weeks of term, showed that we could score goals and proved a good warm up for the County Tournament. Having narrowly missed out on winning the title last season, the team arrived early on Sunday morning 'fresh' and determined to make amends. An early victory against local rivals St Mary's got us off to a good start, but a tough draw against Pangbourne, who we were to meet again and again in the season, was not what the coaches had hoped for. We bounced back with a good win against Newlands, to put us in the semi-final against

The Abbey where, after an early wobble, the forward line of Amy Howells [W], Claudia Stevenson [C] and Jo-Jo Blunt fired us into the final against Pangbourne. The score being 0-0 at the end of full and extra time, meant penalty flicks and we were ruing the missed opportunities. After a very tense barrage of flicks, disappointment struck; we went down 2-3. However, to the girls' surprise and then obvious excitement, two teams went through to the regionals.

We met Pangbourne again two days later, this time on their pitch and in a full length match. I must admit I have never seen a group of girls more pumped up for a game and the disappointment of not becoming County Champions against the same opposition was obvious. This turned out to be a brilliant match, some of the best hockey of the season being displayed that afternoon.

We got off to a flyer and played some fantastic flowing hockey. Although the Pangbourne defence held firm for some time, they could not cope with the pace of our counter attacks. Claudia Stevenson had one of her best outings of the season, while Ellie Porter controlled the midfield with Luisa Rubio [C] and Amber Coleman [Hn], one of the three Fifth Form girls in the squad. By half time we were 3-0 up and looking invincible.

Pangbourne bounced back after the break, pushing forward, but it was still end-to-end play. We ran out of steam a little towards the end of the match and gave away two soft-ish goals. But solid defence from Milly MacManus [Ap], Charlie Ambidge, Ellie Taylor [W] and Alex Brown [Ap], along with one or two brilliant saves from Katie Trehwella [C], weathered the storm and produced a very exciting finish.

Our focus was switched to County indoor next, and a game that probably suited our pace and goal scorers more. Both girls and boys should really play more indoor hockey and make better use of the facilities we have, it would vastly improve both our skills and control; a suggestion for next season. We played very well having not picked up an indoor stick all term and won our group to go through to the Regionals. Back outdoors, we came down with a bump against Sevenoaks, but then beat a well drilled Dauntsey's team before a low point in the season. We travelled across to Bradfield and looked as if we did not know how to play. I think that everyone was exhausted after a very long first half of term and we went down 0-3. Travelling back to

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Bradfield after the Exeat for their 6-a-side tournament was not much better either, but thankfully we play them at Wellington next season so we might do better with a home advantage. Canford was next. It is another very good hockey school with an excellent pedigree. We went down 0-1, but it was a great game and again we had our chances to win. The following week we did take our chances and travelled to Hurstpierpoint. We played really well there, winning 4-0, Tara Henderson [O] finally finding her feet on the right wing, but there could have been lots more points.

This set us up nicely for the next round of the National Championships and the Regional Heats. This was going to present a big test against the other winners and runners-up from Surrey, Oxon, Bucks, Sussex and Hants. The day

started well. We beat Burgess Hill 2-0 and Godolphin 1-0. The big game came next against Kingston. We shot out of the blocks and attacked again and again, before they really knew what was going on. However, as had been the case a number of times earlier in the season, we missed our chances and, rather than being 2-0 up, we ended the game 0-1 down as their midfield took control. We then managed another 1-0 win against Cokethorpe. Things were

looking good but we still had Portsmouth and Borlase to contend with, both decent teams. Another 1-0 win against Portsmouth meant we only had to draw against Borlase to finish second in our group, before going through to the South Regional Semi-Finals. We duly slogged out a 0-0 draw and moved on to the next round, an amazing achievement. The very next day we played Cranleigh and I expected the girls to be exhausted from their exertions from the day before. In fact they were very spritely and obviously still on a high from their achievements. Sophie Edwards [C], who had spent most of the previous day on the bench, decided to prove the coaches they had been wrong and scored two quality goals in the first 15 minutes. From then onwards the game was pretty much won. We still pressed forward and notched two more, before they managed two consolation goals to end; a very impressive performance, 4-2.

The Regional Semi-Finals were next, St George's, Weybridge the opponent. The girls knew this was their chance to make the National Finals and emotions were running high. Once again we managed to surprise the



Left to right, back row: Charlie Ambidge [Hn], Sophie Edwards [C]. Middle row: Tara Henderson [O], Eleanor Taylor [W], Amber Coleman [Hn], Katie Trehwella [Ap], Alexandra Brown [Ap], Jo-Jo Blunt [Hn]. Front row: Ellie Porter [C], Milly MacManus [Ap], Amy Howells [W], Luisa Rubio [C]

opposition and took the game to them. Unfortunately, as against Kingston, we missed two or three sitters and left the door open for them. George's went one up against the run of play, but we managed to scramble one back. Their international centre-half then decided to take matters into her own hands, wobbling through the whole of our defence to score 1-2. They soon made it 1-3. Time was running out as we pushed forward, managing to score a late goal, setting up a very tense final few minutes. Unfortunately we ran out of time, the score 2-3. The dream was over, but what a ride!

The final two games did not quite live up to the season's successes so far. Epsom proved to be strong opposition and we played out a hard-fought but fair draw, whereas our

last match against Marlborough was probably one game too many and we really did not manage to play at all. They romped home and we did not do ourselves any justice for all the hard work and excellent effort put in during most of the season.

However, all in all, it had proved to be an excellent season with dramatic ebbs and flows. It proves that Wellington girls' hockey is very much on the map after only three years of full co-education. The whole squad was fantastic, brilliantly led and cajoled by their captain and ably supported by a number of the senior players. With seven of the squad returning next season we can still only get better. Some of the big hockey schools will need to watch out over the coming years. *Jonathan White* ■

## — — CRICKET — —

The girls' cricketing summer could be described as nothing less than a great success. We won four of the five matches played, only losing

narrowly once in a rain affected match. The season began with a convincing defeat of Cranleigh. Lead by captain, Ellie Porter [C], who grabbed both the batting and bowling

plaudits, taking 5 for 14 in her 4 overs, including a hat-trick. Having lost several members of the batting line up to injury, Ellie opened the batting with Louise Verroken-Jones [Ap] and calmly knocked off the required 92 in just 11 overs; her score was 46 not out including 9 boundaries. Verroken-Jones was not out 19 at the end as Wellington won by 10 wickets.

The next fixture was a dominating victory over Pangbourne, thanks to an outstanding display of batting. A first wicket partnership of 92 by Ellie Porter and the returning Lissy MacLeod [W], set the tone for the innings. MacLeod was particularly impressive dominating the partnership scoring 60 not out (retired), including 11 boundaries. The girls finished on 104-0 in their 10 overs. Despite some wayward fielding, the girls completed a 29-run victory. This was achieved thanks to tight bowling from Izzie West, Amy Cheng [W] and Louise Verroken-Jones who was ably supported by new wicket keeper Hattie Jones [Hn].

The girls finished off their summer of cricket by playing in the second annual Girls' festival played at Epsom, against the hosts, Cranleigh and Brighton. Wellington came second in the festival, winning two of the three games, only narrowly losing to Brighton in the deciding game. The first game was a 25-run victory over Epsom; the batting was dominated (again) by captain, Ellie Porter who scored 27 not out, and she was ably supported by Hattie Jones and the 6-hitting Jo-Jo Blunt [Ap] as the girls set 83 runs to

chase in 8 overs. Key wickets in the Epsom innings limited their innings as Emma Woollhead [C] and Lo Verroken-Jones took 2 wickets a piece. The second game welcomed the return to the Wellington side of Luisa Rubio [C], who scored a well constructed 26 as the girls went on to score 93. In return Cranleigh could only muster 56, once again held back by the impressive bowlers, Woollhead, Amy Cheng and Ellie Porter. They claimed 3 wickets and Wellington won by 37 runs. With the weather turning for the worse the girls took on Brighton in the game that would decide the outcome of the tournament. Once again Wellington batted first; Rubio and Porter started strongly scoring 15 and 11 respectively. However wickets at key times limited the total to 63, with Hattie Jones bolstering the total with an aggressive 14 towards the end. Dodging the rain, the girls started the second innings, a fiery opening burst by Woollhead supported by Luisa Schulte-Bockum [Hn], who completed an outstanding one-handed catch that held back Brighton's innings. However, with the ball becoming increasingly slippery, Brighton's middle order took advantage, ending the game with one over to spare.

Many thanks go to all those who supported the girls during the summer, and in particular to Mrs Waugh and lastly Ellie for all of her hard work and dedication that made the summer what it was. She has been an inspiration for girls' cricket at Wellington and will be sorely missed. *Dudley Graham* ■

## LACROSSE

This year, Wellington College were able to field both a 1st and 2nd XII, a fantastic leap forward. Both teams had several fixtures throughout the Michaelmas and Lent terms, helping the girls expand their experience and enjoy competitive play. It was unbelievable to see girls who had only picked up a lacrosse stick for the first time in September, playing for Wellington against other schools later in the season. Matches were played against Heathfield St Mary's, Bradfield, Cranleigh, Marlborough and Charterhouse. The girls always fought hard and ended up with some very pleasing results.

Indeed the season ended with a bang at the National Schools' Tournament in London. This was the first time Wellington had ever entered a team, proving to other schools that we were strong competition. The group

games on the first day were brilliant. We found ourselves up against some of the top lacrosse schools in the country, such as Wycombe Abbey, St Helen's and St Catherine's. That did not hold the girls back. We ended up by qualifying for Division 1, which exceeded all expectations. The second day was challenging but a tremendous opportunity for the girls to play against really tough competition. Special mention goes to Audrey Davies [Ap], who led the team devotedly. She fully committed herself to the sport and team, attending every fixture and training session.

Full colours were awarded to Audrey Davies [Ap], Bella Day [O], Sophie Goddard [Ap] and Dani Smale [Ap]. Half colours were awarded to Lucy Clarke [Ap], Clare Doggart [O], Sophie Ellis [Ap] and Flo Whittaker [Hn]. *Jen Waterfield* ■

## NETBALL

The 2009/2010 season saw Wellington fielding no less than seventeen teams, with greatly contested fixtures and some outstanding play. This was the result of the highest dedication and strong teamwork amongst pupils and staff coaches.

### SENIOR GIRLS

A larger number of senior girls than ever participated in senior netball training and fixtures this season. The commitment and enthusiasm was brilliant.

The College VII fought hard all season. Their outstanding captain was Milly MacManus [Ap] and she led a versatile, skilful and determined team in both training and competition. Reaching the semi-finals in the Marlborough invitation Tournament and quarter-finals of the County competition, they produced some good results from a full list of fixtures. Brilliant, tireless centre court play by Claudia Stevenson [C] in every fixture, epitomised the overall fighting attitude of the team. The same brilliance and versatility was shown in defence, demonstrated by Amy Howells [W], Ellie Taylor [W], Bianca De Villiers [W] and Molly Gray [O], who were all able to perform in different combinations.

The 2nd VII, another versatile and experienced team, performed in closely contested fixtures against Marlborough, Cranleigh and Hurstpierpoint. Hannah Rogers [Ap] in defence and Louise Verroken-Jones [Ap] with her centre court play, were in the forefront of those seeking promotion to the 1st VII. It was an exciting season, with many new and developing players which augers well for next season.

The College 3rd team had a brilliant season, losing narrowly only twice. The depth of talent was evident particularly in the Hurstpierpoint win. Maddie Henri [C] worked tirelessly in mid court, a steady and reliable player, she supported Emma Newson [C], in the shooting circle in every match. The team's attitude and willingness for both training and matches was a credit to Wellington.

Experience and teamwork were the features of the College 4th VII. Hard work in training strengthened their ability in match play, particularly in the Cranleigh game. Erin Pike's [W] enthusiasm and non-stop rallying of her

troops, as well as superb court play, made her easy choice of Player of the Season. Tash Alderson's [O] expertise and experience in the defensive circle, was evident in defeating the opposition in tough matches.

The 5th Team were as dedicated and hardworking any other team. Their training was highly competitive. The improvements in skill and confidence of this large squad were clear to see as the season progressed. Ruby Gurdon [Ap] displayed firm control in centre court and great leadership. Bobbie Hook [C] always exerted great pressure on the opposition and often intercepted brilliantly.

**1st VII:** Coach: Miss K. Murphy; *Most Improved Player:* Milly MacManus [Ap]; *Player of the Season:* Amy Howells [W]. **2nd VII:** Coach: Mrs R. Grillo; *Most Improved Player:* Louise Verroken-Jones [Ap]; *Player of the Season:* Hannah Rogers [Ap]. **3rd VII:** Coach: Mrs E. Worthington; *Most Improved Player:* Maddie Henri [C]; *Player of the Season:* Emma Newson [C]. **4th VII:** Coach: Miss E. Huddart; *Most improved Player:* Tash Alderson [O]; *Player of the Season:* Erin Pike [W].

### UNDER 16S

The Under 16 A VII produced another brilliant and unbeaten season, one of the strongest ever. The commitment of the team, their mental strength, great maturity, skill and agility was sufficient to meet every challenge against other schools. Charlotte Wright [C] excelled with sparkling consistency in both training and fixtures. The Under 16 B VII had varied success, but they always showed great determination. Rebecca Patrick-Patel [C] played a central role; her commitment and energy showed throughout the season. The 16 C VII was successful and beat Cranleigh convincingly, twice. Their talented Sophie Potter-Mordaunt [W] was an excellent captain and strong leader by example.

**A TEAM:** Coach: Mrs C. Henderson; *Most Improved Player:* Hannah Colling [O]; *Player of the Season:* Charlotte Wright [C]. **B TEAM:** Coach: Dr Hill; *Most Improved Player:* Eloise Wardlaw [C]; *Player of the Season:* Rebecca Patrick-Patel [C]. **C TEAM:** Coach: Mrs R. Jarrett; *Most Improved player:* Sakia Glaisher [O]; *Player of the Season:* Sophie Potter-Mordaunt [W].

## UNDER 15S

This was a great season for all under 15 teams. Closely fought matches against Cranleigh, Portsmouth Grammar School and Marlborough showed considerable depth of talent. In the A Team, Olivia Marshall [O] performed brilliantly, controlling her shooting and court play to provide useful opportunities for other members of the team. The Under 15 B VII improved consistently throughout the season, some players being selected for inclusion in the A team. Hannah Scott's [O] eye for the ball and understanding of the game in court play, developed throughout the season. The Under 15 D VII hiccupped only once, against Cranleigh, winning all other matches. Emily Herring's [Hn] control under the post enabled her team to win by a large margin in most matches. The D team showed great control and finesse in their fixtures. Faye Driver [C], was an integrating force in the team, motivating and leading by example with great skill, particularly in the toughest of matches.

**A TEAM:** Coach: Miss R. Ross; *Most Improved Player:* Tessa Keene [C]; *Player of the Season:* Olivia Marshall [O]. **B TEAM:** Coach: Miss D. Draper; *Most Improved Player:* Holly Tate [C]; *Player of the Season:* Hannah Scott. **C TEAM:** Coach: Miss E. Gillen; *Most Improved Player:* Nadja Auerbach [Hn]; *Player of the Season:* Emily Herring [Hn].

## UNDER 14S

The under 14 age group fielded five teams for external matches and all team places were closely contested

throughout the year. The Under 14 A VII had a great start to the season, winning most of their matches. Meeting stiff opposition in their fixtures against Marlborough and Portsmouth Grammar School, they also managed to reach the semi-finals of the county championships. Under 14 B VII had a brilliant season, losing narrowly to Epsom and Portsmouth Grammar School. Being one of the strongest B teams, they had to give up players to the A team and still remain versatile and dominant in their matches. The Under 14 C VII had a brilliant season, displaying a long winning streak, losing only to Cranleigh. It was an astonishing performance by all members of a large team. The Under 14 D and E VIIs displayed great dedication to both training and fixtures. They often played teams that were an age group or team above, and showed commitment and fine team work throughout the season.

**A TEAM:** Coach: Mrs S. Feast; *Most Improved Player:* Sabrina Capes [W]; *Player of the Season:* Anna White [Hn].

**B TEAM:** Coach: Miss B. Thomas; *Most Improved Player:* Ella Henderson [O]; *Player of the Season:* Emily Evans [C].

**C TEAM:** Coach: Miss F. Maclean; *Most Improved Player:* Eliza Montague-Johnson [A]; *Player of the Season:* Lucy Edgerley [C].

**D TEAM:** Coach: Miss L. Raubenheimer; *Most Improved Player:* Tatiana Alderson [Hn]; *Player of the Season:* Masha Angelova [W]. **E TEAM:** Coach: Miss A. Labbe and Miss F Smith; *Most Improved Player:* Masha Chilikana Brown [A]; *Player of the Season:* Polly Chapman [W]. *Kate Murphy* ■

## — BASKETBALL —

None of us could have hoped for a better start to girls' basketball. During the years it has developed enormously. In past years there were only one or two girls who practised with the boys. Of course it is a different game to netball.

The team is a mix of age groups, ranging from third form to upper sixth. Each and every player is extremely valuable. We thought it wise in our first external match to arrange a fixture against on Old Wellingtonian and her team from Southampton University—a friendly, to get the feel of a match. We were excited before the match, even if we assumed we would be beaten by older and more

experienced girls. With this approach we were actually quite surprised that we were fitter and faster. We were first to score! We were delighted and by the end of the first quarter we saw the possibility of winning. It proved to be an extremely close match and we eventually won by a handsome 30-20, a brilliant achievement we thought for our first ever match. Weren't we proud of ourselves.

We have high hopes for next year, with talk of another fixture against Southampton University and teams from other schools. With increasing numbers playing, we will be able to concentrate on separate year groups for better training. *Bex Ross* ■

# COMBINED SPORTS



## OW SOCIETY SPORTS PRIZES

2010

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| RUGBY SENIOR . . . . .        | SAM EDGERLEY [BD]   | CRICKET FIELDING . . . . . | JAMES BROOKS [L]             |
| RUGBY JUNIOR . . . . .        | SIMON SEXTON [A]    | ATHLETICS SENIOR . . . . . | JAMES GRAY [R]               |
| HOCKEY SENIOR BOYS . . . . .  | MAX FAWCETT [BD]    | ATHLETICS JUNIOR . . . . . | SOPHIE EDWARDS [C]           |
| HOCKEY SENIOR GIRLS . . . . . | ELLIE PORTER [C]    | TENNIS SENIOR . . . . .    |                              |
| HOCKEY JUNIOR BOYS . . . . .  | CHRIS THOMAS [A]    | . . . . .                  | GORDON HAMILTON-FAIRLEY [HN] |
| HOCKEY JUNIOR GIRLS . . . . . | HELENA BRENNAN [HN] | TENNIS JUNIOR . . . . .    | AMBER COLEMAN [HN]           |
| FOOTBALL SENIOR . . . . .     | TOM ROWE [T]        | TRIATHLON . . . . .        | EVGENY SHUVALOV [T]          |
| FOOTBALL JUNIOR . . . . .     | ODI AKINRELE [M]    | GOLF . . . . .             | ED PETERS [BN]               |
| NETBALL SENIOR . . . . .      | MILLY MACMANUS [AP] | POLO . . . . .             | ANDREAS PAPOYANS [L]         |
| NETBALL JUNIOR . . . . .      | EMMA WOOLLHEAD [C]  | SQUASH & RACKETS . . . . . | NICK HOPCROFT [BD]           |
| CRICKET BOWLING . . . . .     | WILL LEITH [S]      | SHOOTING . . . . .         | HANNAH PUGSLEY [C]           |

## — ATHLETICS —

With the Master's announcement that Wellington College is looking for funding to construct a new synthetic athletics track, it was important that the athletes performed well this year to warrant such an investment. Consequently it was reassuring that the first weekend's results produced a number of new school records and convincing wins over five other schools.

The first event of the season was a match at Charterhouse for the boys' team, with the girls' trials' at

Wellington, combined with an invitation to Bradfield girls to participate. On that day the boys had a multi-school fixture against Charterhouse, Dulwich, Lord Wandsworth's College, Highgate and Pangbourne. In all age groups, Juniors, Inters and Seniors, Wellington boys were placed first and thus were overall very convincing winners; Highgate came a distant second. The girls' trials were run as an official fixture, as Bradfield were attending and also using it as their own trials but with only a dozen athletes. Four school records



*Wellington College Athletics Club:*

Back Row: Olivia Shepherd [C], Rebecca Patrick-Patel [C], Alex Haydon-Souter [R], Sophie Hall [C], Tom Johnson [Bd].  
 Fifth row: Charlie Steele [Hn], Frankie Dale [W], Amelia Robinson [W], Hannah Gallen [Ap], Tom Denison [S], Saxon Coop [Bd],  
 Sasha Ansell [C], Felix Fowler [S], Bradley Cowl [B], Simon Sexton [A], Jack Corsan [S], Milo Gore [S], Maxine Van Der Sande [W], Maddie Henry [C].  
 Fourth row: Kate Mikhaylenko [A], Harriette Johnson [O], Harry Keeble [L], Tom Inglis [Bd], Sam Edgerley [Bd], Lucy Edgerley [C], Maisie Seavill [Hn], Sophie  
 Edwards [C], Louise Verroken-Jones [Ap], Anna White [Hn], Sam Corsan [S], Folorunsho Akinrele [M], David Ogbodo [B], Ruby Gurdon [Ap]. *Continued opposite.*

Third row: Iona Chichester [Hn], Luisa Schulte-Bokum [Hn], Charlie Bowring [O], Chessie Hughes [Ap], Claudia Poulter [Hn], Amy Howells [W],  
 Seb Moseley [H], Alex Critchley [L], Marcus Willis [L], Felicity Morgan [Hn], Camille Ekperigin [C], Clare Doggart [O], Maddie Brown [Ap], Olivia Turnbull [Ap].  
 Second row: Jamie Davies [L], Folabi Oworu [A], Beau Wyatt [T], Finlay Stewart [Hg], Yemisi Belo [A], Patrick Ware [L], Marcus Sole [B],  
 Guy Armitage [Bn], Sam Hunt [B], Tom Rowe [T], Gbade Adewole [M], Christian Martin [Pn], Josh Blossie [R], George Hutchinson [Bn], James Harris [B].  
 Front row: James Mulvaney [M], Lucas del Azar [R], Henry Johnstone [S], Jack Moore [Bn], Richard Butler [Bd], Biz Mallet [O], Chris Ewart [CR],  
 James Gray [R], Ruby Prior [O], Annie Fiddian-Green [Hn], Sophie Sedgewick-Dwane [C], Lucy Lloyd-Williams [C], Amy Edwards [W].

were set, by Ruby Gurdon [Ap] in the Senior Girls Javelin (22.69m); Lucy Lloyd-Williams [C] in the Senior Girls Triple Jump (9.70m); Luisa Schulte-Bokum [Hn] in the Inter Girls 300m (46.92) and Sophie Edwards [C] in the Inter Girls Long Jump (4.66m).

The following week-end Wellington hosted our home meeting for boys and girls, albeit at Bracknell AC—as our facilities are currently insufficient for such an event. Our competitors were Brighton, Epsom, Marlborough, Cranleigh and Hurstpierpoint. It was a shame that we suffered from a number of injuries and absences, as Epsom and Brighton provided very strong opposition and set the standard, challenging a number of our athletes. Although the boys

came 3rd and girls 4th, there were four girls' records broken; Senior Girls 4 x 100m Relay, Inter Girls 1500m by Harriette Johnson [O] in 4:30.00s; Inter Girls Long Jump by Sophie Edwards [C] in 4.75m and the Junior Girls 800m by Annie Fiddian-Green [Hn] in 2:35.97s. A notable performance from the boys was in the Inter Boys' 800m by Felix Fowler [Bn], who clocked a time of 2:06.00s. As Felix will still be an Inter Boy next year, it bodes well for his future prospects.

On Sunday 9th May there was a closed week-end, reserved for the College Sports Day. The aim of the Sports Day was to ensure that all pupils, from all different sports were able to participate, rather than Sports Day being the preserve of pupils specialising in athletics. Despite the rather

cold weather and logistical difficulties, the event was very well attended and was judged a great success by pupils and staff alike. The winning Houses were: Senior Boys, The Hardinge; Inter Boys: The Blucher; Junior Boys: The Stanley; Senior Girls: The Apsley; Inter Girls: The Combermere, and the Junior Girls: The Hopetoun.

During the term we had one mid-week fixture for the boys at Radley, against Radley, Abingdon and St Edward's. During exam time and for an away mid-week fixture it is always difficult to field a full team, however, the boys rallied around and were the only school to compete in every event. There was an exceptional performance from the boys' captain, James Gray [R], who competed in eight events, won

five of them and came second in the other three. James, who is currently in the Lower Sixth, promises to be an outstanding decathlete, one to watch for the future. The result of the meeting was that Wellington convincingly won the match.

Two days after the Radley fixture, the boys competed in the Lord Burghley Trophy at Eton against Eton, Tonbridge, St Paul's, Epsom, Highgate, Forest and Charterhouse. Again suffering from a weakened Senior Boys' team, it was difficult to match Eton at their home fixture and a very strong Epsom team. However, the Junior Boys' did exceptionally well by beating Epsom 214 points to 210. In doing so, Henry Johnston [S] broke a long standing Junior Boys' 200m record,

with a time of 23.80s and Milo Gore [S], Jack Moore [Bn], Alex Haydon-Soutar [R] and Henry Johnston [S] broke the Junior Boys' 4 x 400m Relay record by 10 seconds, in a time of 4:00.05s. In addition Marcus Sole [BI], Alex Critchley [L], Seb Moseley [HI] and James Harris [BI] broke the Inter Boys' 4 x 400m Relay record with a time of 3:47.50s.

During the same week-end the girls travelled to Epsom to compete against Epsom, St Catherine's, Christ's Hospital, Manor House and Hurstpierpoint. Overall Wellington came second, behind Epsom and a long way ahead of the other schools. Records were set by Luisa Schulte-Bockum [Hn] in the Inter Girls' 300m; Olivia Shepherd [C] in the Junior Girls' 1500m and Katie Mikhaylenko [A] in the Junior Girls' Javelin.

Just before half term we took part in a new competition to Wellington. It was a multi-event against Eastbourne, Cranleigh, Brighton and St John's. Teams of four boys had to compete in all the four events of Shot Putt, Long Jump, 100m and 800m and compete in the 4 x 400m Relays. The girls' teams, each of four girls, had to compete in all three events of Javelin, Long Jump and 800m and compete in the 4 x 100m relay. There was a tremendous atmosphere and strong team spirit amongst the Wellington teams, which encouraged great efforts, particularly for those athletes who were not used to running 800m. The result was that Wellington won the overall boys' event and the girls came a very creditable 2nd. Again, the Inter Boys' of Marcus Sole [BI], Alex Critchley [L], David Ogbodo [BI] and James

Harris [BI] broke the 4 x 400m Relay in a time of 3:47.09 and the Junior Boys' also improved on their 4 x 400m Relay record to 3:57.07. In addition, Henry Johnston [S] broke the 100m Junior Boys' record in an outstanding time of 11.26s.

In early June the College had sixteen athletes competing in the Berkshire County Schools' Championships. Notable performances were from Sophie Edwards [C] in the 80m hurdles, breaking a new school record of 12.5s; Henry Johnston [S] in the 200m ran 0.2s quicker than the National Schools' qualifying time and James Harris in his first ever race over 400m Hurdles, narrowly missed the National Schools' qualifying time.

The last match at Marlborough against Marlborough, Harrow, Kingswood and Clifton, resulted in an overall win for the girls and boys, although our strong Junior Boys' narrowly lost their age group fixture to an outstanding Harrow team dominated by two very quick sprinters. Five school records were broken: Henry Johnston [S] in the Junior Boys' 400m; Sophie Edwards [C] in the Inter Girls' 80m Hurdles and Long Jump; Ruby Gurdon [Ap] in the Senior Girls' Javelin and the Senior Girls' 4 x 400m Relay.

With so many exceptional performances from so many athletes who will still be at Wellington next year, the 2011 season promises to be an exciting one. The future of athletics at Wellington looks bright, especially with the prospect of a synthetic track on Rockies. *Virtutis Fortuna Comes.* Chris Ewart ■

## — — BADMINTON — —

This has been another busy, exciting and indeed challenging year for Wellington Badminton. The level of participation across all year groups has been very high and great team spirit has been displayed. It has been most encouraging to see both boys and girls demonstrate improving skills as the year progressed. We completed a full list of fixtures, playing against some very strong and experienced teams.

There were some brilliant individual performances from our able captain Colman Chui [BI] and his partners, Timmy Wong [BI] and Gary Zhang [Hg]. They all showed real flair and panache. We were unable, however, to translate this into a steady run of victories. Highlights of the season were undoubtedly the termly matches against the Sports and Social Club. Battling against adults, many of

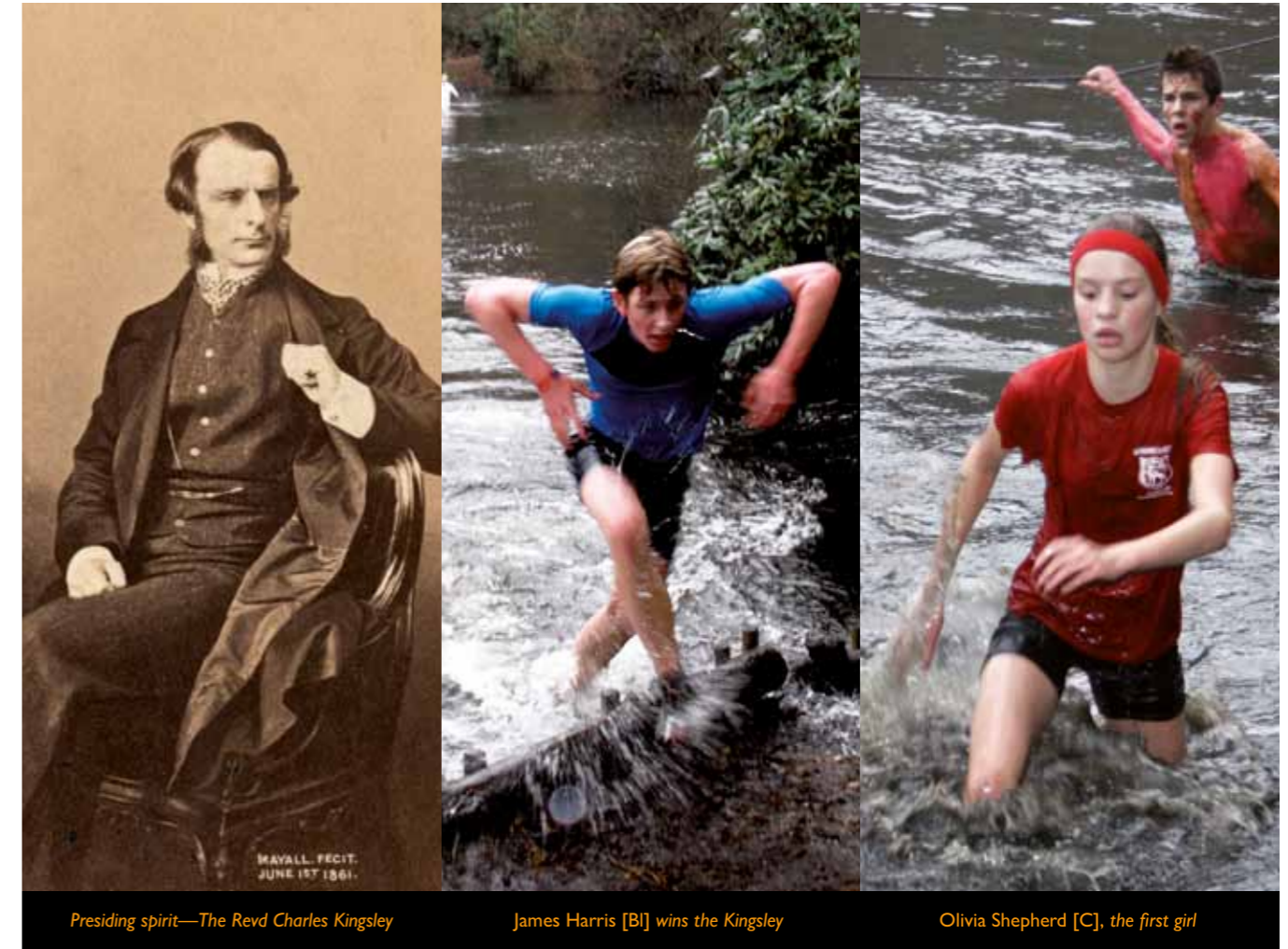
whom are really skilled and highly experienced players, is always popular, making good humoured fixtures. They are also excellent benchmark matches, which enable coaches to judge how skills and experience have built up in the girls and boys during the year.

There has been an excellent turnout for the tri-weekly training sessions and it was good to see Stanley Ho [OW], a former captain, helping with the coaching. The inter-house Competition was a brilliant success. The Apsley won the girls' trophy, with some impressive wins. The Boys' crown was carried off by The Raglan, with tremendous matches, in which Chris Hancock showed real mettle.

There is much cause for optimism next year. We now offer coaching in the Summer term, developing talent and depth. Willpower and determination are there and we look

to show that a winning streak will bring great confidence to our players. Finally my thanks goes to Paloma Alisse, who has been a tremendous support in gearing up the troops

throughout the year. I would also like to express my gratitude to our lovely coach, Nikki. Her enthusiasm, dedication and support are very much valued by all. Paul Boscher ■



Presiding spirit—The Revd Charles Kingsley

James Harris [BI] wins the Kingsley

Olivia Shepherd [C], the first girl

## — — CROSS COUNTRY — —

The season started with the Junior Christmas races, run in good conditions. With the Hares worried about the rumoured pace of the new Third Form, they started a decent way ahead on the kilometre. The Beresford's strength was impressive with three out of the top four in the Third Form and The Benson matched this feat in the Fourth Form race. The Hopetoun won the girls' event, despite not recording a winner, but instead packed the top ten in both year groups. Tom Johnson [Bd] won the Third Form Boys' race, with Felix Fowler [Bn] unthreatened in the Fourth Form race. Olivia Shepherd [C] cruised home to win the Girls' race for the Third Form with Sophie Sedgwick-Dwane [C] leading the Fourth Form.

The Lent term started under a foot of snow and unfortunately the Knole Run was cancelled. The first

fixture, at Winchester, saw the Junior Boys' team produce the first of many strong runs. Tom Johnson [Bd] commanded the Junior race coming 1st, whilst James Harris [BI] produced a fine run to come 2nd in the Inters. The Berkshire Championships exposed our lack of pre-season training, coming in the second week of term. However, James Harris [BI], Olivia Shepherd [C] and Tom Johnson [Bd] all went on to represent Berkshire later in term at the English Schools' event in Manchester.

The Harrow Meet saw an excellent win for the Junior Boys' team of Tom Johnson [Bd], Lucas Del Azar [R], George Drakesmith [HI] and Dominic Hill [Bd]. James Harris [BI] also recorded a win in the Inters' event against a strong field. The Wellington Relays saw a large entry with the home team's strength depleted by our top runners



Mass start of the Kingsley race 2010, with 700 runners and more. The traditional event is named after the famous Victorian writer and social reformer,

competing in the Southern Counties' on the same day. The Radley Relays proved happy hunting for the Juniors' team again, recording 3rd overall with Tom Johnson [Bd] running the third quickest leg in a very competitive field.

Our girls dominated the Cranleigh Meet with Olivia Shepherd [C] and Harriette Johnson [O] 1st and 2nd. The Inter Boys' team also won, with James Harris [B], Tom Johnson [Bd] and Felix Fowler [Bn] finishing in the top ten. At the Brunivels' Trophy Meet, one of the most competitive

races in the south, Tom Johnson [Bd] finished 5th and Olivia Shepherd [C] 8th. Jack Corsan [S] brought the team home in the Ranelagh Cup, finishing a credible 3rd.

The Inter-House Relays was hotly contested, with notable performances from James Harris [B], who recorded the fastest time of the day at 7:33 and the fastest of all the girls was a time of 9:02 by Olivia Shepherd [C]. Another notable performance was by Sophie Sedgwick-Dwane [C] who recorded a time of 9:09. The Combermere picked

also renowned for his inspiration of 'manly sport' at Wellington. The Kingsley is now a rite of passage, almost a baptism, for all true Wellingtonians.

up both the Junior and Inter Girls' race, with The Apsley winning the Senior Girls' race. The Beresford maintained their grip on cross country running from the Christmas Races, whilst The Blucher won the Inter Boys' race. The Stanley, led by Jack Corsan [S], won the Senior Boys'.

The Kingsley Race saw James Harris [B] win the boys event, despite suffering from the remnants of a chest infection, and Olivia Shepherd [C] lead the girls. The cross country squad dominated the top positions,

with the top seven girls and five of the top ten boys.

The squad says a fond farewell to the outgoing Master of the Hunt, Rory Stewart [Hg] and Keeper of the Bigside Bags, Miles Seavill [HI], who have led the cross-country squad this year with unrelenting enthusiasm and commitment. The Master's bugle has been handed to Jack Corsan [S] with the Bags left in the care of Jack Trigger [A]. Jojo Blunt [Hn] is appointed Girls' Captain. The 2011 season promises to be a very exciting one. Nick Malloney ■

## — POLO —

**A**nother great year for Wellington College Polo! The year got off to a fantastic start when we met the new Third Form coming into College and realised just how many high quality polo players had arrived, always a pleasant way to start the new year.

We quickly got into stride with the usual stand at the Carnival, attracting a lot of attention. This resulted in total player count of around 50 players: with natural wastage this figure settled down to around 40 regular players.

Training commenced with players being allowed to take polo as their main sport, or, if they preferred, they were allowed to play one afternoon of polo and then join another sport for the remaining games' sessions. Those not wanting to take polo as an official sport were able to continue to participate as an activity after lessons on Fridays.

Throughout the Michaelmas and Lent terms we played Arena Polo, either at Ascot Park (for the beginners and intermediates) or at Ash Farm (for the advanced players).

Throughout the Arena season we had some great results, beating teams like Eton, Harrow and were tipped to win the Schools' and Universities' Polo Association (SUPA) Arena tournament. However, despite winning our way through to the semi-finals in some style we then came up against our bête noire school, Marlborough. We underestimated their abilities and allowed ourselves to be beaten, but only by just one goal. The disappointment was overwhelming, but the team picked themselves up for the third/fourth playoff against Millfield and won that match convincingly to take third place overall. The victorious team—Andreas Papoyans [L], Garvy Beh [M] and Luke Walsh [B].

Another achievement to be proud of during the Arena season was our entry into the SUPA Intermediate Tournament. We were able to field no less than six teams. As there were only twenty-four teams entered overall, it demonstrates just how far ahead of all other schools Wellington College is, in terms of our support for polo. A

huge thanks is due to the players that turned up for this and to the parents who supported this event.

The only silverware we won in the arena this year was won by our Novice A team: Sophie Verlaan [Ap], Bee Ackrill [Hn] and Crissy Bowler [W] in the SUPA Novice tournament. Huge congratulations to them.

In February Miss Edwards and I took a group of players to Argentina to our regular training camp at La Mariposa Estancia. A week of high intensity Argentine polo really made a huge difference to the players that were able to accompany us. The first of many thanks goes to Mr



Andreas Papoyans [L] receiving the Copenhagen Cup from Steve Shortland

Sheikh, father of Karim, for arranging an Argentine 7 goal player to join us while we were over there, doing some coaching and playing chukkas with us. Inspirational stuff!

Then the Summer term and onto grass. As usual our Intermediates and Beginners stayed at Ascot Park, while our A and B teams trained at

Cowdray Park with Roddy Wood and Hamid Ali. The A, B and C teams were soon in action against Cheltenham College. The A team—Andreas Papoyans (captain), Garvy Beh, Luke Walsh, Harry Rosen—won convincingly 8-1. The very young B team of Tomas Beresford [Bd] (captain),



Tommy Brodie [HI], Karim Sheikh [R] and Jasmine Pidgley [W]) narrowly lost to a much older, more experienced team. The C team of Chris Ewing [T] (captain), Michael Claessens [Pn], Caroline Dreesman [O] and Charlotte Wheeler [W], won in some style. The next matches were against Radley and featured our A and B teams. The A team totally outplayed their opponents, winning 14-1, and the B team also won in similar style. Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Claessens for allowing us to use their pitches for this match. Our Girls' A team of Jasmine Pidgley, Belle Hutley [A], Caroline Dreesman and Charlotte Wheeler, then went off to play against Cheltenham Ladies and Rugby, in what is becoming a traditional fixture. We won both matches very easily.

Unfortunately due to adverse weather, illness and uncooperative clubs (not the ones we use), we had to cancel some fixtures this year, but all was good for the highlight of the polo calendar, the inaugural Copenhagen Cup tournament, named after the Duke of Wellington's famous charger. This is our own two-day tournament, in which we invite three other schools to send teams to us to play in a proper four chukka match tournament.

This year we invited Eton, Marlborough and Bloxham. Unfortunately the Bloxham team were unable to make it but their captain, Robin Spicer, was able to lead a team comprising of himself, a Harrow A team player, Max Grace, as well as our own Jasmine Pidgley and Karim Sheikh. On Saturday 15th May we played the first-round matches,

with Eton beating the scratch team and ourselves beating Marlborough. We could scarcely stifle our 'hurrays'! Both matches were only won by half a goal, and the level of the polo played was incredibly high. On Sunday the 16th the semi-final and final were played. Marlborough were just too strong for the scratch team and won well. In the Final we managed to lose against Eton despite taking an early lead. This was an outstanding tournament, a 'first' for schools' polo, and hugely enjoyed by all those that participated or watched. It will run again next year, please come and support it. Huge thanks are due to Coworth Park for allowing us to play there, to Mr Sheikh for arranging this and underwriting the cost of the tournament, together with thanks to all players, parents and spectators.

We also held a polo dinner and fashion show on the Saturday evening of the tournament. It was a very informal affair and we all enjoyed the spectacle of our younger players dressing up in clothes from La Martina and Adrenaline Polo. Their parading up and down the 'catwalk' was hilarious—apart from the ones who took it very seriously and amazed us with unsuspected aptitude for this sort of thing. Many thanks to Becky of La Martina at Guards, and Georgina Crofton at Adrenaline, for allowing us to raid their inventories for this event.

Unfortunately the visiting rugby players at Easter overplayed Farm Field, which meant that we were unable to use it for our traditional Speech Day match. However many of the polo players trained with the Light Cavalry at Flemish

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Farm during the year and put on a cavalry display of 'tent pegging' on Rockies instead, just before the torrential rain hit.

The problem with Farm Field also interfered with our plans for the Inter-House matches, which we were going to play on-site for the first time ever. These had to be moved to Coworth Park and were played over two days, with teams split into two divisions based on ability. A total of twelve teams played, six in each division, with The Benson beating The Talbot for the Junior House Cup and The Murray beating The Beresford for the title of House Polo Champions. Well done to The Murray. I believe that there may even be some video footage of their victory and after match interviews on The Murray House website if you are interested.

This year we deliberately did not enter many SUPA tournaments. The format of these is very poor and offers nothing to good players, so many of our boys and girls are not interested in playing in them. This feeling is spreading throughout other schools as well, with many of the big names missing from many of the tournaments. This was reflected in the fact that only nine teams entered the SUPA Girls' tournament, our team of Bell Hutley, Biz Nimmo [C],

## — RACKETS —

The 2009/2010 season presented an interesting prospect. As holder of the Foster Cup, though still in the Lower Sixth, Nick Hopcroft [Bd] was no longer the promising younger player with nothing to lose, but now an established champion whom everyone wanted to beat. If this put extra expectation on him to produce a perfect performance every time he played, it also made Wellington every other school's big fixture of the season, and so it meant no easy matches. Nick's partners, usually captain Charlie Pickard [BI], but occasionally Angus Boobbyer [Pn] or James Whateley [A], also faced extra pressure and tougher games. Under these circumstances, particularly impressive were the home and away victories over both Eton and Tonbridge, and the even the 4-0 defeat at home of Winchester (eventual Doubles champions for the third consecutive year). More frustrating were the 3-4 losses away at Harrow and St Paul's, two venues where victory appeared possible but continues to elude the 1st Pair, and also two disappointing performances against Cheltenham.

Caroline Dreesman and Crissy Bowler, did well and came third overall. The only other tournament was the SUPA Under-16s tournament, which we really had to enter—we are current champions. This tournament offered some decent opposition in the form of Marlborough, Millfield, Sherbourne and Cheltenham College. However, our magnificent Under-16 team of Garvy Beh (captain), Tomas Beresford, Tom Brodie and Karim Sheikh, swept aside all comers with ease and retained the Under-16 title for Wellington College. More silverware for us. And congratulations to Garvy for being selected to play for Young England in a test match over the Summer.

Many thanks to all the parents who have provided support 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. A final thanks 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* ■

As the returning holder, Nick was the first seed and favourite to retain the Foster Cup at Queen's Club in December. He reached the final without dropping a game; indeed he lost very few points. Perhaps this left him a little short of competitive preparation for the final. Here he met Christian Portz of Winchester, already a member of two Doubles winning pairs, but beaten by Nick in the semi-final in the 2008 the Foster Cup. As an Upper Sixth Former with his last chance to win, he proved a formidable opponent, and every point of the final was as keenly and closely contested as in their corresponding match of the previous year. This year the older boy's focused preparation, determination and strength seemed to make just the difference. Nick lost 10-15, 13-15, 14-17. Then, he served four times to take the third game and it looked as if he could turn things around. Tantalisingly, at precisely these moments, Portz raised the quality of the play to an even higher standard. He was a worthy winner, and Nick an admirably gracious loser in a game of high quality rackets. Nick's determination to win his second Foster Cup next year should be even stronger.

## RACKETS

|                             | PLAYED   | WON      | LOST     |
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| FIRST PAIR . . . . .        | 20 . . . | 14 . . . | 6 . . .  |
| SECOND PAIR . . . . .       | 14 . . . | 6 . . .  | 8 . . .  |
| COLTS PAIR . . . . .        | 12 . . . | 2 . . .  | 10 . . . |
| JUNIOR COLTS PAIR . . . . . | 14 . . . | 8 . . .  | 6 . . .  |
| GIRLS PAIR . . . . .        | 1 . . .  | 1 . . .  | 0 . . .  |

### COLLEGE TROPHIES

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| SENIOR CUP . . . . .       | N.J. HOPCROFT [BD]  |
| JUNIOR COLTS CUP . . . . . | W.T.G. MEMBREY [HL] |
| YEARLINGS CUP . . . . .    | A.D.T. NOAKES [L]   |

In the Doubles Championships at the end of the Lent term, Nick and Charlie Pickard were second seeds, and convincingly overcame Haileybury in the first round. The second round match against Tonbridge was entertainingly competitive, and our players won 4-2. Semi-final opponents Cheltenham had already won twice in the season, but some accurate serving—particularly from Pickard—and crisp finishing from Hopcroft, brought a 2-0 lead before Cheltenham had really begun to play. The third game was closely fought throughout, but several hands were squandered at 12-12 and the game lost 12-15. The momentum of the match had by now shifted irrevocably, and the 2-4 loss was uncomfortable, but no disgrace. Charlie Pickard, an impeccable captain for two years, finished his school career with his best personal performance, and eventually allowed pride in this to overcome the disappointment of not reaching the final. Hopcroft has one more chance.

The real stars of these championships were the Second Pair of Angus Boobbyer and James Whateley. Though both have plenty of self-belief in their ability, they were realistic about their chances when drawn against second seeds, the former Colts' Champions Tonbridge. Things looked a little different when international rugby commitments forced Tonbridge to change their pair, thus opening up a path through the tournament. Angus and James probably spent

more time on court than any other pair that week, most noticeably on the day. It began at 9.00 a.m. with a 3-2 win in the quarter-final of the Second Pairs Cup and finished at 9.30 p.m., with a 4-3 win in the first round of the First Pairs Cup, via a 2-1 win to qualify for that competition. While outplayed by Cheltenham in the Second Pairs' final, they had done themselves and Wellington great credit to get there. Next year looks very promising, with the added interest of the competition between several players to partner Hopcroft in the First Pair.

Of the younger years, Oliver Rendell [S] and Peter Melhuish [BI] had a frustrating season as the Colts' Pair. They developed an unfortunate habit of showing they could play as well as any opponents, but then losing the close games in sets, and close matches in the deciding game. With self-confidence they could still prove a pair capable of presenting a real challenge to other schools and carry back the trophies. The Junior Colts' Pair was made up variously by Ben Rogers [BI], Jack Wood [BI], Tom Membrey [HI] and Rufus Hawkings [S], and indeed the second round at Queen's saw all four on court, as Wellington 'A' lost to Wellington 'A'. Again, there will be keen competition for places in next year's Colts Pair. Alex Noakes [L] of the Third Form also played some Junior Colts matches and, when partnered by James Doggart [L] in the Yearlings' Pair, they won several decent games at that level.

Alongside Charlie Pickard, James Rendell [S] and Gordon Hamilton-Fairley [Hg] also leave Wellington this year. After five years' positive, enthusiastic and often successful contribution to Wellington rackets, all three would be most welcome to return to the court as Old Wellingtonians. Two other leavers, however, possibly made rackets history during the lent Term. Ellie Porter and Rosie Bartley (both Combermere) had been spending Friday afternoons on court with Professional Noel Brett for four years. When they travelled to Charterhouse with the rest of the squad in February they played in what was most probably the first inter-school girls' match in the history of the sport. They won convincingly. *C.M. Oliphant-Callum* ■

## — SAILING —

**I**t was always going to be difficult for the Wellington College Sailing Club to match last season's achievement, with the anticipated

emphasis this year being placed squarely on performance in the regional regattas and the deliberate aim to widen the 'competitive sailing' experience for more students. Friendly

inter-school matches certainly provide competitive sailing experience for more students and for those sailors, who normally might not reach the 'regatta standard' for team membership, to prove themselves and what they could do.

Difficult or not, Wellington sailing has been revolutionised. The standard of sailing achieved this year has never been higher. We acquired our new Firefly dinghies early in the season, a significant investment. The Fireflies meet the needs much better than the ageing Laser II fleet. Students are able to train in boats in which they usually compete, and this has made a significant difference in regattas.

For the first time we were able to select an all-female team, competing for College against St Helens' and St Katherine's in the first all-girls' match. Also for the first time, with our greater numbers, we have been able to compete simultaneously at 'home' and 'away' with different crews. Mixed College teams have been made up of girls and boys, and of different year groups, even at 1st team level. All this proves that sailing is a 'sport for life' and can easily comprise mixed teams.

Sailing in our 420s, the first regatta of the year took place in East Kent. This is a well-run and competitive

event. Wellington College Sailing Club did well in the group stages, winning all our matches, except against Magdalen College School. Well placed, we did not quite live up to expectations in the finals of this event, going out to King's Canterbury early on in the final rounds.

The Hoad Shield (Bough Beech Sailing Club) and Midlands' Regatta (Oxford Sailing Club) were characterised by the lack of wind, which certainly did not suit the Wellington teams. Both events were decided by computer rather than a full programme of racing. Such decisions are always disappointing. When the 'circus' moved on to the Thames Valley Regatta at Bray, the WCSC team sailed impressively through each round to achieve a position in the Gold Fleet. We were, however, unable to take this further against consistently good opposition.

By this stage in the season, it was becoming apparent that there was a massive improvement in the standard of team racing amongst all British Schools' Dinghy Racing Association schools, making WCSC's A team in the Southern Regional Regatta all the more impressive. With two teams competing, WCSC A rose almost to the top of the Gold Fleet unbeaten. Despite Charlie Esse [Pn] treating our nemesis team of Magdalen College School



East Kent Sailing Regatta

to a 'top gun' manoeuvre on not one but two occasions, Wellington just lost in the final.

The BSDRA National finals are a relatively new venture for WCSC, although a rather weak team did gain some valuable experience last year. We were able to enter a much more competitive team this year, although again not the strongest. The season ended with a well-deserved Silver Fleet victory.

In between all these events, WCSC contested inter-school matches against Harrow, Magdalen College School, Winchester, Bearwood and Bradfield; the matches against Harrow and Canford were cancelled due to lack of wind.

House sailing for the Barnard Cup was also exciting. Raced for the first time on a single date, the Picton crew of Pat Garratt and Charlie Esse were victorious in a final that was only decided in the last race.



Harry Martin [BI] and Will Fitz-Gibbon [L] sailing 420s

The Club is always grateful for the support it receives from the Old Wellingtonian Sailing Association. Despite the OWs' stout resolve, the Commodore's Trophy was retained by a strong College team. In its second year the WCSC also retained the Darwin Cup, presented last year by Mr and Mrs Anthony Esse, Charlie's parents, in a match against a parents' team. They did not field the Olympians

they did last year, but the race was closely contested in the fickle Horseshoe Lake winds.

I am grateful to colleagues who have assisted with sailing this year, particularly to Ed Venables and Nick Maloney. Many others have helped in helping to move boats, taking teams to matches and assisted in the general running of the Club. Peter Burton, our professional coach, continues to make a real difference on a weekly basis. The opportunity provided by the OWSA for two students to spend a weekend race training on J109s was very well received. James Robertson has worked hard to put together OW teams and Peter Franz for training the parents' teams. Wellington College sailing has been greatly supported by Anthony Esse, whose son now leaves Wellington after five years of tremendous sailing enthusiasm

and success. He is eagerly awaited by the OWSA. 2009/2010 has been a fantastic year for Wellington sailing. We are losing ten first rate sailors but anticipate many more to emerge in all age groups. Providing students continue to show enthusiasm and commitment for this most technical and physically demanding sport, there is a grand future ahead. *Ian Frayne* ■

## SHOOTING

The start of the Michaelmas Term was always going to be a challenge for shooting as we had lost four very experienced team members who had 'retired' from Wellington. As if this were not enough, rifle shooting at Wellington was in difficulties as we had no Master in Charge. However, we were able to use the range under the supervision of Messrs Long and Home, and members of the Common Room, and the Captain

together with her Vice, Harry Orpen-Smellie [BI], did their best to maintain standards among those who had shot last year. We were aided by our Coach Ian Shirra-Gibb, who did sterling work with those who attended the Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday sessions at the College Range.

Just after Half Term we were delighted to learn that Mr Nigel Ball had been recruited as our new Master in Charge. Mr Ball is a hugely experienced International shot in his own



Wellington at the Clayton Challenge: Back row, left to right: Leo Sutton [R], Andrew Brooker [HI], Oliver Lyon [M], Hannah Pugsley [C], Alex Corner [L], Harry Orpen-Smellie [BI], Max Hayes [BI]. Front row, left to right: Jamie Allum [T], Jerry Stileman [L], Oskar Graziosi [M], Nick Bass [M], Taggy [Dog].

right but also, and more importantly for us, had been Master in Charge of Shooting at Greshams School—one of the foremost shooting schools in the country—for a number of years. Mr Ball swept into our midst and we were soon back on track with training programmes and a fixture list.

Although we had only two members of the Team in the Sixth Form this year, Wellington have repeated their record-breaking form of last year by being unbeaten in 25 yard shoulder-to-shoulder matches. Our Team included pupils from the Third Form to the Upper Sixth. Is there any other Team in College with such a wide age range of members? We beat Ibis Bearwood (a local club), Marlborough—at home and away—then the Atomic Weapons Establishment (our choice of weapons though!), and Westminster School. We were also victorious in the annual match against the OWs—even though, in an effort to break our stranglehold, they brought a reserve and the youngest OW Team seem in many years!

In the British Schools Winter Open Meeting (held

at Wellington) Hannah Pugsley [C] won the Individual Championship and, with Harry Orpen-Smellie, won the Clay Disc (i.e. Polo Mint) Knock Out Challenge Cup. Jamie Allum [T] was third in the individual by virtue of his 90 second timed shooting.

Hannah Pugsley and Harry Orpen-Smellie were selected to shoot for the GB Schools Team in the annual match against New Zealand Schools. Sadly, this is a postal match, so they had to shoot at Wellington College, rather than in Wellington, New Zealand.

In the British Schools International Match, we had no fewer than eight shooters selected to represent their Countries—Hannah and Harry for England A; Andy Brooker [HI] for Scotland A; Alex O'Donnell [R] and Alex Corner [L] for England B; Ollie Lyon [M] and Jamie Allum [T] for England C; and Third Former Jerry Stileman [L] for England D.

Hannah Pugsley was selected for the British Schools Team in the ISAS 2010 International in Dortmund,

Germany. She shot prone and 3-position matches in the indoor 50 metre range, alongside shooters from twenty countries. She has also represented her County of Surrey in Senior Teams in Air Rifle, 3-Positional Rifle, and Prone Rifle during the season.

Hannah was also selected for the Athelings 2010 Team; because of her uncertainty about her A Level results, she sadly had to withdraw. However, this meant that she was available for the World Championships in Munich in early August but she was duly selected to represent Great Britain Junior Women in the 50 metre Prone competition, and Great Britain Women in the 300 metre Prone competition.

In an innovation for shooting at Wellington, this year we had an Easter Training Camp at Bisley. During the course of the week we trained with the Cadet Target Rifles. These are the rifles we use in the Ashburton Shield in July, the British Schools Championship and a major match for us. It was hard work—out on the ranges by 0815, shooting all day, and cleaning rifles and preparation before dinner; and evening ‘classroom’ sessions some days, and this was in the Easter ‘Holidays’! We were joined by three Third Formers who had only started shooting in January for one week and they made enormous progress; we will have real depth in the coming seasons.

The training paid off when, on Saturday 24th April, we won the Clayton Challenge, a major Cadet match which has not been won by Wellington for many, many years. This was a particularly sweet victory as not only did we beat Greshams—our ‘old’ rivals and current holders of the Ashburton Shield—but also Epsom College who have won this trophy for the last six years. Epsom had turned out in force, with two teams and five members of staff to supervise. Our team was quiet and professional—ably supported by Miss Jack and dog Taggy—and got on with the job. Harry Orpen-Smellie, coached by Hannah Pugsley, was the top individual score, so we came home with two trophies and a bunch of medals.

The summer is the main season for Cadet Target Rifle and Target Rifle; the main competitions run over a two-week period in July and are held at Bisley. Having trained extensively with the Cadet Target Rifles, this year Wellington excelled in the Schools competitions. Leo Sutton (Fifth Form [R]) was second in the Monday Aggregate, and won the Wednesday aggregate with a score of 70 ex 70; he was also second in the Financial

Times. The 300 aggregate was won by Alex O’Donnell (Fifth Form [R]). In the Wellington, Andy Brooker [HI] (Fifth Form) and Leo Sutton had to tie shoot for first place, having both scored 35 out of 35 with 6 V bulls—Andy took the tie shoot. We had 7 people in the top 100 cadets in the Cadet Grand Aggregate and 6 Wellington Cadets in the Schools 100.

Several competitions are shot concurrently with the individual matches: Wellington won the RSM Milsom Cup, the Wellington team of six came third in the Devon, and in the Victoria College Trophy we came second by one point with a team of four.

In the Ashburton Shield, the Wellington VIII came joint fifth with RGS Guildford, but were counted out by a single V-bull. The Pairs came a respectable 17th and Jamie Allum [T] (Fifth Form) was second in the Reserve—after a tie shoot. In the Lucas, the VIII together with the Vets came third.

Hannah Pugsley shot for England in the Cadet National Match, which was won by England and Alex Corner [L] shot in the victorious Short Range U.K. Cadets’ team and captained the Long Range U.K. Cadet team.

Throughout the Schools Week we were supported by Mr Ball (Master in Charge), Mrs Pearse (Coach), and John Clifford-Evans who stepped magnificently into the breach and was an enormous help. On one occasion, as we had three shooters in tie shoots at the same time, each of these three laid down in the pouring rain to coach our team.

The main Target Rifle meeting starts the day after the Schools Week, and Wellington pupils continued their positive streak. Alex Corner (Fourth Form [L]) got into the Second Stage of the St Georges, and he was also the top Wellington College pupil in the Grand Aggregate. All who stayed on for the Target Rifle meeting enjoyed the experience of competing alongside shooters from many parts of the world and acquitted themselves well—if no major honours were won.

All in all, after a shaky start, the 2009/2010 season has seen great success for Wellington College rifle shooting, both at individual and team levels. This success is due to a number of factors; the excellent coaching we have received from Ian Shirra-Gibb (National Coach for 300m) and Mary Pearse (GB, former winner of the Grand Aggregate, and member of the GB 300m Squad); the support and tireless organisational powers of Mr Ball; and last, but by no means least, the commitment of the shooters themselves. **Nigel Ball** ■



Les Houches, March 2010, British Inter-Schools

## — SKIING —

**A**nother successful and busy ski season for Wellington, perfecting technique on the dry slope at Aldershot throughout the Michaelmas term with the British Ski Academy, followed by competitions in the Alps—the British Schoolboy’s races and the Interschools’ Challenge. Unfortunately due to last minute depletion of the team we had to cancel our trip to the British Schoolgirls’ Races in Flaine, so unfortunately we could not retain Lucy Lintott’s [C] trophy from last year!

Our trusty trio of Joseph Rossi [Bd] (captain), Austin Curtis [T], and Silas Curtis [L] returned to the British Schoolboys’ Races, along with promising newcomer Sam Sud [Bd]. It was a challenging few days on the slopes in Meiringen, with unrelenting snowfall and very cold conditions, but the boys were not deterred and competed with true Wellington spirit. The team were brilliantly led by Joe Rossi, a technically gifted racer and motivational and knowledgeable leader. Notable individual performances came from Silas Curtis, who ranked 20/102 in the Slalom and Joe Rossi in the Giant Slalom. The boys performed well as a team and reached the quarter-finals in the Team Parallel Slalom. They achieved an impressive position in the team ranking, 12 out of 31 schools. Against very stiff competition they came in second unregistered team overall.

A team of 10 skiers went out to Les Houches in March to compete in this prestigious and highly competitive race

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The pictures are of Wellington students (Top to Bottom: Charlotte Bowring; Cameron Richards & Lucy Lintott) competing in the 2010 Inter Schools races at Les Houches, France and were taken by Racer Ready / Neil McQuoid



Above: Lucy Lintott [C], the captain, in action in Les Houches. Below: Silas Curtis [L] in action in Meiringen, Switzerland, 2010, British School Boys' Races



event, organised by the British Skiing Association. The team consisted of some experienced racers, combined with some fresh young talent: Lucy Lintott (captain), Joseph Rossi (captain), Charlie Bowring [O], Austin Curtis, Silas Curtis, Laurence Ives [M], Fred Hayes [T], Rollo Shaw [M], Rob Ferguson [Bn] and Cameron Richards [Bn]. The racing was

of a very high standard and they were competing against high ranking ski schools, such as Millfield, as well as full time racing clubs. All the skiers did themselves and the school proud and had a great time on perfect snow under clear blue skies. Particular mention should go to Lucy Lintott who came 4th in the Slalom. *Bethan Thomas* ■

## — SQUASH —

**S**quash was prominent at Wellington this year. The 1st V Team achieved fame for College by reaching 'third' place at the National Squash Tournament in Manchester on 18th March, the highlight of the season.

Indeed the whole season was impressive. The 1st team won all their school fixtures, with fine wins over Eton, Harrow, Charterhouse and Cranleigh. After qualifying second in our group in the National School's Competition, we had trips to Exeter College (won 5-0) and Lancing (won 3-2) to qualify for the Finals' day in Manchester. This put right an earlier defeat by Lancing, our team playing squash this time of the highest order to ensure a nail-biting win. The ensuing trip to Manchester was a great experience for the players. It gave them the opportunity to be amongst the final four teams in the whole of the Country. The standard was of the highest. Meeting with the Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, was a bonus. It is worth recording that of all other teams in the Finals, Wellington was the only school with an English team, rather than one including 'imports' from broad. All in all, our performance there was a great success for the squad, a source of much pride.

The annual Roehampton Tournament was an opportunity to field our 'development'

squad. Rufus Hawkins [S] and Tom Membrey [H] were given a chance to shine. They did so in spectacular style. It was a tough but enjoyable day with the team winning the Plate Competition, an outstanding effort.

This year we had two new additions to the squad; Alex Noakes [L] joined College in the Third Form and Millie Pugh [Hn] joined after Christmas. Both players



Nick Hopcroft [Bd], Gordon Brown and Max Fawcett [Bd]

have contributed a great deal to College and have been positive influences amongst the rest of the players. The squad comprised several players over the course of the year, namely Nick Hopcroft [Bd], Max Fawcett [Bd] (Captain), Max Tulley [Bd], Jonny Burgin [Bn], Alex Noakes [L], Tom Membrey [H], Millie Pugh [Hn] and Patrick Ware [L]. Patrick organised a 'Gentlemen's' V and a very enjoyable evening against parents at Roehampton Club.

## SQUASH

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| 1ST V . . . . . | KCS WIMBLEDON . . . . .            | WON 4-1  |
| 1ST V . . . . . | PETER SYMONDS COLL.(NSC) . . . . . | WON 5-1  |
| 1ST V . . . . . | HARROW . . . . .                   | WON 3-2  |
| 1ST V . . . . . | BISHOP LUFFA (NSC) . . . . .       | WON 5-0  |
| SENIOR III      | RADLEY & MARLBOROUGH . . . . .     | 2ND      |
| 1ST V . . . . . | CRANLEIGH . . . . .                | WON 4-1  |
| 1ST V . . . . . | LANCING (NSC) . . . . .            | LOST 2-3 |
| 2ND V . . . . . | CHARTERHOUSE . . . . .             | WON 3-2  |
| 1ST V . . . . . | CRANLEIGH . . . . .                | WON 4-1  |
| 1ST V . . . . . | ETON . . . . .                     | WON 3-2  |
| 1ST V . . . . . | CHARTERHOUSE . . . . .             | WON 4-1  |
| SENIOR III      | RADLEY & MARLBOROUGH . . . . .     | 1ST      |
| 1ST V . . . . . | EXETER SCHOOL (NSC) . . . . .      | WON 5-0  |
| 1ST V . . . . . | LANCING (NSC) . . . . .            | WON 3-2  |

All players have been great ambassadors for Wellington. The staff have put in many hours of work behind the scenes. The squad benefited immensely from the coaching of Steve Mead and Phil Mann, who generated great rapport between themselves and team members with good humour and banter. Squash is in a fantastic position for next year as the nucleus of the team remains. We certainly hope to exceed this year's fine achievements. *Brynn Bayman* ■

## — SWIMMING & TRIATHLON —

The pupils swam really well in fixtures against other schools during the season. We were delighted with our convincing wins against Charteouse, Epsom, the Downs School and Winchester.

Matches against Cranleigh, Bradfield and Eton were really tight, with the match against Bradfield being decided in the final relays.

The girls also managed to break lots of records this year. New College records were set by Alice Best [Hn], in the Inters 50m breast-stroke; Harriette Johnson [O] in the Inters 100m; Lucy Edgerly [C] in the 50m fly and 100 Intermediate; and Kristina Holley [W] in the Senior 50m freestyle, 50m fly and 100 Intermediate.

As for Triathlon, we started the year with an 'aquathlon' (400m swim and 5km run) before adding the bike section to our races. The pupils have had the opportunity to train six times a week. This contributed to our wonderful success in the European Age Group Triathlon Championships 2011 Qualification race, held at Grendon Park, Northamptonshire. To qualify for the British team, ten of our pupils and one member



Freddie Fitz-Gibbon [L] dismounts ready for the run having swum and biked



Evgeny Shuvalov [T] exits the water after chaos of packed lake swim.

of staff raced over a 750m lake swim followed by a 20km road cycle and 5km run. We were absolutely thrilled that three team members were selected, namely Jo-jo Blunt [Hn], Alex Miller [Bl] and Freddie Fitz-Gibbon [L]. We also

hope that after an exceptional performance, Evgeny Shuvalov [T], will be able to compete for Russia. The European Triathlon Championships will take place in Pontevedra, Spain in July next year.

The inter-house triathlon championships drew more than 65 pupils and we were very impressed with the standard, particularly in the junior section. Many of the Third Formers beating some of the seniors. The winner of the junior boys' championship was Will Fiz-Gibbon, and we hope that he will follow in brother Freddie's footsteps and compete for Great Britain when he is old enough. The winners of the inters' race was Nick Trehwella [Bd] and the seniors' was won by Evgeny Shuvalov. The girls' race was also hotly contested and Harriette Johnson [O] was the overall winner, with Olivia Shepherd [C] winning the junior girls' contest. *Katy Granville-Chapman* ■

## — TENNIS —

Our tennis players had an incredibly busy Summer term. The boys and girls did exceedingly well to make time for matches, especially during the busy exam period.

The Senior Boys came up against some strong sides and made much of the competition. The first round of the Inter Schools' League was particularly exciting, with Wellington

narrowly being reduced to second place. Our Junior Colts' 1st team—Jake Presley [L], Nikolai Malyguine [Bd], Robert Alderson [S], Buchan, David or Hamish Richardson [Pn], Tommaso Armanini [M] and Will or George Hutchinson [Bn]—have been particularly outstanding, remaining unbeaten throughout the season. The Junior Colts 2nd and 3rd teams have had some great victories over schools



Sophie Robertson [O], Katie Wells [O], Hattie Jones [Hn] and Amber Coleman [Hn]

such as Cranleigh, Tonbridge and Epsom. The Yearlings 1st team started the season with a big win over Charterhouse, drawing against Epsom and Tonbridge and then narrowly losing to Cranleigh. On the whole the boys have played some outstanding tennis, thoroughly exciting to watch.

Wellington Senior girls almost had an unbeaten season, narrowly losing to Downe House and Cranleigh. Amber Coleman [Hn] and Louisa Rubio [C] have been a particularly successful pair, hardly losing a match. We shall be sad to lose the Apsley Hayward-Cook duo, Lottie and Jojo. Our Under 15s' team, the largest and most enthusiastic squad of

tennis players, have likewise had a great season, losing only to Sevenoaks and Marlborough. Possessing real talent and competitiveness, they have been a great pleasure to watch as they grew in strength.

All season, under the keen coaching of Mrs Grillo and Dr Garrick, the Under 14s 'played their socks off'. The A team won most of their matches, only narrowly losing to Bradfield and Sevenoaks. The Bs and Cs lost only to Marlborough, their victories otherwise assured. Enjoyment of tennis and sportsmanship have characterised all girls' tennis this year. *Camilla Bailey* ■



Boys' Tennis 1st VI, standing, left to right: Gareth Pearson Esq, Nick Drummond-Smith [M], Rupert Madden [Hg], James Wheatley [A]  
Sitting: James Wilcox [Hg], Gordon Hamilton-Fairley [Hg], Ben Blossie [Hg]

# SERVICE



## — CHAPEL —

**T**he English', humorously commented George Bernard Shaw, 'are not very spiritual people, so they invented cricket to give them some idea of eternity'. Shaw may well be correct in suggesting the heavenly nature of the game of cricket, but Wellingtonians continue to recognise Chapel, dedicated to the Holy Spirit, as the centre of spirituality, the most 'eternal' of the eight aptitudes.

Chapel worship maintains its engagement with the 21st century and illustrates the timeless relevance of belief in Christ and the Christian faith in the lives of young people. This year is noted for the development of student-created, organised and officiated services;

the significant participation of teaching and support staff in offering talks and homilies; and the continuing deep involvement of the music department in promoting the performance of contemporary liturgical music.

Weddings and baptisms have also featured in the Chapel calendar. Of particular note was the baptism of the young William Franklin on the Feast of Pentecost, 23rd May. The son of Beresford Housemaster Gavin and his wife Claire, William became an official member of Christ's Holy Catholic Church at a service attended by Third Form pupils and their Grandparents. Happily we discovered that

one of the grandparents attending was the retired Bishop of Florida, The Rt Rev. Frank Cervený, grandfather of Chas Cevený [Pn]. The Bishop duly preached on that day!

'The beauty of the Chapel is always present whenever we go there', notes an OW. 'The fine stained glass windows by OW Hugh Easton [Hg 1920–1923] remind us how nearly

the building came to being destroyed 70 years ago by enemy action. The windows were replacements for those lost, and the same artist designed the RAF memorial window in Westminster Abbey. Many Wellingtonians will note the similarities.' (See page 131)

Ever important in Chapel is the voice of the student body. 'This year has been my

third year working in the chapel as a server', writes James Lorenz [HI], 'and I can honestly say that I enjoy it as much as I ever did. Perhaps best of all is the group of people with whom I work in Chapel. Jamie Allum [T], Alex Sanina [C], Miles Seavill [H], Angus Franz [L] and recently Connor Kent-Payne [BI] have been excellent friends, easy and enjoyable to work with. In particular Miles, who is in my House and was head server when I was in the third form, has given me excellent support and helped me throughout the last three years.

'Over those three years, the six of us have shared many



Father Tim Novis with some visiting Tibetan Llamas



Alex Sanina [C]

experiences working in the Chapel, including one particular evening where a server was overcome and fainted in the middle of a service. Our relationship with both Father Novis and the not-praised-enough Mr Hucklesby, has been excellent. The entire experience has given me an incredibly deep satisfaction with my work in Chapel, helping me enormously in all aspects of life during my time at Wellington. I look forward to continuing to serve for my remaining two years at College.'

As we say good-bye to her, we ask God's richest blessings upon Alex Sanina, who graduates from the Upper Sixth at Wellington and is remembered for being Wellington's very first female Chapel Server. I myself am ever grateful for the

continuing opportunity to be your College Chaplain and remain, faithfully, yours. *Father Tim Novis* ■

## HOPE & HOMES

Readers of last year's *Year Book* will recall that the charity chosen by students and staff for the 150th anniversary year was 'Hope and Homes', in Sierra Leone. The target was £150,000. The sum now raised stands at about £137,000—with expectations that the target will be reached quite soon.

## — CCF —

### THE COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPORT

**I** have taken over as Contingent Commander during a great school year in which both the College and the national cadet movement have celebrated their 150th anniversaries. Cadet numbers are high throughout all year groups. I am supported by some especially experienced, willing and talented staff and the management have high regard for the role the contingent plays with respect to the earliest traditions of the College. As we move forward, I am looking to make the contingent far more cadet-led—granting the senior cadets significant leadership experience—more competitive, and take a wider range of cadets on camps.

The year was full of successes for individual cadets. Geoffrey Hopkinson [Hg] won a scholarship from the Royal Marines and was chosen to represent all Royal Marine cadet forces in front of Her Majesty at the Cadet 150th celebrations. As I write, he is now undergoing Young Officer training. Dom Auger [T] was awarded an Army scholarship, Ollie Barker [Hg] an RAF scholarship, Matthew Dickenson [M] a flying scholarship and David Lee [M] and James Mulvaney [Hg] gliding scholarships. Each year we present a number of awards to the top cadets, judged not only on their personal success but also on their service to the CCF. We are most grateful to current governor and former naval officer, Rear Admiral Hugh Edleston for the donation of his sword. The Edleston Sword of Honour (Naval Service) was presented to Geoffrey Hopkinson; the Honourable Artillery Company Sword of Honour (Army)

was presented to Ben Butcher [T]; the McMullen Sword of Honour (Royal Air Force) was presented to Izzie West [Hn] and the Porteous Plate (the Commanding Officer's award) was presented to Rory Stewart [T].

You will read herein mentions of Her Majesty's visit, Remembrance Sunday and Speech Day. All were memorable and moving occasions. However, these were whole school performances and for pure contingent focus, I do not think much can beat our participation in Heritage Day at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. The Field Gun team, the Drum Corps and our newly formed Cavalry Display teams all wowed a crowd of around 10,000 visitors. The cadets were rightly proud, for they were fantastic.

The College is grateful for the continued support of all the military training teams as well as our affiliated units HMS *Iron Duke* and 3rd Battalion the Yorkshire Regiment (the Duke of Wellington's Regiment), the latter not least for their provision of a military summer camp for a number of Army cadets. I would also like to thank Major General Chris Deverell [C 1974–1978] for conducting the biennial review last October.

Major Gerry Long, the College Adjutant, deserves my deepest gratitude, not only for taking the contingent in hand before my arrival, but also for protecting me from the terrifying levels of administration whilst I found my feet. It is appropriate that he continues this introductory piece. *Major Tom Norton RM* ■



Waterloo Company, near Weymouth, on their Easter Camp

## — ADJUTANT'S REPORT —

**P**arading the Colours before Her Majesty stands out as the highlight of another great year for the CCF. With numbers breaking 400 this year, the Corps continues to move forward under the stewardship of the new Contingent Commander, Major Tom Norton RM, a recent loss to the regular Royal Marines but very much Wellington's gain. The Cadet Corps has gone from strength to strength. For the first time the Third Form joined the CCF during their third term and took part in camps in the Brecon Beacons and Weymouth. All embraced the chance to take part in paint-balling, hiking and climbing and get a feel for the year ahead in the CCF.

The other main events were the Easter and Summer Camps, which incorporated the expedition element of the

Duke of Edinburgh award scheme, and a well done to all those within the Corps who achieved a Bronze, Silver or Gold in the award, and the Summer Field Day, which saw the Army Section deploy to the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and Gibraltar Barracks, the Royal Navy to Portsmouth and the RAF Section to RAF Benson.

Finally we take the opportunity to say goodbye to one of the stalwarts of Wellington College CCF, Major David Burns, whose career in the Corps spanned over two generations, and made up for over half the experience and qualifications within it; never have the words 'he will be missed' been so under-played.

Goodbye David and all the best in the future. Remember old soldiers never die they just fade away. *Major Gerry Long* ■

## — THE THOUGHTS OF — THE CADET REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR

**S**ervice at Wellington College has for a long time been epitomised by the CCF and this year has been no exception. I have been proud to lead the Army section this year as RSM, each week joining groups on their various activities ranging from drill to ambush skills. The energy every boy and girl puts into the CCF, whether there is snow or blistering heat, is remarkable. It is exciting to see the leaders in every year group develop throughout the year.

Several occasions this year have helped embed the contingent further into the school. Members of each section had the honour of taking part in the inspiring Remembrance Sunday service and no one could deny the pride they felt welcoming the Queen to Wellington. For those leaving the Army section we will not forget the skills it has given us and the fantastic memories it leaves in our heads. *Cadet RSM Ben Butcher* ■

## — ROYAL NAVY SECTION —

**T**he RN Section has had a fantastic year, providing plenty of leadership opportunities for cadets and involving them in a range of activities driven by the RN cadet syllabus. All first year cadets this year achieved Cadet Able Seaman status. Well done to them.

After a brief dip in the pool for swimming tests, cadets started the year by attending the CCF Regatta at HMS Excellent/HMS Bristol. Whilst staying on HMS Bristol is always fun for cadets, sadly even the Royal Navy were unable to drum up wind and the event was wound up earlier than expected with no result. This was a shame as Wellington had hoped to do well. Cadets however did enjoy the less formal 'pulling' regatta organised in lieu.

Throughout the year the section managed to fit in many activities from air rifle, range and clay pigeon shooting, to navigating the waters of the Solent and Portsmouth Harbour in Fox Terrier cruising boats—a real opportunity for the section to put into practice the skills gained on Horseshoe Lake throughout the Michaelmas and Summer Terms. Kayaking and work on the 'low ropes' and assault courses also featured in the programme for the year.

RN Cadets particularly enjoyed a visit to the Submarine

Museum in Gosport. A tour of an actual submarine really gave cadets an insight into the conditions endured by submariners and the nature of the work of the submarine service both past and present. Other visits this year included those to HMS Victory and to 'Action Stations' in Portsmouth Dockyard.

The section was fortunate enough to be visited by Commander Andrew Stacey, Captain of HMS Iron Duke, our affiliated ship. Cadets were keen to hear of the Iron Duke's recent exploits in the Caribbean and the section hopes to further links with the ship.

Developing leadership potential is fundamental to the ethos of the section and it relies on senior cadets to help younger cadets master a range of skills that include communications, navigation and ship recognition. With the support of the Area Instructor and section officers senior cadets have done some excellent work, not only in developing these core skills with younger cadets, but also in developing their own. The section is lucky to have some outstanding cadet leaders who make these skills interesting and accessible to others and who very much 'shape' their own section. *Lt Ian Frayne RNR* ■

## — A CADET'S VIEW —

**W**hen I joined Wellington in the Lower Sixth I had no idea how many huge opportunities and commitments would be on offer to me. I

threw myself into everything I could, although mostly in fields I had experienced before. CCF was one thing I had never done and heard very little about. However, I saw an

opportunity to do something new that I thought I might really enjoy. Joining the Naval section was a decision I made at the time purely due to my love of sailing, but over the first few months I found other skills and elements I really enjoyed, such as drill, navigation and leadership. I had to learn very fast to cram two years' worth of skill development into a few short terms so that I could teach the younger cadets coming through. I found the challenge difficult but rewarding and somehow always landed upright when thrown in at the deep end. I was honoured when I was given the opportunity to lead the section this year and

will never forget many of the occasions I have taken part in. The Queen's Visit and Remembrance Sunday are just two I will never forget.

I think there will be moments I will remember for all the wrong reasons and others I will remember for all the right ones. I will take away many skills including how to lead without being overpowering, how to be firm but fair, how to stand up for myself and rise to every challenge—even if it does not always go how I had hoped—and, most importantly I feel, how to set a good example by being the best leader I can be. *PO Lillie Cable* ■

## — ROYAL MARINE SECTION —

**T**he Royal Marine Section has been driven forward this year by the enthusiasm and commitment of Cadet Colour Sergeant Geoffrey Hopkinson. The team that travelled to Lymstone in the autumn for the Pringle Trophy, acquitted themselves well and many of the team will be back to compete again. We have been fortunate to enjoy great support from the Royal Marines Cadet Training Team this year, with visits at least once a fortnight

from regular officers and non-commissioned officers, who add great value to the training. Selection this year proved more cerebral with the result of an exceptionally keen and dedicated intake from the Fourth Form, including four girls. The members of the RM section include many of the keenest members of the CCF, so it is no surprise that many have been involved in the colour parties mounted for the Queen, Remembrance Sunday and Speech Day. *Mike Goves* ■

## — ARMY SECTION —

**T**he Army section is divided up into year groups. The Fourth Form, for whom CCF is compulsory, learn basic military and outdoor pursuits; the Fifth Form deepen their military knowledge; the Lower

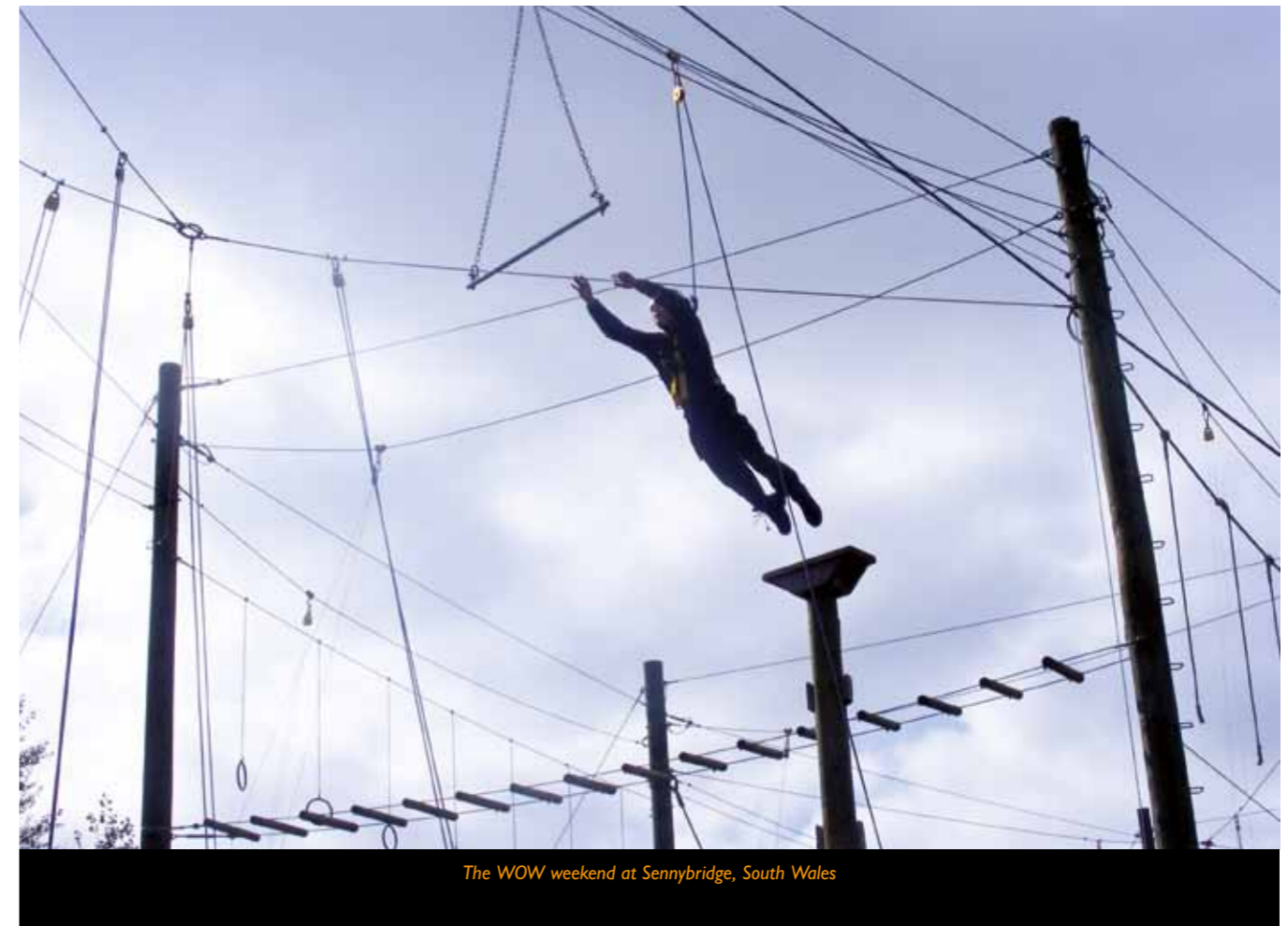
Sixth complete a Junior Leaders' Cadre which teaches them the methods to allow them to instruct the younger years then and into their Upper Sixth year. Here we have reports from the Fourth and Fifth Forms. ■

## — WATERLOO COMPANY FOURTH FORM —

**I**t was another busy year, with five large platoons rotating through all the many and varied training opportunities.

Almost as soon as the first term had begun the Fourth Form cadets were thrown into the WOW weekend (which has replaced the more traditional Michaelmas Term Field Day); this was a weekend away, based in Sennybridge in South Wales (surprisingly it did not rain at all) where they spent one day at the Llangorse outdoor centre and the other getting to the top of Pen-y-Fan. Back at Wellington

the training programme tried to give the cadets a mix of the military and the fun, with a bit of personal development and leadership thrown into the mix. The training was a round-robin of the usual things which all OWs will remember from their time in the CCF! This included drill—under the eagle eyes of instructors from RMAS—camouflage and concealment, and other exercises involving crawling around in the undergrowth, poncho-bivvies, weapon-handling, fieldcraft, patrolling, ambushes—ably run by the Cadet Training Team—and even a hostage-rescue exercise. To



*The WOW weekend at Sennybridge, South Wales*

this was added what we hope was a stimulating variety of other training, including battlefield first aid, map work and orienteering, field cooking, building survival shelters, the low ropes course, stretcher races over the obstacle course, and some even conquered the 10 foot wall. There were lots of opportunities to shoot too, on the .22 range here (thanks to Flt Lt Roth), clays at Bisley, and, as a finale on the successful Field Day at Gibraltar Barracks and RMAS in the Summer Term, the Close Quarter Battle exercise involving firing lots of blanks as well as live firing with the Cadet GP on the 30m range and using the battlefield simulator at RMAS.

Two successful camps were run; one at Easter in Weymouth (which replaced the traditional Fremington Camp which has sadly closed due to defence cuts) and the other in South Wales in the summer, both involving the usual heady mix of climbing, walking, camping and canoeing, with the opportunity to carry out the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze expedition too.

Has there ever been such a fine gathering of military might as the Wellington Fourth Form Company? Alma, Mons, Gallipoli, Somme and Chindits Platoons have worked hard all year to gain grounding in all aspects of military life. For some Cadets, this year has been the first flickering flame

of interest in the military that may lead to life of service in the Armed Forces, whilst for others it will be a fascinating insight which, although may not be the life for them, will have given them some memories they will treasure for ever.

Alma Platoon Commander, Lt Franklin, is sadly departing the CCF at the end of the year to become Housemaster of The Beresford. He has been delighted with his the effort of his boys and girls this year. The ever enthusiastic Lt Higham has drilled the Chindits superbly this year and they have comfortably won the Prize for smartest Platoon on Parade: congratulations Chindits, a great effort. Capt Price has loved working with the Somme, an eclectic mix of boys and girls who have never lost a sense of fun in all they have done. Lt Attenborough's Chindits have been the quietly focused platoon who, with stealth and precision, achieved a great deal this year. And finally, my platoon the Mons have been a fabulous bunch who, with a cheeky sense of adventure, have relished crawling around in the undergrowth and plastering cam cream on their faces.

Thank you one and all. For those departing the CCF this year we bid you fair well and good luck. For those lucky few staying on, next year promising to be very exciting indeed. Enjoy! *Captain G.D. Pearson RM* ■

## CORUNNA

## ADVANCED INFANTRY FIFTH FORM COMPANY

This year an enthusiastic group of Fifth Formers took part in a number of activities on Wednesday afternoons. As part of their CCF Army training the group learnt and carried out section attacks, patrols and ambushes on the Crowthorne Training Area, an alias for the school's wooded campus. What enthused Corunna Company the most, however, were physical tasks that forced them to work as a team. So we saw a number of stretcher races, command tasks, potted sports, water polo and camouflage and

concealment team games. The highlight, however, was 2Lt Attenborough's kayaking sessions in the school pool. We may not have some Olympian kayakers here, but talent was certainly made up for with fun and enjoyment, as well as the ability to fall out of the kayak with the slightest distraction.

Many have opted to continue with the CCF in the Sixth Form and get involved in the Junior Leaders' Cadre. The top cadets were LCpl Charlie Jobson [W], Hattie Jones [Hn] and Ollie Banks [A]. *Major Sam Gutteridge* ■

## ROYAL AIRFORCE SECTION

It has been another great year for the RAF Section. It started well with Matthew Dickenson and David Lee both returning from their Gliding Scholarships, both having flown solo and therefore achieving their 'wings'. We also found out that Head of Section Ollie Barker was awarded a much coveted Sixth Form Scholarship by the RAF, so huge congratulations to him. All these achievements, together with a very successful summer camp at RAF Shawbury at the start of the year, where all our cadets got up in helicopters (some even took control for an impromptu flying lesson), meant that we were once again oversubscribed when the new Fourth Form chose their sections, a great position to be in.

The new cadets were soon in the thick of things with the WOW weekend activities which included high ropes course, live firing and the art of cooking ration packs. The new NCOs and Fifth Form soon settled down producing

great results in their Part 2 exams and generally setting a fantastic example to the younger cadets. The Fifth Form, and several Lower Sixth, under the guidance of Izzy West, took part in the National Ground Competition, where we improved on the previous year's position by four places, so well done to all concerned.

Another highlight was the field day in June, when the whole section headed off to Marlow to do leadership training, as well as kayaking and we even squeezed in a dragon boat race. The year ended on another high with the news that James Mulvaney was awarded a Gliding Scholarship and Matthew Dickenson was one of the lucky few to be awarded a Flying Scholarship. Congratulations to them and a massive thank you to all the senior cadets and NCOs, especially Head of Section Ollie Barker. Also thank you to Miss Edwards, Mr Kirkham and Mr Turner for their invaluable help and support throughout the year. *Flight Lieutenant John Gale* ■

## A CADET'S VIEW

Having joined in the Lower Sixth knowing nothing about the CCF, I can only say that it has been a real honour to be part of the RAF Section these last two years. I have thoroughly enjoyed each week; from preparing activities for the Fourth Form, to seeing results after each session as the Fifth Form

demonstrate successfully the drill they have just been taught. I was in charge of preparing the Fifth Form for the inter-flight competition in January. Having only completed one myself, it was certainly a challenge, but I put my all into it, as they did, and we finished with a valiant result.

Being Deputy Head of Section has been excellent fun

and, not only do I feel I have taught those in the lower years, but I also feel I have learnt a great deal from my fellow NCOs and the cadets themselves. Together, we have learnt discipline and teamwork which I believe are key to

being a successful cadet. I was very proud to conclude my time in the Wellington College CCF by being awarded the McMullen Sword of Honour and many thanks to all who have helped me get this far. *Cadet Sergeant Izzie West* ■

## CAVALRY SECTION

This year, for the first time at Wellington, we have established a Cavalry Section. A group of twelve good riders headed off every Wednesday afternoon to Flemish Farm, home to the Honourable Artillery Company Light Cavalry (as well as being the stables for Guards Polo Club). Here they were versed in the traditions and skills of what is known in cavalry circles as Skill at Arms. As this is our first time participating in such activities we were limited to the art

of 'tent-pegging'. This involves galloping towards small targets placed on the floor (representing tent-pegs) and spearing them with an eight-foot long lance. This is a very tricky thing to do, especially as it is performed in pairs or fours, sometimes with riders coming the other way! The culmination of the year's hard work were two displays, one on Rockies on Speech Day and one at RMA Sandhurst as a part of their Heritage Day celebrations. *Flight Lieutenant John Gale* ■



Cavalry Section at work in front of the Churchill Hall, Sandhurst

## FIELD GUN

This year saw several significant changes in the way Field Gun is organised at Wellington due to the announcement of College's participation in the British Military Tournament at Earl's Court in Decemebr 2010. Lucy Pearson and Stephen Shortland agreed to allow Field Gun to have the status of a sport after twenty-five years of it being run as an activity. Maj Tom Norton, CCF Contingent Commander, brought the Field Gun back into the CCF for the first time since 1999.

The difference was quite noticeable from the first week as at last the crews could train with minimal disruption and that, combined with good weather, meant that we had

only one boy off-change due to injury, despite over forty boys training for six hours a week for a whole term. We were able to run two completely separate crews with half a crew of reserves. The B crew were keen to establish a record time of their own, which had only been tried once before. Many items of kit were broken in training as twice as many runs were completed. The most spectacular breakage was when the A crew managed to snap a 24-foot wall (wood diameter: 12 inches).

Geoffrey Hopkinson [Hg and Hn] was a superb captain and was also one of a rare breed: a field gunner for all five years at Wellington. We ran for members of the Field Gun

# THE FIELD GUN CREW

| A TEAM                  | POSITION | B TEAM                   |
|-------------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| BEN HARCOURT [T]        | 1        | FERGUS LESLIE MILLER [L] |
| JACK HARCOURT [HG]      | 2        | FRED HAYES [T]           |
| BEN WHITE [BL]          | 3        | JACK PILCHER [T]         |
| MICHAEL COLES [A]       | 4        | CALLUM WOODCOCK [HL]     |
| FELIX TITHERLEY [A]     | 5        | JOSH GOMARSALL [BD]      |
| SAM SPICER [PN]         | 6        | TOM SMITHDALE [BN]       |
| JAMES COLEMAN [S]       | 7        | MAX WOOD [PN]            |
| NICK TREWHELLA [BD]     | 8        | OLIOVER BANKS [A]        |
| GEOFFREY HOPKINSON [HG] | 9        | SAM FIDDIN GREEN [A]     |
| RUARIDH STEWART [HG]    | 10       | HARRY RANDALL [L]        |
| INDER VIRDI [PN]        | 11       | HARRY MADGE [T]          |
| PATRICK DAVIS [T]       | 12       | SAM AUGER [PN]           |
| JAMES FOTHERBY [A]      | 13       | ED DYER [BN]             |
| DOM AUGER [T]           | 14       | SAM SNELLING [HL]        |
| WILL WILSON [S]         | 15       | WILLIAM MCCREADY [HL]    |
| JONNY TEMPLEMAN [A]     | 16       | JOSH ASIKO [BL]          |
| BEN COOK [T]            | 17       | ANGUS WATT [A]           |
| JAMES WRIGHT [T]        | 18       | OLI BEART [S]            |

| RESERVES                 | KEY                          |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| AARON JEROME [BD]        | 1, 2 . . . . . BARREL NO.    |
| OLIVER DAVEY [T]         | 3, 4 . . . . . FIRST PAIR    |
| SEAN-PAUL MACKENZIE [BN] | 5 . . . . . CARRIAGE NO.     |
| LUKE MORTELL [T]         | 6 . . . . . CARRIAGE NO.     |
| AARAN DANIEL [BL]        | 7 . . . . . CARRIAGE NO.     |
| DENIS NAYDENOV [T]       | 8 . . . . . CARRIAGE NO.     |
|                          | 9 . . . . . FLYING ANGEL     |
| ALEX CORNER [L]          | 10 . . . . . TRAVELLER       |
| CONNOR KENT-PAYNE [BL]   | 10 . . . . . TRAVELLER       |
|                          | 11 . . . . . FIRST SWING     |
| JOSEF MARTIN [BN]        | 12, 13 . . . . . SLAT NO.    |
| JAMES VONCHEK [T]        | 14, 16 . . . . . SECOND PAIR |
| ANDREW BROWN [BL]        | 15 . . . . . SECOND SWING    |
| MAX HAYES [BL]           | 17, 18 . . . . . BACK OF BOX |

| STAFF   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1ST TRAINER . . . . . KEV CLARKE                        |                            |
| 2ND TRAINER . . . . . JIM HARWOOD                       |                            |
| FIELD GUN OFFICER . . . . . FLT LT B.N. ROTH RAFVRT     |                            |
| ASSISTANT FIELD GUN OFFICERS . . . . . LT I. FRAYNE RNR |                            |
|   | . . . . . CPT J. PRICE CCF |
| ORDNANCE ARTIFICER . . . . . SIMON TRENDALL             |                            |
| BUGLER . . . . . ALISTAIR MARGOT [S]                    |                            |



Associations on their way to Twickenham for the Army v. Navy rugby and some of the crew went up to watch the Navy beat the Army in a thrilling game. For the third year now there was no CCF inspection so we didn't have the chance to do any other display runs before Speech Day.

Speech Day was a nerve wracking time because the weather was very poor and we were only saved by Bryan Evans giving us some old cricket covers and Robin Dyer moving us an hour later to when the weather had improved. As usual the CCF Drum Corps performed between the phased and timed runs on Speech Day which made the display all the more enjoyable. Guest of honour was Jimmy Andrews who was the Fleet Air Arm trainer back in 1983 when our 1st Trainer, Kev Clarke, ran. The phased runs went well, despite problems with the swing



Field Gun Crew in training

lines as the 10-foot hook didn't have a long enough tail for the smaller 2nd swings to keep a hold of.

The A crew ran an amazing run-out in just 2.05, which included a penalty as they needed help from their trainer when the 2nd swing couldn't keep hold of the tail of the 10-foot hook. Their run-back was three seconds off the record in 1.23 but they managed an excellent 24 seconds on the run-home to go sub-four minutes. Their time was 3.52 and it was clear to the crews that they could easily beat this time in the future. The B crew wanted to go sub-five minutes and were never far behind the A crew. Their run-out was 2.32, their run-back 1.38, and their run-home was in 36 seconds, which makes a total of 4.46. It is really pleasing that these times have been set, for it gives future crews realistic, but tough, times to aim for.

Seventeen ties were awarded to the new crew members and ten leavers plaques. Geoffrey Hopkinson was awarded a tankard in recognition of his five years in the crew as well as the Harris Award for the captain.

Inder Viridi [Pn] won the trainer's tankard for amusing Kev (our first trainer) when he was knocked flying by the 10-foot in training. Dom Auger [T] won the Royal Navy prize as the most impressive RN/Marine cadet. Will Wilson [S] was new to Field Gun this year and, despite being in his first year at Wellington, made it into the A crew so was awarded the Field Gun Officer's Tankard for outstanding achievement.

The crews continued to train after exeat with the RMA Sandhurst Heritage day as their focus. The crews were split into two roughly equal teams, ready for the Tournament in December and that is how they ran at Sandhurst. We trained at Sandhurst on the day before and managed to break a 28-foot spar. The army turned up with only a 15-foot lorry to collect a spare so we had to ask Kev if he could sort out a fire engine instead. Before long it arrived in a training vehicle and the day was saved. There were huge crowds for each of the four runs and it was one of the highlights of the day. **Bruce Roth** ■

## HMS IRON DUKE

**H**MS *Iron Duke*, a Type 23 Frigate (4,900 tonnes), designed for the anti-submarine role, is armed with Sea Wolf and Harpoon missiles, Sting Ray torpedoes, two guns and an armed helicopter. Of the Ducal class, with a Ship's Company numbering 185 officers and rates, the ship has a long affiliation with Wellington College and its CCF Contingent. From time to time we like to describe its activities. Our correspondent, Lieutenant Stephen 'Tex' Sawyer takes up the story.

'It has had a very busy and productive several months.

The main focus and drive for this period has been the successful completion of *Iron Duke's* Operational Sea Training Package (OST), which takes place at HM Naval Base Devonport, under the Command of Flag Officer Sea Training. This package is geared towards preparing the ship for her forthcoming deployment in the waters East of Suez.

'In April 2010 *Iron Duke* set sail and headed North through the stunning backdrop of the West Coast of Scotland, in order to take part in an exercise to train future submarine Commanders. Her primary role is that of an Anti Submarine warfare platform. As the art of detection and counter detection is all based on the noise levels of both ship and submarine, it is imperative that such vessels operate in as quiet a 'noise state' as possible. The reason for this is two fold, firstly it allows us to listen and detect a submarine more accurately and it equally allows us to be undetected by the attacking submarine. This exercise was an ideal stepping stone and we then proceeded to take part in a NATO bi-annual exercise *Joint Warrior*.

'The end of April saw the successful completion of *Joint Warrior* and an opportunity for HMS *Iron Duke* to pay a brief visit to our affiliated City, Kingston-upon-Hull. Whilst there the Ship hosted a range of events, including an official reception, a naval careers forum, the em-



barkation of sea cadets and members of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, who sailed with us on our return to Portsmouth. Twenty-five of the Ship's Company were also hosted by the Lord Mayor of Kingston-upon-Hull and the Admiral of the Humber, at a civic reception at the Guildhall.

'May and June were spent concluding the six weeks OST package in Devonport. Our training was delivered in three phases. Phase One consisted of two weeks of safety training, both alongside the jetty and at sea. As a Ship's Company we had to prove that we could deal

with a wide variety of ship borne emergencies, such as fires and floods, as well as protecting the ship from an Asymmetric threat—such as small vessels manned by terrorists, drug-smugglers or pirates. The four weeks of Phase Two were focused on the core War-Fighting skills required of an operational warship in the Air, Surface and Subsurface environments. This period was an excellent opportunity to build on our War Fighting spirit, improve on our skills and to build momentum as we approached our final inspection.

'Phase Three training will be conducted in November 2010. This is designed to be Theatre Specific—in our case to prepare us for our seven month deployment East of Suez. In the mean time HMS *Iron Duke* is undergoing what we call an intensive 'respite' stage, in the form of a Fleet Time Support Period. This will help us, as work is being carried out, to improve 'habitability' onboard. This should have a significant impact on the quality of life on board and endurance on operations, especially when we deploy to hotter climates.

'Thus your ship, our ship, HMS *Iron Duke* has undergone the world's best naval training in the widest range of environments imaginable. As the *Wellington Year Book* goes to press, she will be fully armed and ready to conduct operations on her upcoming Deployment.' Lt Stephen Sawyer RN

## ROUND SQUARE

**A**s the Round Square (RS) organisation continues to grow and diversify, so the opportunities for Wellingtonians to be a part of international conferences, projects, exchanges and GAP placements increase. Wellington has been particularly committed to international service, and this summer saw students going on Round Square International Service (RSIS) projects to India, Guatemala, Peru and South Africa. Without exception, all students have been moved by what they experienced and for many it has been a life changing three weeks, something they will 'remember forever'.

Wellington has also continued to work in the Huhudi township around Tiger Kloof, another RS school in South Africa. Interest in joining this project was at an all time high this year and many of the students felt so moved by what they saw and did, that they returned for a mini GAP placement this summer. Wellingtonians have invested their hearts in the Huhudi township and have committed themselves not only for the duration of the project but for the future as well. Many of them wish to return on a regular basis to Tiger Kloof or continue to be involved in fund-raising for the township's much needed developments projects. As a result of their commitment to fundraise and the Wellington community's generous support of the various fundraising activities, a cow by the name of Wellington is now wandering around the veld of Vryburg!

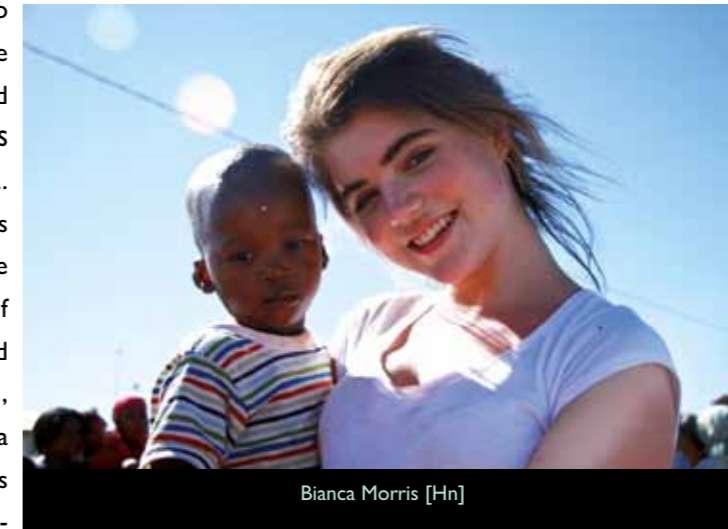
On a different international note, Wellington College will be hosting the annual Round Square International Conference, a meeting of all 108 Round Square schools around the world, which will take place between 17th and 23rd October 2011. This will be a challenging and exciting event when the school will be taken over by 1,000 delegates for a week from all corners of the world. The Conference theme, chosen by the students, will be *Reaching Beyond Our Limits*, and it will be run by the students themselves. Round

Square is very much about students leading the way. They describe their work and what has been happening in Round Square enterprise at Wellington in the last academic year.

**Biz Mallet [O]**, Wellington's first girl Round Square Chair, reports on the 2009 International Conference in India.

'In the October half term I went with four other students to Mayo School in Ajmer, India, for the Round Square International Conference. Eighty-two Round Square schools from all over the world had representatives of students and teachers to take part in the Conference. The conferences are

student-led and the pupils of Mayo School organised inspiring speakers, fun activities and stunning dance performances. Throughout the week Mayo School showed us how they experience the six IDEALS of Round Square (Internationalism, Democracy, Environment, Adventure, Leadership



Bianca Morris [Hn]

and Service). Highlights of these were the Adventure Day, which included trips to the Indian Army and important monuments like the Amber Fort, and on the Service Day where I was fortunate enough to be taken with a small group to a small village close to the school, which the girls at Mayo visit every week. They help in the small school there with the children and they teach the women to make and sell their jewellery, thus earning their own livelihood. For all of us being in India itself was an entirely new experience; the culture was different and exciting.

'As it was not a project, we were not directly helping the community, but had the opportunity to discuss current issues. For me personally, it was really interesting to listen to other teenagers' opinions from all different backgrounds and countries. The theme of the conference was *Lead us from the darkness of ignorance to the light*

of knowledge which was reflected in the speeches of the main conference speakers as well as in our smaller groups. This topic was broad and allowed us to discuss many different problems and concerns. Overall, the effort that was put into this conference was incredible and it made us all desperate to make a start on our own conference in 2011 with the theme *Reaching Beyond Our Limits*.

**Holly Medforth** [Ap] was one of the participants of the Tiger Kloof project, and writes about what we did and why it is important to sustain our partnership with the school and its service projects.

'The Round Square trip to Tiger Kloof, South Africa, February 2010 was an opportunity for a group of twelve Wellingtonians to experience life and conditions in a Round Square school in a deprived area. The objective of the school is to provide disadvantaged students with an education they may not otherwise receive, whilst links are forged between the school and the local township community. At Wellington we raise money to support the school as well as their community projects. Our aim whilst there was to witness first-hand how the funds are drawn upon to support people.

'The landscape of dilapidated shacks in the township served as our first eye-opener, but on meeting Maggie, a woman who works tirelessly to improve the lives of others, our belief that it was a place of endless hardship and suffering dissipated. She provides food for hundreds of deprived children several times a week, and her home offers a sanctuary for all those needy in the community. Although inhabitants live in abject poverty, hope, realised through a strong faith in God, is witnessed all around. Children, who live without the guarantee of food, never cease to smile and are still so thankful for what they have. Women who rely on discarded bones from an abattoir to feed their families did not hesitate to thank us for the minor work we did. An experience that I believe affected us all was when a pastor prayed to give thanks for our work in the community, an act that baffled us when it was clear that in comparison they possessed so little.

'We were able to understand why support for the Tiger Kloof service projects is crucial. One Soup Day event at Wellington provides 800 children with food for six months, a vital building block in the development of the local community. Through the fundraising and trips we hope to develop the relationship built between our two communities and expand upon current projects.'

Wellington's support for international service is summed up by the experiences of **Maddie Brown** [Ap] who went on the RSIS South Africa project this summer. She writes,

'Before leaving for the RSIS project in Philippolis, South Africa, I was wondering what I had let myself in for. I was on my nerves as I realised I would be flying on my own to a foreign country in order to spend nearly three weeks with people I had never met before. A week spent at the beach with a bunch of friends would have been the far easier option. Perhaps I should have stuck with what I knew ... but where is the fun in that?

'Building a classroom and vegetable garden, singing and dancing with the local people, white water rafting along the Orange River, making amazing friends with people from a variety of backgrounds—these are experiences that will indeed stay with me forever. Even now, being back in the comfort of Wellington, I can't quite believe all the incredible things I did in those few weeks—undeniably one of the greatest experiences of my life so far.

'Primarily, RSIS projects help people who are desperately in need. Not only do you make a difference in a physical way—maybe by building a classroom or church hall—but there is an unquestionable emotional impact that the projects have upon the communities to which we enter. 'A blessing' is what we were described as, during a moving church service in Phillipolis. It was humbling to know that our presence had such an effect on the inhabitants of the township. We ourselves were inspired by their attitudes to life, particularly when they have so little.

'These projects are valuable as they make students aware of the world around them, of different cultures and attitudes, and you learn to appreciate all types of people, regardless of

compatibility. You have no choice but to work as a team, and find that you bond with people who, under other circumstances, you may have overlooked. Furthermore, because projects push you to your limits, forcing you to step outside of your comfort zone, they help to boost your confidence and self-esteem. Most importantly, they make you realise how lucky you are and teach you to grasp every offered opportunity with both hands, without doubt or anxiety.

'The support given by the Wellington community to the Round Square fund-raising events is phenomenal. This year we have raised enough money to continue supporting the education of three boys in the Starehe Boys Centre and also we have been able to raise funds to start supporting the education of three girls at the Starehe Girls Centre. Money has been given to the Tiger Kloof service projects and the school's sports' programme and we have honoured our commitment to the Prince Alexander Fund, which has been set up by Round Square to help purchase raw materials for the RSIS projects.'

**Issy Millett** [Ap] provides the inside story on how we have been able to raise this money.

'It has been a landmark year for Round Square fund-raising at Wellington. Each year a charitable organisation hopes to improve on the funds raised the previous year; it is a hoped-for cycle of improvement and growth. This year was no different, with the Round Square team at Wellington raising an astronomical £9,233. The process of fund-raising and the teamwork behind organising these Round Square events for the school have meant Round Square fund-raising has been both financially and mentally rewarding. The year kicked off with the sale of Krispy Kreme Doughnuts in October and Candy Canes in December. The success of Krispy Kremes didn't really come as a surprise, or the money raised a shock, but it is important not to underestimate the time and organisation that nevertheless went

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into their sale. Likewise with the sale of Candy Canes, which included personal delivery to the recipient of the Christmas candy, the Round Square team at Wellington pulled together to ensure all candy was sold, delivered and enjoyed. The money raised made the effort worth while. The New Year saw Round Square fundraising skyrocket. Kicking off events was an 'Own-clothes Day' which raised a huge amount of funds, while of course being a popular event for students. This was, later in the year, repeated and with similar success. Perhaps the most successful fund-raising events of the academic year followed 'Own-clothes Day'. We held two 'Wellington

Soup Days'. With the Kitchen Staff putting in a huge amount of effort to create delicious soups, fresh bread rolls and an array of fruit for the students, and the Round Square team working to create awareness about the benefits of the 'Soup Day'—which can't always be apparent to almost 1,000 hungry teenagers—both were incredibly successful. £2,000 was raised.

'Finally and although last to be mentioned, definitely not least, was unarguably the greatest, and undeniably the most successful fund-raising event this year at Wellington College—'Be The Duke'. An annual event, it just gets bigger year on year. It is an example of the camaraderie at the College that, as well as brilliant to take part in, was for a charitable cause. The organisational effort involved must not be forgotten. 'Be The Duke' is one of the most complicated and difficult events to be run and controlled by Round Square at Wellington. It was unarguably a huge success, and gave the College three days of fun, fear and fast running—to escape from whoever was chasing you.'

Round Square has had a very successful year due to the students' commitment to something they believe in, together with the support of the Wellington community. I am convinced that, with such a winning combination, the International Conference at Wellington in October 2011 will be the most memorable of all. **Maggie Chodak** ■

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— — — COMMON ROOM NEWS — — —

It is indeed exciting times for Wellington and the changing nature of the teaching staff reflects this. The demands placed on Common Room are higher than ever. The introduction of new subjects in recent years and the start of both IB and MYP have meant a substantial increase in numbers of staff, reaching a record of nearly 130 this year.

With MYP being taught to all of the Third Form, and the first cohort of IB having finished their diploma in this academic year, many of Common Room have discovered the difficulties of teaching up to five different syllabuses concurrently. Undeterred, staff have been instrumental year by year in consistently pushing up academic standards and Wellington is a constant presence in the National press associated with change and progress. The College is fortunate to have such a diversely talented group within CR who have embraced these changes and continue to ensure that such firm foundations will endure.

In the summer of 2010, the part of Hall occupied by CR was refurbished. Gerald Burbidge, Phillip Stockwell and their teams have done an amazing job in transforming this space, of which members can be rightly proud.

There has been a spate of new arrivals to members of CR. Our congratulations go to Gavin and Claire Franklin on the birth of William; Tom and Penny Hicks on the birth of Toby, and Simon and Rachelle Kirkham on the birth of Daniel. There have also been a number of weddings during the past academic year and our best wishes for a happy marriage go to Will and Theresa Heathcote, Phil Mann and Rebecca Ross (who also both left us in the summer for new ventures), Catherine and Duncan Micklem and James Thomas and Kitty Jack. Our congratulations also go to Sam Gutteridge and Polly Evans who announced their engagement.

The numerous social occasions for CR have been well attended in the past year, from Pimm's parties on Turf to celebrate the end of Speech Day, evening racing at



Windsor, and 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 CR and continues as one of the great strengths of the College.

An extensive salvete and valete appear elsewhere 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. Glen Waugh and Richard Foskett spoke superbly on behalf of the leavers: it was a very poignant occasion for all concerned. We wish both of them and Ian

Hendry, David Burns and our College Medical Officer Adam Greig a happy and fulfilling retirement. Our congratulations though go to Lucy Pearson on her appointment as Head at Cheadle Hulme School and Rebecca Ross on becoming a housemistress at Benenden School.

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. My final thanks go to Raine Walker who, as Treasurer of CR, keeps the finances in 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 has moved on. In the thirteen 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 that exemplifies the spirit within the CR body. It remains a great pleasure to be associated with such a talented and friendly group. *Matt Oakman* ■

VALETE

— — — GLEN WAUGH — — —  
1974–2010



Glen joined Wellington in 1974 from Loughborough University and has been one of the great stalwarts of Wellington College for 36 years. Glen has done everything that can be done and has always been a much loved and respected figure in Common Room. In fact it is of no surprise that he has already emerged out of retirement. He is involved in the induction of new CR members, has become the official College photographer and is still involved in hockey coaching.

Glen took up the Hopetoun in his latter years at Wellington, once his two children had flown the nest. The wise experience that he was able to give the pupils who went through the Hopetoun was house-mastering at its very best. More recently Glen managed the transition with great skill as the last remnants of the boys went through, joined by young girls in the lower years of the now all-girls'

House. This was not an easy task, but one that Glen and Judy managed with consummate ease.

Glen has done much for the College in all its many facets. Firstly he was an excellent teacher of PE and History and a formidable sports coach, who has helped generations of Wellingtonians to enjoy and succeed in sport. He has coached the 1st XV Rugby, 1st XI Hockey and run Athletics at various different times, all with great success. The pupils have always responded to his wonderfully warm and charming way in which he ran those teams, coupled with expert knowledge and determination for them to improve.

Although Glen has 'retired', Judy remains to run the Hopetoun and thus fortunately, it isn't farewell yet. It is wonderful to still have Glen around Wellington and it will be a very sad day when Glen and Judy finally do depart, for quieter days in their beloved Devon. ■

— DAVID BURNS —

1986–2010

David joined Wellington in 1986 and has been a magnificent member of Common Room for the next 24 years. He has taken on and excelled in numerous roles during this time, including Head of Biology and Housemaster. In all of these roles he exuded calm and authority and the pupils soon grew to respect and admire the precision and enthusiasm with which he fulfilled these roles.

David was an outstanding teacher and leader of a Biology department that was second to none in the country. Biology is hugely popular with the pupils as a subject, and the outstanding results are evidence of this fact. David was integral to this success and this was to continue when he went on to become a housemaster. He ran the Combermere with great spirit and, due to his success there, he went on to take over the Apsley. Both houses were much the better for having him and Grace in



charge. They were able to galvanise a sense of unity and purpose in the pupils, whilst creating an atmosphere that was both warm and caring.

David was also a great stalwart of the CCF and was a vital part of its success over this period. David ran and organised camps and expeditions, which were always run with great efficiency and fun. He was also a highly respected rugby referee and coach and well renowned for his role as the starter in Athletics meetings.

David was an archetypal school master, who would put his hand to everything with skill and enjoyment. He was able to use this experience to induct new members of Common Room. He was also, it should be noted, the greatest 'buster' (smoke-detector) that Wellington has ever had, with night goggles taking on a new usage! We wish David and Grace all the best in a happy and fulfilling retirement. ■

— RICHARD FOSKETT —

1991–2010

Richard arrived at Wellington from industry and government service to teach Chemistry in 1991. He soon became popular with pupils and staff alike. His kind and patient manner, coupled with his knowledge and skills as a practical chemist, ensured that his lessons were always full of interest. All sorts of exciting explosions emanated from his classroom. With Roger Gedye, he put together a 'flash-bang show' for Speech Day, and this developed into a 'road-show' he took around to prep schools near and far. He also wrote a book on the making of large wooden vats for chemical manufacture and brewing, published



by the Science Museum, London.

Outside the class room Richard played a very full part in Wellington life. He was successively Under-tutor of the Stanley, Blucher and Picton. He organised the Colts B programme and helped with both shooting and sailing. He was also in charge of Duke of Edinburgh Award activities and Lower Sixth work placements. As Master in charge of Ice-skating, on those occasions when the lakes froze over, he was responsible for testing the ice. There were no

incidents of failure in this duty. He was a keen gardener and spent much time personally in conservation of the College grounds, and as part of the Community Service

programme. Particularly, he took care of the Special Site of Scientific Interest, which lies within the estate.

In 1994 Richard married Stephanie Lang of the Art Department and thereafter spent much time assisting with the Arts at Wellington, particularly in the design

and execution of theatre sets, and installing the work of students around College. As an all-round schoolmaster, in the nicest possible, old-fashioned way, Richard has given huge amounts of his talent and time to Wellington. We wish him a long, happy and fulfilling retirement. ■

— CHRISTELLE AGUILLON - WILLIAMS —

2001–2010

Christelle originally joined Wellington in 2001 as a French assistant, to help with the pupils understanding of the French language and in particular their oral skills. It soon became clear that she had far more to offer than that. She became a full member of Common Room in 2004, teaching French. An excellent academic, the pupils benefited from her precise and intimate knowledge of the subject.



throughout her time at Wellington and was a first rate tutor, giving sound and sage advice to the girls. Whilst at Wellington, Christelle met her future husband, Will Williams. They were married in France where they own a beautiful home. Will left a few years ago to run the Geography department at St Paul's and now Christelle leaves to join the Girls' school.

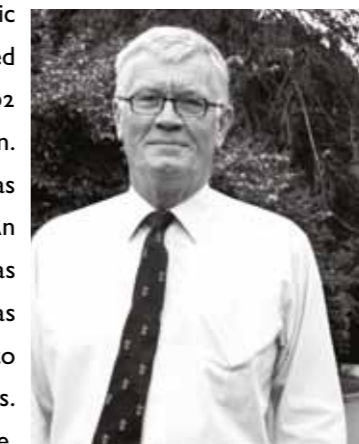
She will be a great success and her academic drive and determination will be much respected. We wish her and Will all the best in London. ■

Christelle was also a vital member of the Apsley

— IAN HENDRY —

2002–2010

With a wonderfully dry and laconic sense of humour, Ian joined Wellington in September 2002 as a modern linguist of great reputation. An experienced school master, he was an excellent recruit for the College. An outstanding teacher, his amusing style was an instant hit with the pupil body. He was also a fine rugby coach, who helped to run Junior Colts 1 for a number of years. Even though Hockey wasn't his game, he was happy to help out and ensure that Junior Colts



3 and 4 were run with a sense of fun and enjoyment. That says much about him.

Ian was a vital member of the CCF for a number of years and ran numerous trips to Germany, helping to advance the students understanding of the language. In recent years he has been a top notch exams officer. Fantastically efficient and organised, he ran exams superbly.

Ian was much loved in Common Room and we will miss him enormously. We wish

him and Ginny all the best in their future. ■

— ADAM SELDIS —

2005–2010

Adam joined Wellington in September 2005 and proved to be an instant success in all that he did. A first rate Economics and Business

Studies teacher, he was much loved and respected by the pupil body. A genuine gentle giant with a wonderful sense of humour, he was a stalwart in the Stanley as their live-

in Under-tutor and excelled in this role.

Adam coached Rugby, mainly at Yearlings level, and was able to turn out a number of excellent teams, who went on to perform at higher levels as they went up the school. He also ended up taking over the Business Studies department, where he produced some outstanding results in particular, given the calibre of some of the



students. He also took on Careers and instituted a series of first rate lectures to help guide the pupils in their future choices.

Adam also met his wife Maggie whilst at Wellington. They were married in America this summer and they have now gone to live in Japan, with Adam working at Yokohoma International. We wish them both all the best. ■

— — LUCY PEARSON — —  
2006–2010

Lucy Pearson arrived in January 2006 as Deputy Head and an English teacher having previously been Head of Sixth Form at Solihull School. Lucy immediately helped transform the College and was instrumental in many of the detailed changes that have helped to make Wellington once again a very great school.



the enormous workload and responsibility that her job entailed. Sport thrived in her time at Wellington and it is thanks to her that girls' cricket particularly has improved beyond recognition.

Lucy was also a wonderfully warm and funny person. An excellent friend to all and also a magnificent leader. She helped to

A passionate supporter of the arts, Lucy created an annual Arts Fest at Wellington, which did so much to ensure that this component of life at Wellington excelled and was given a central role that it deserved.

As an ex-England cricketer, Lucy line-managed sport to great effect and coached three terms a year, despite

shape the new structure of the week and ended her time at Wellington running the impressive Times Festival of Education. It was no surprise that Lucy would move on to a Headship. Cheadle Hulme School is very lucky to have her. There is no doubt that she will be a great success there and she will be missed by all of us here. ■

— — SUSAN MEIKLE — —  
2007–2010

Susan arrived in 2007 having been Bursar at Epsom College and at King's School Canterbury.

She soon made her mark as a staunch champion of all the employees of College, and always at the forefront of her thoughts was the better integration of the various constituencies of that complicated and intricate entity that makes up Wellington.

Always a busy job, the three years of Susan's bursarship saw huge, demanding and sweeping changes, changes that required careful marshalling and planning from the bursarial side of the school life as much as any other—as just one



example, in that period school numbers increased by over 200. It is to her credit that those changes have been implemented smoothly and effectively. To make things even more demanding, this was also in a time of huge worldwide financial uncertainty, a factor that could have had serious effects on Wellington's ability to recruit the pupils it requires.

Always one to deal with everyone, Susan provided a listening ear to those who felt the need of one, always providing a firm and genuine response. We wish her, Iain and Matthew success and happiness in fresh pastures. ■

— — OTHER LEAVERS — —

Bex Ross joined Wellington in 2006 as Assistant Director of Sport and Head of Girls' Games. Bex laid the foundations of girls' sport with the coming of co-education to Wellington College. The success in this field during the past four years, and indeed in the future, will be down to her. She goes on to become a housemistress at Benenden.

Oli King joined in the same year as a teacher of Music and College organist. Charming and witty, Oli was one of the busiest men in College and will be much missed as he goes on to pursue a career in music. His rendition of *Pirates of the Caribbean* on the venerable College organ was most memorable.

Mark Schramm joined in 2007 and was an excellent Physicist who then became Head of Department. He has left to go to his beloved West country and we wish him all the best at Exeter School.

Tim Elton joined in the same year and soon proved to be a top level Mathematician. He is a great loss but

will thrive in the academic life at Magdalen College School. **Pandy Dean** is entirely responsible for the growth and success of Dance at Wellington. An inspiration to all in this field, she will be much missed as she goes on to pursue other avenues in this field.

**Anne Hill** arrived in 2008, a bubbly and effusive Chemistry teacher and Netball coach. She leaves to become Head of Department at Brentwood School.

**Phil Mann** arrived in the same year and proved to be a first rate Postgraduate, staying for two years. He goes on to run Cricket and teach PE at Reigate G.S., where he will be a great success.

**Sarah Blowes** joined in 2008 to teach English and now moves on to teach at Merchant Taylor's.

Our thanks go to all four of the postgraduates who were with us for this academic year: **Stephen Barnett, Paul Turner, Jen Waterfield** and **Lynne Raubenheimer**. All had a magnificent year and threw themselves into all aspects of College life. I am sure they will all go on to great things. ■

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## WELLINGTON COLLEGE ASSOCIATION

2009/10 saw a year of unprecedented activity for WCA, both in the range of events and the number of parents joining in, with everything from book groups to the spectacular 150th Anniversary Ball. Communications also improved with a record 65 percent parent representatives sending the monthly WCA e-newsletter to their house year groups.

The start of the WCA year is always the New Parents' Welcome Reception in Great School, which took place this year on Sunday 20th September and was attended by a record number of new parents, who always appreciate the chance to meet and chat to other parents, staff and pupils. The following weekend, 26/27th September, saw the first of the WCA's 150th Anniversary events, the weekend trip to Waterloo led by Dr Seldon and historian Richard Holmes and inimitably catered for by Talbot parent Jane Siddall, whose 'in-flight catering' kept everyone happy on the long coach journeys.

WCA house year group representatives did more than just forward the newsletter this year. Wellesley parent Monica O'Donoghue took both a change of date and Dr Seldon's bout of swine 'flu in her stride to ensure that 2009 Master's London Walk went ahead in November, with a group of parents who now know a lot more about Shakespeare and Dickens. Parent reps also took the initiative in organising their own events this year, for instance Mylene Curtis's Fifth Form parents' event at Julie's Restaurant in London and Barbara Rennie's lunches for the yearlings' rugby parents, which ran on Saturdays



The South African Braai on Turf

throughout the Michaelmas term. Geoffrey Beedham and others provided a valuable service by manning the WCA bar at Theatre productions.

The event of the year was undoubtedly the 150th

Anniversary 'Shaken and Stirred' Ball on 27th November, attended by 570 parents and Old Wellingtonians. Held as the finale to Wellington's year of fund raising for Hope and Homes for Children, it was an evening of entertainment, fine dining and dancing unprecedented at Wellington, housed in the biggest marquee ever seen on South Front, which raised nearly £60,000 towards the target amount of £150,000. WCA owes a huge debt of thanks to Patricia Blunt (Raglan parent) for her major contribution to the organization of this magnificent event, and to all the Wellington parents whose generous donations of auction prizes and enthusiastic participation in the Diamond Raffle helped raise the money on the night.

During the Lent Term, parents enjoyed some high profile speakers such as Lord Darzi and Anthony Beevor, who came to Wellington as part of the Master's Lecture series. On the ground, parent involvement took another step forward when several people responded to our advertisement for volunteers to help with administration, and Dawn Barrow and Judy Hersh became our first Admin Assistants.

In March, WCA went global for the first time when we ran our first out of Europe trip, to Marrakesh, over the long weekend of 4th to 7th March. Thirty-four parents joined the Master and Denise Cook on a visit to north African city, where most of the party explored the Bahia Palace, the Souk and the tranquil pleasures of 'La Pause'. Dr Seldon led the more intrepid off on day trips to Ourzazate and Essouira.

The Summer term saw WCA present at a new event, the Sports Day on 9th May,

where we launched the second Diamond Raffle of the year which was drawn on Speech Day, this time to help raise funds towards the Rockies Athletics track. The fledgling book club also met for the first time in May, when WCA

"A fantastic weekend... perfect weather, excellent hotel and restaurant... such a privilege to hear Richard Holmes; we feel very knowledgeable now about the battle"

NICK & HELEN PARKHOUSE  
COMBERMERE PARENTS

members revealed their liking for violence and intrigue in their reviews of Stieg Larsson's *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*. Another first was the 2009 Leavers' Parents' supper in June, which was well received by some parents who had not been back to Wellington since last year and is the first of a planned series of events to recognise and encourage the attachment that parents feel to the College even after their children leave.

Seventy five WCA parent reps and guests packed into the Master's Lodge for what should have been the second annual Eve of Speech Day garden party, though as it turned out they were happy to get inside and warm up by the fire after braving unseasonably cold and rainy conditions during Jazz in the Quad. The weather was more suited to mulled wine than champagne, but the crowd

generated its own warmth and a jolly time was had by all.

Appropriately in this year of parent initiatives, Stanley parent Liz Watters, a WCA Committee member, made the final big event of the year happen on 19th June when she hosted a South African 'braai' on Turf. Wellington's indefatigable in-house caterers demonstrated their expertise with boerewors and pap to provide Wellington families watching the cricket with a taste of South Africa. The sun even shone, and Liz and the team are determined to make it yet another in the growing number of 'firsts' for WCA.

With Wellington growing at an unprecedented rate and parents becoming more and more involved, WCA looks forward to bigger and better things in 2010/2011 and, as always, 'we hope to see you at a WCA event soon!' Denise Cook ■

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.

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## — DEVELOPMENT —

An exciting year has just passed as our Development Plan progresses. All readers will have been made aware of the methods of contributing, through our various mailings, including the newsletter *Wellington Today*. A party was held in London, with guest of honour, Bruce Tulloh [A 1949–1953], our most famous athlete of all, to launch the All-Weather Sports Track Campaign. We are now concentrating on the Library project and Princes' Quad.

At the heart of our Development Plan is the need to provide funds for means-tested awards in the form of both bursaries and increased funds for Foundationers. Foundationers are those boys and girls who are the children of any member of the Armed Forces killed in action or any civilian killed in an act of selfless bravery. This continues the tradition which has existed since the establishment

of the College of educating the sons of fallen heroes.

There are currently two Foundationers being supported by the College and we would like to be able to increase our provision for places, when the need arises. We believe that in light of the current deployment of military personnel around the world, there may soon be increased need for assistance. It is our hope to raise an additional £2m during the Campaign so that we can respond to any increased demand for need.

We also believe that Wellington should, in addition to its support for the Wellington Academy, provide bursary places for children of exceptional ability whose families could not otherwise afford a Wellington education. This is both our charitable duty and a responsibility derived from our Christian foundation. The inclusion of these pupils from a wider social mix benefits both the boys and girls

receiving bursaries, and our current pupils, through contact with an increasingly diverse and talented community.

However, the cost of providing bursaries and places for Foundationers is substantial. The College currently spends in excess of £700,000 to fund over 100 means tested awards. Rather than having to constantly fund these places from capital, we seek to build an endowment to ensure regular ongoing funding for the future. In order to endow each full bursary place at Wellington, we would require a capital sum of £750,000 invested at approximately 4%, to yield the required amount each year.

While much can be done out of careful management of fees, the competition is increasing among independent schools to have the most advanced facilities. For Wellington to continue to attract the best and brightest boys and girls, we need to provide, in addition to our already excellent teaching and pastoral care, the most up to date facilities. Recent building projects have included the new Modern Languages Institute, the V&A café and, most recently, the Monro Sports Pavilion; with over £1m raised in donations from OWs, parents and friends of Wellington.

These additions to the Wellington campus have enhanced the educational, social and sporting experience of our pupils and helped us to keep pace with other independent schools in the U.K. Over the last four years, Wellington has spent in excess of £12m on capital projects and renovation. Our plan for development of the campus over the next few years includes a number

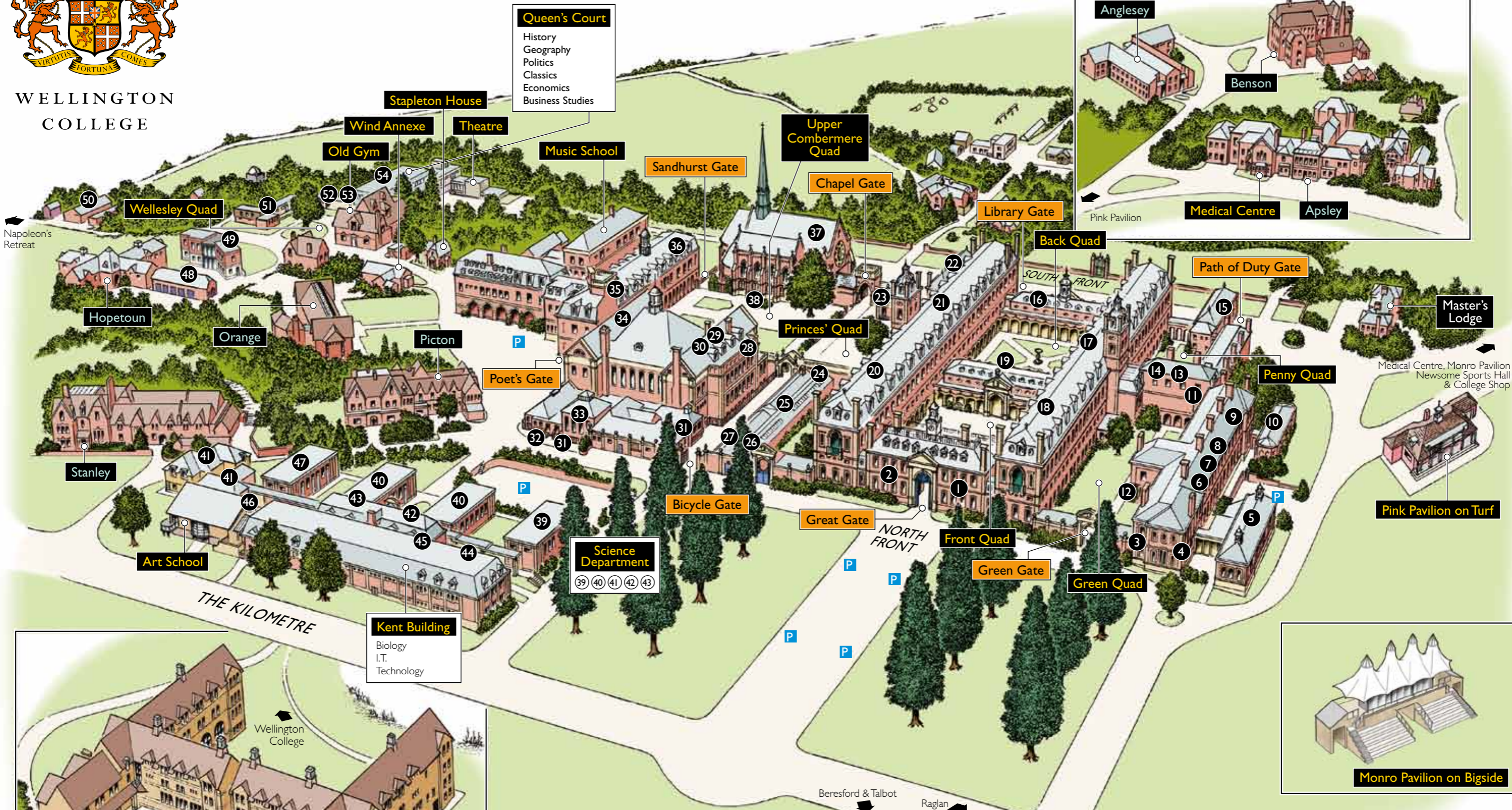
of interesting and forward thinking projects. We have identified three possible buildings' and grounds' projects for which we believe funds could be raised. These are: the modernisation and expansion of the current library, a new athletics track and a 1,200 seat, multi-purpose performing arts centre. Our first capital project is the expansion and modernisation of our Library. By extending the useable interior space we plan to create a larger, more welcoming and more user friendly environment. We would seek to enlarge the usable work area while retaining the charm of the old Library. It is our ambition to create a library for the 21st century and provide our pupils with all the tools needed to learn and achieve in an increasingly technological world. The projected cost for this project would be £1.2m. In addition to our excellent collection of books and reference material, we plan to build a library that reflects the changing world of Information Technology. The new library will include industrial level wi-fi, e-readers, access to e-books, touch screen technology and flexible space for individual and group work in an environment that is welcoming and stimulating. The expansion and modernisation of the library is part of a larger project to enhance Princes' Quad and to create a new, more welcoming entrance to the College from North Front via a planned arcade under a new Victorian style canopy. It is our plan to create a meditative, tranquil environment in which pupils can work and socialise. *Ed Schneider* ■





WELLINGTON COLLEGE

We have been asked to include this dioramic view of College, showing changes over the past decade



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\*The Deputy Head, Deputy (Organisation), Deputy (Pastoral), Deputy (Performance) & S.M.T. P.A. occupy the College Offices

# O.W. NOTES



## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

CHARLES BAKER [BL 1962-1967]

At the time of last year's AGM intense debate was taking place about the precise role of the Society and its relationship with College. The following initiatives were adopted:

- *Careers Scheme*—Young OWs see little relevance in the Society. We shall be launching our Careers Scheme in the next six months which will be accessible to all students and OWs. It will provide a web-based networking tool to enable them to access the enormous pool of specialist career experience possessed by members. In time we hope to extend this to provide work placements.
- *Website*—Over the last year College and the Society have worked together to install much improved database software called Raiser's Edge. We are now working to integrate our website with Raiser's Edge and an additional feature called Net Community, which is particularly suited for alumni associations which seek—as we do—to use their website not only as a source of readily accessible information, but also as an interactive platform for members to communicate with one another and with the Society and/or College.
- *OW Charitable Trust*—The Trust's activities in previous years were limited by the modest funds at the trustees' disposal. In January we announced that the activities of the Trust would be radically extended by using catalyst funds of £100,000 from the Society's reserves, savings on *Year Book* costs and actively seeking donations from OWs. The transfer of the £100,000

worth of investments to the Trust has now taken place (although too late to show in this year's Balance Sheet). The Trust is for College bursaries for children or grandchildren of OWs, helping OWs in distressed circumstances, and assisting young OWs to join in OW functions and sports and art clubs. We are actively seeking donations to the Charitable Trust.

- *Year Book*—Next month sees the last *Year Book* produced solely by the Society. College will now bear the bulk of the cost, thereby releasing funds for enhancing our IT development and feeding the OW Charitable Trust. Special thanks to Patrick Mileham for his superb editing of this and last year's editions. We are looking for an OW to help with the approximately 25% of *Year Book* content of direct relevance to OWs under the new editor, Tim Head.

Enjoyable OW reunions took place in all quarters of the globe. To mention a few: OW Sports Club dinner at Queen's Club in February; Medics Reunion in London in March; OW Reunion at Edinburgh Castle in April; major reunions in Dubai and London, plus less formal gatherings of specific interest groups (such as Medics) or age groups.

Last but not least our finances. We have now completed our first twelve months since amending our year end date to coincide with the school year. Main current and anticipated changes are the increase in subscription income due to the growth in pupil numbers and the reduction in *Year Book* costs. With regard to the several Trusts we administer, the only important change is the revitalisation of the OW Charitable Trust already mentioned. ■

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

CHRIS POTTER [C 1960-1965]

There are OWs on e-mail whose e-mail address we do not have. If they wish to receive e-newsletters in 2011 please put the *Year Book* down now, log on to your PC and send a note to [owsoc@wellingtoncollege.org.uk](mailto:owsoc@wellingtoncollege.org.uk) to confirm your e-mail address with us. Thank you!

Personal details for the moment can be changed by e-mailing the Society. The In-touch website which served us well for some years has died a death. From the ashes will rise an all singing and dancing website but it is not with us now.

My thanks to all OWs who in the course of the year have been in touch by visit, by letter, by telephone or by e-mail.

We enjoy hearing from you and please keep us busy in 2011.

The OW Society committees have put in extraordinary pro bono hours to help steer the good ship OW through changing tides in the last twelve months. No one has worked harder in this respect than the editor of the *Year Book*, Patrick Mileham, and a special word for him on his last publication and indeed the last *Year Book* produced and funded entirely by the OW Society.

Please log on to the OW website, [www.owsociety.com](http://www.owsociety.com), from time to time this year and tell us how we can serve you better. We would be very keen to hear from any OW at the cutting edge of IT who could find time to help us move forward. ■

## OW EVENTS 2010

### OW GAUDY

A marvellously full house of 250 OWs and family attended the pre 1959 Gaudy on 24th April. Volcanic ash took out the Chaplain but Mark Boobbyer [CR] stood in nobly for the Chapel Service at noon which preceded Drinks in Great School followed by Lunch in Dining Hall at which the Master brought this senior vintage up to date with news of the Wellington of today. Guided tours of College were offered as a digestif before Tea was served. Perhaps unsurprisingly this 65-and-over gathering showed great stamina and many said they would have stayed for passage cricket and fug rigger had time allowed.

### OW RACE DAY

The inaugural meeting of the OW Turf Club took place at Windsor Racecourse on 27th June. That it was England v. Germany in the World Cup may have kept the attendance down but Malcolm Churchill, Ollie Stott and Rowly Bourne with their ladies added to the company and David Bromilow (in absentia) was voted Treasurer for 2011.

### OWS AT UNIVERSITY

Undergraduates at Durham, Bristol, Exeter and Oxford

hosted (in appropriate dives) visits by the secretary and Iain Henderson [CR] and a broader programme of visits is organised for 2011. This initiative is generously financed by the OW Society and well received by today's starving and penniless students.

### OWS IN SCOTLAND

Paul Heward once again superbly organised a reunion and, courtesy of Simon Vandeleur, Edinburgh Castle was the venue on 22nd April. Some 50 OWs and their ladies gathered in the Officers Mess and Paul, Charles Ritchie and Charles Baker spoke. It was very good to have an age of 18 to 82 and the Castle looked after us brilliantly.

### OW MEDICAL GATHERING

Some 60 OW medics and their ladies enjoyed a reception at the Royal Society of Medicine on 17th March. Lionel Jarvis hosted the event, guests included former College Medical officer John Perry, Paul Hucklesby and current Sister in charge of the Medical Centre Jenny Whalley. A very good time was had by all, suggesting the event would be repeated perhaps biennially.



OW Reunion, Dubai: Robin Haddrill, Rod Sampson, David Garner, Michael Brown (kneeling), Ian Vittie, Robert Lewsley, Emma Kettle (nee Ward in Sombbrero), Andy Walters, Tim Cox, Alex Barder, Callum McCall, Alex Wilson, Gavin Sampson.

#### OW WATERLOO DAY DINNER

A dinner (Beef Wellington) was held in the Canadian Room of the East India Club on 18th June and Simon Wilson proposed a toast to the Great Duke, who won his match unlike England's footballers 195 years later. The following were in attendance: David Johnson, Quentin Hunter, Simon Verstringhe, Jonny Doulton, Oliver Scoular, Charlie Goblet d'Alviella, James Milne, Nigel Birch, Simon Wilson, Rob



3rd Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment (Duke of Wellington's) Waterloo Dinner, 18th June 2010, following presentation of new Colours by HRH the Duke of York and the Duke of Wellington. General Sir Charles Huxtable ([Hg 1945–1950], former Colonel of the Regiment), Lieutenant Colonel Tom Vallings ([Hg 1982–1986], Commanding Officer), Major General Sir Evelyn Webb-Carter ([S 1959–1963], former Colonel of the Regiment) and Brigadier Michael Bray ([Hg 1951–1955], former Commanding officer). All three Hardinge OWs were head of the Hardinge in their time. Evelyn's father commanded a battalion of the Regiment in 1944.

Vetch, John Edwards and Alex Luker, Sarah-Jane McMullan, Clare Bruce, Anthony Bruce and Robin Tilbrook.

*As ever there were many overseas gatherings.*

#### OW SHIPBROKERS DINNER

Some 25 OWs gathered at the Counting House in Cornhill in November for an inaugural dinner masterminded by Robin Thomas. Much fun was had.

#### OW REUNION

There was no account of the 2009 Reunion in the last Year Book but it certainly took place and 120 OWs and their guests enjoyed lunch in Old Hall, tea in the Cherry Court Café and a non-1st XV match on Bigside.

Some 250 OWs and family of all ages accepted the invitation to the Autumn Reunion on 13th November. Astonishing weather earlier in the week added to the anticipation and the Master decreed that afternoon tea should be taken under canvas on Bigside, a poignant decision. Lunch in Dining Hall followed drinks and words of welcome from the Master in Old Hall. A London league Rugby match between the OWRFC and Fordingbridge acted as a curtain-raiser to WCRFC v Bedford on Bigside, to which many repaired after lunch. Small wonder there were empty seats at Twickenham for England v Australia. And what a match they missed. The OW rugby fixture was welcomed by friend and foe alike and Bigside was in immaculate condition for the occasion.



OW Gaudy, 24th April 2010, in the Dining Hall

#### OW EVENTS 2011

- 1995/6 Reunion  
20th January at The Alma, London
- 2000/1 Reunion  
10th February at The Alma, London
- OW Sports' Clubs' Dinner  
24th February at Queen's Club, London
- 2005/6 Reunion  
17th March at The Alma, London
- OW Reunion  
7th May at Wellington
- Speech Day  
28th May
- OW Race Day  
26th June at Windsor



Four generations of the Broome Salmons meet. Hugh G.B. Salmon [Hn 1969–1974], his uncle Henry L.B. Salmon [Hn 1933–1938], the cap awarded to Nik's great-grandfather Lionel M.B. Salmon [1901–1905] and Nik K.B. Salmon [Bl 2005–2010] himself.

— — OLD WELLINGTONIAN LODGE — —  
CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS 1909—2009

**I**n the year that College celebrated 150 years, an important part of the OW community, the Old Wellingtonian Lodge, has been celebrating its Centenary.

A hundred years ago the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn held three particular offices; that of President of College, Grand Master of English Freemasonry and the Mastership of the OW Lodge. In our Centenary year we were delighted the Duke of Kent granted us the rare privilege of becoming our Honorary Master, and thereby reuniting the three offices held by his Great Uncle and Godfather.

The Lodge is not comprised of Field Marshals and Dukes alone. The last year has seen our longest serving member, Graham Cadie [A 1935–1939], reach the milestone of 60 years service, and seen us welcome our youngest member who left college in 2007. There are many members in between.

The Master in this special year was Henry Hopking [A 1989–1994] and we celebrated in some style with dinners after our London meetings at the East India Club and Bucks, and more formally at Wellington in May. The

Lodge comes back to Wellington once each year in May, to maintain our physical link with College, to allow us to show the place off to our friends and visitors (often from one of the other thirty-two Public School Lodges whose last memory was no doubt as a losing visiting team), and to check on the continuing development of College.

After the College meeting this year, nearly 100 members and guests dined together in the Old Gymnasium. An important part of Freemasonry is charity, and we were delighted to donate more than £10,000 to various causes, both masonic and non-masonic, with £5,000 being presented to the OW Society Charitable Trust.

Freemasonry is the world's oldest fraternal order, founded on the tenets of brotherly love, relief and truth. The Lodge meets four times a year, and membership of the Lodge is open to all old boys, governors and staff of College. We are pleased to say the Lodge is in good health, with a good number of OWs from all generations, and in particular a good number in their twenties and thirties.

*James Milne [Pn 1975–1980]* ■



The hand of the master Architect?

# O.W. SPORTS



— — CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION — —

JOHN GOODEVE-DOCKER [A 1961–1964]

**O**W Sports continue to flourish. The following reports give a good idea of the range of sports enjoyed and the varying levels of success. Success isn't the only aim—fun and enjoyment are just as important and OW Sports have these in quantity.

What is lacking, however, are more sporting activities and opportunities for OW Girls. Each Sports

Society or Club, as well as the OW Society, would welcome ideas of how to get OW Girls more involved.

Lastly a big 'thank you' to all those captains, secretaries and organisers who give so tirelessly of their time for the benefit of the rest of us. If you want to take part, help or just spectate, don't be shy: get in touch with your own Sports Society or Club representative, or contact me direct. ■

— — RUGBY — —

**T**he OWRFC once again opened for business in the London Leagues, having been technically promoted to London South West 3 for the 2009/2010 season. The RFU restructured the leagues and we were paired with some familiar foes in the Old Paulines, Old Mid-Whitgiftians and Camberley, but also some lesser known clubs such as Sandown and Shanklin. The latter are, surprisingly a 'London' League club, albeit based in the Isle of Wight—a great coach trip for the away fixture.

Clearly the professional era is beginning to filter through to the lower leagues, which can only be viewed as a positive aspect for the Club and Rugby in general. Our opponents have now installed pre-season fitness campaigns, full matching kit and are able to maintain two training sessions a week as a weapon of choice in their armoury! Alongside some really well-seasoned OW pros, such as Peter Byre, Ed Caesar and Steve Brownrigg, it was agreed that our tradition of 'no training' and the true Wellingtonian expectation (or cheek) of dominating fixtures, was going to be tested severely. I am happy to say that in response to the professionalism of

others, the OWRFC have pushed sales of Fake Bake spray tan and Dax Wax off the charts in the London suburbs.

The opening few fixtures did little to dispel our initial fears, as the OW 1st XV proudly played Old Wimbledonians as a pre-match fixture, on the day that the Wellington College 1st XV's opening game of the season against Whitgift and more significantly, the opening of the exceptionally impressive Monro Pavillion. Fond memories of hunkering down in the concrete slab that predated the Pavilion were swept away, as we stormed out of the tunnel of what is a superb addition to Bigside and to College. We managed to edge a scrappy opening game 24-11 that fashioned a strong run of four wins on the bounce for the 1st. We then managed to lose five out of the next seven fixtures before Christmas, which almost ended our promotion dreams there and then. We weren't losing by many points as such, but picked up an alarming number of injuries in vital positions and gave away games that historically we would have expected to win. The team though were enjoying their rugby, and opposition coaches continued to bellow from the sidelines 'keep the defensive

line firm, these lads run it from anywhere'. Our form after Christmas conjured more commitment and desire, where in eleven games we won six and lost five. This included a fantastic home win against the eventual League Winners, Gosport and Fareham.

A 'transitional period' is a term frequently drafted into the language of sport, but our squad certainly went through multiple changes during the season. We sadly lost one of our cornerstones up front, so to speak, in the 'immovable object' that is Stuart Valentine. He fittingly received a special OW Players' award at our end of season dinner; truly an immense ambassador for OW rugby over the past five seasons. On a brighter note we were blessed with the arrivals of Sean Starling, Sam Martin and James Moss, who alongside Andrew Robertson formed a terrible trio for the majority of the season. The forwards were as committed to the cause as ever, often coming up against a better drilled set, who simply became unstuck with the barnstorming runs of Nick Kertesz, James Simpson and Tom Rees.

The Jessicas (backline) also had some new faces poking above the ever-so-slim-fitting OW shirts. Tim Jackson and Tom Blackwell battled fiercely for the number 9 shirt throughout the season, whilst Jack Burgess, Tom Wilmot Smith, vice-captain Elliott Freer and David Gaule interchanged seamlessly at 10, 12 and 13. Our back three were consistently dangerous and, with decent possession, we showed true attacking vigour from all over the paddock. Robbie Thomas tried to Strictly Come Dance his way through as many people as he could, Peter Byre aimed to run into twice as many (and twice the size) and Steven Brownrigg showed his enduring class in contemptuously strolling around covering defences. I believe the hotly contested try scoring count is still being debated by messrs Freer, Brownrigg and Kertesz at time of print.

The descriptive narrative that would be needed to tell of every heroic tackle, charge and try is just not feasible. What I can say is that having Michael Barnard collecting the OW Players' player award at the end of the season epitomised our never say die mantra and continued commitment to

true Wellingtonian rugby; a truly epic season from 'Barny'.

The 2nd XV had another productive season, skippered by Harry Conrad-Pickles and ably assisted by Matthew Hunter. It was a hard league for the OW 2nd XV, with a particularly tough opening run of fixtures, not helped by a number of injuries to key players. However, the start of 2010 was very positive, though with wins against top of the league Battersea Ironsides (away) followed a good win against Old Wimbledonians (at home). Several new recruits were brought in during early 2010 with Stuart Stone, Dan Sutherland, Alex Barker and Matthew Leuty, all making strong impressions and all signed up for the new season ahead. The regular core of Gordon Young, Nick Dennis, Matt Hunter, Ed Swift (2nd XV Player of the Season), Tim Bevan, Billy Price and Tom Whitcombe ensured that the 2s are looking to the season ahead with relish and the knowledge that, with a consistent squad, they have the ability to beat every team in the league.

In terms of league tables, win/loss and points for and against figures, statistically it seems one of our least successful OWRFC campaigns. But then we all know there are lies, damn lies and statistics, and I can guarantee that our policy of no training and ultimate flair, Wellington rugby will still live strong in the London leagues—much to the oppositions' dismay. With an increasing squad size that we are continually adding to, the OW 1st and 2nd XV would gladly welcome anyone interested in coming down and running out for the Club; please get in contact with myself or Harry Conrad-Pickles for more details.

I will finish this report with a public note of thanks to Jules Benkert and Canmoor Developments for their generous ongoing support to the OWRFC. Also thanks must go to our Chairman James Britton, Treasurer Chris Crawford, Fixtures secretary Tom Whitcombe and Honorary Registration Secretary, John Robertson for all their hard work behind the scenes last season. Finally I would also like to personally acknowledge the input from Elliott Freer, Harry Conrad-Pickles and Matthew Hunter for their unenviable efforts to help me to put out two squads week in, week out! *Dougie Harrison* ■

## — — CRICKET — —

**T**he Old Wellingtonian Cricket Club remains in good health, we continue to welcome OWs of all ages and enjoy the treat of Turf on a regular

basis. With so many good cricketers leaving College over the last decade or so the Cricketer Cup has become a natural focus, about which more later. Congratulations to

Ed Young on his appearances for Gloucestershire CCC later in the summer, in both first-class and limited overs matches.

The results of the regular Sunday games indicated another successful year. Wins were recorded against Esher CC, Old Malvernians, Wiltshire Queries, Bradfield Waifs, Charterhouse Friars, Old Amplefordians and Hampshire Hogs. We were defeated by Hurlingham CC, MCC and, heavily, by WCCC in two T20 games over the Speech Day weekend, when the OW team was simply not strong enough for the boys in full practice.

As ever, thanks from the Committee go to the Match Managers for their preparation, Chris Potter for helping them when the planning doesn't go to plan, Brian Wilson and his team of umpires, Phil Stockwell and the catering group and Peter Lewington.

The OWCC made another brave assault on the Cricketer Cup this year, finally falling in the semi-final to a more experienced Malvern side who made good use of their home advantage.

**Cricketer Cup 1st round** Our quest began against the mysterious

and much-underrated Stowe side, on their scenic ground in Buckinghamshire. The OWs won the toss on a bright day and a flat wicket. Luc Durandt made 50 quickly, but after reaching 70 in the 10th over, we lost three wickets quickly. After 20 overs we were 100 for 4. Consolidation from George Tysoe and Ben Kingsnorth took us to 117 at the half-way mark. Slowly we accelerated but lost wickets, and at 178 for 7, when Tim Cockroft came in to join Kingsnorth, we were heading for 220 and well below par. Tim shook off the cobwebs, loosened the hamstrings and put on a quickfire 70 partnership with Kingsnorth. Charlie Langley and Alec Barkett provided some able support, before Kingsnorth cut loose, taking 20 off the final over, and we were able to post a competitive total (289/9). Kingsnorth batted from 70 for 3 to the end and his career best innings (126\*) was almost faultless.

Stowe backed themselves to go close and raced away, with the fielding restrictions in play 40 runs after 5 overs, before, two wickets fell quickly at 60. Stowe continued to hit some fierce shots and, at 170 for 2 with 20 overs left, the OWs were staring down the barrel. Having been battered by brilliant stroke play, the OWs played some good cricket, with the bowlers performing accurately and the fielding and catching secure. The captain, Peter Young,

made telling bowling changes and 3 wickets from Barkett in his second spell, and 4 from Hugo Shephard also in a second spell, hastened a 39 run victory for the OWs. 170 for 3 became 213 for 7, before a brief rally, but no escape. Ed Young bowled 10 steady overs from the 20th to the 40th, complementing the gutsy seam bowling at the other end. It was a team victory and Kingsnorth would have to be man of the match, having kept wicket faultlessly and been on the field almost all day.

**Second Round** The second round was less eventful, with the OWs easing through to the Third Round with a fairly comfortable victory against the men from Highgate. We lost the toss and they batted enterprisingly for 10 overs, with the fielding restrictions in place. Once the

“The Witgiftian innings was torpedoed by a fine spell of left arm spin from Gloucestershire's Ed Young, who took 4-26 from his ten overs”

openers had been dismissed, the middle order failed to cash in on a true Turf wicket and all the bowlers used were steady.

After losing an early wicket, we batted calmly and then Ben Kingsnorth and Peter Young took charge to skate home in quick time.

**Quarter-Final** The third round saw us hosted by the Old Whitgiftians, where we ended in style their excellent run in this year's Cricketer Cup.

The Whitgiftian innings was torpedoed by a fine spell of left arm spin from Gloucestershire's Ed Young, who took 4-26 from his 10 overs. Laurie Evans and Sam Woodward looked in no difficulty in compiling 75 for the first wicket at 5-an-over, before Young came on and turned the game by having Sam Woodward lbw sweeping in his first over. Then Tom Winslade caught behind next ball. When Alex Goward fell to Young a few overs later at 85-3 with Evans on 56, it seemed that the young Surrey player needed to repeat his recent heroics on this ground just ten days ago if Whitgift were to build a decent score. Evans fell for 67, chipping Langley to mid-wicket soon after a reprieve, which James Coyne may never be allowed to forget, leaving Whitgift on 110-4 in the 26th over. Ali Ayyub fell lbw for a duck at the same score, and it was left to a patient partnership between Shan Malik (18) and Adam Clarke (28) to rebuild the innings. Freddie Van Den Bergh (20 not out) and Raj Chatwal (18) both contributed, but the home score of 202-9 seemed way short of par on the good wicket.

Another Surrey Second's player, Luc Durandt gorged



Our Cricketer Cup team at Stowe

himself on the opening attack of Clarke and Evans, both of whom were withdrawn after just two overs each and Durandt reached his 50 in just 33 balls shortly after losing opening partner Coyne: he was bowled by Woodward for 32, with the score already 81 in the 10th over. Coyne's tennis swot for six over mid-wicket, will stick as one of the most amusing things seen on a cricket field. With the agile Coyne dismissed, there was no let up as Ed Young joined Durandt. These two gifted young players added 105 in just 15 overs before Durandt, who made an excellent 105 with 14 fours and 1 six in his 87-ball innings, was bowled by Ayyub. Freddie Van Den Bergh tried hard to exert some control (10 overs, 0-64) assisted by Raj Chatwal (8.3 overs, 0-48), but in the end it was not to be Whitgift's day.

So to the **Semi-Final**, where a dry pitch at Malvern ideally suited the home team. They won the toss, batted quite well and then, with four spinners, bowled perfectly for the conditions. The OWs were in the game just twice, once when Malvern were 50 for 3 after a brilliant new ball spell from Bishop and later in the day when we batted and were 60 for 0 off 11 overs. The Malvernians, full of experienced cricketers, made the most of good fortune to score 230, as against a par of 180 to 200. Two good partnerships got them there, through some intelligent, experienced batting.

With the wicket increasingly slow and turning, the Malvernians had a ready made attack to exploit the

## THE CRICKETER CUP

PETER YOUNG (CAPT), HUGO SHEPHARD (V-CAPT),  
ED YOUNG, LUC DURANDT, BEN KINGSNORTH,  
ALEC BARKETT, GEORGE TYSOE, JAMES COYNE,  
CHARLES LANGLEY, KAREN SINGH, HUGO BISHOP,  
ED LOWE, TOM NEWMAN, JAMES FULLER  
TIM COCKROFT.

SCORER: DR MARK FARRINGTON

### 1ST ROUND

OWCC 289/9 (BEN KINGSNORTH 126\*)

STOWE TEMPLARS 250

OWCC WON BY 39 RUNS

### 2ND ROUND

OLD CHOLMELIANS 159

OWCC 161/3 (PETER YOUNG 76\*, BEN KINGSNORTH 44)

OWCC WON BY 7 WICKETS

### QUARTER FINAL

OLD WHITGIFTIANS 202/9

OWCC 203/3 (29.3 OVERS)

OWCC WON BY 7 WICKETS

### SEMI FINAL

OLD MALVERNIANIANS 229/8

OWCC 183 ALL OUT

OWCC LOST BY 46 RUNS

conditions and tightened the screw remorselessly as the middle order collapsed. Only Ed Young, with a classy 50 in quick time and Luc Durandt batted with purpose, and the end was in sight all too quickly. The Old Malvernians were a strong side who went on to defeat Oundle in the final: it was certainly no disgrace to lose to them. A good campaign by OWCC, who look forward to 2011 with a side which is learning the lessons of competitive cricket and the value of boring old spinners! *Sam Streatfeild* ■

## FOOTBALL

Another season of highs and lows quickly passed the OWFC by. Like a limpet we remain steadfastly stuck in division three of the Arthurian League after five seasons. The early excitement

of being promotion contenders yet again fizzled out and we finished an admirable fourth.

We opened our pre-season, with an Under 25 v Over 25s match at College, and despite Mr Lunnon turning back

the years for the Over 25s, the youngsters still ran out clear winners. We started the season proper with empathic wins against Westminster, Lancing and Salopians. However, a string of draws against Aldenham and Ampleforth, followed by defeats against Oundle and Foresters gave us a comfortable mid-table position as the Christmas break approached.

The New Year saw us play a number of games back at College, again proving extremely successful, with the club recording a good run of results. The highlight of the season was the 6-1 demolition of Bradfield on Farm field. Tom Misselbrook scored two fantastic goals within the first five minutes before James Gilmour, Dave Curtis and Pete Burrroughs all added one a-piece, before the ever-prolific Chris Money completed the rout. It was a superb team performance, full of free flowing football, with Will Misselbrook once again omnipresent in mid-field and Alex Bennett taking charge at the back.

Unfortunately we did not manage to emulate the cup runs of previous seasons. We were knocked out of the first round of the Junior League Cup courtesy of Harrow. Despite a fantastic performance from Alex Gulliford, James Murray, Ral Gilmour and Charlie Lyons at the back and Nick Gulliford in goal, we crashed out, losing 0-1.

For the first time in memory, the John Edwards Cup was played for with an actual cup! Having purposefully built a trophy cabinet in 2004 the OWs were at last very much looking forward to putting something in it. Unfortunately though with a very inexperienced goal keeper (myself), it was always going to be an uphill battle. Despite goals from Chris Money and Dan Martin, the OWs went down 2-4 against a well drilled 1st XI, who showed off all the benefits of training together three times a week. Also many thanks must go to John Edwards for coming along to present the trophy on a damp February afternoon and for all his support throughout the year.

There comes a time in every player's career when you've lost that half a yard of pace, or several paces and yards, and it's time to hang up your boots for good. As a

result, Jamie Emsell and Freddie Longe have stepped down from the committee. They, along with Charlie Wade, set up the club in 2004 and, with a huge amount of commitment and hard work, grew it from its embryonic stage into the fully fledged club it is now.

Ed Mallaburn our once prolific striker, and match day Secretary will also step back from the day-to-day running of the club. He has been a superb servant to the club, sending out well over 1,000 e-mails and organising practically everything over the last four seasons. He will be sorely missed, but I'm sure will do a great job as Treasurer and hopefully he might score in the forthcoming season!

Likewise I'm going out to graze, replaced by the younger and fitter Fergus Gilmour. It has been a wonderful opportunity and great honour to captain a Wellington side throughout my College career and then amongst fellow OWs. The character and commitment of both the players and the collective team has always been fantastic. I single out Will Misselbrook, who I've had the privilege of partnering in central mid-field over the last 16 years.

With the above changes, it would be great to get some younger OWs turning out regularly for the club. We typically play around twenty-five matches in and around west London from September to May. So if you would like to get involved with the club all the relevant contact details can be found on the OW society contacts' page at the end of the Year Book. *Tom Alexander* ■

## OW FOOTBALL

OWFC PLAYER OF THE SEASON  
FERGUS GILMOUR [HL 1997-2002]

GOLDEN BOOT  
CHRISTOPHER MONEY [O 1994-1999]

COMMITTEE PLAYER OF THE SEASON  
TOM MISSELBROOK [BD 1997-2002]

## GOLF

The OWGS is in good shape both at the serious golf level and, perhaps more importantly for the majority of us, at the sociable golf level. At the serious level we play in the Halford Hewitt, Bernard Darwin

and the Grafton Morrish competitions, plus the annual Alba Trophy at Woking.

In the Halford Hewitt this year we lost to Tonbridge, a team who seem to be our nemesis, in the first round.

The team was Crispin Manson, James Harper, Jonathan Douglas, Chris Rowse, Charles Richardson, Richard Eggleshaw, Hugo De Pree, Alex Gowar, Freddie Edmunds and Mike Power, who stood in due to the late withdrawal of James Holland one hour before tee-off claiming an injured arm. For the record book Mike is the oldest player (71) to make his debut in the Halford Hewitt and with James Harper they took their opponents to the 16th green!

We have qualified this year for the Grafton Morrish due to be played at the end of September.

In the 2009 Bernard Darwin competitions we had a mixed bag of results, beating Harrow but then losing to Winchester in the main competition. In the Senior Bernard Darwin matches we beat Rugby, Clifton and Tonbridge but lost narrowly to Marlborough in the final. We entered two pairs for the Veteran Darwin, but did not prevail.

At the 2010 Spring Meeting at Rye, 33 members played and 31 attended the dinner and AGM in the evening. The weather was mixed; Sunday afternoon was rained off due to a complete downpour. Alex Gowar won the O'Brien Trophy with a score of 74. The Captain's Shield was won by John Wakely with 38 points and the Birkmyre Trophy by Henry Somerset with 33 points. The Birkmyre Card (scratch prize for those over 50 years old) was won by John Wakely with 76 and the most fiercely contested prize, The Wooden Spoon, was won by David Dutton. The Captain's Tankards were won by Alex Gowar and Jonathan Douglas with a score of 36 points. On the Sunday, Sarah Muirhead-Allwood won the Guy Docker Trophy and Martin Gairdner the Walter Greenway Cup. Jonathan Douglas also won the Dutton Trophy for the combined Saturday and Sunday.

The 2009 Autumn Meeting, held at Liphook at the end

## — RACKETS —

**W**e are an ever growing club with a significant playing membership. As many of you know Rackets is a very small game and we are thrilled to have so many active players. We had a few matches during the year.

The two main fixtures were against the Jesters against whom we fielded three pairs. The match was played in Great Spirit and I am pleased to report that the OWs recorded a 3-2 win. The second match was against the Tennis and Rackets Association. This saw four pairs make the team and we all had a great evening. Like all matches they become incredibly social and the match was drawn 2-2. How fitting,

of September, was a great success. Richard Eggleshaw was the winner of the Needham Trophy with a score of 71. Rob Easton won the Roberts Wilson Cup with 39 points on a count-back with Ben Ebbetts. Richard Hardingham won the John Booty 50+ Scratch Prize with 88. Richard Eggleshaw won the Board Challenge Cup (combined Spring and Autumn) with 68 points and the Allom Trophy was won by Henry Somerset with 33 points. The Leese Challenge Cups were won by James Coyne and Ben Ebbetts with an excellent score of 41 points. Peter Kemp was the inaugural winner with 38 points of the Peter Clarke Salver, generously given by the Clarke family in memory of their father—a stalwart OW golfer, and a special supporter of the Autumn Meeting.

There were mixed results in the matches against other clubs but they have been enjoyable and the individual match managers deserve many thanks for their hard work in getting teams together, especially those who stand in to help. Judging by comments from other schools, we have a good fixture list compared to many, and this is reflected in the popularity of the matches. They 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 grateful to them for doing this.

Martin Gairdner has contributed greatly as our new captain this year and has supported not only many OWGS matches and competitions but also College matches. Of course, the very final word has to be one of alert to those OWs who play golf and are not members of the OWGS. 'Why not?' is all I've got to say. Join the OWGS and find out what all the members know already—it's great fun whatever your skill level. *John Goodeve-Docker* ■

I very much hope to be able to organise some more fixtures next year against the other old boys' association and indeed against the school. I would love to have a more active playing role for the racketing OWs in getting back and keeping in touch with those who are playing at College.

We now have enough players to hold an Old Wellingtonian weekend and I will be pushing to make this happen in 2011. It would be a doubles' tournament where an OW plays with an invitee. This follows a tried and tested formula from other schools and if interest is there will work very well.

We are lucky to have some quite handy players in the

OWs, and they are always keen to develop and help the leavers, and pupils when at school. We currently have the World No.5 in our ranks (Coyne) and also Tim Cockroft who is challenging for the World Doubles' title later in the season. These are 'human resources' that you should

## — RIFLE CLUB —

**A**nice again, I can report a highly active season from the OWRF. Two individual highlights were: Alex Bryson [Hg 2004–2009] who is currently touring Canada with the Great Britain Rifle Team as the youngest ever member of a Full GB tour. He went with the team also containing Nigel Ball (who was Vice-Captain of the tour), the College shooting Master, and Common Room members Kitty Jack and Bruce Roth. Also, Mike Baillie-Hamilton [Bn 1972–1976] captained and shot for Scotland in their memorable victory in the Match Rifle International, known as the 'Elcho'.

At the time of writing last year's report, there were still a few matches left in the 2009 season. The Quadrangular match, shot on this occasion between College, the OWs, Old Marlburians and Marlborough College, was won comfortably by OWs—an excellent result with all OWs scoring well. The highest OW scorer was Alex Bryson (99.12). The OW Championships was also won by Alex Bryson, who made it a hat-trick of wins with victory in the Chairman's Cup.

The small bore match between the OWs and College was shot in January this year. We had an excellent turnout, all shooting very well. Three OWs obtaining a Highest Possible Score (HPS) of 100: Ed Welford [L 1998–2003], Chris Tootell [Hn 1999–2005], and Rob Brown [T 1989–1994]. College beat us by a mere two points, thus retaining the Harris Trophy. The clay pigeon competition, held at Lains Farm near Andover, was won by Simon Brown [T 1989–1994], who took home the Townsend cup.

The first full-bore match was against the HAC, Surrey RC, and Oxford University. An excellent HPS of 100 from Ed Welford [L 1998–2003] helped us to defeat the HAC, but we fell short against Surrey and OU.

For various reasons, we could only field a team of 6 for the match against College, and they made us pay for our poor turnout with a convincing win by 14 points. Richard Hebblethwaite [T 1981–1986] top scored for the OWs with a 99.11. The Beverley Cup was won by Nigel Ball, with a score of 99.14 as the highest scorer on the day. Fourth Former Alex Corner took the Parkinson Cup, for the highest score for a current pupil with a

definitely use and they are both very willing to go on court and play with OWs.

In addition I am very keen on getting a Real Tennis section flourishing. We do have a number of players now and I would like to see the game expand. *James Coyne* ■

score of 97.12. He has a very bright future ahead of him.

Twenty OWs once again were in action for Public Schools Veterans' Match. I must especially thank Giles Orpen-Smellie [Hg 1973–1978] who shot competitively for the first time since leaving College, to make up our D Team. Our A team came 5th with Stuart Williamson [A 1986–1988] top scoring with 50.8. Our B Team put in a fantastic score of 242 out of 250 to come 5th: the B Team top scorer was Ed Reis [S 1989–1994] with 50.6. The C Team again scored well to reach a total of 239 to come 4th: C Team top scorer was Simon Brown [T 1989–1994] with 49.6. The D team finished 16th: their top scorer was Mike Townsend [Bl 1959–1962] with 50.5. In the Aggregate of the top three teams from each school, we finished 4th. We came 3rd in The Lucas, which is the aggregate of the veterans' A teams and the Ashburton, significantly better than in previous years. Afterwards, around 25 OWs, the current College team, as well as current and past supportive parents, gathered at the traditional barbecue at the Inns of Court Clubhouse. Phil Barnard-Carter [Hg 1993–1998] was the winner of the Luke Winkworth 'lottery' trophy with the score that was closest to the one pulled out of the hat. Stu Williamson took home the Aitken Lawrie Trophy as the highest scorer in the Veterans.

Ten OWs competed in the Imperial Meeting. James Bryson [S 2002–2007] is the current secretary of Cambridge University, and helped them beat Oxford University in the Varsity match. Richard Hebblethwaite shot for England in the National—although with the help of Common Room members Kitty Jack and Bruce Roth, Scotland won the match—and also captained The City of London to 3rd place in the Inter Counties' short range match. Tom Ward [Hl 2002–2007] shot for Exeter in their victory in the Inter-University Short Range match. They came second in the Long Range. In a most remarkable coincidence, all three OWs who appeared in the St George's Final were drawn next to each other. They were Ed Reis, Ed Welford, and Richard Hebblethwaite. The only Wellington representatives in the Queen's Final were Common Room members Kitty Jack and Nigel Ball. *Edward Reis* ■

## — SAILING —

The Old Wellington Sailing Association has had another good year, with OWs of all ages having fun both on and off the water.

An OWSA boat was entered into the annual Arrow Trophy yacht racing weekend in October, where former pupils of various public schools battle it out in a fleet of identical Sunfast 37s, chartered from Sunsail. This makes for very close and competitive racing, particularly in heavy weather, and this year was no exception. Skipped by Nick Vigors and crewed mainly by younger OWs, the OWSA boat excelled in the windy conditions, achieving an impressive third place overall from 23 starters and being awarded the Winchester Target trophy. After a very enjoyable drinks' party aboard Peter Hewitt's yacht *Xena*, following the first days' racing, a dinner and prizegiving was held at the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club for the participating crews. A sizeable contingent of OW spectators and their guests then repaired to a Cowes' curry house for the remainder of the evening.

A good turnout of OWs and crews gathered in Cowes for the spring Rally over the May Bank Holiday weekend, which this year began with an excellent dinner in the elegant surroundings of the Royal Yacht Squadron. After breakfast and shopping in Cowes on the Saturday morning, there followed a brisk passage in somewhat blustery conditions round to Bembridge on the north eastern side of the

Isle of Wight, where we received a very warm welcome and enjoyed a fine supper at Bembridge Sailing Club.

Horseshoe Lake was the setting for the annual dinghy racing fixture against College in May. This was something of a triumph for the College A team, which beat the OWSA team in every race. Rumour has it that this was something to do with the wind. It was unpromising early on, but by the time racing had begun, it had developed into the typical Horseshoe Lake breeze: enough to fill the sails, but coming from all directions!

Our Annual Dinner this year was held at the Royal Thames Yacht Club in London, where a very lively and enjoyable evening was enjoyed by OWs and their guests.

Support and encouragement for younger sailors is a major objective of the OWSA, and this year the Association awarded bursaries to Patrick Garratt and Jack Trigger to attend a RYA race training course run by the Royal Yacht Squadron. The OWSA also provides financial assistance for younger OWs taking part in the Arrow Trophy.

Particular thanks are due this year to our outgoing Commodore Patrick Rowe and Hon Treasurer George Curtis, and we wish our new Commodore Julian Berney every success in his role.

The OWSA is very pleased to welcome OWs of all ages and experience—enthusiasm rather than a lengthy sailing CV is the key requirement. *Jonathan Hudson* ■

## — SQUASH —

The Squash season is made up of Friendly matches (against prestigious London clubs) and The Londonderry Cup (against other Public schools). The Friendlies, played over last winter are all about 'the taking part' rather than the winning. The Londonderry cup is a deadly 'knock-out competition' so is the other way round... and, for us, is usually over a bit quickly! Why do we foregather and play? Our regular squad of players share great camaraderie and networking, with good spirits and memorable meals at the heart of our matches.

The season's results were, played 11, won 6, lost 4, drawn 1, curries 7. The team? Notable mention goes to the following: Hugo 'Huge' Cox, Richard 'Deuce' Heller, Nick 'the Duke' Pellew, Rob 'Sheena' Easton, Mark 'Scully'

Cullington, Simon 'Minge' Gorringer, Hugh 'Headboy' Thorneycroft, Hugo 'Basher' Bishop and Tim 'Fever' Warralow. (It is understood these nicknames are agreed by those mentioned, under freedom of information and data protection acts—*Editor*.)

The Londonderry Cup promised much but fell a bit short for the OWs. Having played the eventual winners last year (Norwich School), this time we were grateful to see that we had avoided them and met Winchester College in the first round. However the prospects of a rare win began to look less hopeful, as stalwarts of the team were suddenly unavailable.

Our top players in Darren 'Gasper' Gasper, Will 'Cookie' Sawrey-Cookson and Seb 'Buzzy' Beecroft were in distant countries and Julian 'Tasty' Haste pleaded age,

infirmity, small children and job change. With Robbie 'Sea' Lyons heading our challenge, the team ventured forth to the Oxford and Cambridge Club on 11th March for our confrontation with the Old Wykehamists.

'The Duke' led off and managed to hold off a fitter and more nimble opponent with good variation and fewer mistakes. A good start for the OWs, 1-0. Headboy was struggling with knee problems and showed little of his usual tenacity and solidity of shot and lost 1-1. Scully was on next and our hopes were high: he already had enjoyed a successful season at Roehampton Club, where he had joined many other OWs on the winners' boards. He started slowly but rallied back and the match seemed to be going our way. Some loose shots at the end resulted in another loss, 1-2.

## — TENNIS —

2009 was a very disappointing season with no wins to report. The season started as usual with the pre-qualifying tournament for the D'Abernon Cup, the annual public schools old boys' tennis competition. Our scratch pairing of Alex Tregellas and Simon Temple, who had never played together, carried the OW hopes but, despite beating the Old Stoic pair, they were then over-powered by the Old Oundellians and a very strong pair from Old Bromsgrovians, who had been part of the team that had reached the semi-finals two years previously. A new fixture against Hartswood Tennis Club then followed on grass at the Hurlingham Club. Although the 1st pair of James and Oliver Bray were undefeated with a win and draw, the second pairing of Seb Beecroft and Matt Cooksley were not strong enough to prevail in any of the sets, and a 1½-2½ loss ensued. A one pair match on grass against the Hurlingham Club followed, but with the OW captain having to play for Hurlingham due to late withdrawals, the OW pair of Alex Tregellas and Charles Wainwright were always going to be up against it. They duly succumbed to defeat.

The hardest match of the season, against the Public Schools' Old Boys Tennis Association, was not really 'what the doctor ordered' next, and a 0-4 loss was inflicted with neither of the pairs, James and Oliver Bray or Alex Tregellas and Charles Wainwright able to win a set, hard as they tried. In the final match of the season against Oxford Veterans, a win was expected, but a close match was lost in the fading light as the 1st pair of James Bray and John Denham were unable to close out the final

Deuce was now on and had been playing well all season so it was no surprise that he too came back from a slow start to lead 2-1 and looking confident. It went to a fifth game and it started with him stroking the ball around and quickly going ahead, reaching 7/2. However, he rescued defeat from the jaws of victory and lost, 1-3. Sea-Lyons went on in the dead rubber and had a close game but with the feeling that had the match been 'live' he would have taken it. The match was over, not helped by OWs being unable to field its full potential of players.

OW Squash is alive and well and would really be a force to be reckoned with, but it seems we cannot recruit our best calibre players when we need them. Please sign up—Your Old School needs you! *Nigel Clarke* ■

set for a draw. The result another 1½-2½ reverse with the 2nd pair of Adam Hogg and James Boyd not proving steady or canny enough to beat the Oxford Veterans. They fielded who we thought was a stalwart of the OW side, in Gordon Tanner. He who had clearly not read the script by leading his team to victory against his old school. My thanks as ever to all the OWs who turned out for the team during the course of the season. May next year turn out to be rather more successful!

Our next year fixture list will include matches during the summer against the Old Rugbeians, Old Etonians, Old Westminster and the Public Schools Old Boys Tennis Association as well as the pre-qualifying tournament for the D'Abernon Cup. Matches are usually played on grass at the Hurlingham Club in Fulham, and followed by a few beers and a BBQ—there can be few better ways to spend a warm summer's evening in London. So a call to arms please for more OWs to put their names forward for matches—especially those OWs who have recently left College, who could provide a more youthful and energetic feel to the Club. To achieve this aim, the OW Society have once again kindly given a small grant to the OW Tennis Club to cover match fees for those aged under 25, so please get in touch with me if you have recently left College and would like to play for the OW Tennis team. I am also hoping that with the addition of more girls at College that we may be able to introduce a few mixed doubles matches to our fixture list. Please contact me if you would like to get involved or would just like to be added to the OW Tennis e-mail circulation list. *James Bray* ■

# O.W. SERVICE



## — WELLINGTON — & THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN

ALAN PALMER [M 1969–1973]

There were no con-trails in the skies over Brussels on 18th June 1815, none of the Iron Duke's soldiers had Air Marshal's batons in their knapsacks and Blücher did not arrive in the thick of battle with a squadron of friendly Messerschmitts. In consequence, Wellington College, the national monument to the victor of Waterloo, has always been more readily associated with army khaki (or scarlet in the early years) than air force blue. Generations of heroes and sons of heroes have indeed soldiered for country and monarch (and continue to do so), but ever since the inception of the Royal Flying Corps (part of the Army) in 1912 and its successor, the Royal Air Force, in 1918, Old Wellingtonians have also contributed to the junior service in surprising numbers. After all, dare-devilry was in the genes and the early aeroplanes were often more dangerous than horses—even before the shooting began.

The 2008/2009 Wellington Year Book pointed out that Wellington College had produced a Marshal of the Royal Air Force in Sir John Salmond and nearly a second one in Sir Geoffrey Salmond (had the latter's spell as Chief of the Air Staff not been cut short by cancer), at least ten years before the school's first equivalent 'five star' Field Marshal. Claude Auchinleck was merely a squealer in The Beresford when the Salmond brothers were already Blücher boys of standing. There is now a board in the Auchinleck Room dedicated to their memory, to match that of the four

Field Marshals. Current Wellingtonians will therefore be aware of this particular RAF connection—but how many readers know that Guy Gibson's rear gunner on the great Dambusters' raid, Richard Trevor Roper, was also a Blücher boy [1928–1933]? There can be few Old or even current Wellingtonians who haven't seen the cult film *The Great Escape*. But how many know that, although Steve McQueen and his motor-cycle were a fictional invention to woo American audiences, 'Big X', the RAF Squadron leader played by Richard Attenborough, was based on another OW, the very real Roger Bushell [W 1924–1928]? Bushell, an Olympic skier and successful barrister before the war, was CO of 92 Squadron in 1940. He was shot down over Dunkirk and captured during the evacuation of the British Expeditionary Force. He master-minded the mass break-out from Stalagluft III in 1944, but, as in the film, most of the escapees were recaptured and Bushell and 49 others were murdered by the Nazis, on the personal orders of Hitler.

Over 350 OWs served in the RFC or the RAF in the two world wars. Some 30 OWs were killed serving with the RFC in the First World War, most of them 18 or 19 year-old subalterns barely a year out of College. About 250 OWs served in the RAF in the Second World War; 118 of them lost their lives, a staggering rate of attrition. 50 boys who entered the school in 1935 or 1936 joined the RAF on leaving and by the end of the war, all but 15 of

them had been killed. Many of the casualties were in Bomber Command, where those who had paid attention in their First Block maths classes would have worked out that, statistically, they had no chance of survival. Still they went. One who did survive was Wing Commander Roderick Learoyd [L 1926–1929], awarded the VC for his courage in an almost suicidal raid on the Dortmund Ems Canal in August 1940.

There is no room in this article to enumerate all of these ordinary boys who went on to do extraordinary things in the service of their country; but in this 70th anniversary year of the Battle of Britain, it is appropriate to remember in the pages of the Year Book that a few of 'The Few' were Old Wellingtonians.

It would be an exaggeration to say, adapting the Iron Duke's probably apocryphal statement, that 'the Battle of Britain was won on Bigside'. 'The Few' are the 2,917 pilots and aircrew who made at least one operational sortie in an eligible squadron or unit of RAF Fighter Command between 10th July and 31st October 1940, or in one of the Coastal Command or Fleet Air Arm squadrons seconded to Fighter Command during the period. 544 of these men were killed during the Battle itself and a further 795 survived the Battle only to lose their lives on operations later in the war. Barely 100 are still alive today and the band is dwindling fast. Of the 2,917, 17 (as far as I have been able to identify) were OWs. 5 of them were killed during the Battle, which represents a higher casualty rate (29 per cent) than for The Few as a whole (18 per cent). A further 3 were killed in action later in the war. 5 of the 6 youngest OW Battle of Britain pilots were among the casualties, including four who died before their 21st birthdays. Only one, Lieutenant Commander Richard Cockburn, RN, who was in the Talbot from 1928 to 1932, is still alive at the grand old age of 96. In reply to a letter I sent to him, Lt Commander Cockburn is modest about his role in the Battle—his Fleet Air Arm squadron, No.808, protected the Fleet at Scapa Flow from German attack. 'We were, in my personal opinion, rather a long way from the main action, though we did have some activity', he says. Activity was not in short supply



Left to right  
Air Chief Marshal Sir Geoffrey Salmond  
KCB KCMG DSO CB (OW)  
Major General Sir William Salmond  
KCB (father)  
Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Sir John Salmond  
GCB CMG CVO DSO DCL LLD (OW)

for Cockburn after the Battle, as his Squadron then sailed on HMS *Ark Royal* to take part in the defence of Malta, in 1941 the most bombed place on Earth.

The OWs 'to whom so many of us owe so much' are listed below in order of their entry into the school. If anyone has information to suggest that this list is not exhaustive, or has any personal recollections or further information to add to the details below, the OW office would be very glad to hear from you.

**Douglas Reginald Scott**, [T 1921–1925], already 32 in 1940, was old by fighter pilot standards. After Wellington and Jesus College Cambridge, he worked at Armstrong Siddely and drove racing cars at Brooklands. He joined the Auxiliary Air Force in 1935 and was called to

full-time service in August 1939 as the country mobilised. After seeing action with 605 Squadron, he formed and took command of 306—a Polish squadron—at Church Fenton in August 1940 and led it through the Battle until December. In October 1941, now a Wing Commander, he was a Wing Leader at Kirton-in-Lindsey. He was shot down and killed by Focke-Wolf 190s leading one of his Wing's squadrons, 616, on patrol over Dunkirk on 8th November 1941. It was the first time any of the 616 pilots had ever seen FW 190s. Scott is buried in Dunkirk Town Cemetery. In 1943, he was awarded the AFC, effective from 9th October 1941.



**Arthur Lawrence Holland** [W 1922–1928] also went up to Cambridge after Wellington and there joined the University Air Squadron. He was granted a permanent commission in the RAF in 1931, became an engineering officer and spent time with the Fleet Air Arm and in India before the war. January 1940 found him with the Air Ministry in Harrogate and London, working with the Directorate of Maintenance and Repair. Despite his age (31) he requested a return to flying duties and the request was granted in July 1940. He converted to Hurricanes and

spent time with 501 Squadron to gain combat experience—which he clearly did, as he crash-landed at Dover on 12th August after combat with Bf 109s. Two days later he was appointed to command 65 Squadron at Rochford, where he quickly had to teach himself to fly a Spitfire. The Squadron spent two weeks in the thick of the Battle and was then retired to Turnhouse, near Edinburgh, at the end of August. Holland's flying war ended in November 1940 when he was hospitalised with a suspected tumour. He spent the rest of the war on technical duties and retired from the RAF as a Group Captain, with a CBE, in 1960. He died in 1993.

**Edward Christopher Deanesley** [O 1923–1927] joined the Auxiliary Air Force in 1937, ten years after leaving Wellington. He was called up for full-time service in August 1939 and posted to 152 Squadron, with which, by the summer of 1940, he was at the sharp end of the Battle. On 25th July, he shared a Dornier and a Junkers, but his Spitfire was hit by return fire and he had to ditch in the Channel, five miles off Portland. He was picked up and spent some time in hospital in Lyme Regis. By September, he was back in action and, before long, back in the Channel. He was shot down by BF 109s on 26th September and baled out, wounded, twelve miles south of the Needles. He was rescued again—time he spent in 'general bathes' in the swimming pool at Wellington clearly paid off—and then transferred to Controller duties, but not for long.

In November 1940, he joined 256 Squadron, a night-fighter unit where he enjoyed considerable success. In April and May 1941, he destroyed four enemy intruders and was awarded the DFC, receiving the decoration from the King on October 1941. He was then given command of the squadron and led it until April 1942. He subsequently spent time in West Africa, helping to maintain the aircraft ferry route from Takoradi, Gold Coast (now Ghana) to Egypt and then commanded a Wing in the Middle East. His appetite for action was clearly undiminished because by the end of the war he was flying Dakotas and commanding a glider-towing squadron with whom he took part in the Rhine crossings in March 1945. He retired from the RAF as a Wing Commander in 1945 and went into the plastics business. He died in 1998.

I have been able to trace very little information about **Robin Keith Collen Norwood** [Hg 1924–1928]. The son of an army captain who won the VC in the Second Boer War in 1899, he arrived at Wellington in 1924, the term after Roger Bushell (qv). He joined the RAFVR in 1938

and was called up in September 1939. He completed his training and was commissioned and posted to 65 Squadron at Turnhouse on 2nd September 1940. I have not been able to trace any details of his service. He was released from the RAF in 1946 as a Flight Lieutenant and worked in the wine trade. He died in 1970.

**Rodney Levett Wilkinson** [S 1924–1926], was a career RAF officer. He entered Wellington the same term as Robin Norwood (qv) and went on to RAF College Cranwell, graduating in 1930. He spent the inter-war years in the Middle East and the U.K., where he was for a time an instructor with the Cambridge University Air Squadron, where so many RAF officers received their initial training. He joined the Air Ministry in January 1940, but requested a return to flying duties and converted to Spitfires. He was posted to 266 Squadron at Wittering on 28th June 1940 and took command of the squadron on 6th July. He shot down a Dornier on 12th August and a Junkers three days later. The next day, in a combat over Deal, he collided with a Bf 109. His Spitfire crashed at Eastry Court just after midday and he was killed. He is buried in Margate Cemetery. He was 30 years old.

**William Francis Cripps Hobson** [S 1924–1928] entered RAF College Cranwell in January 1929, in the same intake as Rodney Wilkinson (qv), his contemporary from The Stanley. He spent the inter-war years in India and the U.K., serving in the Air Armament branch. In 1940, he too requested a return to flying and converted to Hurricanes. He joined 64 Squadron on 4th July 1940 to gain combat experience. He subsequently took command of 601 Squadron at Tangmere on 20th July and led it until 10th August when he was hospitalised. After the war, he served as Air Attaché in Argentina and retired from the RAF in 1956 as a Wing Commander, retaining the rank of Group Captain. He died in 1994.

**Paul Ruston** [A 1926–1929], was commissioned into the RAF Special Reserve in 1934 and joined 503 Squadron. He set altitude records in a Handley Page Hinairi in late 1934 and spent some time instructing before the war. He was posted to 604 Squadron in July 1940, flying Blenheims. Not much more of his RAF career is known. He was released as a Wing Commander in 1945, was



a pilot with BOAC and died, only in his forties, in 1954.

**Richard Cockburn Cockburn** [T 1928–1932], the only OW participant in the Battle of Britain known still to be living, went to Sandhurst after leaving Wellington and was commissioned in the Highland Light Infantry in February 1934. He resigned his commission in September 1935 and joined the Fleet Air Arm. At the beginning of July 1940, he was with 808 Squadron, one of two FAA Squadrons seconded to Fighter Command during the Battle, flying Fairey Fulmars in defence of the fleet at Scapa Flow. In October 1940, he embarked with the Squadron on HMS *Ark Royal* to take part in defending convoys on the Gibraltar-Malta run. He was awarded the DSO for his service there. He retired from the Royal Navy in January 1946 as a Lieutenant Commander. He now lives in Hythe, Kent—a part of England known in 1940 as Hellfire Corner.

**Denis Humbert Fox-Male** [M 1928–1933] went up to Trinity College, Oxford after Wellington to read Jurisprudence and whilst there joined the Oxford University Air Squadron. After Oxford, he qualified and practiced as a solicitor, before being called up at the outbreak of war. He spent the early summer of 1940 completing his training and, after converting to Spitfires, joined 152 Squadron on 29th September. 152 was popular with OWs: Edward Deanesley (qv) had been shot down for the second time serving with the squadron only three days earlier, and a younger OW, Timothy Wildblood (qv), had been killed flying with the squadron the previous month. On 10th October, Fox-Male sustained combat damage to the cockpit and glycol tank of his Spitfire which forced him



to return to base. He flew with the squadron for the remainder of the Battle and also on the deadly fighter sweeps over France which followed, until July 1941. He then became an instructor. He returned to operations in April 1942, joining 242 Squadron at Turnhouse. The squadron embarked for North Africa in September 1942 and Fox-Male flew on operations with it there until March 1943. He was released from the RAF as a Flight Lieutenant in 1946 and resumed his legal career, becoming a partner in a London firm of solicitors. He retired in 1975 to Guernsey and died there in April 1986.

**George ffolliott Powell-Sheddon** [Pn 1929–1933], went to RAF College, Cranwell, in January 1935. After

graduation, he was posted to 47 Squadron at Khartoum. The outbreak of war found him in Mersah Matru, Egypt, as a Flight Commander with 33 Squadron. He returned to the U.K. in June 1940 and after converting to Hurricanes, joined 242 Squadron on 30th June. In August and September 1940 he was in continuous combat. He shared a Dornier over Norfolk on 21st August, destroyed a Bf 109 over the Thames Estuary on 7th September, another Dornier on 15th September and shared a third later the same day. Following this engagement, he was himself shot down by Bf 109s over Rye, baled out and landed with a dislocated shoulder.



In July 1941, he was sent to form a new night-fighter squadron in Malta and was soon back in action, damaging a Fiat on the night of 11th/12th August and two Messerschmitts on 26th/27th August. He was later awarded the DFC for his service in Malta. He led 29 Squadron at Ford in 1944 and was awarded the DSO. He retired from the RAF as a Group Captain in 1961 and died in November 1994.

**Richard Edward Ney Elias Wynn** [C 1930–1934], the son of an RAF Wing Commander, left Wellington early to take up a scholarship at the Taft School in Connecticut. He joined the RAFVR in January 1939. After training and conversion to Hurricanes, he arrived at 249 Squadron at Church Fenton on 4th August 1940. He may have met up with Douglas Scott (qv), who was also at Church Fenton in August commanding 306 Squadron. Wynn had to make a forced landing on 31st August near Whitchurch, after engine failure. Only two days later, at 8.00 a.m. on 2nd September, he was wounded and made a crash-landing near Chartham in Kent after combat with enemy fighters over Rochester. He spent three months recovering in hospital and finally rejoined 249 Squadron in 1941. He was killed on 17th April 1941, crashing near Ongar, Essex. He is buried in St Andrew's Churchyard, North Weald Bassett. He was 23.

**Peter Guerin Crofts** [A 1931–1935] entered RAF College, Cranwell in January 1937. He did not complete the course but was nevertheless given a short service commission in May 1938. In early 1940, he was with 150 Squadron flying Blenheims and may have been with them in France during the Blitzkrieg. He volunteered for Fighter Command in August 1940 and was posted to 615 Squadron

at Prestwick on 9th September. He moved south to join 605 Squadron at Croydon on 13th September. Just two weeks later he was dead. His Hurricane was shot down by Bf 109s over Ticehurst on 28th September and exploded in a paddock. Crofts managed to bale out, but fell dead at Earls Down, Red Pale, half a mile from Dallington. He was probably machine-gunned as he floated down. He was 22. He is buried in All Saints Churchyard, Tilford, Surrey. A memorial cross stands at Red Pale on the spot where he fell.

**Hugh Desmond Clark** [H1 1933–1936] entered RAF College, Cranwell in January 1937, in the same intake as Peter Crofts (qv). He was with 85 Squadron in May 1940 and joined 213 Squadron at Exeter on 19th August 1940. No further details have been traced. He retired from the RAF in 1960 as a Wing Commander. The OW Office has no further information on him. If anyone has any news of him, please let us know.

**Michael Giles Homer** [S 1933–1936], was another OW who entered RAF College, Cranwell in January 1937, along with Peter Crofts (qv) and Hugh Clark (qv). He graduated in 1938 and joined 106 Squadron. In early 1940, he was with 44 Squadron operating Hampdens from Waddington. In April 1940, he won the DFC for carrying out a high-level bombing attack on two German cruisers in Kristiansand Bay. The citation says that he pressed home his attack in the face of intense anti-aircraft fire and attacks by enemy fighters, one of which his air gunner shot down. He returned his damaged aircraft safely to base.

Clearly short of excitement, he then volunteered for Fighter Command in August 1940. He joined No.1 Squadron at Northolt in early September and was quickly in action: on the 7th he damaged a Dornier. He was posted to 242 Squadron on 21st September, where he may have come across George Powell-Shedden (qv), then recovering from his dislocated shoulder. Homer's time with 242 Squadron was short; he was shot down in flames and killed on 27th September, crashing at Bluetown, Mintching Wood, Milstead, near Sittingbourne. There is a memorial plaque at the crash site. Homer was 21. He is buried in Godlingston Cemetery, Swanage, his home town.

**Timothy Seddon Wildblood** [L 1933–1937] who was born in Egypt in March 1920, was a recipient at Wel-



lington of Lord Derby's Gift for the most distinguished Founder. (I remember seeing his name on the board in Front Quad every day when I was at Wellington and thinking it was a most poetic name to have been blessed with. I didn't then know that the name's bearer also had a romantic—but tragically short—career as a Battle of Britain Spitfire pilot). Wildblood won a King's Cadetship to RAF College Cranwell which he entered in January 1938, overlapping with his Wellington contemporaries Peter Crofts, Hugh Clark and Michael Homer (qv). He graduated just after the outbreak of war and joined 152 Squadron as a Pilot Officer, where he would certainly have flown with another OW, Edward Deanesley (qv), ten years his senior and by then a Flight Lieutenant. In the phoney war of winter 1939/1940, Wildblood nevertheless saw action, sharing in the destruction of a Heinkel off the coast of Northumberland in February. On 11th August, he claimed a Bf 109, a Bf 110 on 12th August and a Junkers and another shared on 18th August. His Spitfire failed to return from combat over the channel on 25th August. He was 20 years old. He received a Mention in Despatches and is remembered on the RAF Runnymede Memorial (panel 10).



**John Arthur Peter McClintock** [Pn 1933–1937], worked in London before the war but joined the Auxiliary Air Force some time in 1939. He was called to full time service at the end of August 1939. After completing his flying training, he was posted to 615 Squadron in late July 1940. On the evening of 11th August, he overturned his Hurricane landing at Hawkinge after a late patrol. The next day, nothing daunted, he attacked and severely damaged a Bf 109 which force-landed and was captured near Lewes. On 24th August, he shared in the destruction of a Heinkel 111 which was attacking Hornchurch aerodrome, but two days later, on 26th August, he was himself shot down by Bf 109s. He baled out at great height and landed unhurt in the sea off Sheerness. After surviving the Battle, he met a tragic and senseless end shortly afterwards. On 25th November



Last year we published a photograph of Arthur Duke of Wellington's memorial in St Paul's Cathedral. This year the Memorial Window for the Battle of Britain is shown, above. Amongst 'the few', it commemorates our own Heroes Heroum Filii who died in the battle. It was designed by Hugh Easton (OW), whose work in our own Chapel is so well known to Wellingtonians.

1940, he and another pilot were flying in the squadron Magister (a training and liaison aircraft) when a wing came off at 200 feet. The aircraft crashed at Sunningdale and both pilots were killed. They were cremated at St. John's Crematorium, Woking. McClintock was 20.

**Kenneth Wilson Worsdell** [M 1933–1937], won a Prize Cadetship to RAF



College Cranwell and entered in April 1938. After graduation, he joined the newly-formed 219 Squadron at Catterick and was still with it at the start of the Battle of Britain. He was captain of

a Beaufighter which hit trees trying to locate Redhill aerodrome in bad visibility on 30th October, the day before what is now recognised as the end of the Battle. The aircraft crashed and exploded 150 yards south of Balcombe Place, killing Worsdell and his radio operator. Worsdell was 20. He is buried in Nutfield Cemetery in Surrey.

There are two further Wellington connections with the Battle. The hugely popular Master of Wellington, Bobby Longden, was killed on 8th October 1940, when bombs were dropped by a returning German bomber or bombers; they landed on South Front and destroyed the Master's Lodge. Wellington College was truly in the 'front line' of the Battle, as was so much of the South of England. Longden had worked tirelessly since 1938 to ensure the safety

from the air of the boys by the construction of air-raid shelters. It was therefore a bitter irony of the Battle for those in his charge.

After the War, a stained glass window was installed in Westminster Abbey to commemorate the Battle of Britain. It was designed by Hugh Ray Easton [Hg 1920–1926]. He was also the designer of the windows which adorn Wellington College Chapel, unveiled by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother in

1954, to replace those destroyed in the air-raid of 8th October 1940.

I am indebted in writing this article to CCB Associates for the permission they gave me to quote extensively from their book, *Men of the Battle of Britain*, by Kenneth

Wynn. I am happy to recommend this book to anyone interested in the Battle not simply to repay the publisher's kindness but because it is an engaging read. The sparse prose recording the life of each of the pilots and aircrew who took part in the Battle reveals extraordinary tales of heroism and of the sheer arbitrariness of fate. Men still alive or who died in their 80s or 90s share the pages with their coevals whose lives were cut short at 20, sometimes in tragically ironic circumstances. There's the pilot killed taking off in his Spitfire—bound for a party with the Station Commander on his knee; another accidentally killed during a game-shoot, whilst on leave from the Battle; another who survived the Battle and five more years of intensive warfare only to die three weeks before VE Day when the incorrectly fused bombs on his aircraft blew up before he could drop them. There is the young pilot whose will to survive burned so strongly that he survived fifty hours in an open raft paddling across the Channel... only to be killed on operations three weeks after finally being rescued. My personal favourite is the story of Sidney Carlin, probably the oldest member of 'The Few', born in March 1889 (a few weeks before Adolf Hitler). In an action in the trenches with the Royal

Engineers in 1916 he lost a leg and won the MC. Nothing daunted, he transferred to the RFC and became a one-legged ace, downing five enemy aircraft and winning the DFC in 1918. In 1940, at 51, he re-enrolled in the RAF and became an air-gunner on Defiants. He was killed in May 1941 at the age of 52, running (with one leg remember) to his aircraft turret to return fire at German fighters attacking the aerodrome. (Contact can be made with Alan Palmer via his e-mail: [alan.palmer@wanadoo.fr](mailto:alan.palmer@wanadoo.fr)) ■



A section of the drawings for the windows in Westminster Abbey by Hugh Ray Easton [Hg 1920–1926]

## — OW DISPATCHES —

**A**fghanistan! Wellingtonians have been there before. The First Afghan War of 1842 was a disaster. The Second Afghan war of 1879–1980 started badly, but under the leadership of Lord Roberts (later a Wellington Governor) and the assistance of no less than 70 OW officers (the College had barely been in existence for 20 years), success was achieved in resolving the immediate military problem. Of course there were also many OW officers with Lord Wolseley (also a Wellington Governor) fighting in the Zulu War, which was going on at the same time. Iraq? Well many OWs were there in the Great War and after. There is a record of a 1918 Waterloo Day Dinner in Baghdad, attended by many OWs.

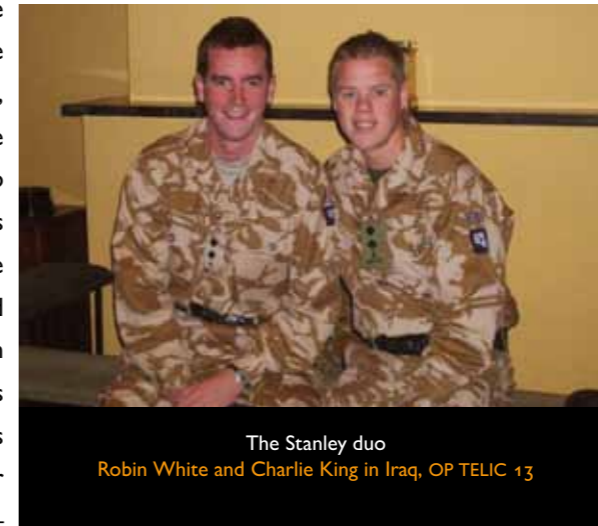
Putting out an 'all-stations call' in the last *Year Book*, we have been astonished by the sheer number of OWs who have recently served on operations, in Iraq (Op TELIC) and more recently in Afghanistan (Op HERRICK), for which the tours last normally six months. The names are not in strict order, and we may not have caught up with the latest exploits, promotions and awards. Indeed the list is almost certainly incomplete, for which we apologise in advance—in the OW Office we are not necessarily in receipt of the best intelligence from the front line. If your name is missing, please contact us.

Few OWs seem to be serving currently in the Senior Service, but they take precedence of course over the Army. Wholly responsible for the highest quality of casualty and medical treatment in Afghanistan is Surgeon **Rear Admiral Lionel Jarvis** [S 1968–1972]. He is Assistant Chief of Defence Staff Health and Director of Medical Services, Royal Navy. **Captain William Entwisle** RN [S 1978–1982] (son of AWAE) has commanded 815 Naval Air Squadron at Yeovilton recently and been an Equerry to HRH the Prince of Wales. **Robert Goodenough** RN [S 1992–1997] served as a naval engineer, working recently at the Defence Equipment and Support Establishment Abbey Wood. Married to Raegan, another RN officer,

Rob and his wife have now emigrated to South Africa.

First of the Army to respond was **Captain Robin White** [S 1996–2001], with news of himself and **Captain Charlie King** [S 1996–2001], both of the Light infantry, now The Rifles. The photo is of the two of them in the final operational tour in Iraq. Both have since been training troops in Germany and U.K., and are due to go to Afghanistan in September 2011.

**Captain Daren Kelly** [Hn 1991–1996] (The Rifles) served with 1st Bn Light Infantry during Op TELIC 2003–2004 as a platoon commander. 'It was a transition period', he explains, 'but we had to face what was known as the Madhi Uprising, of fanatical Jihadists. I was there again for TELIC 8'. During HERRICK 9, Daren was with 1 Rifles per-



The Stanley duo  
Robin White and Charlie King in Iraq, OP TELIC 13

forming the Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team role. 'It was very hard work operating alongside the Afghan security forces engaging ferocious Taliban fighters'. 'Mentoring' is a widespread novel tactic of accompanying and advising local troops on operations, but stepping in with 'kinetic fire' effect if necessary.

A 'Mention in Dispatches' is an ancient and honourable award for gallantry in the Army. In

November 2009, **Charlie Winstanley** [C 1998–2003], commanding a platoon of 4 Rifles in Sangin, led an assault on a very heavily armed position, defended by Taliban fighters. Twelve of his men were killed or wounded in the attack. 'As enemy machine gunfire, grenades and rockets landed just metres away from his attacking troops, the platoon finally killed all the insurgents', reads the citation. The position was discovered to be a bomb factory, containing fifteen ready-made devices, for use against British patrols. Charlie was also commended for his diplomatic skills with Afghan security forces, a vital role performed by the British Army preparing the Afghans to take over full security responsibility. Major Neil Bellamy [HI 1988–1993] joined the Light Infantry, later The Rifles, and took part in TELIC 1, the invasion of Iraq, as an Intelligence Officer with 2RTR Battle Group. During TELIC 8 he was a Company

commander in Basra in the armoured infantry role. 'We were in Warrior vehicles and were kept very busy to the South and Southwest of Basra. Working with the Iraqi police was a tense experience', he adds. 'During HERRICK 10-11, between May and December 2009, I was commanding again, this time in Southern Helmand, covering regional reconstruction work with a high Improvised Explosive Device (IED) threat. I am just back from India, where I took my Company of Rifles for a two month exercise, the first time the British Army has trained there since 1947. The Indian Army are more British than the British; they love us', he concludes.

The OW contribution to Helicopter operations is significant. **Rear Admiral Tony**

**Johnstone-Burt** [O 1971-1976], a veteran of the Falklands War, has been the Commander of Joint Helicopter Command since 2008. It's what it 'says on the tin'—he commands the helicopter squadrons of all three Services, training and deployed for operational tours. **Brigadier James Illingworth** [L 1980-1984], Army Air Corps, commanded the Special Forces Aviation Wing from 2006 and 2008, with Chinook, Lynx and 'other platforms' of the aerial sort 'throughout varying parts of the world, including Iraq and Afghanistan'. He fully merited his recent OBE and promotion.

Between 2006 and 2008, **Lieutenant Colonel Paul Tennant** [Hg 1981-1986] commanded 664 Squadron AAC equipped with Apaches for two tours in Afghanistan, and in addition commanded the forward HQ of the Joint Helicopter Force (Afghanistan). His role was 'primarily to provide precision support to the troops on the ground and over-watch of vulnerable transport helicopters, such as Chinook and Sea Kings'. He took command of 3 Regiment AAC in 2009, and is currently (November 2010) in Afghanistan commanding the JHF (A) again, comprising about fifty British helicopters from the RN, Army and RAF.

It is understood that **Colonel Murray Whiteside** [S 1975-1980] (Royal Green Jackets and Army Air Corps) currently commands the Army Air Corps Training Centre at Middle Wallop.

**Henry Barstow** [O 1996-2001] (Queen's Royal

Lancers) has just returned (November 2010) from HERRICK 12 in Afghanistan, having deployed as a Joint Tactical Air Control/Forward Air Controller. 'I was in Hehr E Saraj (South) sector with A Company of 1 Royal Gurkha Rifles. The company had a difficult tour, taking significant casualties, including our OC Major Josh Bowman. We successfully took over the village of Rahim Kalay and have brought an extent of security to its population. Now for some skiing in Verbier'.

Our most senior soldier, **Major General Chris Deverell** [C 1974-1978] (late Royal Tank Regiment), served in the Permanent Joint Headquarters and U.S. Central Command during the build-up to and invasion of Iraq in 2003. On promotion to Brigadier, he commanded 4th Armoured Brigade in Iraq and Germany from 2005 to 2007. From 2008, he has been Director general Logistics Support and Equipment at HQ Land Forces. He is Colonel Commandant of his regiment and also the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

There have been three notable commanders in Iraq and Afghanistan. **Colonel**, shortly to be promoted **Brigadier**, **Greville Bibby** [T 1975-1979] (late Grenadier and Coldstream Guards) spent 2009 as Deputy Commander 'Task Force Helmand'. His primary role was working in the Provincial Reconstruction Team, comprising a large number of civilians from the British Foreign Office and Department for International Development. Greville was responsible for ensuring military cooperation with civilians assisting in setting up and supporting 'governance structures' while the Afghans rebuild their country and marginalise the Taleban influence. Comprehensive coordination of the efforts of a large range and number of experts is vital, and Greville's work in this regard was awarded by a CBE. Another OW reports on him as 'a much loved commander, displaying in a very difficult time friendly commonsense, tact and diplomacy, matched with steely resolve'. He now commands the Military Stabilisation Support Group in U.K., whose task is to train military personnel to work with other government departments, ready to deploy around the world. He shortly takes up command of 15 (North East) Brigade in York.

**Brigadier James Cowan** [Pn 178-1982] (late Black



Lieutenant Colonel Paul Tennant  
in command of JHF in Afghanistan

Watch and Royal Regiment of Scotland) commanded 1 BW in Iraq, during a period of intense active duty, about which much was reported in the press. He gave an extremely informative presentation on Counter-Insurgency to a packed audience at Wellington in the Michaelmas term 2009, just before taking his 11 Light Brigade to Helmand province in Afghanistan. His inspirational leadership during Op MOSHTARACK (meaning 'partnership') to regain the initiative in Central Helmand, was outstanding. His Brigade, working with thousands of Afghan soldiers and civilian agency partners, used the most patient and restrained of tactical methods to avoid civilian casualties. Under James's direction they achieved outstanding success. 'What was really involved was not trying to defeat the enemy in face of quite

serious provocation...but winning the people over', he modestly explains. Great military leaders imbue moral courage into their subordinate commanders and soldiers, as well as physical courage.

Colonel, now **Brigadier**, **Christopher Tickell** [Hn 1977-1982] (late Royal Engineers) took part in the invasion of Iraq in 2003 and recently served in Afghanistan. As Commander Joint Force Support Command, based in Kandahar and Camp Bastion, he was responsible for the vast range of logistic support to British troops, and assisting and facilitating infrastructure reconstruction in Helmand and Kabul. He now commands the Intermediate Command and Staff Course (Army) at the Staff College, part of the U.K. Defence Academy.

**Colonel Richard Winstanley** [S 1978-1982] (late Grenadier Guards), had an important role as MA to the Danish Chief of Staff at the NATO HQ in Kabul in 2003-2004. 'It was that period when, for the first time, NATO were operating out of area, learning about combating global terrorism', he explains. Two years later he was back for a second nine month tour, commanding the Allied Rapid Reaction Corps Support Battalion. It was during this period that the first British battalions were deploying in the new phase of operations, particularly in Helmand province.

**Colonel Crispian Beattie** [Pn 1979-1983] (late



Three OW commanders, all now Brigadiers, Christopher Tickell, James Cowan and Greville Bibby, all happened to be in the same place at the same time in Afghanistan in 2009

Royal Green Jackets) has just retired, having recently commanded the Command and Control Development Centre, a vital task for developing the art and science of C2 for operations. He was awarded the CBE, a sure recognition of his hard work and success. **Lieutenant Colonel Charlie Wallace** [Bd 1977-1982] (Royal Scots and Royal Regiment of Scotland) served as a planner in the HQ of Multi-National Division (SE) in 2006-2008 in Iraq. 'I hope that my planning assisted the transition from our control to that of the Iraqi Security Forces', he says. He spent much of his time liaising with other divisional staffs and the U.S. in Baghdad. **Brigadier David Alfrey** [S 1972-1977] (late Royal Scots Dragoon Guards) has recently commanded a Brigade in Scotland and now works on the Adjutant General's

staff. **Colonel Richard Williams** [Pn 1980-1985] (Parachute Regiment and SAS) commanded 22 Regiment SAS, and **Henry Searby** [M 1990-1995] (9/12 Lancers) has served in that secretive force. Readers can imagine their exploits during active duty. **Colonel Tim Checketts** [O 1970-1974] (15/19th Hussars and Light Dragoons) commanded the Light Dragoons in 1995-1997 has been the Chief Instructor at the RMA Sandhurst for the past three years. **Colonel Giles Orpen-Smellie** [Hg 1973-1978] (Parachute Regiment), veteran of the First Gulf War, is currently serving as Defence Attaché in Bucharest, Romania

**Captain Mark Harrison** [Bd 1993-1998] was also a King's Royal Hussar and deployed in 2005 with his regiment during TELIC 6 in the Al Amarah region, equipped with Challenger tanks. 'Things quietened down and we spent time in mentoring the Iraqi security forces before the tour ended', he says. 'As ADC to the GOC 3rd Division, I revisited Iraq at the time of withdrawal, an absolutely fascinating experience. It was so orderly an event. I later accompanied the GOC to visit his troops in Afghanistan'. Mark is now retired and has taken a Master's degree at the School of Oriental and African Studies.

**Captain Will Jelf** [Hg 1991-1996] (Light Dragoons) served in Iraq twice during TELIC 2 with fighting around Um Kasar, and in TELIC 6 conducting border patrols in the

Al Muthanna area. During 2006–2007 he was a Scimitar squadron 2 i/c attached to 3 Commando Brigade. 'There were some tricky moments', he reports, 'seeking and destroying Taleban fighters in the front line on desert patrols in southern Helmand lasting between four and six weeks'.

**Captain Simon Foster** [Hn 1992–1997] (Light Dragoons) took part in HERRICK 6 in 2007, commanding intelligence gathering troops, and returned in 2009 for HERRICK 10, as a Brigade Liaison Officer, assisting with planning during Operation Panther's Claw around Lashkar Gar, Helmand. 'There were a number of very tense moments', he recalls, 'but we could see definite improvements in the way the Afghan people trusted us and their own forces'. Simon is now training to be a doctor.

**Charlie Harcus** [Bl 1993–1998] also of the Light Dragoons, deployed during Op TELIC 5 as a recce troop leader. Patrolling for a number of weeks along the Saudi border in WMIK Land Rovers (Long Range Desert Group style) mounted with .50 cal machine guns, 'we had some interesting times watching out for insurgents crossing the border', he reports. Charlie is now retired. **Captain Matthew Blakiston** [Bd 1996–2001] has had two tours in Afghanistan. During



The Majors Colbeck, Charlie and Hannah (née Stoy), both of whose fathers are also OWs

HERRICK 6 in 2007, he spent time as a liaison officer with the Jordanian Special Forces and then in an Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team with Afghan forces. Two years later, during HERRICK 10, his troop of Scorpion CVRT served in the traditional cavalry role with the Welsh Guards Battle Group. 'We had a mixture of experiences', he recalls, 'when all was happening at once for 24 hours at a time, with shootings and Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) exploding. We lost the Battalion Commander (Old Radleian, Rupert Thornloe) and a Company Commander as well. Then there would be long tedious periods with routine work such as cordoning off areas in which the infantry could operate'.

And now news of a happy union of two OWs. **Major Charlie Colbeck** [Hg 1988–1993], also a Light Dragoon, deployed to Iraq in 2003 as a 20 Brigade Liaison officer in Basra. It was the aftermath of war fighting and transition to counter-insurgency—with ominous signs of things to come', he writes. 'In 2006 I was placed in a planning team

at NATO HQ of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF). I was able to visit many parts of Afghanistan. It was an exciting period and I saw the first deployments of British troops to Helmand province.' Charlie is now married to **Major Hannah Stoy** [Ap 1995–1997] (Royal Signals). She too was on TELIC 3 with 20th Armoured Brigade in 2003 as a troop commander. One of the joys of her job was arranging VIP visitors, including the Prime Minister and Prince of Wales, as well as 'Forces' sweetheart', Nell McAndrew. A year later she was in Afghanistan before the build up of the HERRICK operations. 'I returned to Afghanistan in 2007 as a Signal regiment Adjutant, with our large presence by then in Helmand', she writes. In my most

recent tour I was based in Kandahar running a small tri-service detachment working in intelligence and security. The evolving situation in Afghanistan has been fascinating to witness. Being an Army officer is a real privilege'.

**James Shepherd** [C 1991–1996] was commissioned into that fine regiment, the Royal Tank Regiment in 2002 and was a tank troop commander in 2RTR during the invasion in 2003, capturing Basra with 3 Commando Brigade. Did the tanks use their main armament? 'Not much', he says. He

also served in 'close observation' during the Kosovo war and took part in HERRICK 5, in the 'operational mentoring and liaison role'. **Captain Mark Luson** [Hn 1997–2001], also joined the RTR and served as a troop leader in 2007 during Op TELIC 9, and around Basra in TELIC 10. 'There were a number of armoured engagements, justifying the use of Challenger tanks', he reports. He later deployed in a squadron patrolling in Helmand on Op HERRICK 11, working with Brigadier Cowan's 11 Light Brigade. **Colonel Ian Gibb** [C 1978–1983] (16th/5th Lancers and Queen's Royal Lancers) is a veteran of the First Gulf war. He took command of 1 RTR for TELIC 13, in the mentoring role with 14 Iraq Division, and preparing for the 'extraction phase', the withdrawal from Iraq. He told us 'I am shortly off to Pakistan, to work in the British High Commission'. Is Pakistan source of the present problem, but also the solution? No doubt he will tell us in due course.

**Captain Ross Anderson** [O 1997–2002] (Royal Scots Dragoon Guards), also deployed to Basra with his regiment

in 2008 for TELIC 13. His main role was commanding a Quick Reaction Force in Bulldog tracked armoured vehicles, and he was also involved in the 'mentoring and transition training role'. 'The insurgency has died down by then', he informs us, 'they were targeting the Americans more than ourselves'. He deploys to Afghanistan in March 2011 for HERRICK 14. **Damian Thursby** [HI 1995–2000] (Army Air Corps and Royal Scots Dragoon Guards) served for one tour during Op TELIC, based in the Basra Airfield Headquarters. His task was also working in the mentoring and transition role, prior to handover to the Iraqi security forces. **Will Greig** [2000–2005] (9/12 Lancers), we are informed, took part in TELIC 12, operating with boat patrols in the Shatt al Arab. He is due to go to Afghanistan on HERRICK 14 in early 2011.

**Charlie Adler** [Pn 1996–2001] admits to having served in the Parachute Regiment while still at Wellington. He was deployed to the Balkans in 2003 and became an expert linguist, whose task of interpreter led him to some extremely 'interesting episodes' in that complicated campaign. Recently he has had two tours in a similar role in 2006 and 2007–2009 in Afghanistan, in the best traditions of OWs of previous generations serving on the 'North West Frontier'. **Tom Prentice** [Pn 1997–1999] (Royal Signals) served with 216 Para Signals Squadron during HERRICK 4. 'My first operational tour was as a mentor to an Afghan regimental signals officers—an unpredictable and bizarre experience', he notes. 'In my second tour I worked in an HQ, performing a planning role as Ops officer in electronic warfare. It was a bit frustrating because there were soldiers in the thick of it not far away'. **Captain James Hooley** [C 1997–2002] (Parachute Regiment) is currently serving in Afghanistan with his regiment. We have not yet heard of his exploits there. Equally significantly earlier this year he took part in a race to the North Pole. All others taking part were in teams—he was solo. This is 'a first' for a Wellingtonian and indeed any human being, travelling the 350 miles on skis with all his kit, sometimes between 16 and 24 hours at a time. He raised more than £30,000, being a substantial amount of money for Help for Heroes and the Afghanistan Trust. Visit his website and learn about the enterprise [www.northpole-solo.co.uk](http://www.northpole-solo.co.uk). He plans to tackle the South Pole next year, after six months in the sun of Afghanistan.

There is a sizeable contingent of OWs badged Queen's Dragoon Guards. **Colonel Alan Richmond** [O 1979–1984] was a Liaison Officer attached to HQ 1 UK

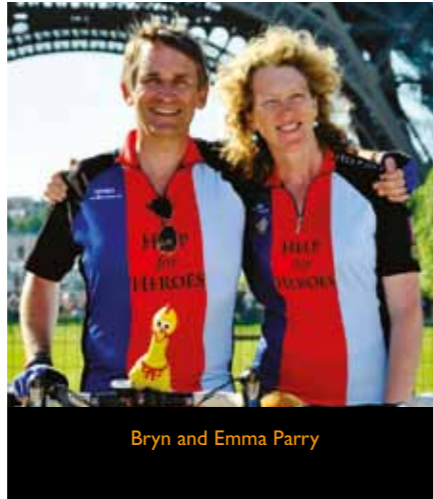
Armoured Division during TELIC 1, the invasion of Iraq. In TELIC 5, 2004–2005, he was 2 i/c of the QDG, in the border enforcement role Southeast of Basra and then as part of Task Force Eagle, to the West of Basra. Taking command of the QDG for Op HERRICK in 2008–2009, his Battle Group South operated in the Garmsir region, with Charlie Waggett's A Squadron (qv) three infantry companies, an artillery battery and engineers under command. 'There was some intense fighting', he reports, 'but we felt we made much progress amongst the people and certainly put the insurgents on the defensive, as we took hold and built security within the area. The Afghans learnt how to respect us.' After instructing at the Joint Services Command and Staff College, he is taking over from Greville Bibby commanding the Military Stabilisation Support Group in December 2010. **Lieutenant Colonel Henry Sugden** [A 1979–1984] was awarded an MC for his part in the 2003 TELIC 1 invasion of Iraq with 3 Commando Brigade. His squadron of QDG formed the Force protection screen in the Al Fawh peninsula, and foiled a number of Iraqi counter-attacks. During TELIC 5 and 8, Henry was 2 i/c of the QDG. After commanding London Officers Training Corps, he is now serving with the East African Standby Brigade, a multi-national force based and training in Kenya.

**Major Charlie Waggett** [A 1986–1991] was working in G3 Plans, HQ 1 (U.K.) Division during TELIC 1, the invasion of Iraq in 2003, and saw how the events unfolded. His last deployment overseas was during HERRICK 9. His task, commanding a Brigade Recce Force, involved 'distances of 700–1,000 miles over many days, close to the border with Baluchistan. I had a mixed force mounted in Jackal and Scimitar armoured vehicles', he states, 'with many types of armaments, a listening capability for intelligence gathering and links with overhead Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs). It was a fascinating experience'. **Major Charlie Craven** [HI 1984–1989] commanded A Squadron during TELIC 9, for operations in and around Basra and later Baghdad. He subsequently attended the Royal Agricultural College and now manages the Prince of Wales's High Grove estate. **Jonathan Whelan** [L 1991–1996] was 2 i/c B Squadron during TELIC 5, taking part in the Black Watch battlegroup deployment in support of the U.S. forces, Southwest of Baghdad. In TELIC 8, **Nick Martin** [Bl 1994–1999] also served with the regiment during TELIC 5. **Robert Ronz** [L 1995–2000] (Royal Artillery) reports that as an 'agile artilleryman', he was proud to have served as a infantry

platoon commander during TELIC 8 in Iraq, mounted in Snatch Land Rovers, those vehicles which defy health and safety norms. He deployed on HERRICK 9 with the QDG battlegroup, as Joint Fire Cell Commander 'formerly known as Forward Observation Officer', he explains, 'but responsible for all sorts of fire engagement on the enemy'. Now with 3 Royal Horse Artillery, I am preparing for HERRICK 14 in March 2011'.

Of those we have been unable to contact we know that **William Maunder-Taylor** [Hn 1995–2000] (Irish Guards) is currently in Afghanistan. **Darren Graham** [S 1988–1993] we believe has served with the Light Infantry (now The Rifles), as has **James Amooore** [Bl 2000–2002]. **Major Al Balgarnie** [Hn 1979–1984] is currently serving with the Royal Engineers, and **Murray Paul** [Bn 1991–1996], **Ross Ritchie** [A 1991–1996], **Edmund Wilson** [S 1985–1991] (Irish Guards) and **Simon White** [S 1984–1989] (Royal Engineers) and are also thought to be serving. News of OWs serving in the Royal Air Force is also to be welcomed.

We cannot fail to mention that a number of members of Common Room have served on operational deployments, either as regulars before arriving at College, or in the TA. **Major Tom Norton** (Royal Marines) was a Troop Commander in 45 Commando for the invasion of Iraq. He later served as an Staff Officer in HQ 3 Commando Brigade during HERRICK 9 2008–2009. **Captain Gareth Pearson** (Royal Marines) served in Northern Ireland in the late 1990s and deployed on Op TELIC 1 for the invasion of Iraq, before retiring to inspire pupils at Wellington. **Major Gerry Long** (PARA) was RSM of 1 PARA battlegroup during the invasion of Iraq, TELIC 1. Standing down from his Adjutant's duties in the CCF during 2008–2009, he served as a Liaison Officer for the U.K. Special Forces Support organisation. **Major Sam Gutteridge** (Royal Logistic Corps) was mobilised for TELIC 10 as Staff Officer Air Movements, 'responsible for the day-to-day running of the military air terminal at Basra Airport, pushing passengers through the admin and loading them onto aircraft', he states. **Captain Katy Granville Chapman** (Adjutant General's Corps) set up the military Education Centre in 2004–2005 in Afghanistan. **Captain Fiona Maclean** (Royal Electrical and Mechanical



Bryn and Emma Parry

Engineers) was 2 i/c the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards Light Aid Detachment for TELIC 7 in 2005–2006 and **Captain Andrew Wilkinson** (Royal Marines) deployed to Afghanistan in 2006 and again, as a Forward Air Controller with 3 Commando Brigade, in 2009. Perhaps next year they can all describe their exploits in an article 'Dispatches from Common Room' in much more detail, to impress current Wellingtonians.

Finally, mention in the *Year Book Dispatches* must be made of OWs and Wellington's support to Services Charities. The Chief Executive of The Soldiers' Charity (Army Benevolent Fund) is **Major General Sir Evelyn Webb Carter** [S 1959–1963]. His organisation is running the 2010 British Military Tournament at Olympia to raise funds. The Wellington College Field Gun teams are College's contribution to that Tournament, which takes place just as this edition of the *Year Book* goes to press.

Full coverage for this unique distinction and tribute to the Army, will be given in the next edition. The second charity we mention was set up by the remarkable **Bryn Parry** [Hg 1970–1974] and his wife Emma, both awarded OBEs this year. Bryn served in the Royal Green Jackets for a number of years and left to run a company to market sporting cartoons, which Bryn painted himself. In 2007 he organised a bicycle ride for wounded soldiers, sailors and airmen, which raised a staggering £1.4m. Inspired by the need better to rehabilitate and look after those wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan, this quickly became the charity 'Help for Heroes'. 'We had a feeling that the charity could tap into pent-up public sentiment... Emma and I somehow articulated that feeling that everyone had', he modestly said. An £8m specialist swimming pool at Headley Court rehabilitation centre was the first big project, and the total raised to date has exceeded £54m, substantially improving the lives of some thousands of injured men and women, some with very severe injuries.

We at Wellington College are proud of the supreme efforts and extraordinary quality of today's Armed Forces and those who support them. They are real heroes and representative of today's continuing heroic tradition, the like of which led 150 years ago to the foundation of our College and continues to justify it. ■

# O.W. GAZETTE



## — APPOINTMENTS, HONOURS & AWARDS —

### PARLIAMENT

Lord Strathclyde [Bn 1973–1978], Leader of the House of Lords

Edward Faulks QC [A 1964–1968], created Life peer

Julian Brazier [HI 1967–1971] MP for Canterbury and Deputy Commissioner, Reserve Forces Study 2020

Crispin Blunt [M 1973–1978] MP for Reigate and Minister for Prisons and Probation

Edward Garnier QC [M 1966–1970] MP for Harborough, Solicitor General for England and Wales

### APPOINTMENTS

Sir Thomas Phillips KCMG [M 1963–1966], HM Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, September 2010

Colonel Barrie Fairman [Bl 1959–1965], OBE, Military Knight of Windsor, in 2012

Andrew Coombe DL [A 1960–1964], Nominated, High Sherriff for South Yorkshire

### AWARDS

Sir Peter Gwyn-Jones [A 1954–1958], appointed KCVO, former Garter Principal King of Arms

Colonel Crispian Beattie [Pn 1969–1973] CBE, Commander, Command and Control Development Centre

Brigadier Greville Bibby [T 1975–1979] CBE, Deputy Commander Task Force Helmand, Afghanistan

Brigadier James Cowan [C 1978–1982], CBE, Commander 11 Light Brigade and Task Force Hellmand

George Ferguson, CBE [C 1960–1964], for services to architecture and the community in the South West

Brigadier James Illingworth [L 1980–1984], OBE, Deputy Commander Joint Helicopter Command

Bryn Parry [Hg 1970–1974], OBE, Co-founder (with his wife Emma) of 'Help for Heroes'

John White [Bn 1949–1954], MBE, for public service to the community in Somerset

(John) David Lyon [O 1950–1954], MBE, non-executive member, Field Army Command Group

and former Colonel Commandant, SAS

Lieutenant Charles Winstanley [C 1998–2003], Mentioned in Despatches, Afghanistan

### COMMISSIONED FROM THE ROYAL MILITARY ACADEMY, SANDHURST

December 2005, William Maunder Taylor [Hn 1995–2000], Irish Guards

April 2006, Robert Ronz [L 1995–2000], Royal Artillery

August 2006, John Blakiston [Bd 1996–2001], Light Dragoons

August 2006, Damian Thursby [HI 1995–2000], Army Air Corps

August 2007, Henry Barstow [O 1996–2001], Queen's Royal Lancers

April 2008, James Hooley [C 1997–2002], The Parachute Regiment

December 2008, James Amooore [Bl 2000–2002], The Rifles

August 2008, Charles Winstanley [C 1998–2003], The Rifles

## INTERNATIONAL RUGBY CAPS

Scotland: Max Evans [Hg 1997–2002] and Thom Evans [Hg 1998–2003]

England: James Haskell [L 1998–2003] and Paul Doran-Jones [O 2001–2003]

## OW SOCIETY CHARITIES

## FINANCIAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2010

The OW Society now adopts the same financial year as College and the figures in brackets are the corresponding figures for the short year 31st December 2008 to 31st July 2009. The last *Year Book* gave figures for year ending 31st December 2008.

## CHARITABLE TRUST

Income for the Charitable Trust was £5,105 (£3,771) and expenditure £10,632 (£5,369). The current assets of the Charitable Trust are £10,561 (£16,088). There are exciting plans to develop the Trust as outlined elsewhere in the *Year Book* and the Trust has made its first bursary award in addition to funding college prizes, financing OW Society tankards and medals to outstanding achievers in any discipline and helping young OWs undertake Charitable activities.

## HERBERT OW TRUST

There were grants to four OW families in the year totalling £26,900 (£4,000). Investment income was

£35,126 (£8,909) and expenditure £45,516 (£2,547) and the value of the Herbert portfolio on 31st July was £341,062 (£343,179)

## J.R. BEVIR MEMORIAL FUND

Ten young OWs received grants from the Bevir Fund. The allocated funding totalled £3,400 (£5,300). Income for the year was £8,476 (£5,597) and expenditure £3,493 (£4,050) and the combined Bevir funds on 31st July totalled £118,269 (£106,631)

Activities undertaken by pupils were as follows:

Greg Dickens [S 2004]—*Vetinerary training in USA*

Conor Turley [A 2009]—*Life project in Buenos Aires*

Rowan Williams [T 2005], James Fotherby [A 2010] and

Miles Seavill [HI 2010]—*Work in Cambodian Orphanage*

Andrew West [L 2004]—*Medical elective in Utila*

Christopher Twiss [Hn 2005]—*Spanish Language course*

Tom Fraser [Hg 2009]—*Teaching in Cambodia*

Rosie Bartley [C 2010]—*Don Quixote language course* ■

## OBITER DICTA

## PETER POCKLEY

Many OWs will remember Dr Pockley, the breath of antipodean air that freshened up College life in the early 1960s, notably in the Science Department. His rendition of 'Tie me kangaroo down, sport' in the Staff Review, was particularly memorable. Anyway, the good news is that he has been given the highest



award this year of the Australian Academy of Science, the 'Academy Medal'. This is to honour him particularly for his pioneering work as a science writer, broadcaster and commentator. 'His authoritative work is characterised by flair and rigorous accuracy', reads the citation. Our congratulations go to a very loyal ex-member of Common Room. ■

## 'THE WELLINGTON COLLEGE COLLECTION' &amp; ARCHIVES

Mention must be made of the re-housing of the College Archives and establishment of the facility to store and catalogue everything of historical value owned by College. The all-embracing term 'Wellington College Collection' has been given to our holding of historical documents, books, art and artefacts. Many of our items have had several homes in the past twenty years, including in two containers six layers up in a repository near Wembley, North London. All are now stored in a custom-built facility under the Waterloo Room next to Hall, once the domain of 'Ma Bennett'

and her laundry staff. The items will be very difficult to move from there, so they will be safe for very many years. Cataloguing will begin shortly. In reviewing our holdings, however, it is surprising how few artefacts reflecting Wellingtonians and Wellington life of previous generations have been preserved. Readers are asked to consider donating anything reminiscent of their time at College, however trivial, including period-piece items and clothing, some of which can be displayed in due course. Contact can be made with the Archivist Dr Guy Williams or OW Secretary. ■

## OUR MOST FAMOUS OLD WELLINGTONIAN ?

We have just found a photograph of The Blücher in 1917, which shows Eric Blair, aka George Orwell. He is probably the best known writer of the 20th Century, notably of *Homage to Catalonia*, *A Clergyman's Daughter*, *Animal Farm*, *The Road to Wigan Pier* and *Nineteen Eighty-Four*.

Little is known of his stay in The Blücher, apart from the fact that 1917 was probably the most dismal year of the College's history, being so



bound up by association with the course of the Great War. Wartime austerities must have been keenly felt. Could some of the material for *Nineteen Eighty-Four* have come from the Wellington experience of 1917, one wonders.

Later that year, young Eric was awarded a scholarship to Eton—a good school where our own Duke also spent his youth. There Eric was a friend of Bobby Longden, later Master of Wellington. The rest is literature, biography and history. ■

## OW CAVALRY

The re-housing of Wellingtonians for Cavalry service in the CCF is to be welcomed. By all accounts during the first major war after College was opened, the 1899–1902 Boer War, OWs serving



in the Cavalry excelled themselves. This contemporary illustration from a *Wellington Year Book* has been found amongst other important and fascinating items in the 'Wellington College Collection'. ■

## CENTENARY APPEAL 1959

The appeal for capital donations has been going on for most of College's history. Records reveal that the huge sum of money £75,000 (just over the annual fees of only two of today's pupils) was the target of the Centenary Appeal in 1959. It had four objectives, 'construction of an Assembly Hall, beautifying the interior of Chapel, restoring the Chapel spire and

improving the gymnasium by removing gallery, office and changing room'. Only £50,000 was raised. In the event what money that was available was spent on the Chapel and the new Auchinleck Room, as well as new brick and wood-clad classrooms for the Wellesley Quad, to replace the 'Tin Tabs'. The Assembly Hall requirement... was deferred. ■



## LAKES

This photograph from the 'Wellington College Collection', shows the College lakes of 140 years ago. It is included to remind College authorities considering building thereabouts a new Performing Arts Centre/Assembly Hall, in what used to be rolling landscape with a dramatic sight of glistening water. The five lakes—including the Bathing lake before it was concreted—represented together a substantial water feature. It was uncluttered by trees, particularly the dismal conifers and

undergrowth which, over the years, have grown up and ruined the landscape. Dank, largely unseen ponds are what's left. Unless taken in hand, in time they will revert to the primordial swamp that once was there. Imagine how much better the new buildings will look, if the trees are thinned as effectively as the rhododendrons were in the 1990s and the area is opened up once again to present a bold, sweeping vista, a feast for the eye. ■

## CHARITIES

News has reached us of two OWs working for charities. This photo shows Jimmy Gooden [C 1979–1983] raising money for The South West Thames Kidney Fund, by climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, the highest mountain in all Africa. 'My challenge of a lifetime', he wrote. Friends of his might like to contact him with donations on: James.K.Gooden@jci.com. Dr David Brown [S 1976–1980] is Chairman of



Trustees and a working doctor in Mandimba province of Northern Mozambique for a charity called MaMA (Mandimba Alliances in Mozambique, Africa). 'It supports 200,000 people in one of the poorest countries of the world—providing water, healthcare and now education. 'We hope to adopt some of the schools and make them more sustainable', David writes. His College friends might like to contact him with donations on: dj@ma-ma.co.uk ■

## VICE-PRESIDENT CHAIRMAN OF GOVERNORS

Sir Michael Rake [C 1961–1966], Chairman of BT, has recently taken over from Sir Anthony Goodenough as Chairman of the Governors of Wellington College. Their task is to shoulder the risks of running a multi-million pound enterprise with a trajectory far into the future. Sir Michael can be seen centre in a Combermere



dormitory photograph. Vintage years, Guy Gillett (left) became a senior officer in the Royal Artillery and Chris Potter, OW Secretary was also in the Combermere at the time. Indeed this photograph shows Michael with yet another famous OW 'winner' standing behind him on the right, James Hunt World Racing Champion for 1976. ■

## HQS WELLINGTON

Readers will have read the article on HMS *Iron Duke*, our affiliated warship currently serving in the Fleet. Some may wonder about HQS *Wellington*, moored alongside the Embankment, London. De-commissioned and used for many years as the 'Headquarters Ship' of the Master Mariners, HMS *Wellington* was originally named after the capital city of New Zealand,

itself named in honour of Arthur Duke of Wellington. Built in 1934, mainly for duty in the Far East station, she took part in the evacuation from Cherbourg of the remnants of the British Expeditionary Force left after the main Dunkirk evacuation, and escorted 70 convoys. The Master Mariners have recently been in touch with us and are keen to make a formal link with College. ■

— TATLER AWARD —  
FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT 2010

That reminds us, we can now prefix our OW Secretary genuinely as 'Award Winning'. Someone, whose name cannot be revealed, put up Chris Potter [C 1960–1965 and CR 1974–



2006] for the premier 'society' journal's annual award for all-round goodness and contribution to a more urbane World. Here he is in Great School with his 'pot', looking characteristically embarrassed. ■

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# OBITUARIES

## — SEDLEY ANDRUS, LVO —

BL 1928–1932

**I**nterested from an early age in antiquities and numismatics, after Wellington Sedley went on to St Peter's College Oxford to read history. In 1938 he was appointed to a research post at the Royal College of Arms. Despite being the son of a Brigadier and grandson of an admiral, he was found unfit for war service, and so he farmed in Kent for the duration of the War.

He returned to The Royal College of Arms and worked for many years in the practice of Anthony Wagner (later Garter King of Arms), designing numerous new coats of arms, and writing lengthy and precise reports in elegant

longhand on genealogical and heraldic matters. He was promoted to Bluemantle Pursuivant in 1970 and Lancaster Herald in 1972. In 1952 he inherited Scadbury Manor, Kent and the Lordship of the Manor of Southfleet. His family had lived in the area since the 1600s. In retirement, he continued to play an active part in the College of Arms as Beaumont Herald of Arms Extraordinary, particularly in translating mottoes and titles into Latin—including the complicated titles at of Diana, Princess of Wales on an engraved silver 'depositum' attached to her coffin. ■

## — IAN BALFOUR-PAUL, MC —

HN 1930–1934

**G**randson of Sir James Balfour-Paul, Lord Lyon King of Arms, Ian went up to Pembroke College Cambridge on leaving Wellington, where he had been a College Prefect and member of the rugby XV. He spent two years as a schoolmaster at Merchiston Castle School, Edinburgh, but was commissioned into the Royal Engineers in 1941. Like many others, he had to await active service until 1944. Selected for a specialist force called 'Phantom' alias GHQ Liaison Regiment, he was a patrol commander landing with 3 Canadian Infantry Division on Arromanches beach on D Day, 6th June. The task was to pass tactical information on the progress of operations direct by wireless from the forward area to the Commander-in-Chief. Subsequent actions in which Ian

was involved were Operation Goodwood, the seizing of Caen, the attack on Walcheren Island, Holland, when his amphibious craft was sunk, and the Rhine Crossing, in his case by glider, for which he was awarded the Military Cross.

After the war, Ian devoted the rest of his life to Merchiston Castle School, where he taught biology, became a house-master, continued teaching until 1971 and remained closely involved in school life for very many years afterwards. He had a profound influence on generations of pupils. He loved travelling, had a very cosmopolitan outlook, never married but loved the company of women and was much loved by nieces, nephews and god-children. Ian had a deep Christian faith which found expression in his infectious zest for life. ■

## — JOHN BRIGHT-HOLMES —

L 1941–1946

**A**fter National Service, John went up to Pembroke College, Cambridge in 1949 to read modern languages. On graduating, he joined Oxford University Press and subsequently Eyre and Spottiswoode, where he rose to become managing director. He later moved to Eyre Methuen and George Allen and Unwin. He became an expert editor, with wide ranging categories of titles from the scholarly to the entertaining, from biography to fiction, from cricket to 'wild west' and American history. His authors included J.H. Plumb, Malcolm Muggeridge,

Richard Benaud, Ted Dexter, Paul Scott and Jessica Mitford, as well as Booker Prize-winner Bernice Rubens and Whitbread Prize winner William McIlvanney.

Corrrelli Barnett writes of John as 'a kindly but shrewd professional guide, severe on any slack thinking or untidy writing and yet always supportive ... the jolliest of friends'. Another of those friends wrote, 'he was a charming, old school type of a breed of Englishmen which, sadly, seems to be disappearing'. He was a great cricketer and his daughter carries on the publishing tradition. ■

## — MAJOR GENERAL JOHN COWTAN, CBE, MC —

L 1933–1938

**C**aptain of Shooting at Wellington, John Cowtan passed into the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich in 1938, where he became 1st Prize Cadet before being commissioned into the Royal Engineers. He served initially in the British Expeditionary Force in France, where he won the MC for his example under fire, before escaping through Cherbourg during the BEF evacuation. Serving with 232 Field Company RE, he was taken prisoner during the major Afrika Corps offensive, at Gazala, Libya, but subsequently escaped from POW camp in Bologna, Italy, by hiding for 12 days in the roofspace above a building. He joined a resistance group of escapees

and Yugoslavs on sabotage missions, including blowing up bridges, and made his way eventually through German lines in March 1944. He was awarded a bar to his MC.

Serving in Palestine after the war, his engineer squadron was responsible for rescue works at the time of the King David Hotel atrocity in Jerusalem, where 90 people were killed, when Zionists blew up the Hotel. He rose to become a College Commander at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, later Commandant of the Royal Military College of Science, and Deputy Quartermaster General. In retirement he served for ten years as Deputy Director of the CLA Game Fair. ■

## — ST JOHN (BOBBY) GORE, CBE —

HG 1934–1939

**B**obby Gore went to Sandhurst in 1939, and was commissioned into the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers. He first served in the North African campaign and then in Italy, where he was wounded. Discharging himself from hospital, he set off on a tour of towns and churches, such as were accessible in a fluid military situation, to learn about Italian art, before returning fit for military duties. He subsequently studied at the Courtauld Institute and joined Sotheby's.

In 1956 Bobby joined The National Trust, as first Adviser on Paintings. This gave him thirty years in which to research the Trusts' holdings of art, while taking on regional responsibility, setting up Chartwell (Churchill's house) and Clandon Park for opening to the public with gift shops and restaurants (novelties at that time). He later became responsible for preservation, curatorship and conservation of all the Trusts' houses and their contents.

He was an engaging companion whose sense of fun and

impeccable manners won him many friends, particularly in the Society of Dilettanti of which he was secretary. He was a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, a trustee of

the National Gallery and of the Wallace Collection and for 33 years a member of the executive committee of the Art Fund. ■

### — SIR PETER GWYNN JONES —

A 1954–1958

**P**eter was RSM of the CCF at Wellington and went up to Trinity College, Cambridge where he read history. Three years insurance broking followed before he joined as research assistant at the Royal College of Arms. He was appointed Bluemantle Pusuvant and subsequently Lancaster Herald (posts held by Sedley Andrus OW, see above). He was an energetic and efficient officer of arms with a large practice, which drew in many applicants for 'grants of arms'. In 1995 Peter became Garter King of Arms, the most senior appointment in the College with considerable duties to Crown and State. In

his time he 'introduced' more peers into the House of Lords than any other Garter since 1415, when the post was instituted.

He travelled extensively overseas in pursuit of his interests in natural history, and lectured on Heraldry, particularly in the U.S.A. There he set up the 1984 Heraldic Exhibition at the New York Historical Museum, commemorating the 500th anniversary of the founding of the Royal College of Arms. He was knighted in the 2010 New Year's Honours List and his memoirs—*The Coat of Sable*—were published a few months before his death. ■

### — GENERAL SIR JACK HARMAN, GBE, OBE, MC —

HL 1933–1938

**J**ack Harman was commissioned into The Bays (2nd Dragoon Guards) from Sandhurst in 1940. He fought with the Bays in the North African campaign winning the Military Cross. In 1944 he commanded a squadron of the newly formed 24 Lancers during the Normandy landings, but returned to his regiment fighting in the Po valley in the final stages of the Italian campaign.

In 1960 Jack Harman took command of the newly amalgamated regiment The Queen's Dragoon Guards, in which he was an outstanding CO. Much of the success of the QDG and the reforms of the Royal Military Academy

Sandhurst when he was Commandant in 1972, was the result of his personal skills and strength of character. His time as Commander 1st British Corps was also one of structural turmoil and as Adjutant General between 1976 and 1978, the economic pressures on the Defence Budget was set to be highly damaging to the Army, effects that he had to mitigate. His final post was Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe. He was an accomplished horseman and in retirement became a director of the AA and Hogg Robinson, as well Colonel Commandant of the Royal Armoured Corps and Vice-Chairman of the National Army Museum, founded by Sir Gerald Templar (OW). ■

### — RICHARD HOWARD-VYSE —

O 1955–1959

**R**ichard was one of ten members of the Howard-Vyse family to attend Wellington. Qualifying at the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, he

became a farmer, first in Hexham where he joined the Northumberland Hussars (TA). In due course he took up managing the family estate near Langton, Yorkshire which

had been in the family since 1620. He continued to serve with the Yeomanry.

He became hugely involved in public life in the County. As a keen conservationist he was member of the North Yorkshire Farming and wildlife Advisory Group, served

on the Country Landowners' Association's national committee and as Chairman of the Yorkshire branch. He was long connected with the York Racecourse and was High Sherriff of North Yorkshire, a Deputy Lieutenant, Magistrate and Churchwarden. ■

### — IAN INGLIS —

S 1948–1952

**I**an Inglis went up to The Queen's College Oxford and Glasgow University, qualifying in English and Scots law. He rowed for Scotland in the British Empire and Commonwealth Games in 1958. He became a solicitor first in Glasgow, then he was instrumental in taking his firm, Maclay Murray and Spens, across to Edinburgh, a rare occurrence

apparently in those days of rigid legal boundaries.

His early years were much taken in the legal work connected with shipbuilding and heavy engineering. He later became well known throughout Scotland and elsewhere for international legal work, maritime law and intellectual and patent law. In retirement he built on his reputation as a part-time Sheriff (judge). ■

### — BRIGADIER IAN LAMBIE, MBE —

HN 1939–1944

**I**an Lambie excelled at Wellington in athletics rugby and boxing. Allegedly he ran the 200 yards in Olympic qualifying time. He was RSM of the Corps and joined the Indian School of Artillery, being commissioned in February 1945. At the time of partition, when many atrocities were committed, he was the sole survivor of a troop train that was attacked. He subsequently transferred to the Royal Artillery.

Artillery in 1963 and helped to put down a mutiny in 1964 amongst the newly formed armies of Tanganyika, Uganda and Kenya, being former members of the King's African Rifles. He held several posts in Germany, attaining the rank of Brigadier as Commander Royal Artillery of 1 Armoured Division. In retirement he worked for BAE Systems and was held hostage in Iran for two weeks during the Iranian revolution in 1979. He later worked for the Red Cross before final retirement. ■

He served in Aden with 3rd Regiment Royal Horse

### — MAJOR GENERAL OLIVER ROOME, CBE, DL —

A 1934–1939

**O**n leaving College, Oliver received his military training at the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich. He was commissioned into the Royal Engineers and went to the Middle East in 1942, taking part in the Battle of El Alamein. Trained in bomb disposal he took part in the invasion of Sicily in 1943 and then the Italian campaign. Wounded, he was evacuated home.

Malaya, Egypt, the United Kingdom and Germany. His later posts were Director of Army Recruiting and Chief of the Joint Services Liaison Organization in Bonn. Retiring to the Isle of Wight, he devoted his time to many pursuits, but particularly sailing. He was a watch officer on tall ships, a member of numerous yacht associations and clubs, including the Royal Yacht Squadron, and Commodore of two of them as well as Vice Lord Lieutenant for the Isle of Wight. ■

He held various commands after the war—in Singapore,

## MAJOR ROBERT (BOBBY) SPILLER, RA

T 1931–1935

At College Bobby was a Gentleman of the Hunt and champion athlete—‘Victor Ludorum’—for 1935. Commissioned into the Royal Artillery in 1937, Bobby served with the British Expeditionary Force in France in 1940. After Dunkirk, he trained in naval bombardment and as a commando. For the invasion of French Madagascar in 1942, Ian commanded a Bombardment unit of ten officers and nine naval

telegraphists, whose duty it was to direct naval gunfire onto shore target. The invasion was successful. His unit was moved to India and he joined 28 Field regiment RA, involved in fighting in the Arakan, the defence of Imphal and the drive to capture Rangoon. After the War he served in Egypt between 1949 and 1952. He retired in 1958 and became a stipendiary Steward of the National Greyhound Racing Club until 1982. ■

## HENRY WEMYSS

T 1969–1974

Henry played Cricket at Wellington and read history of art at Manchester University. He joined Sotheby's watercolour department in 1979. He made the study of watercolour paintings his first priority, and built up unrivalled expertise, reaching the post of head of department. In his career he directed many sales of watercolours, as well as other major sales. By the end of

his career he had been entrusted in handling 90 per cent of the most expensive Turner watercolours, as well as 90 per cent of the most expensive Constable watercolours. He witnessed the passing of the era of the gentleman-amateur collector and the rise of the international collecting interest. His gentle manner and unhurried patience won him many friends in the art world. ■

## THE DUCHESS OF WELLINGTON

Her Grace the Duchess of Wellington died on 1st November 2010. Born Diana McConnel, she was the daughter of a Major General Douglas McConnel CB, CBE, DSO. In the early part of the Second World War, Diana joined her parents in Jerusalem, where her father was GOC Palestine and Transjordan. Having taken a typing course on leaving Benenden, she was quickly employed at her father's headquarters in military intelligence, on the fourth floor of the King David Hotel. She recalled typing up the plans for the invasion of Iraq. She also acted as her father's ADC.

The security of the HQ was the responsibility of the First Household Cavalry Regiment, in which was serving the Hon. Valerian Wellesley, shortly to become Lord Douro, heir to the Duke of Wellington. After a 'whirlwind romance' they

married in St George's Church, Jerusalem, which unbeknown to Lord Douro, but not Diana, had been set up with explosives by the Jewish Stern Gang, a fact discovered in time.

As a career soldier, Valerian Lord Douro continued to serve in the Army accompanied by Diana, ending with an appointment as Defence Attaché in Madrid. They became Duke and Duchess of Wellington and lived in Stratfield Saye from 1967. They had four sons and a daughter. Diana took much delight in helping to run the estate and particularly the gardens, where she was pleased to be mistaken for a gardener as she went about potting, weeding and picking up litter. Later she became Vice-President of SSAFA, the Services' families' charity. Her Grace last visited Wellington College on 1st December 2009, the day of Her Majesty the Queen's visit. ■

## DEATHS

Our researcher, Mr Richard Coleman, has notified the OW Society of the following deaths since the last Year Book was published and up to 8th November 2010 listed in entry date order.

|                                     | DIED     | HOUSE | ENTRY   |                                 | DIED     | HOUSE | ENTRY   |
|-------------------------------------|----------|-------|---------|---------------------------------|----------|-------|---------|
| Kennard, Maj. R.B., MC              | 14/03/10 | Hg    | 1926-31 | Armstrong, Mr J.E.B.            | 25/12/09 | Pn    | 1942-47 |
| Cooper, Mr P.                       | 2008     | W     | 1928-32 | Bacon, Mr J.M.                  | 29/09/10 | L     | 1942-46 |
| Gladstone, Dr G.                    | 07/10    | S     | 1928-32 | Lowe, Mr J.E.                   | 10/08/10 | Hg    | 1942-46 |
| Roney-Dougal, Lt Col. I.L., OBE     | 23/08/10 | C     | 1928-32 | Manson, Mr P.                   | 09/09    | S     | 1942-45 |
| McClure Williams, Lt Col. M., OBE   | 18/04/10 | Bd    | 1929-33 | Palmer, Mr W.H.                 | 22/05/10 | HI    | 1942-48 |
| Waller, Mr R. de W.                 | 29/08/10 | Bl    | 1929-33 | Buckley, Mr G.C.                | 12/01/10 | M     | 1943-47 |
| Balfour-Paul, Mr I.V.               | 16/06/10 | Hn    | 1930-34 | Hodder, Maj. T.                 | 20/10/09 | Bl    | 1943-47 |
| Bovill, Mr O.H.                     | 2010     | A     | 1930-34 | Culley Mr P.                    | 30/07/10 | HI    | 1943-47 |
| Stoker, Mr K.R., AFC                | 26/06/10 | S     | 1930-34 | Waghorn, Mr J.D.D.              | 13/03/10 | O     | 1943-48 |
| Spiller, Maj. R.L.                  | 13/07/10 | T     | 1931-35 | Norton, Mr A.H.                 | 08/2010  | Bn    | 1944-46 |
| Cowtan, Maj. Gen. F.W.J., CBE, MC   | 01/01/10 | L     | 1933-38 | Walker, Mr D.H.                 | 02/01/10 | Hn    | 1944-47 |
| Harman, Gen. Sir J.W., GCB, OBE, MC | 28/12/09 | HI    | 1933-38 | Heneker, Mr P.D.G.              | 21/12/09 | Bl    | 1945-49 |
| Meadows, Wng Cdr J.P.               | 21/07/10 | C     | 1933-37 | Lees, Maj. M.                   | 12/06/10 | C     | 1946-51 |
| Morgan, Mr D.M.                     | 2010     | A     | 1933-36 | Harvey, Mr I.B.                 | 09/01/09 | Hg    | 1947-49 |
| Gore, Mr F. St J., CBE              | 2010     | Hg    | 1934-39 | Smellie, Mr W.J.B.              | 03/10    | Pn    | 1947-51 |
| Pearson, Maj. D.N.                  | 23/01/10 | O     | 1934-38 | Burland, Capt. A.E.             | 09/10/10 | Bn    | 1948-53 |
| Saulez, Mr K.J.                     | 16/03/10 | M     | 1934-39 | Deane, Mr R.A.                  | 01/01/10 | A     | 1948-53 |
| Christopherson, Lt Cdr R.K.         | 2010     | Bn    | 1935-39 | Humphreys, Mr R.F.              | 25/07/09 | Bd    | 1948-52 |
| Dewel Lt Cdr W.M.E.                 | 2010     | HI    | 1935-39 | Jefferson, Mr J.I.              | 26/01/10 | Bn    | 1948-52 |
| Holme, Maj. D.A.                    | 23/05/10 | Pn    | 1935-40 | Martin-Johns, D.E.A.            | 21/07/10 | Hn    | 1948-52 |
| MacWatt, Mr C.S.H.                  | 22/12/09 | Bd    | 1935-38 | Sullivan, Mr M.R.P.             | 19/09/09 | C     | 1948-52 |
| Olphert, Maj. W.                    | 28/12/09 | A     | 1935-40 | Keene, Capt P.B.G.              | 27/03/10 | M     | 1949-54 |
| Temple, Mr R.R.                     | 2010     | T     | 1935-40 | Bentall-Warner, Maj. C.         | 19/01/10 | T     | 1950-53 |
| May, Mr A.C.                        | 10/04/10 | T     | 1936-39 | Colyer, Mr W.F.J.               | 01/2010  | Pn    | 1950-54 |
| Mousley, Mr M.M.T.                  | 26/03/10 | Bd    | 1936-40 | Lampson Mr M.J.C.               | 05/02/10 | Bn    | 1950-54 |
| Oxley-Boyle, Mr D.E.C.              | 14/01/10 | HI    | 1936-41 | Lambert, Mr M. de G.            | 29/06/10 | Bd    | 1951-55 |
| Andrews, Lt Col. J.L.S., OBE        | 30/12/09 | HI    | 1937-42 | Lansdell, Mr M.J.               | 12/05/10 | O     | 1951-55 |
| Coates, Mr W.N.                     | 08/2010  | Hn    | 1937-42 | Gainher, Maj. R.J. de M.        | 16/02/10 | A     | 1952-57 |
| Graveston, Maj. R.H.D.              | 07/09/10 | O     | 1937-41 | Buckingham, Mr M.N.             | 28/01/10 | Bl    | 1953-58 |
| Harrison, Mr M.D.                   | 29/06/10 | S     | 1938-39 | Gwynn-Jones, Sir Peter L., KCVO | 21/08/10 | A     | 1953-58 |
| Jordan, Mr J.H.                     | 30/06/10 | Bd    | 1938-42 | Kingzett, Brig. C.D.B.          | 10/06/10 | S     | 1955-59 |
| Shannon, Mr A.F.                    | 12/08/10 | Bn    | 1938-42 | Harris, Mr N.D.J.               | 16/06/09 | S     | 1956-59 |
| Gambier-Parry, Mr R.A.              | 27/08/10 | Bl    | 1939-43 | Carr, Mr E.A.G.                 | 18/03/10 | A     | 1957-62 |
| Momber, Mr R.E.M.                   | 01/05/10 | S     | 1939-43 | Horsley, Mr C.P.B.              | 10/04/10 | Pn    | 1958-62 |
| Austen, Mr D.N.                     | 14/03/10 | Bd    | 1940-45 | Northey, Mr P.W.                | 09/08/10 | A     | 1961-65 |
| Blunt, Mr R.A.                      | 29/06/10 | Hg    | 1940-42 | Warren, Mr T.N.                 | 18/09/10 | Hg    | 1962-67 |
| Savile, Revd Canon I.K.W.           | 30/04/10 | Hg    | 1940-44 | Chittenden, Mr H.O.             | 29/10/10 | L     | 1964-68 |
| Myles, Mr A.B.                      | 18/09/10 | Hg    | 1941-46 | Wemyss, Mr H.G.                 | 30/03/10 | T     | 1969-74 |
| Neve, Maj. A.F.                     | 15/03/10 | Bd    | 1941-45 |                                 |          |       |         |
| Spencer, Mr C.G.C.                  | 19/12/09 | Hg    | 1941-46 |                                 |          |       |         |

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