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A SOCIETY FIT FOR THE FUTURE – REACHING OUT AND MOVING FORWARD

Throughout the 113 years of its history the Society of Old Framlinghamians has evolved and adapted to changing educational and social circumstances. If the Society wishes to survive and thrive, it must continue that process of evolution. It must find

BELOW: THE PAST – 1903. SOF DINERS AT THE TROCADERO RESTAURANT IN CENTRAL LONDON WERE OF THE IMPERIAL GENERATION.

ways of meeting the needs of its members of all generations, as well as maintaining such bonds with its alma mater as are consistent with changing educational attitudes and philosophies.

The founding principles of the Society – those of assuring that bonds of support and friendship are sustained between all those whose education was rooted in Framlingham – have been respected in different ways over those 113 years. The

exclusively male diners shown in the picture below, taken at the Trocadero Restaurant in London in 1903, were of the imperial generation. OFs of that era were decidedly middle class, and many of them were nourished with the ethic that the Empire was best served by emigrating to the Dominions and Colonies. These former pupils of the supposedly 'Middle Class' College look supremely self-confident and ready to take on the world. The Society was launched in London in 1900, and the international links were of great importance to those who did move away to be servants of the Empire. The antiquated title of 'Overseas Bag', which survives in our Yearbook, is a cherished relic of those times. The role of the Society was to maintain links in an age when communications were decidedly more difficult than they are in the 21st century. Just look at some of the names on the World War 1 memorial and you will see just how many had moved away from the mother country. Two of the Framlingham VCs were won by recipients who had moved abroad:

South Africa (**Hewitt**) and Canada (**Flowerdew**).

Moving on 50 years and to the Second World War, the picture overleaf taken at a London Dinner, of men (yes, still exclusively a male organisation, with no thought to inviting along wives or girlfriends) shows massive support for the occasion, one which presumably was linked with a celebration of having survived a war of which so many school friends had been victims. These were the men whose vision, generosity and regard for their fallen comrades resulted in the purchase of Brandeston Hall. That was their way of acknowledging the debt that they felt they owed the College, and of commemorating the young lives that had been lost. Again this is a picture of past members of your Society, but how different it looks from images of





50 YEARS AFTER THE IMAGE ON PAGE 1, A LONDON SOF DINNER SHOWS MASSIVE SUPPORT FOR THE OCCASION. THESE WERE THE MEN WHOSE VISION, GENEROSITY AND REGARD FOR THEIR FALLEN COMRADES RESULTED IN THE PURCHASE OF BRANDESTON HALL.

closer, warmer, more cooperative, more explicitly inter-dependent. This has been linked with a change of attitude which contrasts vividly with the austerity of a Victorian view of human relations, and has been facilitated by the explosion of communications media. The cooperative spirit represented by the cradle-to-grave concept of the Framlingham Yearbook exemplifies the way in which the Society and the College have embraced these changes.

Both the College and the Society now

gatherings in the 21st century. The Society had indeed evolved further.

The Governors of Framlingham College have been bold in their visions as to how the College should develop. Framlingham was one of the first major schools to go fully co-educational, rather than just take in a few girls at Sixth Form level. The first girls did indeed enter the Sixth Form in 1976/7, but Laurie Rimmer and the Governors very quickly decided to recruit girls from Brandeston upwards, throughout the school. This was a massive step, and one which has reaped rich dividends. This image, taken at the Suffolk Supper which, in 2007 celebrated 30 years of girls, would have astounded Framlinghamians in either of the two preceding images. This was the first time in the history of the Society that the girls had outnumbered the boys at any SOF gathering. It has been a notable exception to the rule. We have to admit that the College has been bolder and more successful in integrating girls than has the Society. In this respect the Society simply must evolve to take account of the fact that every year 40% or so of leavers are girls. The boldness of the Governors and Headmaster needs to be matched by the boldness of those who decide the direction of the Society.

This brief history demonstrates the capacity of both the College and the Society to change. That **capacity** to change once again needs to be matched by a **readiness** to change, and that is the challenge that the Officers of the Society, together with senior representatives of the College, have been addressing, in recent months. While there will be many members of the Society who are quite happy with things as they are, we believe that true leadership means identifying difficulties and finding solutions before they become major problems.

It is significant, and a sign of our times, that

the Society and College have been working closely together, to their mutual benefit. While the debt owed to the alma mater has always been acknowledged, and generously supported by OFs both individually and collectively over the years, relations between the two have not always been close. That is how things were in many schools – school and teachers used to be part of an adolescent experience recalled but not revisited.

These things have changed. Relations between teachers and pupils, between parents and children, and between parents and schools have become

recognise that more can be done to cement the links, and, referring back to the title of this piece, to find ways of reaching out to ex-students who are not officially OFs, and to move the Society forward. To give some examples:

Framlingham alumni who are not members of the SOF: Large numbers of Framlinghamians are not actually members of the Society. For whatever reason, they paid no subscription on leaving school. They need to be brought back and made welcome. If you know someone who

THIS IMAGE, TAKEN AT THE 2007 SUFFOLK SUPPER WHICH CELEBRATED 30 YEARS OF GIRLS, WOULD HAVE ASTOUNDED FRAMLINGHAMIAN IN EITHER OF THE TWO PRECEDING IMAGES.



comes into this category please ensure that they read this!

The 20 year rule: many who might potentially be affected by this rule probably do not know it! For a number of years, a Life Membership subscription only ensured membership and the receipt of publications for 20 years. For some those 20 years are almost past. It would be an administrative nightmare to re-engage these supposedly "Lifetime" members. We are looking to include all these members in new arrangements.

Girls: As mentioned above, the representation of girls and their interests at Council level is something of an embarrassment. There has to be a time when we can envisage a more representative mix, including a future Lady President of the Society.

A peripatetic Society: over the whole period of its existence the Society has been held together by committed individuals, across the country and around the world, based on a network of private homes, reinforced by regular gatherings in the form of social gatherings, Council Meetings and collective involvement in sports events. Now, in common with most other independent schools, it is recognised that it is important for any grouping of former pupils to have an operational presence within the school. This exemplifies in a more concrete way, their inter-dependence, and facilitates the day-to-day running of the practical side of the relationship.

Activities: The events and activities of the Society tend to appeal more to the older generations, and are based on established formulae. We need to engage more young people, and lay on events which appeal to the younger generation. Many of those younger generations feel that their prime allegiance is to the College and to their friends rather than to the Society. If the College and the Society work more closely together, with more College-based activities we are confident that we can appeal across the generations. If College and Society staff work together from a College base this will be facilitated.

Finance: the running of the Society costs some £25,000 a year. This sum covers all our communications media, magazines, website etc and the support for sports clubs. Running costs have traditionally been met from income from the Life Membership Fund. Members have responded generously to appeals to increase contributions and we have been greatly encouraged by the support shown by so many. Thank you – and please be assured that we shall be writing to all who support us in this way to assure them that their standing orders etc will still be very much put to appropriate use. Indeed we will offer options.

This income, however, would not have bridged the gap had the College not entered into an agreement, some 10 years ago, to pay the SOF subscriptions of all qualifying leavers. As a

consequence ALL leavers now automatically become members of the Society.

In order to streamline this arrangement we are now looking at the detail as to how the College can fund the over-all running of the Society by paying a direct annual grant, to be administered by our Treasurer.

Independence: It is recognised by all parties that the maintaining of the Society's independence is of fundamental importance. It must always be possible to revert to separate status should circumstances change. The SOF Trust Funds will continue to be administered by the Trustees.

OUR 2013 SUFFOLK SUPPER

All parties recognise the crucial importance of the discussions currently taking place. The timing of the Suffolk Supper on October 19th enables us to underpin those discussions in two specific ways:

1. We are making the final item on the Council Agenda an open one, and invite anyone attending the supper to come and hear our President, Richard Sayer, explain the state of

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negotiations, and enable Ordinary and Honorary members of the Society to ask questions. This will be at 6.45pm, in the Library, to be followed by drinks in Paul's Court.

2. We have elected many Honorary OFs over the years, for services both to the College and to the Society. Most will have been specially inducted at a Dinner or Supper, and given a token of membership. We very much value the support of our Honorary Members – indeed two of them have been elected Vice Presidents of the Society. That said, we would like to see more of them at our events. With that in mind we are promoting our Suffolk Supper as an opportunity for a reunion of as many of those Hon members as possible, particularly members of staff who have moved on or retired. We are contacting various individuals who may be considered social "hubs", with a view to maximising support for an occasion which will be subsidised by the College, as recognition of the importance of the occasion.

Norman Porter, Editor and Hon Secretary

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of the Year 2012-13, recorded at the Society's AGM.

The AGM took place before the Annual Dinner at the RAF Club, Piccadilly, London. Every attempt is made to keep these meetings brief and businesslike so as to avoid taking up time best spent socialising. All due business was transacted. A full list of officers of the Society for 2013/4 appears on the back page of this publication.

President's Review of the Year: As a major item on the AGM Agenda, the President, Simon Dougherty, gave his review, summarised as follows:

Officers: He was grateful for the stability provided by long-serving Officers of the Society and paid particular tribute to the work of David Mason and his fellow Trustees, Chris Essex and his work with OFs Overseas, David Carr, Treasurer, and Norman Porter, the Hon Sec of the Society.

Relationships with the College: These continued to be warm, and mutually supportive.

College Appeal Campaign: He had been proud to present a cheque to the College for £100,000, and this sum had been supported by individual donations from OFs. Furthermore two OFs were central to the appeal: John Edwards, as Chairman of the Appeal Committee, and John Kerr, as Patron. A group of Australian OFs had generously supported the College appeal.

150th anniversary of the founding of the College: A planning meeting had taken place recently, and it was good to report that an appropriate and exciting programme was being drawn up, in which the Society would play a full part.

Books:

a. 150th anniversary book: He referred to the Flyer promoting the book at a reduced rate. This offer would remain open until February 2014

b. Other books: Sales of Richard Sayer's Master Sportsman and of John Maulden's Into the Third Millennium were ongoing.

The Website: This continued to flourish and evolve, thanks to the work of the dedicated website team.

The Society's Publications: *The Yearbook, and the Newsletter:* He congratulated the Editor and Designer, Norman Porter and Chris Keeble on two excellent publications. He noted that the 2013 Newsletter would be sent digitally to all members with an email address. The only printed versions would go to those who had signed up for these with the Hon Sec. Tim Mitchell and Chris Keeble had plans for a good electronic version of the publication.

Sport: A huge number of sports reports had appeared on the website.

The Arts Section: James Ruddock-Broyd was organizing a visit to Madresfield Court, near Malvern, on July 20th.

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- **Suppers:** In the past year he had attended 8 suppers in 7 different locations. He was personally grateful to organizers and members who had made him and his wife, Maggie, very welcome.

Deaths of OFs: A large number of eminent OFs and Hon OFs had passed away, including: Angus Hindley (aged 47), Jim Crosbie (hockey international and golfer), Brian Underwood (who took over hockey from NF Borrett and was a Housemaster, and Head of English), Nigel King, (shooter) Wendy Pemberton, (wife of John – BH), Tom O'Donald, (Australia – a regular correspondent), Pam Rogers, (First Head of Girls Sport at the College), Paul Gooderham brother of John – Chefyngs – there had been close on 1000 people at his memorial service in Saffron Walden), Guy Dawson, (a fine sportsman), Arthur Staniforth, (Agriculturalist and author), Peter Lloyd-Bostock (Naval commander), Laurie Rimmer (Former Headmaster).

Moreau Scholarships: This year's winners had been Mimi O'Neill and Lewis Myers-Allen.

OF achievements: these included Laura Wright, (Singing – Twickenham etc) Jim Paice, (knighted) Christina Johnson (Singer – Prague – National Opera), Ben Simpson (flying helicopters for Attenborough's Africa), Oli Boon (finalist of Masterchef), Andy Ridley-Thomas – (founder of Earth Hour – to be celebrated at 8.00 pm on that very evening).

The Future of the SOF: significant plans were in the pipeline.

Challenges and Aspirations: He had set himself the objectives of improving communications, of increasing participation and putting the Society on a firmer financial footing., and hoped that there was evidence of success in those particular areas.

Conclusions: In conclusion the President declared that he had been proud and honoured to have been President of the Society over his 2 years of office. He had seen himself very much as a custodian, likening himself to the Fat Controller looking after the train set and ensuring that at the very least it had enjoyed a fresh lick of paint. He was grateful for the huge support that he had received from members, and was of the view that the Society was in a strong position to face the future. He was delighted that he had a very distinguished successor lined up, in the shape of Richard Sayer.

Other AGM Items:

David Mason, Chairman of the Trustees, presented the Accounts for 2012. The Trustees' Review of the Year appears on the back page of this Newsletter.

The most significant election was that of our new President, **Richard Sayer**, who has very generously agreed to serve a second term some 20 years after the first. His previous experience will be enormously useful in overseeing the run-in to the 150th celebrations of the founding of the College.

After Richard had taken the Chair, following on his election, **Hon Sec Norman Porter** paid the following (edited) tribute to our outgoing President, Simon Dougherty:

This is an appropriate time to pay all due tribute to Simon Dougherty. I've now been secretarial "consort" to six Presidents, including a 2 year spell of doing both jobs, so I do have some perspective of what is involved.

My perspective of Simon's presidency is of a period of office which has been an illustrious one. We have been lucky to have enjoyed his full commitment in a period closely following on his retirement from a highly distinguished career in the Royal Air Force, and to have witnessed at first hand the qualities that took him to the top. In thanking Simon for all that he has achieved I would like to pay particular tribute to four strands of that achievement:

1. *His clarity of strategic vision, coming as it does at a time when the future of the SOF is under discussion.*

2. *His recognition of the importance of a close and constructive relationship with the College and with the staff there.*

3. *His support for the College appeal in putting the weight of the Society behind it, together with his close interest in plans for celebrating the 150th anniversary*

4. *His efficiency and sense of duty: he has attended virtually every function held by the SOF over his two years of office. Letters of thanks, condolence and congratulation have been written as if a matter of routine, but in a way that reflects well on the Society. His focused use of all sorts of digital gadgetry for the benefit of the OF cause puts me to shame! All of this he has done with the natural authority that emanates from his services background and which has so often been symbolized by his imperious wielding of the presidential gavel.*

I would also like to thank Simon's wife, Maggie, who has loyally supported him on virtually every occasion, and to express my thanks to them both for their help and friendship to both Virginia and myself over this time.

Happily this is not a farewell. Simon will continue to be a Governor. He will continue to hold the challenging portfolio of Governor responsible for Health and Safety, and will continue to be a Moreau Selector. He has also undertaken to continue to organize Annual Dinners. Thank you, Simon, for introducing many of us to this splendid RAF Club.

We thank him for all he has done in the past two years as President and look forward to continued input in other capacities.

Happily too, we have an experienced successor, and committed OF, in Richard Sayer, who is already closely involved in much of the work that we have been undertaking. I very much look forward to working with Richard. So congratulations to our outgoing President on a job well done, and a warm welcome to our incoming President, a worthy successor.

EVENTS

RETROSPECT

Annual Dinner, Saturday March 23rd 2013:

Organized by out-going President Simon Dougherty, this was held at The Royal Air Force Club. Please see Page 3 for details of the AGM.. Simon has kindly agreed to continue organizing the Annual Dinner in future years.

64 members and guests dined in the elegant Ballroom of this prestigious venue. Prior to the Dinner, the Society held its Annual General

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Meeting when Richard Sayer (S56-61) was elected President for the next 2 years. Guests of the Society included the Headmaster of Framlingham College, Paul Taylor (Hon OF), David Wybar (Hon OF), accompanied by his wife Ann, representing the Chairman of the Corporation of Governors, Mrs Barbara Hamilton (Hon OF) accompanied by her husband Gordon, representing the Headmaster of Brandeston Hall, Emma Vidler, Head of School and Chris Hart, Head Boy. Susan Webber, Deputy Head, Nick Chaplin, Finance Director and Mel Dellow from the Development Office, attended from Framlingham College.

Amongst other OFs attending were 3 Moreau Scholars and 9 other younger Old Framlinghamians under the age of 25.

The President proposed the toast to Framlingham College and Brandeston Hall and Paul Taylor responded, with a toast to the Society. Following the dinner, a stalwart group reminisced in the bar until after midnight.

Those present were: Ed Binder 00-09, Jenny Binder 00-11, Richard Binder 77-80, Laura Bridgstock 02-07, Nigel Burnip 58-65, Patricia Burnip, Claire Bush 03-07, Ally Cameron 95-07, Nick Chaplin, Sam Cherry-Downes 93-07, Nick Coleridge 02-07, Bill Cooper 41-46, Laurel Cooper, Hugh Curle 77-82, Olly Cutting 95-07, Mel Dellow, Margaret Dougherty, Simon Dougherty 60-67, John Ellerby 66-75, Chris Essex 69-75, Eryl Essex, Ian Foster 45-53, Tessa Foster, Nick Fox 02-07, Tom Gaughan 05-07, Andrew Gooderham 53-58, John Gooderham 44-53, Barbara Hamilton, Gordon Hamilton, Amber Harrison 05-07, Chris Hart, David Hodge 44-50, Michael Holden 52-59, Pam Holden, John Horton 56-60, Ella Howlett, Chris Keeble 53-59, Andrew Lilley 57-65, Anne Mason, David Mason 55-59, David Mitchell 52-57, Sue Mitchell,



TOP: L-R – SUSAN WEBBER (DEPUTY HEAD), SIMON DOUGHERTY (OUT-GOING PRESIDENT SOF), RICHARD SAYER (IN-COMING PRESIDENT SOF), AND THE HEADMASTER PAUL TAYLOR, ON PARADE FOR THE CAMERA AT THE ANNUAL DINNER, RAF CLUB, LONDON.

ABOVE: SUSAN WEBBER WITH NORMAN PORTER – NOTABLE HOCKEY PLAYERS OF DIFFERENT VINTAGES.

Lewis Myers-Allen 07-12, Richard Overend 51-57, Norman Porter 51-57, Virginia Porter, Angela Rankin, John Rankin 47-56, Daniel Rose 01-05, Christine Ruddock-Broyd, James Ruddock-Broyd 46-52, Georgina Sayer, Richard Sayer 56-61 (President of the Society), Brian Smith 53-57, Clive Smith 54-58, Valerie Smith, Michael Smy 57-66, Chris Sneath 51-56, Liz Sneath, Paul Taylor, Emma Vidler, Susan Webber, Ann Wybar and David Wybar.

The Essex Supper (pictured right) was held at a new venue, the Essex County Cricket Club, on **Friday 26th April 2013**. John Rankin is to be congratulated on making arrangements appropriate to the venue, and to enjoying along a number of past OF cricketers to enjoy both the cricketing context and the occasion.

His report follows:

When the Essex Supper was held at Essex County Cricket Club, Chelmsford, there was no County Championship match in progress so we were able to hold the Supper in the Pavilion and the meetings beforehand in the Club's Boardroom.

27 OFs and their Partners came along, and a happy, relaxed and informal evening was enjoyed by all. The food was of a high quality with Suffolk Pork Loin served, preceded by Carrot and Coriander Soup and followed by Apple and Raspberry Crumble.

This was the first Event for **Richard Sayer**, following his election at the AGM and Annual Dinner in London in March and he and **Mark Robinson**, who is Deputy Head at the College, made their Speeches short, but packed with both

information and humour.

Andrew Wright brought his father's (N A Wright R22-28) 1st and 2nd XI Cricket Caps along and his own. **Michael Spencer** brought his with Blazer and Box which elicited plenty of wry comments! In fact it looked as if Michael was ready to go out and open the batting and how we wished he was!! Photographs were brought along as well and all of this stimulated a lot of discussion about many things both past and present.

The evening passed all too quickly and poor James Ruddock-Broyd had to choose between waiting for Mark's Speech or having dessert before catching his train. He chose the dessert!

Oh! and Tim – I promise to circulate the short cut to and from the Station before next year's Supper!

The following attended the Essex Supper; Richard Sayer, President (S56-61), Georgina Sayer, Mark Robinson (Deputy Head, Framlingham College), Air Vice Marshal Simon Dougherty (G60-67), Maggie Dougherty, Peter Howard-Dobson R 65-69), Norman Porter (K51-57), Chris Essex (K69-75), Eryl Essex, Ivan Stedman (G50-55), Norman Mayhew (R51-56), Andrew Wright (R53-58), Michael Spencer (R53-58), Brian Evans (K55-59), Chris Sneath (K51-56), David Carr (S67-74), Gary Duce (K72-78), Tim Mitchell (R67-77), David Mason (S55-59), Anne Mason, Michael Smy (S61-66), Chris Bellamy (G54-64), Ed Surguy (G82-87), John Waugh (K41-48), James Ruddock-Broyd (G46-52), Angela Rankin, John Rankin (K47-56).



▶ FUTURE EVENTS

Please note the following provisional dates. Contact details of all organizers appear in the Yearbook, and on the website.

OCT 19 Suffolk Supper Saturday October 19th 2013 (Please see page 24). This will be organised by John Horton. We are offering a buffet supper at just £10 to include a welcoming drink. The College is generously sponsoring this occasion, not least because we are linking it to serious efforts to lure back as many Honorary OFs as possible, both by way of a reunion, and also to engage them in the plans to locate certain of the Society's activities within the College.

Please note the proposed timetable:

3.30 Trustees Meeting; 4.30 Finance Committee Meeting; 5.30 Council Meeting. All members are invited to join Council (in the Library) for the final item on the Agenda which will be a sharing of plans for the future of the Society. This will be at approximately 6.45, with reception drinks following on at around 7.15 and the Supper at 7.45. Director of Music, Tim Rhodes has undertaken to provide musical entertainment later in the evening.

NOV 14 Norfolk Supper: Thursday November 14th 2013 – organised by John Capps

JAN 28 London Supper (and Council Meeting): Tuesday Jan 28th 2014 – venue to be announced.

MAR 29 Annual Dinner: Saturday 29th March 2014 – at The College – organised by Simon Dougherty.

APRIL 25 Essex Supper (and Council Meeting): Friday 25th April 2014 – organised by John Rankin.

MAY 16 Newmarket Supper: Friday May 16th 2014 – organised by Michael Smy.

JUNE 29 OF Cricket Match and Family Fun Day: Friday 29th June 2014 – organised by The College.

JULY 1 London Supper (and Council Meeting): Tuesday July 1st 2014 – organised by Nigel Burnip.

JULY 4 College Speech Day: Friday July 4th 2014. This is the date provisionally targeted for the launch of the special 150th book.

AUG 16 Northern Gathering: This will take place in Edinburgh on August 16th 2014, coinciding both with the Festival and with the Edinburgh Military Tattoo. This is the second time that Douglas Thomson has undertaken to venture north of the border, and those who attended the previous event will warmly encourage you to take advantage of a rare opportunity to enjoy a visit to this beautiful city – pre-referendum! – at a buzzing time of year. A lunch is held at the Royal Scots Club. Tickets for the Tattoo need to be purchased

this coming autumn, so watch out for further details on the website or contact Douglas – douglas@ddathomson.co.uk. It is well worth trying to arrange a holiday around this event.

OCT 18 Suffolk Supper 2014: Saturday October 18th 2014. It is hoped that this, the beginning of half-term, may coincide with the opening of the new in-College facilities, the focal point of the current appeal.

APRIL 19 Special Australia and New Zealand

Commemoration Dinner, April

2015: This item should really fit into the Overseas Bag, but since an invitation is extended to OFs across the world, it rightly belongs here. **Chris Shaw** and **Mike Garnett** sent our Overseas Editor, **Chris Essex** an extended letter, giving the current state of preparations for this dinner, specially arranged to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of the College. He and his wife, Eryl, were the first to pay their deposits!

The main points, surely of interest to non-Oz/NZ OFs are:

Date: The event will take place on the evening of Sunday April 19th 2015.

Venue: It will be held in the Hunter Valley of New South Wales, north east of Sydney in the Sebel Kirrton Park Hotel (Google them!). There are a plethora of activities on offer in the vicinity (aerobics, ballooning, cheese tasting, spectacular scenery, April temperatures 17-26C). This is the valley which late great OF vintner and oenologist, **Len Evans OBE, AO, (G42-48)**, put indelibly on the wine map.

Cost: \$100 (66GBP)

Dinner: Drinks, canapés, three course buffet plus cheese board tea/coffee.

Wines: All thoroughly and dutifully tested by Mike and Chris.

Current level of interest: nearly 40 OFs have expressed interest. This, plus partners and a handful of UK OFs should ensure an unforgettable evening.

Dress: Smart casual dress – jacket and tie for the gents. The ladies should probably bring a scarf, shawl or pashmina to keep the sun off during the day, and their shoulders warm during the evening.

The Society is immensely grateful to Chris and Mike, not only for their vision and imagination in proposing this once-in-a-lifetime event, but also for putting in all the hard work to ensure that it happens.

OF Lodge

The photo was taken at the Lodge Meeting on Saturday 20th April 2013 at Framlingham Masonic Temple. The OF lodge was honoured by the attendance of the Provincial Grand Master for Suffolk, R.W.Bro Ian Barry John Ross. This was his



ABOVE: MASONIC LODGE MEETING 20TH APRIL 2013

last official visit before he retires as the PGM in June.

The OF members present (*L-R above*) are: G R Gould (K66-71), C Lee (G84-86), G Duce (K72-78), D Denny, S Munro (R55-62), YJ Hall (K45-47), C Core (S73-78), J Horton (G56-60), The R.W. Provincial Grand Master I B J Ross, The Worshipful Master James Giller (M81-86), A R M McLeod (S56-62), P Denny (G61-66), R Mayhew (R53-60), L Payne (BH86-89), J I B Halahan (S72-75), Keith Bridges (College Staff), R Hayes (S60-65), R Binder (G79-81), D Holland (R45-52) and N Gibson.

We have another celebration coming up at our June Meeting in Diss with **Chris Pursehouse** (R50-54), who celebrates his fifty years in freemasonry.

Our June meeting is at Diss Masonic Hall, Saturday 15th, 5pm. Any OF interested in joining us please contact me.

Gary Duce, Secretary, Old Framlinghamians Lodge 6646, Province of Suffolk, 31 Broughton Road, South Woodham Ferrers, Essex CM3 5YX. T: 01245 328362 (W: 01621 779434); M: 07850 350363.

A World-wide Appeal

You will read both here and in the Overseas Bag Section about a fantastic initiative by **Chris Shaw** (K50-56) and **Mike Garnett** (R53-55). They are making great progress in organising an Australian/NZ-wide event in 2015 to mark the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the first boys at Framlingham College. This also happens to tie in with 100th anniversary of ANZACs in Gallipoli. The planned celebration has already attracted huge support from OFs across Australia and New Zealand as well as from much further afield.

It would be great to organise a number of similar events in countries across the world for around March/April 2015. What better way of linking together Framlinghamians from across the planet! We used to manage it with the Overseas Bag over 100 years ago, so it should be so much easier now, with all the benefits of modern communications. All that is needed is imagination and will power.

If you would be prepared to try and organise an event in your country, then please get in touch with me and I'll provide all the help and support I can in terms of mailing lists etc. (Chris Essex).

HERE AND THERE



ABOVE: THE FILM 'SUMMER IN FEBRUARY' WAS RELEASED ON 14TH JUNE. 'THE INCENDIARY ANTI-MODERNIST MUNNINGS, NOW REGARDED AS ONE OF BRITAIN'S MOST SOUGHT-AFTER ARTISTS, IS AT THE CENTRE OF A COMPLEX LOVE TRIANGLE'.

Fram Artists span the generations

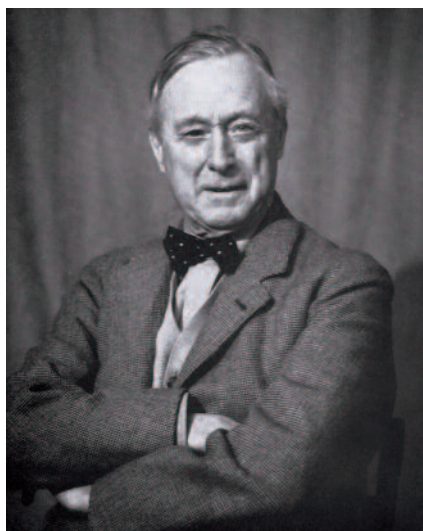
The fact that Old Framlinghamians **Alfred Munnings** (1891-92) and **Bruce Pearson** (G62-67) had prestigious solo art exhibitions, showing concurrently, in the final week of November 2012, in premier galleries in the heart of the Bond Street area, is a notable feather in the Framlingham cap and a reminder that Fram's reputation rests on diverse foundations!

While on the subject of Munnings, watch out for a film, shortly to be released, entitled *Summer in February* adapted by Jonathan Smith from his novel of the same name. It has as its subject the

love entanglements of an Edwardian artists' colony in Cornwall. The story follows a young female artist who is caught in a love triangle with a wildly talented painter and his gentlemanly friend. To see how Alfred Munnings comes into it you will have to see the film.

Oli Boon (G99-07) was on the 2012 series of *Masterchef the Professionals*. He apparently left Year 13 early to pursue a chef's course, which he didn't get on to, and then spent 6 months peeling potatoes in a chinese restaurant in town, before making it. He secured a place in the *Masterchef* semi-finals, having passed the Skills test with his

BELOW: L-R, FRAM ARTISTS ALFRED MUNNINGS (1891-92), AND BRUCE PEARSON (G62-67)



Sea Urchin salad. He then cooked for Michel Roux Jnr, who commented "Oli is a fine chef in the making". Oli then wowed the restaurant critics with his salmon main dish and panna cotta dessert, to find himself as one of the last 8 remaining chefs. He then so very nearly made it, just falling at the last hurdle.

News and an Appeal from Caroline Mallett and the College Art Department

Two paintings by former student, **Yuri Higashikokubaru** (M08-012), were on display at the Hostry at Norwich Cathedral in October, as part of an exhibition of A-Level work by students in East Anglian schools, sponsored by NADFAS Young Artists award. Yuri would be receiving a cheque in recognition of her achievements.

Following a chance encounter in a London gallery on the last weekend of half term with OFs, **Yoshiko Marutani** (M2004) and **Yohei Horiuchi** (S2003) both of whom are studying and working now in arts-related areas, it was good to hear about a number of students who had left the College over a decade ago. It is now some years since a note went into the Year Book requesting news of creative OFs, and so it seems timely to repeat it:

Calling creative OFs – Planning for our 150th:

I am keen to hear from other former students working as artists, designers, architects, photographers or indeed in any area of the creative arts, because in 2015 we would like to feature something of their work, here at the College. I can be contacted at cemallett@framcollege.co.uk.
Caroline Mallett

Christina Myachina-Johnson continues to be very busy. She was chosen to play the part of Adele in *Die Fledermaus*, at The State Opera, Prague, from January to March. Her tour over Christmas meant that she would be away from my husband and family over Christmas, but she was hoping that the tour would be moved to before Christmas! With the excitement of playing all these different parts she had lots to learn: Queen for *Die Zauberflöte* in December, Adele, plus the part of Pamina in *Die Zauberflöte* for another Opera Company in Germany.

Early in the New Year she let us know that her debut as *Queen of the night* at The State Opera, had passed off very successfully and that it was wonderful that her Mum could fly to Prague to join Slava and herself. That was a wonderful experience and she was looking forward to singing with the College Chamber Choir when they came to Prague in the February half-term. Her expectations were well rewarded by the visit itself (see *College news*), and the College party were delighted to have had the opportunity to renew acquaintance.

➤ **Brian Smith** (S53-57) has been elected as a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Marketors. He is shown here after the enclotching



ceremony (= having had the Livery gown placed upon him) and being congratulated by the Master of the Livery. Brian is now entitled to vote in the election of the Lord Mayor of the City of London (at 'Common Hall' in September) and for the Sheriffs (in June) held in London's Guildhall as a ceremonial occasion.

James Ruddock-Broyd (G46-52) reported on a high profile lunch held for senior members of the Farmers Club and special guests in the House of Lords on 20 November 2012:

"The guest speaker was The Right Honourable John Selwyn Gummer, Lord Deben, who spoke on the EU and the forecast food and farming situation worldwide.

The Lord Plumb then presented the Farmers Club Cup of the Year to **Sir James Paice** (G60-66) for his work as Minister of State for Agriculture and Food. Sir James had been knighted when he stepped down from office in September. **John Stones** (64-71), Director of the Nuffield Foundation, and James sat on the same table. The final announcement requested that **John Kerr** (G53-56) should transport to Suffolk the gift of glassware which had been left behind by Lord Deben who was in haste to go to another appointment."

THE LORD PLUMB (RIGHT) PRESENTS THE FARMERS CLUB CUP TO SIR JAMES PAICE (OF



Terry Hunt

As from September 2012, Terry (K68-75) – pictured above – was promoted to the position of Editor-in-Chief of Archant's Suffolk Daily titles and is now editing both the EADT and Ipswich Star. He is now, uniquely, Britain's longest serving daily newspaper editor.

Editorial comment: this item was sent to Terry for approval but he pointed out that the word 'uniquely', as used here, is tautological. In acknowledging this solecism the editor can but hide behind the excuse that he thinks this was an unattributed quotation from someone, somewhere.

We both acknowledge that **Bob/Les Gillett** (some time Fram English teacher of us both) would not have approved.

Laura Wright (M02-08) had another high profile appearance at the British Legion Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall in November. Bob Williams noted that she sang a solo very beautifully and wonders whether Laura is one of Her Majesty's favourite singers. Laura has certainly sung on a number of occasions in the royal presence.

Not only that, she has also been adopted by

Laura wins more fans as rugby players triumph

SHE'S Suffolk's favourite soprano and is rapidly becoming the go-to-girl for big sporting occasions. Laura Wright has already sung at the Rugby League Challenge Cup Final and performed at Twickenham in the past. And dressed in a stunning red dress, the 22-year-old former Framlingham College student delivered the national anthem for the England national rugby union team on Saturday afternoon ahead of the Calcutta Cup clash with Scotland. She also changed into a white Alberta Ferretti dress to sing again at half time. England won the game 38-18 and Laura, who last year was named as the England rugby team's first-ever official anthem singer, won many more new fans. She was inundated with messages on social networking website Twitter, all praising her performance, and posted some behind-the-scenes pictures from the day in response. She tweeted: "Thank you for all the lovely comments – got to catch some of the second half, too! Great game." Laura, from Framsdon, is a passionate rugby fan who plays for the Rosslyn Park Ladies XV, known appropriately as the Slingbacks. She followed Saturday's performance with an early start as she made an appearance on BBC *Breakfast* yesterday morning.



Match report/reaction – Page 50 IN FINE VOICE: Laura Wright sings the national anthem before Saturday's match at Twickenham. Photo: PA

Twickenham and the England Rugby team as their anthem-singer (See EADT article below left).

And further news items continued to heighten her profile. In December 2012 *Metro* carried a very full article on her, under the headline 'Laura Wright: God save the Queen is pretty straightforward'.

The fully illustrated article not only referred to Laura's adoption by the England Rugby team but also to the impressive breadth of her achievements, moving from BBC Radio 2 Chorister of the year, to *All Angels*, her athletic feats, including Marathon running and charity fund-raising, Wembley, Twickenham and Royal Albert Hall appearances, plus seven performances in front of the Queen and further appearances at Diamond Jubilee and Olympic events. The title referred to the relative lack of difficulty posed by singers of the National Anthem, compared with some of her other musical challenges.

Laura is now in her final year of a degree course at The Royal College of Music, and inevitably her extra-curricular commitments have put pressure on her work at College. However, as the *Metro* article points out, she is probably already earning considerably more than her tutors.

She has maintained close relations with her old school, not least in continuing to be a Moreau selector and mentor. Given her busy schedule, that commitment is very special for us.

Roy Farman (K47-55), made contact with the Hon Sec, having read the *History of Brandeston*, and wishing to say how much he had enjoyed it. Roy lives in Masterton, New Zealand, having spent most of his life as a Vet, firstly for a few years in Somerset and then, ever since 1971, in New Zealand. He admits that his school days were unblemished by achievement and had to work hard to get qualified – a far cry from the standard 3 As required for Veterinary School nowadays. He does see other OFs from time to time, including **Duncan Miller** (R47-54), **John Saul** (R49-56) and **David Juby** (K46-54). It was **Gordon Read** (K47-55), a long-standing friend, who took the book out to Gordon, together with **Leslie Gillett's** *Second Sixty Years*.

Gordon recalled a pearl of 'Laddie' Melsom wisdom: "There are three ways of making money,

...THERE ARE
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MAKING MONEY,
BOYS. FIRST
INHERIT IT,
SECONDLY MARRY
INTO IT, OR
THIRD STEAL IT...

boys. First inherit it, secondly marry into it, or third steal it!"

Roy is married to Sandy and they have three boys. He also recalls having met up again with **Eric Copperwheat** in Wellington – Eric was organist in the Cathedral.

Bob Williams (Hon OF and VP) reports: **Lucy Verasamy** (BH 90-92) is enjoying increased on-screen visibility. Her CV in 'weather forecasting' to date reads: Initially with Sky News Breakfast Show 'Sunrise'. She joined the ITV Breakfast 'Daybreak' team, in 2007, as weather forecaster and environmental correspondent and was shuffled again, in August 2012, to front the weather forecasting team for ITV.

Bob is also trying to verify credentials of **Richard van Poortvliet** who has had an interesting-sounding career as Sports reporter on RT, Russia's 24 hr News Channel., and who seems very well connected in the Uefa Soccer world. Bob thinks he is an OF – one of 2 brothers. He was not at BH and not listed on the SOF Data base, but Bob wonders if he was at Fram in Tony Lawrence's time. He was hoping that Tony might recognize him from a googled image. No news so far...

The music of **Anthony Mudge** (S82-92) featured in a concert at St John's, Smith Square on 7th December. His *O magnum mysterium* was part of a pre-Christmas programme performed by *Chapelle du Roi*, a group which explores the links between works by Tallis, Shappard, Palestrina and Guerrero and contemporary British composers, one of whom is Anthony. The result was said to be "a balance of sumptuous textures and harmonies and contrasting approaches to the great Christmas texts".

Soprano **Olivia Castle** (M06-11) is as busy as ever. She performed in a Christmas Cabaret Extravaganza in December at St Edmund's Church, Southwold. Olivia is currently studying Drama and Theatre Studies at Royal Holloway, University London, so keep an eye out for future appearances.

BELOW: UP-AND-COMING SOPRANO OLIVIA CASTLE



ABOVE: LISA MARIA COOPER BY THE SCALLOP SCULPTURE NEAR ALDEBURGH

Yet another young Framlinghamian thriving in the world of classical music is **Lisa Maria Cooper** (P87-98 - coopslisa@gmail.com). She is currently Principal Horn of the Aarhus Symphony Orchestra, Denmark. The Orchestra appeared on BBC4 in May 2012 as part of a Delius documentary. Lisa took up this new position in Denmark having spent 9 years working in Germany with Orchestras including Deutsche Oper am Rhein, Nürnberger Symphoniker (Principal Horn), and Bayerische Staatsoper (guest 3rd Horn), and with Essener Philharmoniker (2006-2010 - Third Horn). Musicians will recognize this as an illustrious cv.

Lisa kindly responded to an inquiry about her progress through and from Fram and recounted as follows:

I learnt French at Fram but stopped after GCSEs. I never actually took up German at school. After moving to Germany in 2001 for a study exchange to Essener Folkwanghochschule, I learnt very fast, winning my first position after only 2 months in the country. After 9 years working professionally in Germany, I moved to Denmark to take up my new position. It is my 6th Orchestral position and 3rd permanent contract/tenure.

Benjamin Britten is very special to me, as I grew up in Suffolk in the small village of Horham where Britten lived from 1970 until the end of his life. I have performed many times at Snape Maltings and won the Britten-Pears music prize at Fram in 1998. I also performed the Britten Canticale "Still falls the rain" in St. Michael's Church, with Fram teachers: Howard Robinson, Tenor, and John Legrove, Piano. I also spent my sixth form travelling to London every Saturday to Junior Royal Academy and touring with the National Youth Orchestra: England, Scotland, France, Belgium, Luxemburg, and Germany, and performed twice at the BBC Proms. On a lighter note, I toured USA for a month with British Rock Symphony with Billy Preston and performed on a Meat

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Loaf video!

Lisa's most recent work includes performing Mahler Symphony No. 8 'Symphony of a Thousand' and a new Opera production of 'The picture of Dorian Grey.' She performed the Britten Serenade for Tenor voice, Horn and strings for the Britten Centenary twice in March in Denmark, and twice more in Ludwigshafen, Germany in April.

Lisa can also be heard in November this year during the Britten centenary weekend on Radio Suffolk with a short interview.

James Ruddock-Broyd (G46-52) newsworthy and alert as ever, spotted the unlikely workings of the Fram publicity machine in Cordoba, Spain, and took this picture of a Fram-emblazoned bus. No explanation was forthcoming, but it diverges from the usual Fram corporate style.



ABOVE: JAMES RUDDOCK-BROYD ENCOUNTERS A NON-CORPORATE FRAM BUS IN CORDOBA

Ben Simpson (BH84-86) is clearly making his mark in East Africa. The Sunday Times Colour Magazine of December 30th 2012, carried a fascinating article entitled 'The Lion King - Force of Nature', whetting the appetite for Sir David Attenborough's 6-part series 'Africa'.

It mentioned that: 'Helicopters cost about £30 a minute and the BBC has hired two. Sleek, metallic blue, French turbojets – together with the best pilots in East Africa. One, **Ben Simpson**, is now regarded as a local hero after plucking seven stranded Ugandan soldiers off the slopes of Mt. Kenya in atrocious conditions.'

Ben's activities have been commented on in the past - He is Director of Helicopters with Tropic Air Kenya, and this is clearly another impressive feather in his cap. **Bob Williams**, who alerted us to this, noted that the first programme which went out on Jan 2nd was quite magical, undoubtedly attracting impressive viewing figures.

Great Detective work – see p108 of 2012

Yearbook: There was a mystery surrounding **Thomas Marshall Dale** (1904-07), killed in 1918 in Palestine and buried there. His name features on the town war memorial but not on the College memorial. The 2012 Yearbook recounted the conundrum and we appealed for help. Chris Essex was particularly interested in setting the record straight.

Thanks to the efforts and research of **John Bridges** (S57-66), an eminent local historian, now

retired and living in Framlingham, and **Evelyn Empson** and her son, the mystery has been unravelled. Thomas, who was born in Framlingham, served both in the navy and in the army, but under different names. He appears to have deserted (for reasons unknown) from the navy and then signed up again, under a different name, for the army, giving his birth place as British Columbia.

The whole story is now written up in 'Distinguished'. It even includes a picture of the grave in Ramleh, in Israel, taken by a friend of **Peter Gasgoyne-Lockwood's** (R57-64), whose special interest this all is. Well done to all concerned.

Daniel Williman (G10-12) is off to India for 3 months with a voluntary organisation, helping to improve the cricketing skills of Indian youngsters. His grandfather, **Paul Williman** (K51-57), wonders whether, after some of the results that our national team have shown against India in recent years – but not this year – it perhaps ought to be the other way round! Daniel has spent part of his time since he left Fram working in Malmo and improving his Swedish spoken and written work. cricketdanman@hotmail.co.uk

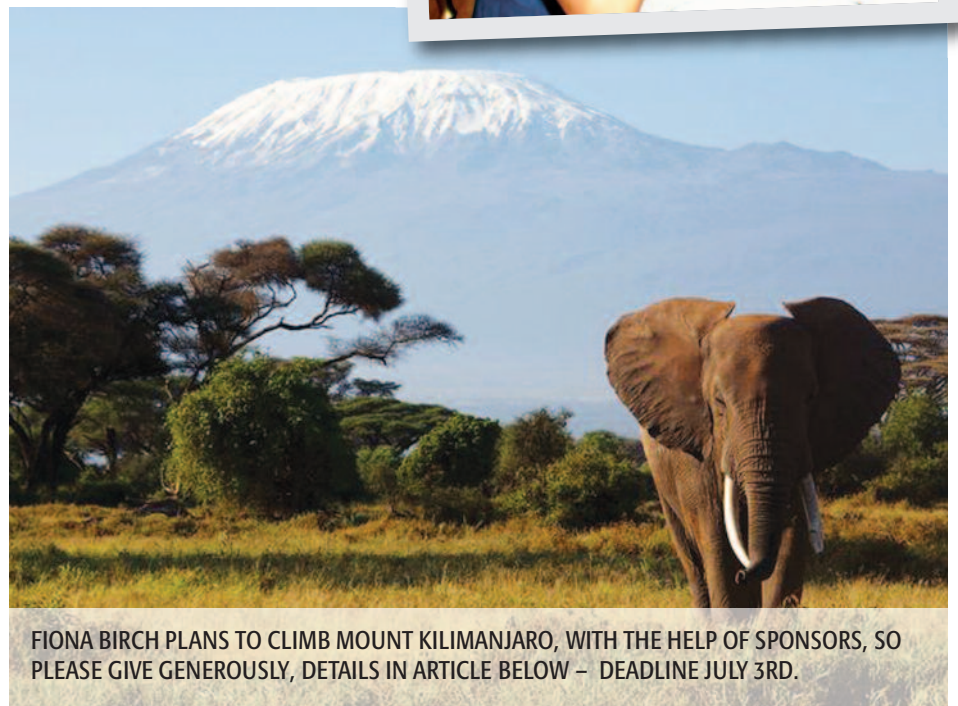
Fiona Birch (V98-12) attempts to climb Kilimanjaro. Fiona contacted us looking for financial support for her planned ascent of Kilimanjaro. The beneficiaries were to be African charities. In her own words:

After fourteen years at Brandeston and Framlingham, I am now studying Biological Sciences at the University of Exeter.

I love travel and adventure, and this

love was largely fuelled by the completion of my Bronze, Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards, and by a school expedition to the rain forests of Borneo in 2011. However, I also care hugely about the disparity that exists within our World today, so when I was presented with the opportunity to climb Mount Kilimanjaro, and raise money to help improve the lives of East African communities, I jumped at the chance. The result? At sunrise on 3rd September 2013, together with 10 colleagues from the University of Exeter, I hope to reach the summit whilst raising funds for the charity 'Dig Deep'. Dig Deep is a charity that helps African communities improve their access to clean water, sanitation and renewable energy. It does this while empowering local people to sustain their own communities.

Fiona is still in search of sponsors to help her raise the close on £3000 needed to participate.



FIONA BIRCH PLANS TO CLIMB MOUNT KILIMANJARO, WITH THE HELP OF SPONSORS, SO PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY, DETAILS IN ARTICLE BELOW – DEADLINE JULY 3RD.

Not only is this a physical and mental challenge but the efforts of these students will contribute to bringing huge improvements to the lives of disadvantaged African communities. It is not too late to support her, so do please go to the website if you would like to do so. Personal sponsorship deadline: July 3rd – other donations will go to the charity.

Matt Truman (R92-97), recently elevated to SOF Vice Presidential status, is now at the helm of a new company, *True Capital*, a “fully regulated asset management vehicle”, offering a sector specialist retail and consumer investment vehicle. Simply put, the company aims “to be the first contact for any stakeholder within the retail sector”. Matt’s business will seek to offer pro-active operational expertise after 13 years advising some of the largest retailers in the world at JP Morgan, Deloitte and Lehman Brothers. Loyalty, data analytics and privileged access will be at the company’s strategic heart. Matt is looking for professional investors who demand sector specialist exposure at much lower fees than traditional indirect investments, a sign of the direction Matt thinks the industry will travel into. If you are interested in Matt’s business, email him on matt.truman@truecapital.co.uk.

*We received a number of updates via **Mark Kendall** (Hon OF) which unfortunately didn’t make it into the Yearbook. Based on recent meetings, Mark told us that:*

Kevin Hewitt (R79-83) is now Kevin Hewitt-Devine. In 1995 Kevin married Siobhan Devine hence the reason for his name change.

Kevin lives in Epping. After leaving school he went straight into the mobile phone business, and then into Corporate printing in London for a period of 15 yrs. In 2007 he started working for Sytner BMW as Corporate Sales Manager for three

of their dealerships – Chigwell, Harold Wood and Canary Wharf, where he works today.

After leaving school he played Rugby for Saffron Walden RFC, Cantabridgians RFC and latterly Upper Clapton RFC, retiring from the playing field in 2008 but continues refereeing

BELOW: NO MEAN PEDALLER – KEVIN HEWITT ON ALPE DE HUEZ. FAR BELOW: UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY, ANOTHER OF KEVIN’S TALENTS.



regularly for his club for the youth section.

In the last 5 years, he has taken up cycling, and in July 2012, in aid of the Great Ormond Street Children’s Hospice he did the E’tape 2 Pyrenees stage of the Tour de France. He was hoping to complete the 2860 miles of Route 66 in the USA, from Chicago to Los Angeles in aid of *Help for Heroes* and the *Willow Foundation* but unfortunately had to pull out. We include an image, nevertheless.

Kevin also finds time for scuba diving and underwater photography.

Stevie Young (K2001-07) was in touch with the website, hoping to harness the attractions of the site to promote his participation in the Nepal Cycle Challenge in November. This consists of cycling across Nepal in high altitude over a period of 10 days. He is doing it on behalf of the Body & Soul charity (The Charity helps UK HIV sufferers) and aims to raise £2,500. He offered to send an event write-up/photos afterwards, and we look forward to these. As you will see, it is not too late to offer support. He also updated us with a résumé of his very full life since leaving in 2007:

I had a brief stint in Italy playing rugby for *Olimpic Roma Rugby*, before graduating from Cardiff University in 2011. During my degree I had some great placements in places like Sicily and Barcelona and successfully completed/survived the Pamplona Bull Run in 2008 with fellow OFs **Henry Doe** (K02-06), **Max Crompton** (K97-06), **Rupert**

Elmes (R01-06) and **Jimmy Yu** (K01-04). While studying, I was involved in some charity work, namely completing the London Marathon in 2009 for the Task Brasil Charity and hitch-hiking from Cardiff to Marrakech for the LCD Community Charity in 2011 (narrowly missing the 2011 Marrakech terrorist bombings!). Since graduating I have started work with Bloomberg L.P. in London.

Mark also found himself being hosted at a B&B by **Russell Ling** (G52-56) and his wife Maureen. Russell left to help his father farm at Palgrave and bought ‘The Rookery’ (pictured overleaf) in 1957 – 300 acres, now 700 acres. He and Maureen ran a Friesian milking herd until 2011. They now fatten cattle, grow wheat and rape, and run a B&B. (The Rookery, Wortham, Diss, Norfolk IP22 1RB. Tel 01379 783236; mobile: 07788 455688.)

On leaving school, Russell played hockey for Diss Young Farmers, and moved on to Harleston HC, even playing a few games for Norfolk. He only gave up the game in 2001 at the age of 65!

They have two sons, **Richard** (Z92-95), and

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- David, plus daughter, Mary. After Otley College, Richard spent a year on a farm in Western Australia before coming back to help his father. He now manages the farm and is expanding through contract farming. He is getting married at Wortham Church on June 22nd to Rebecca Carlton. He too, plays for Harleston HC, and for Norfolk.

BELOW: RUSSELL AND MAUREEN LING'S GEORGIAN FARMHOUSE, A WORKING DAIRY FARM SET IN THE QUIET ROLLING COUNTRYSIDE ON THE SUFFOLK/NORFOLK BORDERS – AND FIND TIME TO RUN A B&B.



Commander R.W. Cooper RN Retd. (G41-46) Fellow of the Royal Institute of Navigation, made contact with the website team, hoping to re-engage with the SOF. He won a state scholarship to Cambridge in 1945, but turned it down to join the Royal Navy instead. After retirement from the RN he became senior partner of a firm of gilt-edged brokers and then adviser to Prime Ministers Wilson and Callaghan.

Since 1976, he has retired again, and sailed 98,000 miles round the world, calling in at 45 countries, living in eleven, and (jointly with his wife) written 7 books.

His son went to Brandeston, but then moved on to Lancing.

Here, there and almost everywhere – Earth Hour: How many of us were aware that the founder of *Earth Hour* was an Old Framlinghamian, **Andy Ridley-Thomas** (M84-89)?

For anyone not in the know, *Earth Hour* is a planet-wide event which focuses on the way in which we squander the earth's resources, living way

beyond the capacity of the finite resources of our planet. *Earth Hour* was fixed for March 23rd at 8.30pm and was respected across over 150 countries, as lights were switched for that symbolic hour. It coincided perfectly with our Annual Dinner at the RAF Club and the lights were symbolically lowered for a few seconds!

If you remember Andy, try: andy@earthhour.org or a clip on www.earthhour.me/2013ViD

Ex-President **Brian Smith** (S53-57) discovered that a January holiday in a Scottish lighthouse is a less than restful experience. He writes:

We arrived in a howling gale with the sea lashing against the rocks in highly dramatic fashion. Once inside, however, all was cosy and warm and the cuisine superb. We spent the three days exploring the area in more clement weather, although it was perishing freezing! The problem came when it was time to go.

As we headed for the Pennines the Scottish side was a doddle, as that side is shielded by the gulf stream. But – as soon as we reached the top we hit the snow big time and over-nighted on the Yorkshire moors where we got stuck. My battery failed to function in the minus territory and nine inches of snow so the AA was called out. They actually turned up on the moors in all that snow!

Battery restored. It took us hours to dig a path to the main road over the moors, but with the help of those lovely Yorkshire folk, who rushed from their cars with salt, grit and shovels – we made it back, only to be confronted by even more snow when we arrived back in the South-East.

Moral to this tale? Don't go to lighthouses in January!

BELOW AND RIGHT: BRIAN SMITH'S JANUARY HOLIDAY IN A SCOTTISH LIGHTHOUSE WAS NOT THE RESTFUL EXPERIENCE HE HAD HOPED FOR

In a Yearbook of a year or so ago we profiled **Angus Cundey** (G50-54), Chairman of Henry Poole and Co. His company was again very much in the news in January.

On 25th of that month, Princess Anne visited the shop (*pictured below*) to present the company



with the Queen's Award for Enterprise in International Trade, as well as a crystal bowl. Her Royal Highness, the Princess Royal, took a tour of Henry Poole & Co, part of the Burlington Estate in Mayfair. She was escorted through the company's showroom, workshop and an archive where the ledgers of Queen Victoria, The Princess of Wales, Empress of Russia and the Empress of the French are on display.

Henry Poole & Co has also made livery for



Buckingham Palace and The Royal Mews, and the house has held a Royal Warrant since 1869. They are responsible for kitting out many influential figures, be it a Churchill pinstripe three-piece destined for the boardroom, or a tailcoat cut for a Mansion House banquet. They have also made garments for the likes of Charles Dickens, Dr Livingstone, Tsar Alexander II of Russia and Emperor Hirohito of Japan.

Angus was reported as saying: *"We are extremely honoured to host Her Royal Highness to receive the Queen's Award for Enterprise in International Trade. Henry Poole & Co has been exporting its trade and craft for over a century and is thrilled to be witnessing resurgence in the British male fashion industry."*

He also added that sales had been 10% up in 2012.

Residents of, and visitors to Woodbridge and Lavenham were very sorry to see that *Hogg @ Home*, (high quality chinaware, cards, gifts and other homeware items), a business set up by **Martin Hogg** (S63-71) had suddenly closed its doors and stopped trading. A sign posted on one of the whitewashed windows in Woodbridge's Thoroughfare read: "Thank you for being nice customers for nearly forty years. Life moves on, times change. Goodbye."

Sadly this is a sign of the times. Local people expressed fears of losing "the variety, charm and personality of High Streets like ours", and lamented the loss of two shops which had been trading for 40 years, while acknowledging that trading conditions had been tough. OFs will commiserate with Martin at this sad reflection of the difficult economic times we live in.

Dudley Holland (R45-52) lamented the passing of the late **Guy Dawson** (see Notices). He recalled having also known Guy's father, Spencer and his uncle, Humphrey. Dudley and Guy played together in the U15 rugby team in 1949, the 2nd XI hockey in 1951 and 52, and the 1st XI cricket in 1952. They also played club hockey at Ipswich, and, as opponents, when Guy played for Norwich Grasshoppers.

Dudley recalls one amusing incident when playing club cricket for Deben Valley against Ipswich and East Suffolk. Guy was out quite cheaply and as he walked past in the field he was smiling! Dudley commented: "Guy, I have never seen you pleased to be out before!". Guy responded: "If you were facing that b***** and were out without being hurt, you would be happy too."

The bowler was **David Larter** (R51-57).

Moreau scholar, **Sophie Mackie** (M09-11), has been a brilliant correspondent. Her latest update, February, came from Meribel, in the heart of the Trois Vallées. She was doing a 5 month ski season as a chalet girl and getting more practical training in Event Management, having to look after 6 people. The skiing was going very well too as she was able to ski 6 days a week, in between duties. In February she felt as if she were in a

perfect bubble.

She was both proud and pleased that **Laura Wright** (M02-08), her Moreau mentor, was doing so well, combining singing and rugby.

Moreau Scholar, **Ted Harrington** (S05-10), has not only been busy organizing the OF football match against the College, but also coping with the birth of his fifth nephew, celebrating his 21st birthday, participating in an 18 hour fancy dress bar crawl around Bognor Regis for charity, and running for a Student Union position, that of Bognor Regis Campus Officer 2013/14.

In collaboration with his Moreau mentor, **Chris Keeble** (S53-59) he put together a poster campaign, emerged a clear winner, and now has his own office, starting officially in late August, with the brief of improving the overall campus experience.

Perhaps more pertinently, and showing the practical aspects of Moreau mentoring, Ted called on Chris to advise him about how to tackle a Project Assessment brief. Ted, having decided that it would be beneficial to start up his own company for the sake of the assignment, called his company 'Beyond Belief Events' (BBE) and was looking for help in developing an appropriate logo. The result is shown above. Future applicants for Moreau Scholarships should take note as to the unexpected ways in which a mentor can come in useful.



ABOVE: TED HARRINGTON COLLABORATED WITH HIS MOREAU MENTOR CHRIS KEEBLE, TO PRODUCE THIS LOGO FOR A UNIVERSITY ASSIGNMENT. BELOW LEFT: TED RUNS FOR STUDENT UNION POSITION.

Sponsorship/Charity Appeals and the SOF website

Website aficionados will have noticed a considerable increase in the number of charitable appeals being carried amongst our news items. This has not happened without a certain amount of discussion. We do not intend to allow the website to be swamped by charitable appeals, however worthy the cause, if this means making the website the equivalent of the litter bin, now so often the instant recipient of a high proportion of Royal Mail deliveries.

We do, however, believe that the undertaking of these challenges is consistent with the education offered at Framlingham, not only in terms of the physical challenge, but also in terms of the charitable values which go hand in hand with these personal undertakings. All that we ask is that those who chose the website for making appeals to other OFs do not exclusively use it for that purpose, but value its wider functions and let us know the result of their efforts, together with a contribution of write-up and pictures, which can be used both by the website and by our publications. We have agreed that this is a perfectly proper way of channelling our communications resources.



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A big thank you for another bumper crop of correspondence from far and wide. This is just a brief summary of the full 28 page version of the Overseas Bag on our website, which I strongly encourage you to visit by clicking on the following link:

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As always I'd welcome more photos so do please send them in.

A WORLD-WIDE APPEAL

You will read both here and in the Events Section about a fantastic initiative by **Chris Shaw** (K50-56) and **Mike Garnett** (R53-55). They are making great progress in organising an Australian/NZ-wide event in 2015 to mark the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the first boys at the College. This also happens to tie in with 100th anniversary of ANZACs in Gallipoli. The planned celebration has already attracted huge support from OFs across Australia and New Zealand as well as from much further afield.

It would be great to organise a number of similar events in countries across the world for around March/April 2015. What better way of linking together Framlinghamians from across the planet! All that is needed is imagination and will power.

If you would be prepared to try and organise an event in your country or part of it, then please get in touch with me and I'll provide all the help and support I can in terms of mailing lists etc.

Finally I would strongly encourage everyone to ensure that they register their e-mail address on the website, so that we can keep in touch.

AUSTRALIA/NZ

Much of the correspondence with OFs in Australia and New Zealand has been dominated by discussions about the exciting prospect of a 2015 Reunion. See website full article for lots of news from these OFs.

Finally on a sad note **Tom O'Donald** (S51-57) who had been a regular and witty contributor to the Overseas Bag, despite much adversity in later years, lost his long fight on 23 December 2012, but just 10 days after sending me his last message. It was written with his usual humour and is included in the full version on the website.

BRAZIL

John Nielson (R68-72) sent what could be the first correspondence I can remember from Brazil,

although his home is in Florida and he hopes to meet up there with **Richard Rowe** (S65-74). He sent this photo of himself on Corcovado mountain, on the way up to the Christ statue, with the breathtaking backdrop of the Sugar Loaf mountain, Guanabara Bay, and of the city itself.

CHINA

Gareth Morris (K90-98) was in touch initially to get his records updated, although he wanted to retain his UK postal address as he didn't trust the Chinese postal service! He briefly commented that working in China was fascinating as things there change so fast that life is never dull!

FRANCE

Bob Craig (R63-70) is one of those OFs who works in one country but lives in another. Bob had met up with **Peter Howard-Dobson** (R65-69), **Chris Hall** (G62-69) and **Martin Hogg** (S63-71) for lunch in the UK. **Bruce Micklewright** (S48-51) reported that unlike in the UK, the summer had been far too hot over there for him and so they moved to their holiday home in the Swiss Alps.

Terence Parr (K50-57) was another OF I contacted because we had a valid e-mail address but was 'gone away' postal wise. He gave an update which included spending most of the summer re-acquainting himself with the interiors of a number of French hospitals.

Brian Rosen (S40-46) was in touch with an interesting update and confirmation that he is still enjoying life in France.

GERMANY

Constanze Zawadzky (M03-05) got in touch with the website team for the first time to ensure that we had her e-mail address so that she could receive future newsletters electronically. Constanze lives in Cologne. She also forwarded an e-mail on to her sister **Sanna Karolszyk** (M96-98) who got in touch to say that she was living in Berlin and had got married about a year ago, hence the change of surname.

HONG KONG

Ian Howard (S57-62) sent photos of the March 2013 HK OF Supper, which was attended by nine OFs - **Ian Howard**, **'Bob' Holland** (Penang) (R57-65), **Henry Tang Shiu-yuen** (K03-10), **Keith Williams** (R63-67), **John Ting Yu-tin** (G02-09), **Christopher Hall** (G62-69), **Ian Tsang Cheuk-hei** (K02-09), **Barry Wilson** (UK) (G48-52) and **John Birt** (Thailand) (S59-63). They had a jolly evening in the Windsor Room at the Hong Kong Club, where Chris Hall, with his usual generosity, supplied the after-dinner Port.

Maira Theulier (née Anderson) (M91-93) had been unable to attend but remained active on Overseas Facebook page.

SINGAPORE

Andrew Ridley-Thomas (M84-89) got in touch to register on the website and it was then that I discovered he lived in Singapore and was CEO and co-founder of Earth Hour - see this clip www.ehour.me/2013ViD

SOUTH AFRICA

Guy S. Brooke-Smith (S41-44) provided a new address from 1st March 2013 in Louis Trichardt, South Africa, whilst **Mike Bullock** (R55-59) was interested to read the website news digest sent round and decided that it was time he provided an update of his activities.

SPAIN

Tom Wilkinson (S05-09) updated his details on the Directory and provided an update.

UKRAINE

Tom Kirkup (K95-02) - his mother **Carol** (Z76-78) (née **Machen**) dropped a note to say that I had previously mixed up her and her son's fiancée! Also that Tom had now married Elena in August 2012 and were living in her home country of Ukraine.

USA

Peter Ballard (S57-66) under the heading "Another move but more importantly another Morgan!!" sent news and photos of a newly acquired Morgan that he was lovingly restoring. **Ivor Noel Hume** (37-39) was in touch and I updated his biography for yet another book being published.

Bryan Ivory (K48-52) sent a number of updates, which included the worrying news that he had had to have treatment on his one good eye and this wasn't going well. We hope that the treatment will work so that he can once again enjoy photographing the butterflies he breeds.

Peter MacFarlane (Z73-81) let me know that he was about to embark on an epic solo adventure in one of his hand-built canoes and I put an article up on the website.

Alfred Molson (K38-43) has been in regular touch via phone. In late March 2013 he had just had an annual skin cancer check and a malignant lump had been found and he was awaiting its removal.

Bryan Pearson (S45-47) sent in a picture of **Nick Carlton** (G63-70) and him on the day before he resumed command of the Sapphire Princess in Honolulu.

Richard Rowe (S65-74) had the sad news of the sudden death of his eldest brother **Clive** (S64-71) in November 2012.

Giles Townsend (K59-67) was interested in attending an OF get-together in Southern California and delighted to be sent a photo of the memorial to his great uncle **Amiriaux Silver Fletcher** (1896-1900) at Gallipoli, which **Peter Gasgoine-Lockwood** (R57-64) had just obtained.



TOP LEFT: HONG KONG SUPPER IN MARCH 2013, AT THE WINDSOR ROOM, HONG KONG CLUB.

TOP RIGHT: TOM KIRKUP AND HIS WIFE ELENA MARRIED IN AUGUST 2012 AND LIVING IN THE UKRAINE.

CENTRE: BRYAN PEARSON (LEFT) WITH NICK CARLTON IN HONOLULU.

BOTTOM: JOHN NIELSON ON CORCOVADO MOUNTAIN, WITH THE BREATHTAKING BACKDROP OF SUGAR LOAF MOUNTAIN, BRAZIL.



OF SPORT

GOLF

GLORIOUS SUCCESS FOR THE HALFORD HEWITT TEAM – AT LAST!

For the first time since 1989 the OFs advanced imperiously through to the second round of this prestigious competition, believed to be one of the largest amateur competitions in the country.

The first round took place at the Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club, Deal on Thursday, 11th April. We were drawn to play against Stonyhurst. Captain

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Richard Graves had once again arranged for the team to have practice rounds at the beginning of March, and determination was in the air. We were able to field our strongest team for a while so hopes of success were high. **Pat Spraggs**, our top player, had made the long journey down from Scotland to join **Richard Graves, Rob Atton, Gavin Cowell, Jonny Newton, Charlie Plunkett, Matt Stolls, Andrew Towler, Peter Watts and Jonny Wybar** with **Mike Schneidau** as reserve.

As usual, it was going to be a very tough match, but the preparation paid off, and we won 3½ – 1½,

to the understandable joy of all associated with OF golf. One match is particularly worthy of mention – Peter Watts and Rob Atton had played a rather tense 17th. They were all square on the tee, but it took a 20 foot putt by Peter to earn a half and remain all square going down 18. It was a pivotal moment and a fantastic pressure putt. Peter then crunched a drive down 18, as only he can, and Rob and he then played the hole with a cast-iron par 4 and won their match 1 up. That was the winning point we needed. Gavin and Pat were a great lead-off pair, and they didn't disappoint, giving us a winning start both days. Matts Stolls and Jonny Newton halved both their matches, but only because the overall match had finished. They were up in both their games, so were quite annoyed to only get credit for a half!

This also shows that in the match against Merchant Taylors, to whom we lost by the same margin in the second round on the following day, we could have turned the tables and won – if only we had secured a point!

There was really not much in it at all. The team had a great few days and it was a proud moment when we finally got the monkey off our backs with the Stonyhurst result.

The team was ably supported by Richard Sayer, SOF President, Norman Porter, SOF Hon Sec, Andrew Wright and Mike Schneidau. The team stayed in the Pegwell Bay Hotel and thanks are due once again to Andy for making all the arrangements.

Next year we shall lose the services of Pat who plans to turn professional in September – a great loss for the team, but we wish him every success in his chosen career.

The Halford Hewitt produces some great golf, on wonderful courses, and to play in this team should be the aspiration of any young Framlingham golfer.

David Turnbull – Hon Sec OFGS

Halford Hewitt statistics: David Wybar

(Governor, Hon OF, and distinguished player and golf committee member in his own right) has done some very interesting research on players who have represented the OFs at the Halford Hewitt over the years, including successful pairings, numbers of matches played, success rates etc. The Editor/Hon Sec (also a member of the OFGS) would be happy to email copies of this to any interested golfer).

We were also, thanks to the memories of various past players, including the **Powlesland** brothers, **Robert** (R52-55) and **Michael** (R40-45), and **Martin Lamb** (K57-66), able to pursue and eventually solve a mystery about **Roy Bulmer** who played for the OFs on a number of occasions, but who does not appear on our data base. He was at Fram during the war sometime in 1941, but not for very long, so his unorthodox association with the College was ascribed to 'the exigencies of war'.

HOCKEY

OFs v The College

On the misty morning of 6th January, a bleary-eyed OF hockey team gathered in the Station pub for their 'Hair of the Dog Warm-up', following the annual centurion efforts the night before. After a swift pint of Suffolk's finest (Victoria Bitter, if you were unsure) and the customary conversation about whether Mr Collins should be allowed to consume alcohol before a hockey match, the squad of 13 made their way to the pitch.

Led by Captain Josh 'Ibrahimovic' Cutting, the strong OF squad (consisting of 5 St. George's Sixes winners) started very quickly. Tom Dunnett fired the ball across the top of the D for J.Cutting to score the 1st goal just 3 minutes from the start.

BELOW: **HALFORD HEWITT TEAM** (INCLUDING SUPPORTERS) L-R: MIKE SCHNEIDAU, ANDREW WRIGHT, ANDREW TOWLER, CHARLIE PLUNKETT, RICHARD GRAVES, JONNY NEWTON, RICHARD SAYER, PETER WATTS, MATT STOLLS, ROB ATTON, PAT SPRAGGS, JONNY WYBAR, GAVIN COWELL AND NORMAN PORTER.



The second followed in quick succession, with Dunnett putting J.Cutting through for a skilful reverse stick finish. Some great individual play from Ben Gowing followed, beating all of the College defence and slotting the ball home to make it 3-0 on the 20 minute mark. Moments before half time, J.Cutting completed his hat-trick, finding the back of the net after receiving a perfectly weighted through ball from Gowing. 4-0 to the OFs at half time.

The second half started slowly, the College attacked a number of times down their stronger right hand side, but were no match for the formidable Ben Wright in defence. A second individual effort from Gowing resulted in a 5th goal after 45 minutes.

Patrick Spraggs attempted his customary reverse stick strike and missed, as usual. Shortly after this failed attempt, the OFs attacked with some slick play from Oliver Cutting and were awarded a penalty corner. Jack O'Brien stepped up. The flick narrowly missed the top left corner, but the technique exhibited by O'Brien was exemplary and wholly due to his 12 months of training for this very day – National League side East Grinstead have already expressed interest in the formidable O'Brien.

The College countered, following a weak attack from the OFs and scored to make the score 5-1 with 15 minutes to go. Solid build-up play from Andy Cutting set up Will Squirrel who fired the ball home to make the final score 6-1.

All the OFs would like to thank Mr Kingston for setting up the fixture.

The team: James Ince, Nick Whitehead, Ben Wright, Patrick Spraggs, Sean Collins, Oliver Cutting, Ben Gowing, Josh Cutting, Will Squirrel, Tom Dunnett, Andy Cutting, Jack Abbott, Jack O'Brien.

Haileybury Hockey Six-a-side Tournament

The OFs have accepted an invitation from Haileybury to participate in their annual six-a-side tournament on October 6th, joining distinguished hockey schools Wellington, Charterhouse, St Edward's, Felsted, Aldenham, Canford, Sherborne, and hosts Haileybury. This will be the third year of the event, and indications are that it will grow in popularity and in size as more schools seek participation.

Each squad consists of no more than 12 players, all of whom must be genuine Old Boys of the school. Round robin pool matches, 20 minutes one way, are followed by semi-finals and the final. A Plate competition ensures that all teams will play at least 4 times in the day.

Josh Cutting (G97-09) is leading the OF effort. Further information will be available in due course, but do contact him if you would like to play. Support for our team will be most welcome.

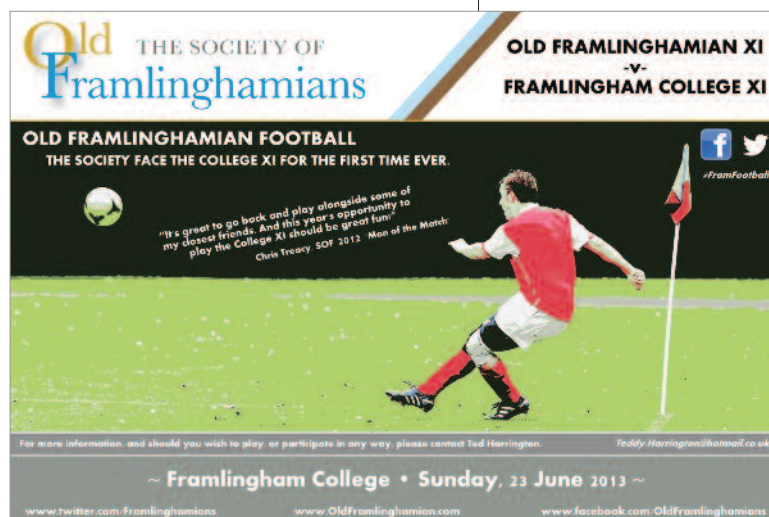
Andy Cutting (R69-77) was also, some months ago, said to be in the process of organising an OF v OF match at some point this year, please contact him if you would like to play.

(andrew.cutting@hotmail.co.uk).

FOOTBALL

OFs v the College

The indefatigable **Ted Harrington** is organising another football match, this one OFs v The College. This will take place on **Sunday 23rd June**, which may or may not be after the publication of this Newsletter. Ted's promotion of this event, and the accompanying poster are worth seeing anyway.



Sports Photography – In the unorthodox sporting footsteps of OF sports photographer, **Simon Stacpoole**.

Few of us know what the life of a sports photographer entails. Here's an extract from a Simon Stacpoole blog:

After a soaking in Walsall the previous night I was up and off to Manchester airport early next

morning to catch a flight to Sweden, to photograph Sweden playing Argentina in a friendly in Solna, a town just North of Stockholm.

Despite my reservations about flying with SS, with whom I'd never travelled before, there was no hassle at check-in, and I enjoyed a full English breakfast before embarking on the 2 hour flight to Scandinavia. We landed in a blizzard, the ground covered in snow, as far as the eye could see. If this

had been the UK, the airport would have been shut for a start, trains cancelled, roadways at a standstill and the Daily Mail website would be close to crashing with a deluge of pictures sent in by weather-challenged readers, reeling from a dusting of

snow. Fortunately the Swedes know how to deal with things and just got on with it! Despite all this the match went ahead, as there was a roof in place. It does help!

Simon was there to shoot what are called 'stock-pictures' – pictures of individual players doing their stuff. Presumably just a routine operation – but he does get around!

SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHER SIMON STACPOOLE SHOT THIS IMAGE OF THE STADIUM NORTH OF STOCKHOLM WHERE SWEDEN WERE PLAYING ARGENTINA – AMONGST HIS MANY OTHER ASSIGNMENTS IN A BUSY SCHEDULE.



RUGBY

Congratulations to **Will Owen** (G06-11) who was selected to play for the England Under 18 starting XV against Wales on Sunday 10th March at Swansea RFC. Will also plays for the Leicester Tigers. Back in 2009 he won the Ellis-Arthur Rugby Prize.

A real all-rounder: **Emma Johnson** (P90-97) is making a significant sporting reputation for herself, both in rugby and in cycling. As a rugby player she stars for Woodbridge Amazons, playing at full back. She was also selected for the England development squad. She doubles up as a competitive cyclist, racing track and cyclocross. The EADT reported her victory at the Broome Heath Scramble, riding for Elmy Cycles, all colourfully illustrated, and featured her the following week for a hat trick of tries against Oakmedians in Bournemouth. Well done Emma. We hear of all this from her equally sporting, step-father, **Dudley Holland** (R45-52).

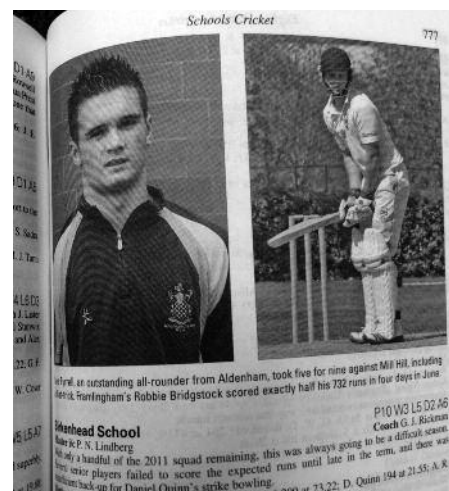
BELOW: TWO SHOTS OF ALL-ROUNDER EMMA JOHNSON – DEVELOPING A SPORTING REPUTATION FOR BOTH CYCLING AND RUGBY.



Summers 15 at 10.00; K. E. ...
Framlingham College
 Master i/c M. J. Marvell
 The captain Robbie Bridgstock provided a welcome distraction from the weather, compiling 366 runs – precisely half his total for the season – in four days in late June. Meanwhile, Tim Alexander emerged as a genuine all-rounder; Kristian Williman and Lewis Gooderham are names to watch.
Batting R. Bridgstock* 732 at 73.20; K. N. Williman 329 at 54.83; L. S. Gooderham 374 at 41.55; T. D. Alexander 267 at 38.14; O. J. R. Jones 123 at 20.50; T. L. Brown 115 at 14.37.
Bowling S. R. Keshwani 11 at 20.09; T. D. Alexander 18 at 21.61; R. Bridgstock 12 at 26.75; T. J. C. Rider 13 at 27.30; J. R. Carr 7 at 43.00.

CRICKET

Wisden
 Just as the founders of the Albert Memorial College were discussing the progress of their new enterprise in 1864, 200 miles away in Bradford John Wisden was publishing his Wisden Cricketers' Almanack for the first time.



The Wisden, as it became better known, has gone on to become the most famous sporting book in the world and this year celebrates its 150th edition faithfully providing scorecards, statistics and articles from around the globe. To earn a mention in this 'cricketers' bible' is more often reward enough, but the endeavours of last

**...ROBBIE BRIDGSTOCK...
 ...A PHOTOGRAPH TO HIGHLIGHT HIS ACHIEVEMENT IN BECOMING THE 5TH HIGHEST RUN SCORER IN SCHOOLS' CRICKET IN 2012...**

year's 1st XI captain **Robbie Bridgstock** were also accompanied by a photograph to highlight his achievement in becoming the 5th highest run scorer in schools' cricket in 2012. It may be some time yet before the 150th edition matches the £25,000 price tag of the 1864 original, but to those named within the famous yellow cover, copies are priceless.

NOTICEBOARD

MARRIAGES

Naomi Horton (P87-95) was married to Nicholas Wheeler at St Michael's Church, Framlingham, on Saturday 22 September 2012.

The bride was given away by her father, **John Horton** (G56-60) and **Julie Brumby** (née Cooper P84-95) was bridesmaid. Other OFs present were **Andrew Horton** (Z86-97), **Mike Vipond (Hon)**, **Rev Canon David Pitcher** (R44-51), **Helen Slater** (née Robinson P85-93), **Harriet Root** (née Sale P87-93), **Sarah Rutterford** (P85-95) and **Suzu Pym** (née McEwan P86-95).



SEPTEMBER 2012 WEDDINGS – TOP: NAOMI HORTON MARRIED NICHOLAS WHEELER ON 22ND SEPTEMBER 2012.

ABOVE: ADAM HOWARD-DOBSON MARRIED JENNIFER WAYNE ON 1ST SEPTEMBER 2012

Charlotte (Binkle) Moore-Moffatt (P1992-2004) to **Jeremy Jackson** on 18th August 2012 – it was the hottest day of the year, a scorching 32C! Married in Framlingham Church and reception afterwards at Robbie and Alison Moffatt's house in Saxtead.

There were lots of OFs in attendance: **Dr Robbie Moffatt** (Honorary OF - father of the bride), **Rose Moore-Moffatt** (bridesmaid), **Gemma Ellis** (bridesmaid), **Henry Reid** (Brandeston Hall - bridesman), **Rupert Moffatt** (usher),

Henry Moffatt (usher), **Alexandra Reid**, **Ben Hayes**, **Charlie Hicks**, **Andrew Barr**, **Adam Howard-Dobson**, **Jenny Howard-Dobson** (née Wayne), **Harry Ford**, **Jack Paget**, **Lily Paget**, **Luke Bailey**, **Mark Stacpoole**, **Patrick Cadell**, **Sam Mitchell**, **Tom Burton**, **Will Gallagher**, **Eleni Read**, **Jet Bielecka**, **Lois Crompton**, **Rosy Lawrence**, **Sarah Hicks**, **Victoria Mawson**, **Edwina Blackford** (née Reid), **Tommi Coles**, **Nick Watts** and **Tim Watts**. 32 in total, including the bride!

Jennifer Anne Wayne (P96-03), daughter of Barry and Penny Wayne to **Adam Howard-Dobson** (K93-04), youngest son of **Peter** (R65-69) and **Catherine Howard-Dobson**, at St Mary's

Church Great Bealings, on 1st September 2012. Jenny's bridesmaids were **Charlotte St. John Dinsdale** (née Wayne) (P95-00), **Victoria Wayne** (P97-08), **Charley Heywood** (P94-03) and **Emma Rooney**; Adam's best men were **Badr El Shaboury** (S97-03) and **Tom Whitton** (K99-04). The reception was held at Beacon House, Little Bealings, home of Barry and Penny Wayne.

In all, there were twenty six Old Framlinghamians at the wedding (including the principals).

The photograph shows twenty five of them, to a greater or lesser extent.

Back row L-R: Libby Ilett, Claire Niewiarowski (née Mallett), Hannah Colby, Kirsty Wybar, Alex Lyne, Helen Bowen, James Howard-Dobson.

Middle row L-R: David Mallett, Yumino Hirayama, Lottie Florence (née Carter), Charley Heywood,

Binkle Jackson (née Moore-Moffatt), Simon Howard-Dobson, Alex Cameron, Robert Lintott, Kim Hamilton. *Front row L-R:* Victoria Wayne, Charlotte St. John Dinsdale (née Wayne), Jenny Howard-Dobson (née Wayne), Adam Howard-Dobson, Alastair Howard-Dobson, Peter Howard-Dobson, Amy Hutchings. *Kneeling in front L-R:* Badr El Shaboury and Tom Whitton. The twenty sixth was Norman Porter, SOF General Secretary, who is churchwarden of St Mary's, Great Bealings, and missed the first half of a vital Ipswich Town match in order to fulfil those duties, before making a dash for Portman Road.

DEATHS

We only have space for brief notices in this Newsletter. Obituaries, when provided, will appear in the 2013 yearbook.

STOP PRESS: It is with much sadness that we report the very recent deaths of **Major General Jack Dye**, Chairman of Governors for many years, and **David Randall**, husband of **Gwen**. No further details are available at this stage.

Benson, Charles (S45-54) on 16th April 2013. There was a private cremation followed by a Memorial Service at St John the Baptist, Cookham Dean on May 9th. Charles worked for Cable and Wireless, was a fine player of jazz music and a loyal supporter of London suppers. He leaves his wife, **Diana**, (diana.benson@talktalk.net).

Bishop, Thomas Wharton (G43-47), on 3rd December 2012.

Cotton, Barry William (S62-69) – presumed to be in early 2013.

Crosbie, Jim – on January 27th 2013, aged 64 after a lengthy illness. He leaves a partner, **Mary Crawford**, a brother and a sister, **Liz Huson**. The funeral was conducted at Putney Vale Crematorium on February 8th. Jim was the Auditor of the OFGS.

Dawson, Robert Guy Spencer (S44-52) on Thursday 21st February 2013 following a short illness. His funeral was on Thursday 7th March at 2.30pm at Mintlyn Crematorium, King's Lynn. The OFs were represented by **John Edwards** and **Ken Mayhew**. He leaves a daughter, **Vanessa (Pearce)**, and a grand-daughter.

Garrod, John Frederick (K49-55) on 9th December 2012 after a short illness. He leaves a widow, **Patricia**, 3 children and 9 grandchildren.



ABOVE: STELLA WITH GRANDCHILDREN PLUS A STEAM ENGINE – ONE OF PAUL'S SPECIAL INTERESTS.

There was a family funeral service, to be followed by a memorial service in Saffron Walden.

Gooderham, Paul Frederick Charles (K51-57). Suddenly, on December 14th 2012 aged 72 He was the brother of **John** (K44-53), **Andrew** (K51-58), husband of **Stella**, father of 7 children and grandfather to 15 grandchildren. There was a family funeral

COLLEGE/BRADESTON NEWS

Paul Baker, Edmund Baker, James Waugh, John Thurlow, John Kerr, James Ruddock-Broyd, Simon Gooderham, Andy Gooderham, John Gooderham, Norman Porter were in the congregation.

Hindley, Angus (Z79-84) – on 22nd October 2012, suddenly, aged 47, on a flight from London to Tokyo. The funeral took place in St Mary's, Woodbridge, and was attended by several OFs. Angus lived in Woodbridge with his partner, Alison, and their two boys, Joe and Tom. Besides Alison and their sons, he is survived by his parents, Stephen and Jenny, his brothers, Nick and Daniel, and a sister, Jane.

King, Peter Aaroe Nigel (S60-65) – in hospital on December 28th 2012. The funeral was on January 16th 2013. He leaves his wife, Tizzy. He had been a lynch pin of the OFRC.

Lloyd-Bostock, Commander Peter Alan Victor (R28-31), at the age of 98, of a heart attack on January 31st 2013. His wife, Elizabeth, died in 2009, and his brother James (OF) 10 years ago. The funeral was held on Friday 15th February at St Peter's Church in Henfield, West Sussex. Bruce Henderson attended and represented the SOF.

O'Donald, Tom (S51-57), on 23rd December 2012 in Seaford, South Australia after a long courageous battle against illness. He leaves a widow, Veronica and son, Tom.

Pemberton, Wendy (Wife of John, Hon OF, on the original Brandeston Hall Staff, and mother of David and Michael, both OFs). She passed peacefully away on January 2nd 2013, aged 87. A memorial service was held in St Mary's, Woodbridge on Wednesday 16th January. The SOF was represented by Norman Porter, Tony Martin, Norman Mayhew and Andrew Alderton.

Rogers, Pam peacefully on February 3rd 2013 after a short illness bravely borne, aged 77. The Funeral Service was held at St Andrew's Church, Rushmere, on February 11th. No black, but a touch of purple was requested, and splashes of purple were indeed evident throughout the very large congregation. Beloved wife of the late Mike, mother of Louise and Jonathan and grandmother to William and Iris. The College 'Prince Consort' choir sang at the service.

Spice, Peter Cecil (33-40) in spring 2013. He was living in Dorset.

Staniforth, Arthur Rowland (S31-39) peacefully in Nazareth House, Cardiff on Friday 8th February 2013 aged 91. Lately of 5 Capel Close, Oxford. The Funeral was held on 18th February at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry near Wenvoe.

Strange, John BL (K51-54), in January 2013.

Underwood, Brian (Hon OF, formerly Head of English, Housemaster, i/c Hockey) – In October 2012, in Florida, the result of a fatal heart attack. He leaves a widow, Jill.



TOP: LAURIE RIMMER'S FOUR SONS AT THE UNVEILING OF THE PLAQUE IN THE COLLEGE CHAPEL. ABOVE: MAJOR GENERAL JACK DYE.

GENERAL NEWS

Commemoration Service for former Headmaster, Laurie Rimmer

It was a great pleasure to see Laurie Rimmer's four sons, all OFs, attending this event, held on Saturday January 26th, in the College Chapel. The whole school was present for the service, including full choir and invited guests, many of them Governors, past Governors and retired members of staff who had served with Laurie. It was one of those fitting occasions when members of the wider school family gathered together, an indication of the impact that Laurie Rimmer had during his time at the College.

After the service Major General Jack Dye unveiled a memorial plaque in the College Chapel annex - a very suitable place, as the addition of the annex was one of the last major works that Laurie Rimmer undertook as Headmaster.

Head of School, Emma Vidler appointed Lord Lieutenant's Cadet: Emma Vidler, currently Head of School, achieved the highly prestigious honour of being selected as a Lord Lieutenant's Cadet. She was unable to attend on the date arranged for the main presentation, but happily, as Lord Tollemache, the Lord Lieutenant, is also a Governor of the College, it was possible for him (pictured below to Emma's right) to present her with her award after the Governors' Meeting on March 18th.



THE ARTS

Bugsy Malone at Brandeston: Tony Lawrence's production of *Bugsy Malone* at Brandeston was said to have surpassed all expectations and to have taken the standard of drama to the next level. He managed to incorporate a huge cast into a variety of cameo roles that flowed seamlessly into a convincing and highly entertaining play and it was hailed as a truly outstanding drama production.

Music

The College has been making its own contribution to Benjamin Britten's Centenary Year. In December the Choir gave a foretaste of its quality in the **Advent Concert**, held in St Michael's Church, as a cooperative venture with the town.

College Choir Tour to Prague: The College Choir went to Prague in February during half-term, the party being made up of forty students and eight staff. The tour started with a Mass at St. Vitus Cathedral, the first British choir to be allowed to sing Mass at the Cathedral in nearly two years. The choir sang four anthems for the Mass and at the end of the service, were allowed to perform a fifteen-minute recital in the Cathedral. After the service, they enjoyed a guided tour of the city of Prague, complete with goulasch.

The next day they travelled to Pisek and performed in Trinity Church. Here they were joined by OF **Christina Johnston**, who currently sings with the National Theatre and Prague State Opera. She sang *Eternal Source of Light Divine* with the Director of Music, Tim Rhodes, accompanying on baroque trumpet and accompanist Geoff Lavery

playing the organ continuo. She then sang Mozart's *Laudate Dominum* with the choir. It was greatly appreciated that Christina had found time in her busy schedule to sing with the Choir. The final concert was at the Chapel Korunní in Prague. An audience of 250 packed the church.



ABOVE: GOTHIC MASTERPIECE – ST VITUS CATHEDRAL, PRAGUE. THE COLLEGE CHOIR SANG MASS HERE IN FEBRUARY 2013.

The programme included *A Ceremony of Carols* by Benjamin Britten, whose centenary is being celebrated this year. We hear that the choir, accompanied by visiting harp teacher, Helen Sharp, performed magnificently and that the audience were generous in applause and feedback.

COLLEGE SPORT

New Sports Appointments

Ben Wright, former College 1st XI Captain in 2010 and 2011, has been recruited to coach hockey at the College along with **Phil Green** who has joined as a Strength and Conditioning Coach.

Ben played for Harleston Magpies for three years in the National League East Conference and in the season of 2011-2012 he was one of the youngest players ever to score fifteen goals in a season. After this success he was scouted for the 2012-2013 season to play for Southgate Hockey Club in north London in the National Premier League where he has played alongside the likes of Chris Hibbert, a former South African Captain, and Dan Shingles, who played for England and Great Britain.

Phil Green is a highly sought-after coach for athletes, young and old and at all levels, from beginners to national players. Phil also consults on physical training and sports performance at several high schools, colleges and a university. Some of the athletes he has worked with have successfully gained scholarships to American universities and others have made national team selections, going



ABOVE: BEN WRIGHT SCORING AGAINST IPSWICH IN 2011.

on to win not only national and European championships but also world championships.

Another OF joins the College Sports Staff: **Katie Tassell** (P83-93) will be joining the College Sports Department to oversee the tennis programme during the Summer Term. Katie brings with her a wealth of experience, as well as a good knowledge of the College. She was Head of Pembroke and captained the Tennis and 1st XI Hockey teams during her time at the College.

Katie has also been heavily involved in the Framlingham Tennis Club programme for a couple of years and is now working closely with Trevor



Wright and Kari Sherington, who have been producing excellent results through all age groups. Katie (pictured left) is currently Suffolk Ladies Champion (nine times) and Captain of the Suffolk Senior

County Cup team for this year, and runs popular cardio tennis classes at Framlingham and Ipswich Sports Club. She is also a practising lawyer, working two days a week in London.

She is married to Guy and has two daughters, Evie and Connie, and lives in Easton.

Hockey

Girls 1st X1 Hockey Captain, **Amy Hulley**, was selected for an England U18 Trial. She joined the Under 18 Group for a half-term training session at



Lillieshall National Sports Centre. Congratulations also to **Saffron Wilford** and **Kitty McWhirter** who were selected as part of the final lineup from which the England U16 and U18 Hockey Teams will

be chosen. Saffron was selected in an initial squad of thirty-six players for further assessment towards this year's England U16 squad. The assessment camp took place at the Lillieshall National Sports Centre in November, and included fitness testing, core skills assessment and decision-making in games. Kitty was selected in an initial squad of thirty-two players for further assessment towards the England U18 squad for this year's European Cup squad. She also attended a two day camp at Lillieshall on the same days as Saffron. Kitty has previously represented England at both U16 and U18 age groups, and scored a hat trick on her debut against Scotland.

BELOW: SAFFRON WILFORD, AND BELOW LEFT, KITTY MCWHIRTER.



BH 1st Boys' Hockey Team had an extraordinary week in early March. They won both the 'IAPS East of England Tournament' at Bishop's Stortford College and the 'East of England Schools' Tournament' held at Redbridge Hockey Club. They went on to represent the East of England at Millfield School later in the month and at Cannock Hockey Club in May.

Anglia Schools Cross Country Championships
The Anglian Schools Cross Country Championships were held in Lincolnshire in February. The highlight was in the Senior Girls event, where **Suzie Reid** took victory with an excellent run. Suzie moved on to the national stage of the competition in March and could well have been accompanied by other successful College runners.

Brandeston crowned English Schools U13 hockey champions
The U13 hockey team were given a guard of honour when they returned from the In2Hockey National Schools Competition, a competition open to every school in the country. They came through a tough group and beat Whitgift School 3-0 in the final. They had previously come 3rd in the Prep Schools Competition.

Normally voluble Headmaster Martin Myers-Allen claimed to have been left speechless. The achievement was given prominence in the EADT. (See below).

Young hockey stars are given guard of honour



■ Brandeston Hall school hockey coach Tom Gregory with members of the Under 13 boys' team who have won the 2013 In2Hockey National Schools Competition. Photo: GREGG BROWN

Triumphant youngsters were given a hero's welcome as they celebrated being crowned the best hockey side in the country. The Under-13 boys' team from Brandeston Hall - the prep school for Framlingham College - were given a guard of honour on their return from the In2Hockey National Schools Competition.

They had already achieved third place in the prep schools' IAPS National Finals but the most recent contest was open to every school in the country. They overcame a tough group and faced Croydon's unbeaten Whitgift School in the final - winning 3-0. Brandeston headmaster

Martin Myers-Allen described the result as "staggering". "I am not known for being short of things to say, but this left me speechless," he said. "I imagine many of these boys will feature significantly in county, regional and national teams as men in the years to come." The school last won the competition in 2002.

WITH THE SERVICES

Golf

Talented golfer, **Lottie Whyman** has been offered a place on the England Development Programme. Lottie was offered one of only four places available. Hearty congratulations to her.

Small bore shooting

OF shooters will be pleased to learn that during the Autumn Term two teams of five were entered into the BSSRA .22 postal Shooting Competition. At the start both teams' shooters were producing results which held them in the middle of the division. However, in the final round their scores were such that they went on to win their respective divisions.



ABOVE: BRITANNIA NAVAL COLLEGE, OVERLOOKING THE RIVER DART

POSSIBLE YEARBOOK ARTICLE FEATURING OF SAILORS

"Ahoj there! Calling all OF seafarers".

Readers will recall that a recent issue of the Yearbook carried a feature on OF flyers. In order to restore the balance between the air and the sea we thought we ought to produce a similar feature on OF Sailors, past and present. There is an honourable roll call of high achievers on the ocean wave, but do please let the editor have details of any OF sailor (RN, Merchant Navy, or other) who should be included. Pictures would be particularly welcome. It is impossible to cover this topic completely, but it would be good to put together as full a record as possible, so please ensure that coverage is comprehensive, and that ocean-going Framlinghamians are paid their due tribute.

Send material (including details about yourself, if appropriate), to the editor:

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A BRIEF 'WITH THE SERVICES' FEATURE

(Main Services News appears only in the Yearbook)

Lieutenant Commander Benvenuto Falat RN

(Fram Maths Staff (1979-82), came across, *'With the Services'*, while browsing around the Internet. He apologized for not having kept in touch, but came up with the following story:

In 2012 he teamed up with **Captain Rob Bellfield**, RN (K81-83), for a two-boat dinghy team racing event on the River Dart at Britannia Royal Naval College. The event, run as an Inter-Command championship, accepted Rob as outgoing Rear-Commodore (Dinghies) and Ben, as

former captain of RN-teams, to compete as an extra team, called, 'The Ancient Mariners'. Sailboat racing encompasses both young-blood fitness and old-n-bold experience, so much so that, as the league of 16 teams progressed, it became increasingly clear that ancient experience might just pull off a creditable result. A hasty amendment to rules-of-engagement at the quarter-final stage, meant that Rob and Ben eventually WON the event prizes, while the top team of serving sailors took the Inter-Command trophy.

Rob is a regular contributor to the old Framboise, and is therefore fairly well-known. Ben joined the Maths Staff in 1979. As a result of his sailing interest, he took over the CCF (RN-Section), while his wife, Veronica, in parallel, started up new opportunities for girls with the WRNS-Section of the CCF. **Fiona Fawcett** (Commander, RN) was a student. She was the Bursar's daughter and lived next door to the Falats! Ben joined the RN not just in same entry as **Peter Craig** (G73-81), whom he had just taught at A-level, but they went through initial Officer training in the same class! So there is no shortage of 'Ancient Mariners', from Framlingham.

THE NEWSLETTER

- DIGITAL OR PRINTED?

Almost all copies of our 2013 Newsletter are being sent out digitally to those with an email address on the SOF data base. This is not only a means of taking advantage of modern communications media, it is also a means of saving significant sums of money.

We have done our best to advise readers of this change and of such measures that they should take if they are to ensure that they continue to receive our mid-year Newsletter. A number of readers have registered their wish to continue to receive a printed hard copy of the Newsletter. This wish will be respected. We have gone to considerable lengths to ensure that the publication, while being designed as a digital production, can also be printed off in such numbers as are required. These copies, pre-ordered by recipients, are being sent through the post as requested.

Over 80s: We shall also be sending, as a matter of course, printed copies to all members over 80, as a matter of courtesy and goodwill, realising that this generation of OFs is the one least likely to be enamoured with modern communications media. Please forgive us, if you are a member of that age group, but one who has warmly embraced the digital world.

We are fully aware that, realistically, there will be significant numbers of OFs who will not be receiving this Newsletter, either because they have not registered a valid email address with the Society, or because their only means of receiving this Newsletter is through the post, and they have not, as yet, alerted the Society to this requirement.

Now that the Newsletter has been published, all that we can do is wait and see how long it takes for would-be readers to realise that they have not received the publication that they expected, and to take steps to remedy the situation.

There are two options:

1. Notify the Hon Secretary (Norman Porter, Rill Cottage, Kiln Lane, Gt Bealings, Suffolk, IP13 6NJ – 01473 735565 – nhp@rillcott.co.uk) that you wish to continue to receive a printed copy of the Newsletter. (We cannot guarantee that this option will be available indefinitely).

2. Contact admin@oldframlinghamian.com to ensure that we have a valid email address to which a digital copy of the Newsletter can be sent. Not only does the Society save money (printing costs and postage) – but we also help the environment in saving many reams of paper!

We very much hope that by one method or another all Old Framlinghamians will wish to continue to receive copies of the Newsletter, and take all appropriate and necessary steps to ensure that this happens. We do our best to ensure that the content of the Newsletter is of interest to all Old Framlinghamians, and that it fills in the mid-year gap between Yearbooks, now published regularly in December.

WE WOULD LIKE TO ENSURE ALL OUR READERS THAT THE YEARBOOK WILL CONTINUE TO BE A PRINTED PUBLICATION FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

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Elected members:

To retire in Spring 2014: Hannah Gunn, Robert Swiney
To retire in Spring 2015: E Binder, J David, R Norman,
J Pearson

To retire in 2016: None, but co-opted: H Gardner and
E Harrington (Retiring Moreau Scholars)

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New Hon OFs:

Elected: L Bryanton; K Bridges
10 year automatic: A de L Alas; C Gassmann; H Russell

Moreau Scholars 2013: Alex Myers-Allen, Charlotte
Gower and Jasper Maberley
2012: L Myers-Allen and M O'Neill. 2011: J E Binder and
S E Mackie

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Representative; D Boatman

Framlingham College Improvements Trust

It is one of the constitutional objectives of the Society to promote the interests of the school(s) in very possible way. It is in that spirit that OFs make donations or leave legacies to the Society. The above Trust exists specifically as a vehicle for such gifts and has charitable status so is able to accept donations under Gift Aid. Should any member be so minded, please direct financial expressions of support for, or gratitude to the College towards that fund. You may be assured that the Trustees will exercise all due discretion over its use.

*Please send any donations c/o D E Mason,
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Extract from the Trustees' Report for the year ended 31st December 2012

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Income and expenditure: The General Account, see page 7, shows a surplus of £3,780 for the year as opposed to a deficit of £1,907 for 2011. The number of leavers joining the Society was lower this year, thus decreasing the income from Life Subscriptions from £12,474 to £11,236. Ninety per cent of this sum is invested in the Life Membership Fund to cover future costs. The net income from this fund increased in the year from £12,093 to £12,568. Likewise Donations to the Yearbook fund increased from £4,496 to £7,875. The Yearbook and Newsletter costs remain steady at £12,917. Renewed efforts have been made to persuade older members, who only paid £5 many years ago to join the Society, to contribute to the Yearbook fund. On-going discussions are taking place with the College to ascertain whether we can share more of our costs. During the year they agreed to pay our insurance costs saving us some £1,450. The balance on the account at the year-end was £9,584 (2011: £5,804).

Dividends, rent and interest, which includes the Life Membership above, decreased from £32,368 to £28,719. This was due to lower interest rates generally and the effect of the £100,000 gift to the Framlingham College 150th Anniversary Appeal. The income from the restricted funds was distributed as scholarships and awards. £4,800 was paid to the continuing successful Moreau scholarship scheme. Cabinets for the Chapel Well cost £1,460. Details of the History of Brandeston Book, the SOF socks, the Norman Borrett book

and Into the Third Millennium publication are given in Notes 7 to 10 in the accounts.

Capital: The Trustees The Trustees are advised in their investment decisions for the Life Membership Fund, Endowment Fund, Wallace Scholarship Fund, Moreau Bequest and the Framlingham College Improvement Fund by Investec Wealth Management Ltd., who work within the framework of an agreed Investment Policy which is reviewed annually. They report to the Trustees quarterly and at other times as they deem necessary. The Trustees are satisfied with the service that they receive. The Trustees pay them a portfolio management fee that is reviewed annually.

The remaining funds' investments, amounting to 3% of the total funds, are deemed too small to be managed by Investec and are held in the Trustees names. They are invested in gilt edged stock or UK collectives.

The Trust Capital Accounts now stand at £693,380 as opposed to £770,208 last year. Despite the £100,000 gift to the 150th Anniversary Appeal they are valued at £883,105 (2011: £896,511), an adjusted increase of 9.08% as opposed to a 5.80% increase in the APCIMS Balanced Income index.

The Society's Financial Statements were approved at the AGM on March 23rd. They are available on the Society's website or by sending a large SAE to the Chairman of the Trustees at 2 Oakwood, Woodcote Avenue Wallington, Surrey SM6 0RD.

PROGRAMME FOR SUFFOLK SUPPER 19TH OCTOBER 2013

3.00pm Meeting of Trustees – Library

4.30pm Finance Committee meeting – Library

5.30pm Council Meeting – Library

**6.45pm Open Item on Council Agenda,
'Future of SOF'** – Library. All welcome.

7.15pm Reception Drink in Pauls Court

7.45pm Buffet Supper. Tables set but no table plan

8.45pm Induction of new Hon OFs by the
President

Followed by 20-30 minutes of Musical entertainment arranged by Director of Music, Tim Rhodes

A pay bar will be open during this time and for the rest of the evening until 11.00pm

Dress: smart casual – jacket and tie

Cost: to include welcoming drink – **£10.00**

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