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# THE SOCIETY OF OLD FRAMLINGHAMIANS

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ABOVE: NEW HON. TREASURER JENNY  
BINDER PICTURED READY FOR A SUFFOLK  
SHOW FASHION-SHOOT.

**A YEAR OF CELEBRATION**

We should give ourselves a collective pat on the back. The year of celebrations marking the 150th anniversary of the foundations of the College as a memorial to Prince Albert has been long in the planning, but the programme of special events has had a powerful impact both within the College and beyond. While it has been the College's celebration, the SOF have been fully involved, and made to feel an integral part of those celebrations and we thank the College, particularly Headmaster Paul Taylor and the Senior Management Team, for that inclusiveness.

The special 150th appeal reached its culmination in the opening of the new Sixth Form area in October by SOF President Richard Sayer. OFs had given generously, both collectively and individually, to this appeal, so it has been good to have heard the enthusiastic reaction to those new facilities from those using them. They really have greatly enhanced, embellished, and animated the very heart of the school.

Spirits soared at the special Carol Service held in the lofty surrounds of St Edmundsbury Cathedral in early December. The Bishop explicitly recognised the strong links between

The SOF Dinner in Pembroke College in March sustained this level of specialness. Some 170 diners, with many from the College joining the Society as part of the celebration, enjoyed a sumptuous meal in historic surroundings. The venue was so appropriate in that Pembroke College originally donated the land on which the College was built, and links between the two have remained strong, not least in that the Master of Pembroke College is an ex officio Governor.

Looking to the involvement of outside communities in these celebrations, The College hosted a Community Garden Party on June 14th which presented an opportunity to underline the interdependence of the town and the College, and of the importance attached by the College to the sustaining of good relations between the two. There was OF involvement in this, in that Robert Beavis OF arranged for a celebratory peal of bells to ring out from St Michael's Church while guests gathered on the front. Looking even further beyond Framlingham, the Norfolk and Suffolk Magazine had a picture on the College on its front cover for the June issue, and a major article inside. The East Anglian Daily Times, under the editorship of Terry Hunt OF, has featured various college-related items in the

course of the past year, bringing news

outset. Parents, students, OFs, Governors and local businesses enjoyed a good day's golf and après-golf, perhaps all the more so because there was a bunker amnesty: the early morning deluge had turned them into small ponds.

And then there was the College Ball held on Saturday 27th June. Space did not allow for many invitations to OFs, but those who were lucky enough to join the 400 revellers drawn from across the generations enjoyed a memorable evening, with fine food and energetic dancing in the specially black-and-gold decorated marquee on The Back.

Smaller commemorative events have taken place over the year. Nick Ross gave a splendid talk on Albert to Year 10 and to Framsoc in the Chapel. 150 sets of commemorative black and gold cufflinks were launched – indeed some may still be available for sale. College teams have worn special 150th kit. A special Albert ale was commissioned, and consumed in significant quantities.

The final illustration of co-operation in celebration came in the shape of the first-ever Creative Framlinghamians Exhibition, held in the new Sixth Form Area. The preview attracted some 200 guests and about 50 creative OFs offered work for the exhibition, which remained open for almost a week. Such was the success of this initiative that we are devoting a special feature to it in this publication.

So – looking back on a memorable year, both the College and the Society can feel that they have done the memory of Albert, together with that of our founders, proud. Underpinned by that splendid book *On an Eminence*, the celebrations have greatly heightened awareness, both within the College and beyond, of the historic origins of the school as we know it today. In 2064/5 this year's leavers should mostly be alive and sprightly in their late 60s, ready to celebrate the 200th anniversary. We trust they will celebrate in style, having held on to evocative memories of how we did it in 2015.

*Norman Porter, Editor SOF Section*



ABOVE: ALBERT'S NAME RECALLED ON OUR SPECIAL 150TH COMMEMORATIVE BREW



**SPIRITS SOARED AT THE SPECIAL CAROL SERVICE HELD IN THE LOFTY SURROUNDS OF ST EDMUNDSBURY CATHEDRAL...**

to a wider audience.

Awareness of this historic year has been nurtured across the world: we have seen a series of hands-across-the-planet suppers and dinners, bringing together OFs in

countries around the world. Chris Essex, our indefatigable Overseas organiser, devotes his special presidential column to details of these events. We are particularly grateful to the College for having sponsored attendance on these occasions to the tune of £15 per head.

The first ever Charity Golf Day held at Thorpeness Golf Club in June, as part of the celebrations, was a great success, despite the attempts of the weather gods to drown it at the

the College and the whole of the county, and the fact that it was the people of Suffolk who had originally contributed the money needed to set up the school. The singing on this occasion was wonderful, led by the stunning Christina Myachina and a large College choir. A full congregation streamed from the cathedral into the December night knowing that they had been part of something very special and memorable.

## DIARY 2016

Events and contacts

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

#### Tuesday 26th January 2016

at The RAF Club, Piccadilly, London.

#### Friday 22nd April 2016

at the Essex County Cricket Club, Chelmsford  
– to be followed by the Society's AGM.

#### Tuesday 5th July 2016

at The Farmers Club, London.

#### Saturday 15th October 2016

at the College.

### DINNER AND SUPPER DATES

#### London Suppers

Tuesday 26th January 2016 at The RAF Club, Piccadilly  
- preceded by Council Meeting. and Tuesday 5th July  
2016 at The Farmers Club. (Organiser Nigel Burnip.)

#### Annual Dinner

Saturday 19th March 2016 at at The RAF Club,  
Piccadilly. (Organiser Simon Dougherty)

#### Essex Supper

Friday 22nd April 2016 at the Essex County Cricket  
Club, Chelmsford, Essex – preceded by Council  
Meeting. (Organiser John Rankin.)

#### Newmarket Supper

Friday 13th May 2016 at the Rutland Arms Hotel,  
Newmarket. (Organiser Michael Smy.)

#### Hertfordshire Cricket Day

Saturday 18th June 2016 at Therfield,  
Nr Royston. (Organiser Tom Wornham.)

#### West of England Supper

Saturday 4th June 2016, *venue to be confirmed.*  
(Organised by Chris Essex.)

#### Special events at the College

**Saturday 25th June:** OF 1970s Reunion Supper, BBQ  
in the marquee on The Back

**Saturday 26th June:** OF v College 1st X1 cricket  
match on The Back

**Saturday 26th June:** Activities including swimming,  
tennis, shooting  
*Full details TBC*

#### College and Brandeston Speech Day

Friday 1st July 2016

#### Northern Gathering

Sunday 31st July 2016. 12.00–18.30

A biennial social event hosted by Douglas Thomson  
(If you cannot make the lunch, tea and cake will be  
served around 16.30).

#### Suffolk Supper

Saturday 15th October 2016 at the College.  
(Organiser John Horton)

#### Norfolk Supper

Thursday 10th November 2016 at The Bawburgh Golf  
Club, Nr Norwich.  
Organisers Colin Wigg and Norman Porter.

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Saturday 15th January,  
Woodbridge Masonic Hall, 5pm start.

Saturday 16th April,  
Framlinghamians Masonic Hall, 5pm start.

Saturday 18th June,  
Saxmundham Masonic Hall, 5pm start

Saturday 29th October, Installation meeting at the  
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Jane Easey at the College or Lucy  
Bryanton at Brandeston.

### Our President – Chris Essex (K69-75)

Chris was born in 1956 in Brentwood, Essex. He went to Herrington House and Widford Lodge before arriving, aged 13, at the College in 1969. He had tried, at both 7 and 11, to go to Brentwood School where his father and two uncles had been, but didn't make it.

### Framlingham

He had to retake his O level year as he only passed in 2 subjects first time round. That meant 6 years at the College. He did finish up with 10 O levels and 2 A levels, but never considered going to university. Chris played 3rd XV rugby (2nd row) and 2nd XI hockey (goalkeeper) and during the summer term played tennis and squash. He also volunteered to be cricket scorer for the Haymakers (3rd XI) because they mainly played local village teams, and usually finished up in the pub! The pinnacle of sporting achievement was twice winning the house hockey competition for Kerrison by saving penalties during the shoot-out. He also played recorder in a production of Noye's Flood, despite never being able to read music! He was Treasurer for the Prefects Club and remembers plucking pheasants in Laurie Rimmer's kitchen, a skill he has never needed since.

### Working life

As Chris was reasonably talented at Maths, Peter Clarke (careers master) suggested he considered becoming an actuary. He was offered 2 jobs with life assurance companies in the City before leaving the College in July 1975 and accepted the one with London Life. He started off in their actuarial department and 6 years later London Life decided to move to Bristol. So he relocated from Essex in 1981. This was a year after marrying Eryl, who'd been brought home by his sister as a Christmas present in 1978 - they worked together at the London Hospital and Eryl couldn't return to Wales for Christmas Day. London Life went through many changes and mergers and Chris ended up as Deputy Managing Director, reporting to a boss in Peterborough. In the end it was decided to close the whole operation in Bristol and to transfer the work to Peterborough. Along with the rest of the staff he was made redundant at the end of 2004. Since then he has continued as a non-exec.director with what is now the Phoenix Group.

### Outside interests - SOF

Ever since leaving the College in 1975, a small group of OFs, including Chris, have perhaps uniquely, regularly attended OF suppers and been involved with the Society. Others include David Carr, John Ellerby, Nick Jacob, John Waller and Tim Mitchell. As long ago as 1976 Chris was a member of Council. Along with Nick Jacob he was, even then, looking at how we might encourage younger OFs to get involved with the Society. This challenge continues 40 years later! About 15 years ago he became one of the members of the website team, alongside Peter Howard-Dobson, Tim Mitchell and Richard Rowe and, more recently, Jane Easey.

Around 2004 he took over as Overseas Bag Editor from his contemporary, Richard Rowe. He has found it hugely rewarding, keeping in touch with all OFs ☺



CHRIS ESSEX ARRIVES IN AUSTRALIA FOR THE 150TH CELEBRATIONS



PRESIDENT CHRIS ESSEX WITH HIS WIFE ERYL ENJOYING A BRIEF BREAK FROM HIS SOF DUTIES – IN AUSTRALIA, APRIL 2015

- ❖ who live overseas from the UK, and has had the opportunity to visit a number of them over the last few years. At the same time he re-started the West of England Suppers which had lapsed for many years. These small occasions importantly give OFs a chance to meet up and share memories.

In 2006 Richard Rowe suggested the creation of a section in the website where we could document the lives and achievements of Distinguished OFs and Chris, typically, took up that challenge with great enthusiasm. Over 700 biographies have now been written, including those of OFs who have given their lives in the service of their country. Chris finds it particularly rewarding when relatives come across these biographies and offer to provide additional information and photos.

Around 2010 Jim Blythe retired after many years service as an SOF Trustee and Chris was honoured to become one of the 4 trustees who look after the Society's finances. With the retirement of David Mason in 2014 he became Chair of

Trustees. Finally in 2015 he was elected SOF President and stood down as Chair of Trustees in favour of fellow contemporary John Ellerby.

### **Outside interests – non SOF**

Chris is Treasurer and chair of fundraising for Saltford (Near Bath) Community Association, where he now lives. As well as doing the books he is now a dab hand at cooking for 160 people! He organises regular reunions for his old firm, London Life. He has also undertaken research into his family history and identified over 600 descendants of his 5 times great grandfather, Thomas Essex, born 1715. He also helped put together a family tree for OF Peter Liell. Finally he enjoys gardening – with good stripes on his lawn – together with cooking and going on holiday with Eryl and the whole extended family.

Chris's experience with, and commitment to the Society, together with his other talents, make him perhaps uniquely well qualified for the position of President of the Society.

## THE SOCIETY'S NEWLY ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT AND HONORARY OFS

### New Vice President Andy Towler



NEWLY ELECTED VP ANDY TOWLER WITH  
FIANCÉE BETTY

Andy was at Fram from 1977 to 1982. Laurie Rimmer was his Headmaster and Stuart Wesley his Housemaster in Rendlesham. He had an interview at Gresham's but his mother was charmed by Laurie Rimmer so there was no choice. He thoroughly enjoyed his time at Fram and although he didn't excel academically, he made up for it on the playing field and having some responsibilities as House captain.

On leaving Fram, he threw himself into a Business degree at Colchester Polytechnic combining this with an apprenticeship with the family business. With his parents based in Frinton on Sea, he kept in touch with Norman Borrett who retired to Frinton, and remembers being asked over for tea one day. The one abiding memory is of the collection of old hockey sticks in his hallway.

In 1986 he ventured up to London and worked with Hambro Countrywide in their residential estate agency division. Working in the late eighties in the property boom gave him an appetite for forging a career in London, and after 10 years on the corporate ladder he set up his own property consultancy business, managing a diverse range of investments and portfolios across central London, with an office based in Marylebone. One of their clients is the largest residential PLC landlord in the UK. Ironically his business partner is also an OF, Toby Hockley, who left Fram in 1997.

Andy's interests include golf, tennis and squash, although his squash racket is about to be hung up. He joined Walton Heath Golf Club a few years ago and is spoilt with having two championship courses to choose from. He has represented the OFs at the Halford Hewitt since 1985 and is delighted to see some new young blood joining the ranks, including Lottie Wyman, the current Suffolk Ladies County Champion. His role in the team, apart from competing, is that of social secretary, organising the accommodation and restaurants.

He and his fiancée, Betty, live in Wandsworth and have just bought a second home in Churchill, Oxfordshire. She's a very talented interior designer, so weekends are spent renovating their project, entertaining friends and exploring the Cotswolds villages and pubs. They are getting married next year in the village and had a baby in October, so with Andy having turned 51 he thought it about time to settle down!

Last year with a number of fellow OFs turning 50 he had the opportunity to catch up with many of his contemporaries, namely Steve Craig and James Haywood Smith, both of the same vintage. He is godfather to their daughters. He has also recently caught up with Chris and Alistair Pattinson, Gavin Cowell, Richard Graves and Phil Alcoe.

In Andy's own words: I'm very honoured and delighted to be asked to be VP of the Society of Old Framlinghamians and hope to meet more OFs that I haven't seen in years at the various London and Suffolk suppers.

### New Honorary OFs Suzie Angove

"I started at the College in August 2004 as an Administrator in the School Office. In 2010 I



then became the secretary to the Senior Team. I grew up and was educated in Suffolk. After leaving school I had numerous local jobs, but then an opportunity arose for me to emigrate to South Africa at the age of 18. I spent the next 22 years living and working in South Africa and had my only daughter there. I was the Receptionist at Hillcrest Primary School, Kwa-Zulu Natal, prior to relocating back to the UK with my daughter. I replied to an advert for an Administrator at Framlingham College in the East Anglian Daily Times three days after arriving back – and 11 years later I'm still here! I recently bought a house and moved to Framlingham which has always been one of my wishes and was the final piece in the jigsaw.

### Bernard Dyer



**...“THE STAFF AND STUDENTS ARE GREAT PEOPLE WITH WHOM TO WORK – THERE IS NO BETTER PLACE”.**

"Prior to teaching at Framlingham College I taught at Holywells (now the Ipswich Academy) as an Advanced Skills Teacher working in a school in special measures. I am married with four children: Amy, Harry, David and Freddie. I teach French at the College and run a squash activity as well as advanced fitness. I am a 4th Dan Black belt kickboxer and I currently enjoy cycling around the beautiful Suffolk and Norfolk countryside on a regular basis. Working at Framlingham College and being Stradbroke Housemaster is simply fantastic! The staff and students are great people with whom to work - there is no better place".



## THE FOWLER BEQUEST

In Memoriam:

**Flight Lieutenant Derek Colin Fowler DFM (G35-40)**



Many OFs will now be aware that the Society has been the beneficiary of a large bequest (One million US dollars), from the estate of the late Mrs Yela (aka Peter) Fowler in memory of her husband, **Derek Fowler (G35-40)**. Derek pre-deceased Yela, so, as a consequence, Yela was faced with the task of ensuring that various items of Derek's memorabilia\*, including significant items from Derek's time in the

Royal Air Force during World War Two, should receive due recognition and be conserved in such a way as to perpetuate his memory. The bequest from a trust set up by her is in acknowledgement of the agreement of the Society and the College to care for those treasured items.

Much of the information that follows is due to the good offices of **Peter Howard-Dobson**, whose aunt, Felicity Griffin



DEREK FOWLER COMPETED IN THE ASHBURTON SHIELD IN 1939, IN HIS PENULTIMATE YEAR AT THE COLLEGE

had been in consistent contact with the Fowlers, and who was aware of the thinking behind the bequest. Felicity, the wife of the late **Paul Griffin (G35-40)**, was the sister of **Squadron Leader Michael Dobson (R34-42)**, whose Obituary was published in 2013 and who was a member of that group of OFs who had fought in the war and who had remained in close contact with one another. She is also sister of General Sir Pat Howard-Dobson.

Derek had been living in Silvaplana, Switzerland, and had maintained contact with a number of his Framlingham contemporaries, some of whom were lucky enough to be flown by private plane into the Fowler's home for hospitable reunions. **David Brook (S36-40)**, who was one of this loyal band, wrote Derek's Obituary for the 2009 Yearbook:

*Derek Fowler died in hospital near his home in Switzerland on 17th October 2008. On leaving the College in 1940 at the age of 17, Derek added a year to his age in order to join the RAF. He was awarded the DFM for sinking an enemy tanker in the Mediterranean in 1942. He was flying a Wellington bomber, which had a crude sighting device in order to launch a torpedo at a very low altitude. In spite of escorting destroyers putting up a thick smoke screen, Derek remained over the target area until the smoke momentarily cleared. He hit the tanker with a violent explosion and set it on fire. Later in the war Derek piloted Lancasters as a Pathfinder over Germany. In 1962 he met and later married Yela "Peter". On retirement he lived in Silvaplana, Switzerland. Derek and "Peter" owned a Citation 1 twin-jet aircraft and in 1994 they flew Wendy and me from Stanstead to Samedan, Switzerland. This entailed losing several thousand feet down a gorge, which to me was uncomfortably narrow, but was the only way to enter a particular valley. The airfield had no landing aids, due to the many minerals in the nearby mountains, which would have resulted in false indications on the instruments. But with Derek at the controls and his over 10,000 flying hours this was no problem. Derek is survived by his wife "Peter", two sons who are both professional pilots and a daughter from his first marriage.*



An obituary, very similar to the one written above by David Brook, appeared in The Times on 26th November 2008.

Yela added that:

*"Derek was simultaneously the private pilot for both Onassis and Niarchos until they had a disagreement, and Niarchos bought-out the DC 3 for his personal use flying between St. Moritz, Nice, Paris, Athens, London and so on. Derek was stationed in St. Moritz, in winters, and in Nice and later on in Athens during the summers...for the rest it was a bit of a gypsy life. I often flew with him as stewardess and enjoyed meeting the fancy people we carried. Derek flew for Niarchos for 32 years and when he retired at 60 years of age, in 1983, I started flying as well. We bought a Cessna 182 Skylane, and then exchanged that for a twin-engine Piper Navajo, then exchanged that for a small jet, the Citation 1 S/P and also bought a Hughes 500E helicopter. We flew wherever our fancy took us... to the USA, Oman, Mexico, you name it! As you can see we had a very happy and privileged life!*

THE CRUCIFIX PRESENTED TO HIM BY THE COLLEGE CHAPLAIN ON HEARING THE NEWS THAT DEREK WAS TO JOIN THE RAF

*Derek died of Prostate Cancer on October 17, 2008 at 85 years of age. I don't know whether it is of interest or not, but Derek was stationed at Shallufa, Malta and ultimately at Downham Market. The rest I do not know. However I do have photocopies sent to me by the MoD, and the Archives at Kew, that describe all of that, plus movements and bombing activities over the Mediterranean and Germany. What is seldom known is that*



**...IN SPITE OF A THICK SMOKE SCREEN, WHICH COMPLETELY ENSHROUDED THE CONVOY, SGT FOWLER REMAINED OVER THE TARGET AREA UNTIL, FOR A FEW MOMENTS, THE SMOKE CLEARED AND THE TANKER BECAME VISIBLE. HE IMMEDIATELY FLEW IN TO CLOSE RANGE AND ATTACKED WITH TELLING EFFECT.**

*bombing flights over Germany carried yellow cages with two homing- pigeons in case of lost communications due to crash landing etc. What amazing advances have been made in Aviation since."*

The website has an article about Derek in the Distinguished OFs Section, which Yela helped to write and that contains some information additional to the above, so we publish it in full, even though some of the information may be duplicated.

*Derek was born on 9 July 1923 and was just 17 when he joined the RAF immediately after leaving the College. He lied about his age in order to join and therefore he was one of the youngest pilots to serve in WW2. During the war he served with Bomber*

*Command's 38th, 69th, 77th and 635th squadrons. He flew Wellingtons, Halifax 1 & 2 and eventually flew Lancasters on the Pathfinder Force . On 1 January 1943 he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal. His citation in the London Gazette (see below) reads "One night in October 1942, this airman captained an aircraft which attacked a convoy consisting of a merchant ship, a tanker and 2 escorting destroyers. In spite of a*



*thick smoke screen, which completely enshrouded the convoy, Sgt Fowler remained over the target area until, for a few moments, the smoke cleared and the tanker became visible. He immediately flew in to close range and attacked with telling effect. A violent explosion occurred and it was subsequently learned that the tanker was on fire. This airman has completed many sorties and has always displayed outstanding zeal and determination." After the war he realised he knew little else and therefore decided to make a career of flying. At first he joined BOAC, then went on to West African Airways Corporation before joining Transair in Croydon, flying newspapers and lobsters to Brussels and Paris. When Transair furnished a DC3 Dakota for executive luxury travel, he was seconded to fly both Aristotle Onassis and Stavros Niarchos, until the two shipping magnates had a disagreement and Niarchos bought the Onassis share of the arrangement. He and his crew of four became directly employed by Niarchos, where he loyally remained for the following 32 years. Aircraft were being changed and upgraded all along. From the DC3, there followed the Grumman Gulfstream 1, then a Gulfstream 11, then the Dassault Mystere 20, followed by a Learjet (that after an explosive decompression episode in which Niarchos passed out, was immediately sold!). Then followed another Mystere 20 and then the Boeing 737 and later on the Boeing 737-200 series. Many seats were removed and these aircraft were all adapted for passenger comfort and luxury. The larger ones had full galleys and incorporated full king size beds.*

After Derek's death his widow, Yela, had the difficult task of ensuring that Derek's memorabilia were assured of safe keeping after her own demise. She contacted both Southwold Museum and Duxford to see if they might be interested, and received a negative response. It is unlikely that there was mention at that stage of a significant bequest to go alongside the memorabilia. This was also the case when Yela contacted the Society through the channel of Felicity's nephew, Peter Howard-Dobson, who, in turn shared with Hon Sec, Norman Porter, the information that Yela was looking for a home for

ABOVE: DEREK'S MEDALS AWARDED FOR HIS 'OUTSTANDING ZEAL AND DETERMINATION'. BELOW LEFT: THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING MEDAL

## THE FOWLER BEQUEST

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- ❖ items of sentimental significance and which might also be of interest to the Society or the College. Pictures of the items concerned were duly sent and it was then agreed informally that, when the time came, we would take all due responsibility for them. The whole matter then disappeared off the Society's radar for two or three years.

Then, almost out of the blue, in February 2015 the Hon Sec received a letter from a lawyer in Liechtenstein informing the Society, through him, that "your esteemed Society should receive the sum of \$1M US Dollars in commemoration of Derek Fowler." There had at that stage been no news of the death of Yela. We were simply asked to designate the bank account into which this sum should be payable. This was duly done.



ABOVE: A NAVIGATIONAL 'COMPUTER' INSTRUMENT USED BY DEREK FOWLER IN THE RAF

The next dramatic revelation came in April when Michael Smy, the Trustee overseeing various Trustee accounts, was flabbergasted to discover an unexplained positive income of £675,000. That set in train an extraordinary sequence of events.

Chris Essex, newly elected President at our Essex Council Meeting passed on news of this windfall to all those attending the AGM in April, and promised to seek the views of Council members as to how the windfall should be deployed. It was quickly established that the College had certain capital priorities, so, while Council members were invited to offer their views as to how the money might be shared amongst a combination of College projects: the refurbishment and extension of the Pavilion complex, College bursaries, or a capital project at Brandeston, it was widely agreed that we should not tell the College exactly how the money should be spent but, in accordance with the principles of the Society, hand over a significant sum of money and leave the College to make the final decisions as to how it should be spent. Some three dozen members of Council contributed to this email debate.

Almost inevitably there were divergent views. As a result, a major item on the July Council Meeting agenda was to debate two proposals put forward by the Trustees to establish support for a single final resolution which could be put to Council. In the event a vote was taken and a large majority came out in favour of passing over £500,000 to the College, rather than handing over a much smaller amount, and retaining a significant amount of money within the Society's own accounts in order to fulfil more fully its charitable functions.

It has essentially been agreed that the sum of money to be

handed over, once all due diligence has been completed regarding possible taxability, would secure naming rights for the new pavilion complex, together with the naming of a bursary project in Derek's name, and possibly a project at Brandeston Hall, which was attended by Derek's two sons, with whom all contact has been lost.

This decision assumes that we will establish that there is no tax liability. This is proving extremely complicated to confirm, given that Yela was a UK citizen through marriage to Derek, lived in Switzerland, was non-domicile in the UK, the funds came from a trust in Liechtenstein and she possibly retained US citizenship by birth. The Society is being expertly helped by OF Nick Jacob. No monies will be passed across to the College until this has been resolved to our satisfaction.

Assuming a successful outcome, this has presented the Society of Old Framlinghamians with an exceptional opportunity to support the College, and the Society is proud to be in the position to do so, coming, as it does on top of the gifting of around a quarter of a million pounds to the 150th appeal. The officers of the Society wish to assure members that discussions have been full, time-consuming and conducted at a high professional level and hope that members will share their keen anticipation of what has been made possible by this unexpected injection of funds. They also wish to assure members that the financial position of the Society itself is secure, subsequent to the recent agreement with the College. This extraordinary gift, coming as it does in memory of one whose links with his former school friends not only survived a world war, but lasted a lifetime, shows the strength of those bonds. It will contribute to the strengthening of a school which continues to promote, and then, through the SOF, to underpin friendship amongst all those who attend it.

We ask our readers to consider this featured article as part of our collective tribute both to Derek himself, and his achievements, and to his widow, whose generosity has provided the Society, and through the Society, the College, with a bequest virtually unparalleled in our joint history.

*Norman Porter, Hon Sec SOF and Editor, SOF Section.*

### \* List of memorabilia:

Photographs of Derek in uniform; recent informal photograph; flying instruments; medals; DFM; crucifix presented to him by the College Chaplain on hearing the news that Derek was to join the RAF; photographs of College teams, including Ashburton; water colour of the College; 2 old prints of Framlingham Castle. (Most, but not all, are now in our possession).



## BOOKS

### 1865–2015 – Australian/New Zealand Dinner – Commemorative Book

*This stirring book was specially produced for the Australian/New Zealand commemorative gathering in the Hunter Valley, in New South Wales, just North of Sydney, on April 19th 2015*

The black and gold cover instantly proclaims the link between College celebrations and those in the Antipodes. The Dinner also commemorated the 100th anniversary of the Anzac landings in Gallipoli. The book was put together by prolific author, and co-host for the occasion, **Chris Shaw**, and designed by **Chris Keeble**. **Mike Garnett**, the other co-host, contributes an illuminating item on the importance of Gallipoli in the Australian psyche and history.

The book contains messages from OF Officers, **Chris Essex**, **President**, **Simon Dougherty**, **Past President**, **Richard Sayer**, **Immediate Past President**, and **Norman Porter**, **Hon Secretary**. There are also messages of support from the two Headmasters, **Paul Taylor** and **Martin Myers-Allen**. Those messages in themselves are articulations of, and testimony to the strength of the bonds that bring Framlinghamians together.

Chris also invited guests to send in stories about incidents that “could never have happened” back in the UK. Thirteen respondents produced 22 stories between them! The stories provide a wonderful insight into what it is to be an Australian and to have an Australian outlook on life. Poisonous snakes and floods feature prominently, as does a tribute to Len Evans, viticultural pioneer. Len’s widow, Trish was guest of honour at the Dinner.

This book is a thing of beauty. It is not just a programme for the occasion. It is, as one would expect from **Chris Keeble**, beautifully designed. Chris also sourced many of the illustrations and images. The contents have a literary quality, and present a beautiful blend of nostalgia for the old country and pride in the new. **Chris Shaw’s** introduction is a literary achievement in itself, a veritable hymn to those who sometimes take for granted much of what we enjoy in the British Isles. Indeed British readers may find themselves moved by the vividness of the memories and emotions that



can be stirred on the other side of the world. They will certainly have an insight and better understanding of Australia and its inhabitants once they have read the stories relating to life in that country.

This book is a worthy and tangible monument to the celebrations of 2015 and deserves to be read by many more than the 56 OFs and partners who were lucky enough to be present at the Sebel Kirkton Park on 19th April 2015. It comes in a limited edition, so will be a rare souvenir of a special celebration in a special place.

### Gladiator Ace – the story of Bill “Cherry” Vale, the RAF’s forgotten fighter ace

*By Brian Cull. Haynes Publishing  
ISBN: 978 1 84425 657 0 Published 2010 –  
foreword by Andy Roberts (G73-79), Bill’s grandson.*

Bill Vale is described as one of the top ten RAF fighter pilots but one who has remained surprisingly unsung, perhaps because so many of his exploits were in the Western desert, in Greece and in Egypt. In all, Bill shot down 30 enemy aircraft, plus 3 shared. Brian Cull has rectified this in this well researched book, and grandson **Andy Roberts** (G73-79) recalls some childhood memories which fully endorse the image of Bill as a man of heroic proportions.

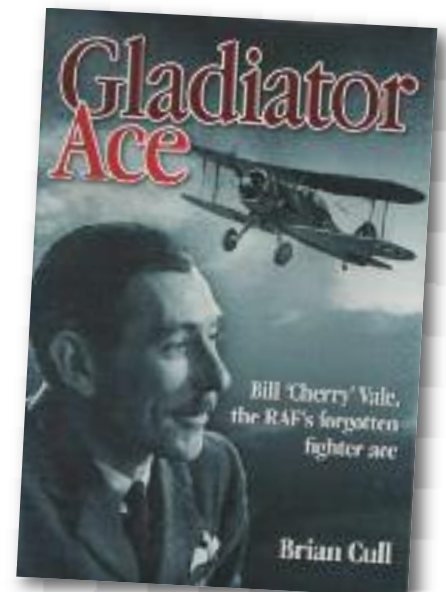
Bill was tragically killed in a car crash in 1981, while not driving, leaving behind no written account of his life, but just a log book from which the story of his flying achievements could be deduced. He flew Gladiators and Hurricanes, finishing up as a heavily decorated fighter ace with DFC and Bar, AFC, MiD, Greek DFC to his credit.

William was born in 1914, the son of **Sergeant-Major (Nips) Vale**, whom older OFs may remember from their days in the CCF. William and his father shared a talent for marksmanship. William entered the College in

1923, as a 9 year old, was particularly good at Maths and Science, and was a keen sportsman, excelling at most sports, particularly hockey and shooting. He left in 1930 –

shortly after the death of his mother – and was accepted as an RAF apprentice at Halton. On completion of his training he was posted to Martlesham Heath, then an experimental establishment. There was also time for sport, and Bill represented Suffolk in 1934/5 and had an England trial. He was a member of the RAF shooting team. In 1935 he was accepted for pilot training and was posted to Hamble Flying School, and then Abu Sueir in Egypt. He earned his “wings” in 1937, and became a fully fledged fighter pilot in 1938 – his skills were soon to be fully tested.

For details of Bill’s war-time operations readers must turn to the book, but the scale of his achievements must be judged by the awards that he won. After his operational career ✚



**...GRANDSON ANDY ROBERTS (G73-79) RECALLS SOME CHILDHOOD MEMORIES WHICH FULLY ENDORSE THE IMAGE OF BILL AS A MAN OF HEROIC PROPORTIONS...**

## BOOKS

continued

Bill moved into the family house in Framlingham (Mount Pleasant) and in the early 1950s he and his family moved to Bridge Street. His father, "Nips" Vale had remained at the College during the war and for a few years after that. Memories of him are recalled by **Jim Blythe and Trevor Trevethick**. He died in 1957, aged 74.

As for Bill, he was facing various challenges and moved to Nottingham where he joined Hawker-Siddeley as an engineering inspector. He maintained a taste for fast cars. By the late



BILL'S HURRICANE FEATURED THE FRAM CREST BEHIND THE COCKPIT ACCESS HATCH

1970s he was working for Hermitage Engineering, a company specialising in the manufacture of aerospace components. On retirement he remained in Nottingham, not far from Trent Bridge, and remarried. Just nine months later, with his new wife Kay, driving, their car was hit by another emerging from a side road, and Bill died instantly from multiple injuries. He was just 67. Having survived so many actions in war, it was tragically ironic that he should have perished in such a way. He would have been delighted that his grandson followed the family tradition and attended Framlingham College. Not only that, but he too, was Captain of Shooting.

### **My Life as a Miracle – by The Wizard (aka Ian Channell 1942-45)**

*Cambridge University Press*  
ISBN: 0-908812-73-6

The 2014 Yearbook introduced readers to the official Wizard of New Zealand. For the three years of his Framlingham education, and for a few years after that, he was known as Ian Brackenbury Channell. After an extraordinary series of confrontations with the orthodox antipodean authorities he eventually persuaded them to allow him to abandon that identity and to become officially re-styled The Wizard of New Zealand. He even has a passport identifying him thus. So - addicts of Harry Potter wizardry, or anyone nostalgic for the days when wizards were routinely consulted, will find this book fascinating.

Ian Channell is a Framlinghamian with a difference. The book charts his unconventional path through life, taking in his three years at Framlingham – “a college of young gentlemen where manners and character were more important than swotting or salary”, Bromley Grammar School, and Leeds University (he took part in the first rounds of University Challenge”. He then spent time in the RAF as a navigator, embarked on much nomadic travel and discovery, (including a stay in Iran where he, nominally a Christian, found himself teaching Jews in an Islamic country), and then landed a job in Western Australia where he established a reputation as a colourful anti-establishment Sociology teacher around the time of the student rebellions of 1968, championing what he called the “Fun Revolution”. His final move was to New Zealand, where his activities led to his becoming elected both as official Wizard, and, on the way, “Dictator”. He has devoted much of his later life to wizardry, and, as mentioned in the 2014 Yearbook, has received national recognition for his high profile craft through his appointment as national Wizard of that country. He has even received the Queen’s Medal for services rendered. He has established himself as “a living work of art.”

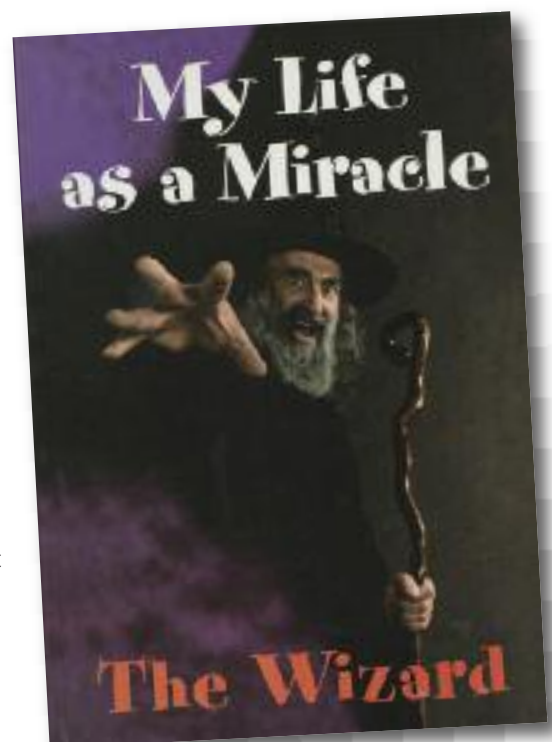
As might be imagined, this book is not short on zany egocentricity, but there is a genuine championing of creative anarchy. His services have been sought for influencing the outcome of sports matches and the weather. The Wizard’s love life has

been avowedly non-conventional, but, to the amazement of his devotees, he did eventually marry. “The Wizard” attended the 150th gathering in Australia, and appears on the guest list as “Jack – the Archwizard”. It is not known whether his presence had anything to do with



the mighty storm that followed immediately after the dinner. If anyone is labouring under the illusion that a Framlingham education creates a standard end-product, then this book will kill that illusion stone dead!

**...IF ANYONE IS LABOURING UNDER THE ILLUSION THAT A FRAMLINGHAM EDUCATION CREATES A STANDARD END-PRODUCT, THEN THIS BOOK WILL KILL THAT ILLUSION STONE DEAD!**



## CREATIVE FRAMLINGHAMIANS EXHIBITION

The Creative Framlinghamians Exhibition was held at the College June 27th – July 1st 2015

### Introduction

As far as we are aware, this was the very first exhibition of its kind, bringing together the work of creative Framlinghamians from across the generations, and embracing many and varied genres. Much prominence has been given over recent years to the achievements of Framlinghamians in the fields of sport, music and drama, but much less so to those who have made their mark in creativity, notably in art and design. It was high time that this was rectified, and the range of quality of exhibits in this Exhibition provided strong visual justification for the decision to make it one of the central strands of the 150th celebrations. The newly opened Sixth Form area provided an apt and ideal setting for the celebration of Framlinghamian creativity.

the face of broader cultural opposition – the ethos of many schools in the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s was not conducive to artistic endeavour, particularly if it was seen as a possible future career objective. Art was viewed rather more as a pastime than as a path to a possible career. But the creative spirit is not easily stifled, and even in those years Framlingham was producing young men, and later women, who moved into creative lines of work. This exhibition was an opportunity to show that they had moved into the mainstream. And they responded, in large numbers, and from all age groups.

The whole of the Art Department became involved in this enterprise, together with former Art teachers, and Head of Art at Brandeston Hall, Bob Williams, who had various contacts of his own. Chris Keeble, himself a designer of known repute, offered to help with the design and staging of the exhibition. Jane Easey, our Liaison Officer, and Hon Sec, Norman Porter were also recruited to help with the on-site



ABOVE: CAROLINE MALLETT (RIGHT) IN CONVERSATION WITH MARK CHAMBERLAIN

arrangements, while the input of Martin Brown from the Design Department in constructing the display boards was central to the plans. Further input came from Susan Wessels, in her role of being in over-all charge of the 150th programme, Tom Huggins (Marketing) and Jamie Mayhew (IT).



### Organisation

An exhibition on this scale demands much planning, and organisation. Caroline Mallett, about to retire from her position as Head of the Art Department, was able to look back on her contacts with several generations of former students and to activate those contacts with a view to bringing together a display which would do justice to the range of creative talent that the Art Department has produced over the years.

Some of the older creative Framlinghamians may well have followed their artistic careers in



ABOVE: EXHIBITORS AND GUESTS MEETING FOR PRE-EXHIBITION DRINKS  
LEFT: BOB WILLIAMS WITH DARREN MCLAGAN IN THE EXHIBITION AREA

In the event, work was exhibited from the following, and all provided profiles which were duly put together and printed out for the information of visitors. We can only provide here a very brief indication of the type of work that was to be seen, and apologise if we have, by so doing, distorted the original artistic profile: ➤

**Exhibitors**

**Baba Agba** (G07-09) Cinematographer, Lagos, Nigeria  
**Helena Anthony** (V08-13) Student Set Designer  
**Brett Bailey** (K58-65) Painter, Canberra, Australia  
**Paul Broad** (BH69-73 staff) Teacher and Fine Artist  
**Jack Bullen** (G03-08) Painter and Printmaker  
**Madeleine Bryant** (P02-07) Interior Architect  
**Bethany Burgogne** (V02-09) Artist  
**Mark Chamberlain** (K03-08) Graphic Designer  
**David Chow** (K88-92) Photographer  
**Matthew Cooke** (Z90-98) Cinematographer/Lighting Artist  
**Robin Dunlop** (S75-82) Aviation and Yacht interior designer  
**Ruth Elwood** (P80-84) Landscape Designer  
**Guy Gardner** (M79-84) Graphic Designer  
**Ben Hayes** (R96-06) Architect  
**Hazel Harrison, née Flack** (M88-97) Printed Textile Accessories  
**James Hood** (G06-12) Student Graphic Designer  
**Aki Hayashi** (M99-01) Graphic Designer, New York  
**David Jakes** (G90-97) User Experience/Interface Designer  
**Tom Jarrold** (R06-11) Furniture Maker  
**Chris Keeble** (S53-59) Designer, Retro-lamp Restorer  
**Becky Kerridge** (M02-10) Student Milliner  
**Rosy Lawrence** (V92-06) Art Teacher  
**Chris Lenton** – Current Head of Art, Brandeston Hall  
**Mathew Longfellow** (K73-78) Documentary Film Maker  
**Robert Marsh-Feiley** (S75-82) Architect  
**Will Marston** (Z95-97) Fine Art Printing  
**Sophie Martin** (BH94-98 staff) Painter  
**David Mayhew** (R87-92) Photographer, Chicago, USA  
**Darren McLagan** (K74-79) Bespoke Carpenter  
**Andy Morgan** (G86-91) Automotive Photographer  
**John O'Sullivan** (Z86-96) Virtual Reality Designer  
**Bruce Pearson** (G62-67) Artist and Printmaker  
**Poppy Pritchard-Barrett** (V97-09) Shoe Designer  
**Barry Purves** (R68-73) Director, Designer, Writer, Animator  
**Sarah Reece** (V86-95) Jewellery Maker, Qatar  
**Peter Rodolfo** (R70-75) Painter  
**John Ross** (M68-77) Photographer  
**Isabella Singleton** (V05-09) Textile Designer  
**Simon Stacpoole** (K90-02) Sports Photographer  
**Susie Turnbull, née Scorer** (M91-96) Occupational Therapist - Design Research  
**Flynn Warren** (K03-08) Photographer  
**Bridget Weller-Poley** (M09-14) Student Photographer  
**Jack Wass** (Z94-98) Photographer and Painter  
**Bob Williams** – Head of Art, Brandeston Hall (73-01)  
**Polly Williams** (M02-08) Illustrator  
**Susie Yates** – Head of Art, Framlingham (88-91)

**College Art Trail**

The richness of the College's artistic heritage is probably not as widely appreciated as it should be. This is probably because the various artefacts and pictures are scattered throughout the College. It may also be because so many of us take them for granted.

As part of the celebration of creativity it was decided that an Art Trail should be set up taking visitors around the College and giving them the opportunity to view, and perhaps better understand, the range of works on offer. The whole enterprise was also much enhanced by the generous loan of two items from Castle House Museum, in Dedham, the former home of Old Framlinghamian, Sir Alfred Munnings, sometime President of the Royal Academy, and by other temporary loans from friends of the College.

**The pictures that were available for viewing around the trail included:**

*Portrait of James Mason Martin* of Framlingham (1876-1960) by Leonard Squirrell. Kindly loaned by Tony Martin (G47-55).

James Martin (1888-1894), was a generous benefactor to the School and the Town in unobtrusive ways and was a Governor and Member of the Corporation for many years.

*Portrait of JR Simpson, Commander R.N. (Rtd)* c.1969. By Brenda Moore (1909-1996) Kindly loaned by Helen Chapman.

John was a Governor of the College in the 1980s and President of the Society of Old Framlinghamians in 1975. He retired from the Royal Navy in 1961 and became a management consultant. He lives quietly, in retirement, in Framlingham and is now in his 97th year.

*Portrait of Wilfred Gilchrist* 1967. Oil by Frank Lisle (1916-86) kindly loaned by Stephen Gilchrist.

In his final year at the College Wilfred (K20-21) designed the Front Cover of 'The Framlinghamian' that was used for the thirty year period 1922-52. He was sometime President of the Federation of Master Process Engravers. Bob Williams (Hon OF), Second Master at Brandeston Hall 1971-1999, is a nephew of Wilfred Gilchrist.

*Portrait of Sir Patrick Howard-Dobson GCB* 1976 – pastel, by Sarah Beazley-Cunnington (b. 1953). Kindly loaned by Peter Howard-Dobson (R65-69)

Sir Pat was one of our most eminent Old Framlinghamians. An outstanding school and army career ultimately led to an action-packed retirement. He had a 6 year stint as National President of the Royal British Legion. He loyally served the Governing Body of the College for some ten years, chairing the Board from 1987-91.

5 pictures of views of the College and the town, including a painting by Leonard Squirrell of the castle in the foreground and the College behind – loaned by Tony Martin.

Watercolours and etchings of *Framlingham College* and *Brandeston Hall* by Leonard Squirrell.

Sketches by Sir Alfred Munnings – *Tink the Carrier* and *Sam Farthing Sleeping*.

*The Flowerdew Charge* – an oil sketch in preparation for the painting commissioned by the Canadian Cavalry Brigade. (Loaned by Munnings House Museum).

*Framlingham Castle* by John Piper. Silkscreen and mixed media print.

*Under Starter's Orders* – a Munnings print

An oil painting of *Alfred Munnings* aged 18 by CB Nurse. (Loaned by Munnings House Museum)

*Presidents of the SOF: Captain GC Elliston (1890 -1892), HH Le May (1891-1895) and CH Scott* in a group portrait by Francis Hodge, and hung in the Royal Academy. This was commissioned by Hugh Le May, brother of HH Le May.

A painting by Francis Hodge of *Colonel EP Clarke*

A painting of *Alfred Pretty* by John Gray

*The Flowerdew Charge* – a photographic copy of Munnings's painting.

*Operation Jericho* – a pictorial account of Percy Pickard's raid on Amies.

*The Battle of Moreuil Wood* – recently donated by Ron Shrank

*Painting of David Foreman* by W D Hutchison. David was a steward at the College for nearly 50 years and is the central figure of a group in The Crown Hotel, Framlingham. The picture was hung in the Royal Academy Exhibition of 1935.

**As well as the items mentioned above the tour included:**

- Naturally, *the building*, designed in 1863 by architect Frederick Peck
- *The Turret Clock*, a gift from Frederick Peck, to a design for which the makers were awarded a prize.
- *Statue of Albert* by Joseph Durham (1814-1877), 1865, in copper.
- *The Athlone Theatre*, originally opened in 1964, and refitted inside in 2006.
- *Elephant tusks*, on loan since 1931, they originally belonged to Hugh Le May (1895-96)
- *The Armorial bearings of Sir Patrick Howard-Dobson*
- *Altar frontal*, a gift from former Headmaster, Stanley Porter, in memory of his wife, Doreen Porter
- Various sculptures: bronze busts of *Emile Moreau* and *Dr Inskip* by Edwin Whitney-Smith (1880-1952), bronze of *Montague Rendell* by Basil Gotto.

Caroline Mallett wrote out a full guide for the full tour, and this carried notes which are far more detailed than it is possible to reproduce here. She acknowledges the invaluable help given by Tony Martin. The full trail notes give a good idea of the wealth of paintings, artefacts and sculptures that are to be found within the College walls. Many of them are integral to the history of the College and its benefactors.



**And finally – Caroline Mallett**



We would like to pay a warm tribute to Caroline Mallett as she moves into retirement. The final term of a career can sometimes be seen as an opportunity to wind down and to enjoy retirement parties. Not so

Caroline. She threw herself into this Exhibition, and was committed to the task of preparing it over a period of many months. It gives us the opportunity to thank her for what she has given to the Art Department over a career spanning many years, and particularly for having brought together the work so many creative Framlinghamians in an exhibition designed to be a central part of the College's 150th celebrations. The career paths of many of those who contributed to the exhibition not only reflect, but also are explicitly rooted in the start that they were given at Framlingham.



**1** SOF PRESIDENT CHRIS ESSEX WITH WIFE ERYL. **2** SIMON STACPOOLE. **3** NORMAN PORTER CHECKS QUALITY OF TOM JARROLD'S FURNITURE. **4** BARRIE FLACK WITH SUSIE TURNBULL. **5** ROBERT MAYHEW (LEFT) WITH ROBIN DUNLOP. **6** DAVID JAKES AND HAZEL HARRISON. **7** CHRIS KEEBLE AND MADELEINE BRYANT. **8** BRUCE PEARSON WITH STUART JARROLD. **9** SOPHIE ROGERS, NORMAN PORTER AND JOHN RANKIN. **10** DAVID WYBAR AND JAMES MABERLY.



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### SOF 150th Anniversary Dinner – Pembroke College, 28 March 2015

There was a preliminary report on the 150th Anniversary Dinner in the June Newsletter, but we include here the speeches made as they are of archival value. Over 170 OFs, partners, staff, governors and friends of the College gathered in the historic surroundings of Pembroke College to celebrate 150 years of the College. Guests had come from far and wide, some entrusting themselves to a coach specially laid on by the College, others taking advantage of this special opportunity to stay in Cambridge. It had been agreed that speeches were to come before the meal, and that they were to be short and to the point.



ANNIVERSARY DINNER GUESTS LISTEN ATTENTIVELY TO THE SHORT SPEECHES PRECEDING THE MEAL AT PEMBROKE COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE, IN MARCH 2015



SOF PRESIDENT  
RICHARD SAYER  
DELIVERS HIS SPEECH

singing of the college song. So would you all be upstanding and... No, don't worry – it's not going to

happen: after some debate with the Headmaster we decided with great sadness that without Gareth Malone to rehearse this 174 strong choir, the result would be a complete disaster.

Thank you, Sir Richard for your hospitality to us tonight – in your wonderful Hall – a special occasion for all of us. Thank you, Simon Dougherty, for organising this evening so beautifully – with true RAF precision.

150 years ago the first pupils began their education at the College, built on land owned by Pembroke College. It was 10 April 1865, and serendipity has played its part – on 10 April this year we will be holding our AGM at Chelmsford. At that meeting I will have the pleasure of handing over the Presidency to my successor, Chris Essex, who will do a fantastic job. Through Chris' efforts tonight's dinner is but one amongst almost a score of OF celebratory dinners held and to be held across the world, this 150th year.

The College has shared its celebratory events with the Society – the Carol Service in Bury Cathedral with 1000 people present was an inspiring event, and we are sharing our dinner tonight with the College. It is good to see governors, staff, senior management and very senior management. "Sharing" is the new watchword as the

consular duties for the Romanian government, saved the lives of in excess of 52,000 Jewish people otherwise bound for Auschwitz. Those OFs were heroes, but Fram is actually about unsung heroes – its ordinary pupils – all of us. It has, over 150 years, produced a stream of fine, ordinary, pupils who go on to make a serious contribution to society – to fulfil that wonderful Christian aim of striving to leave the world a better place than when they entered it. Today under Paul Taylor your College, our College, is producing a host of students who will succeed in that aim.

It has been a privilege, and a lot of fun, to have worked for the Society for these last 2 years alongside some great people running a really impressive school.

### Headmaster's Speech



HEADMASTER PAUL  
TAYLOR ON HIS FEET

Thank you Richard, not only for your fine words this evening, but also for the pivotal role you have played as President of the Society over the past two years. Richard alluded to the re-booting of the relationship between Society and College; what he failed, of course, to mention is quite how critical his own role has been – and continues to be – in

that. Thank you: we are all greatly in your debt.

It gives me great pleasure to reply on behalf of the College, and of course of Brandeston (and Martin Myers-Allen is very sad not to be able to join us this evening; typically, he is currently in Morocco with a group of Brandeston pupils, once again giving up his time to share his passion for life).

It really is an honour to be able to join you all for this special occasion. You will have heard me before say how much I value the very close bond between the College and the Society; the community that is our school is a richer, deeper and more textured whole because of our relationship.

There is, of course, no better place for us to mark our 150th anniversary than here at Pembroke, and I too am very grateful to Sir Richard for his generous hospitality tonight. Quite simply, without *this* College our College would not exist. However, the relationship has not only been about the land that was so generously donated at our foundation. Sir Richard himself is the latest in a long line of Masters of this College who have sat on our Governing body, and if Sir Richard's very real involvement in the school is anything to go by, this is no token ex-officio role.

One of the proudest legacies of this relationship is the long tradition of Pembroke Scholars. Since our foundation – and not, I stress, as a result of recent government prompting! – we have always had six Pembroke Scholars in the College at any one time that are on 100% means-tested scholarships, enabling some exceptional young boys and girls to access a Framlingham education when they would not otherwise be able to do so. Even in my brief time at the College I have seen 3 Pembroke Scholars, for example, who have gained places at Oxford and Cambridge and 3 be either Head of School or Head Boy/Girl; while out of our six current Pembroke Scholars we have one who has gained a scholarship to a leading Conservatoire; one who reached the National Final of the Poetry by Heart Competition here in Cambridge just last week (and he is a 16 year old in an under 18 competition); one who was part of the Under 14 hockey team that are National Champions; and one who

### President's Speech

A very warm welcome to you all to the Society's annual dinner. It is 115 years since our first dinner when the society was founded in 1900, but records indicate suppers were held earlier. A copy of the Supper Menu for 1880 shows a typical snack of the period of seven or eight courses, copious bottles of wine, and importantly, the

Society and the College re-boot their symbiotic relationship, an inter-dependent, inter-twined, friendly, joint enterprise. It was not always thus, but let us not dwell on the past and instead say thanks to the great good sense of the individuals who put this new relationship into being: my predecessor, Simon Dougherty, our marvellous Hon. Secretary, Norman Porter, the College Finance Director, Nick Chaplin and the Headmaster, Paul Taylor.

Last Monday Norman and I joined the Headmaster and senior staff to welcome back to the College, after very many years, its only Test cricketer, David Larter, who very kindly donated a selection of his English cricket memorabilia – blazer, sweaters, ties. For those of us who were at the College during his time and subsequently, he was a sporting hero. The College has had other heroes: in April last year a group of 20 OFs, friends and spouses visited the battlefields where two of the three OF VCs were won. In the College chapel last week I looked at the replicas of those VCs on display there. The chapel also houses a panel memorialising an OF who was as great a hero, if not greater: Prince Constantin Karadjia who in the Second World War, in the course of his diplomatic



ABOVE: GUESTS OF ALL GENERATIONS ENJOY RECEPTION DRINKS AT THE PEMBROKE COLLEGE ANNIVERSARY DINNER

has been selected to tour the USA with the National Independent Schools Rugby Squad. Pembroke College gave this school the greatest of kick starts, but it continues to raise our collective gene pool through these scholarships that continue in their name.

So I am so pleased that we are here this evening to mark this important anniversary. I suppose it is no surprise that, as an historian, I rather like anniversaries. They offer one the chance to reflect on where we have come from; to take stock of where we are; and to commit to where we want to be in the future. They also make one acutely aware both of one's responsibility and of one's place in the scheme of things. In this respect, anniversaries are profoundly humbling, and are a reminder that a Head is but a temporary custodian of any school, and is well advised to take into account a school's provenance as a significant factor in formulating any plans for the future.

Talking of the future, from the very start of my tenure as Headmaster – and long before that – I have been conscious of the OFs' desire to see some development of the pavilion area. I am delighted therefore to be able to share with you this evening the

fact that we now have a commitment to build a Function Suite alongside the pavilion, and this will also serve to form a SOF room where we will be able to mark and celebrate the many fine Old Framlinghamian sportsmen and women. This is now the principal strategic priority for the school's executive and we are currently considering architect's plans, and hope to be able to share approved plans with you by the Autumn. All very exciting.

This evening, however, is about celebrating our provenance alongside our present, and it really is a heartening sight to see so many faces, from so many generations, gathering to share their association with our very special school. It only leaves me to thank all those involved in organising this evening's supper. To Nick Chaplin, who has been so supportive of this venture from its very conception, and to Dan Wood and Jane Easey who have spearheaded things from the College; To Chris Keeble, who so often has given his considerable design expertise free of charge to the College and whose work is evident in our splendid menu cards this evening; to the indefatigable Norman Porter who has done so much on so many fronts; and, above all this evening, to Simon Dougherty, who really has made this evening happen. One of the fun spin-offs of anniversaries is the merchandise we produce, and hot off the press I have here a pair of anniversary cufflinks (and here comes the ad...), and I think it is only fitting if I ask Simon to come up to receive the first pair as a small token of gratitude for the enormous amount of work he has put into this evening on all of our behalves.

Thank you Simon, thank you everyone, and enjoy this evening!

**Grace - Specially written for the occasion by Norman Porter, Hon Sec of the Society:**

A Grace is a Thank You for friends, food and fun; It's something we say in more ways than one. We can say it in Latin and sound quite pretentious, Or stick to plain English and not be contentious. But Albert, a German, was why we were founded, So *Danke fur Essen und Trinken in Ordnung* sounded. Whatever the language, we give thanks aright For the gifts of our founders, without whose foresight Neither we, nor our victuals, would be here tonight. *Amen.*

**Essex Supper 2015 - 10th April 2015, Essex County Cricket Club**

John Rankin very generously gave up much time to organise this Supper, even though he knew that he would not be able to attend. The fact that the AGM preceded the supper meant that there was a good turn-out of OFs. The special surroundings of Essex County Cricket Club are an additional attraction.

Attending: Chris Bellamy, David Carr, Bill Collard, James Dougherty, AVM Simon Dougherty, John Ellerby, Chris Essex, Eryl Essex, Charlotte Gower, Peter Howard-Dobson, Andy Howell (Guest of James Ruddock-Broyd), Jasper Maberly, Norman Mayhew, Tim Mitchell, Alex Myers-Allen\*, James Ruddock-Broyd, Norman Porter, Richard Sayer, Clive Smith, Michael Smy, Chris Sneath, Michael Spencer, Ivan Stedman, Janet Stuart, John Waugh, Andrew Wright. (26)

**London Supper – Tuesday July 7th 2015, The Farmers Club**



ABOVE: GUESTS TUCK IN AT THE LONDON SUPPER WITH WELCOME UK VISITOR IAN HOWARD - 3RD UP ON LEFT.

Sometimes we have text without pictures (see below). Sometimes we have pictures without texts. We had a number of pictures of the London Supper, but chose this one as it gives full frontal coverage of newish Vice President, Ian Howard, normally resident in Hong Kong, and organiser of Hong Kong Suppers, but a very welcome visitor to London. It also gives a pretty good view of the sustenance provided.

The highlight of the evening – begging the President's forgiveness – was the talk given by Neil Flowerdew on the circumstances surrounding the award of the VC to Gordon Flowerdew, his great uncle.

**South East Supper – 25th September 2015, Piltown Golf Club**

A convivial evening was enjoyed by reduced numbers partly due to an earlier-than-usual date, with many potential diners abroad and the unfortunate clash with Governors Strategy Day.

The President travelled from that event in Suffolk to experience the homely surroundings

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of the Piltown Golf Club. The speciality of the house changed from 'boeuf' to excellent Slow Cooked Mediterranean Lamb, followed by the usual delicious desserts and well chosen cheeses. **Andrew Wright**, as sponsor, said we were in an unusual building, as the golf club is possibly the only one where the kitchens are bigger than the dining room. He welcomed us all and spoke briefly about the 150th Appeal, the Moreau Scholarships and the SOF financial agreement with the College.

President **Chris Essex** gave a comprehensive speech on current and developing SOF and College matters. Some personal points not published elsewhere include his mentioning that his day of election will always be remembered as it was the very day 150 years ago that the first boy walked through the College entrance in April 1865. Chris commented that, as today, he is usually the youngest OF in attendance at branch suppers but at the initial Hamburg supper (for the 150th year) he was the oldest, except for the Hon Sec and that, amazingly, there were 36 OFs present under the age of 40. As the pioneer and constant updater of the worthy 'Distinguished Section' of the website, he found in the centenary period of the Great War that that he was receiving some two enquiries a month from relatives of servicemen chronicled in that section.

Supper Secretary **James Ruddock-Broyd** gave a short update of further researches by himself and Bill Collard into the final Mission of Grp Capt Pickard in 1944 and the question of rightful awards. James said 22 OFs had apologised and wanted to come another time.

Those present were: Chris Essex (K69-75), Richard Albright (G55-61) and Claudia, John Barrett (R42-46) and Anne, Bruce Henderson (S46-50), Roger Marriott (S50-55) and Jill, John Newson (S52-60), James Ruddock-Broyd (G46-52) and Christine, Andrew Wright (R48-57) and Margaret and Doreen Goodchild, guest. *PS: Such a good time was being had by all, that no-one prompted the Secretary to take a photograph!*

### Mike Garnett's Speech at Commemorative Dinner on 19th April 2015

At Sebel Kirkton Park, Hunter Valley, NSW  
(See *President's report of this Dinner*)

A very warm welcome to everyone. I have to say that the planning and effort that has gone into this dinner has been both enjoyable and ultimately rewarding – since you are all here! My involvement, believe me, was minuscule in contrast to the effort put in by Chris and Rebecca. It was a pleasure to work alongside them for the past three years. We have also had the good fortune to have available to us the advice, suggestions and help from Chris Essex.

My written contribution to the Framlingham College 150th Anniversary and the ANZAC centenary celebrations is in the commemorative book, so there is no point in duplicating that. However, there is no doubt that Framlingham College played its part during the Great



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War, at the conclusion of which the college endeavoured to find out how many old boys had joined up. They were able to confirm 957, but there may well have been many others they were unable to contact. Additionally, thirty masters and staff joined up, as did the President of the Corporation, Lord Stradbroke, and six of his governors.

I would like to tell a little story that has an unusual Framlingham/ANZAC association. Thirty-five years or more ago, whilst driving an alternative route from Melbourne to Adelaide, I stumbled across the small township of Framlingham, which was named after our own in Suffolk. It is located just on the Victorian side of the border with South Australia and, incidentally, is not far from the township of Rendlesham, which is just the other side of the border. I made a detour to find this Framlingham, and once there I took photos of the church, school and the few other buildings left, which I sent to General Inskip or Tom Saul. These pictures are hopefully still on record in the archives because I later learnt that the entire hamlet had been virtually obliterated in the Ash Wednesday fires of 1983.

The nearby Framlingham Aboriginal Reserve was set up as an Anglican Mission by the Church of England in 1861 and closed in 1916. However, there is still an aboriginal, (or part-aboriginal), community living in the area.

During the Great War, military regulations stipulated that aboriginals could only enlist if they had sufficient European descent. Interpretation could be quite fickle. In one instance two brothers tried to enlist with only one being accepted; the other being rejected for not having sufficient European descent. Now, these current celebrations of ours led me to investigate whether anyone from the Framlingham, Victoria Reserve, succeeded in enlisting for the Great War. There was one, whom I consider to be quite a hero. He was a part-Aboriginal by the name William Reginald Rawlings and he was born in 1890 at the

later, during the capture of Vauvillers on 9 August 1918, Private Rawlings was killed in action.

To my knowledge, William Rawlings, whose photograph I have located, was the only enlistee from the Framlingham reserve, and he now rests in a French cemetery where maybe no one is aware of his existence. His is, perhaps, one of the many lonely graves that has lain undisturbed and unknown for nearly a hundred years. Would it not be nice, if we, from Framlingham College, somehow adopted this hero as one of our own, and, if we can locate his grave, perhaps a visiting OF would one day place a poppy or two on it? After all, we all called Framlingham home, even if we were separated by some 12,000 miles.

Finally, I have had some involvement in the ANZAC commemorations in country Victoria. Although my limited service background was Air Force, I became intrigued about the formation of the early Mounted Rifles at the nearby town of Kyneton, dating back to the 1860s. While amalgamations of these military units inevitably took place, their grandchildren and great grandchildren were those members of the Australian Light Horse who made the famous charge at Beersheba, which was then ruled by the Ottoman Empire in the Great War.

Last year, a project, with which I became closely connected, came to fruition with the unveiling of a Light Horse Statue at Kyneton. I attach a photo that shows this fine statue.

This brings me to a small presentation that Chris Shaw and I would like to personally make to the College, and we hope that it will form a central table decoration at important events,

especially whenever there is any involvement of Australia or New Zealand. It is of an Australian Light Horseman, who is unarmed and totally non-aggressive! Chris

Shaw, would you join me, and together we will request Chris Essex to receive it.

*The statue – pictured left – was subsequently handed over by our President to the Headmaster, Paul Taylor, and is now proudly displayed in his study.*



**Suffolk Supper – Saturday October 17th 2015, at The College**

Almost 100 guests attended the Suffolk Buffet Supper which followed on the various Suffolk meetings of Trustees, the Finance Committee and Council. Following on the inaugural meeting of the Young OFs committee in the afternoon – attended by 23 of our U30s – we had an excellent attendance of younger OFs at the supper, complementing the very good representation of stalwarts, and some very welcome new faces.

This was not an occasion for speeches – apart from the President’s welcoming our new Hon OF, Suzie Angove, and passing on very

best wishes to recently retired members of Common Room – Chris Hobson was the only one able to be present.

**Tim Rhodes**, Director of Music, very kindly provided entertainment in the shape of a splendid brass quartet, whose contribution was a rousing version of the Queen hit, *Bohemian Rhapsody*. The talents of **Albert Scholar** and talented trumpeter, **Jack Gionis**, were displayed to great effect.

One special, maybe even historic feature of the evening was the presence of one of our oldest OFs, **Ken Mayhew** (R29-34), seated alongside his great grandson, **Jack Richards** (G06-11). That was very special, and reflected the

dynastic presence of the Mayhew family at the College over many years.

Our thanks to **John Horton** and **Jane Easey** for organising it all, to the College catering staff for a top value reception drink and buffet meal, all for the princely sum of £10, and to the College for hosting us.



ABOVE: A GROUP OF YOUNGER OFs AT THE COLLEGE SUPPER. BELOW: L-R, ANDREW PAYN, MICHAEL SMY, KEN MAYHEW WITH GREAT GRANDSON JACK RICHARDS. THE RECENTLY INSTALLED DUPLICATE MEDALS OF GRP CAPT PICKARD DISPLAYED ON THE WALL BEHIND



‘RAF PAST AND PRESENT’: THE IMPRESSIVE WINDOW IN THE RAF CLUB, PICCADILLY.

**Annual Dinner 2016:** Past President Simon Dougherty has once again kindly agreed to organise next year’s Annual Dinner. The arrangements are as below:

**Date:** 19th March 2016

**Venue:** The RAF Club, 128 Piccadilly, London W1J 7PY

**Timings:** Club Bar (Ground Floor) (reserved for our exclusive use) opens at 6pm  
AGM (Ballroom First Floor) 6.15pm–7pm  
Pre-dinner Drinks–Pay Bar–Club Bar 7–7.30pm  
Dinner–Ballroom–Diners invited to take seats 7.30pm

Bar Extension until midnight

**Dress:** Black Tie or equivalent for ladies

**Cost:** £50 per head for a 3 course dinner, coffee, including 1/2 bottle of wine.

The first 20 OFs aged less than 30 on 19th March 2016 will receive a 50% discount on their tickets.

The details and application forms were published in early November 2015 and the cut-off for applications is 29th February 2016. Cancellation without financial penalty will be allowed until 11th March 2016.

The College will be laying on a minibus which will depart from the College, and on which limited places will be available to OFs. If you would like to take advantage of this means of travel, please contact Jane Easey at the College. Jane will also help to organise dinner bookings. The Society will, as usual be inviting a number of guests.

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## INTRODUCING OUR NEW PRESIDENT - and his plans for the Society

I was somewhat daunted to be elected your President on the exact 150th anniversary of the very first boys going through the doors of the College on 10 April 1865, and to be the first of the 1970s leavers.

Firstly, on behalf of all OFs, I want to thank **Richard Sayer** most warmly for his 2 years in office. He has been President during a period which has seen a very fundamental change in the way in which the Society functions, and, together with his predecessor **Simon Dougherty**, has been responsible for building a wonderfully warm relationship with the College and in particular, **Paul Taylor**. Richard is also a very rare OF in having served twice as President. Only Herbert Pretty, our founder, has also done 4 years as President and that was way back in 1900, 1901, 1902 and 1925. As you will hear later, I'm delighted to say that Richard has agreed to perform an important role with younger OFs going forward.

You will read elsewhere a more detailed résumé of my background, but I think I'm unique as President in wearing a number of additional OF hats – Trustee, OB Editor, member of the Website Admin team and compiler of the Distinguished Section and supper organiser. I have immensely enjoyed all of these roles and will continue to do so during my time as your President. I also intend to draw on the knowledge and experience of these different roles to be at the forefront of what I would like the Society to achieve during my time as President.

I left the College 40 years ago this summer and together with a small group of contemporaries have, perhaps uniquely, come to OF events continuously ever since leaving. Sadly for most of those 40 years we have all too often been the youngest attending. Most OFs take a 40 or 50 year break after leaving! So, coupled with my role in keeping in touch with all OFs living overseas, my desire is for us to grow our OF Family in 2 ways – regionally (both here and abroad) and age-wise.

Firstly, in regional terms, I am looking to encourage more events in the UK like the successful Devon/Cornwall supper in early 2015, and, of course, more overseas. Importantly these allow OFs to come back into the fold, some not having attended any OF event before in over 50 years, as exemplified by 3 OFs attending in Exeter. In terms of overseas events, you are hopefully aware that, to mark the 150th anniversary, I have been pestering OFs overseas to organise events around the world and you will read on pp111/112 a summary of all of those events. Hopefully, once held, the new events in the UK and abroad will become annual or bi-annual events and grow each year bringing more OFs back in touch. I'm personally very grateful to the College for providing a subsidy this 150th year to help get these events off the ground. To enable these events to happen more easily and give the website team some more work, I want to strongly encourage you to check that we have up-to-date information for you and, really importantly, that we have an e-mail addresses.

In order to keep communication costs down for reunions it is essential that we increase our email population. If you haven't already done so we would ideally like you to register on the website for full access to all the information there, but in any event please email [admin@oldframlinghamian.com](mailto:admin@oldframlinghamian.com) with your current email address if we don't already have it.

In terms of growing the OF family age-wise I'm passionate about increasing the involvement of younger OFs. This is a very old chestnut that we keep trying to crack. If you read Les Gillett's *Second Sixty Years* (available now to read online!) you will see I was on a working group back in 1976, looking at getting more youngsters involved! Whilst a small group of us have continued to come to events for the last 40 years, as I mentioned earlier, we have sadly been so often the youngest coming over that time. I'm therefore delighted about a number of recent initiatives that I hope will make a significant difference:

1. Firstly the setting up of a Youth Committee, as suggested by Nick Whitehead (K06-11). Their first meeting took place at the College in October 2015. As their meetings are likely to be held alongside Finance Committee meetings, I'm delighted that Richard Sayer has volunteered to work with this new committee to help get it established.
2. Secondly I'm hugely excited by the introduction in July this year of 17 new OF Prizes at Speech Day which have been specifically designed to reward a range of activities while at the College and importantly to reward a continued involvement in some way with the Society in the 3 years following.
3. Through the new financial agreement with the College we will be offering 50% subsidies to a number of under-30 attendees at each event.

From personal experience I'm a firm believer that if OFs can be persuaded to get involved and come along to events on leaving they will continue to support them. Some of you will know how daunting it is to come along to your first event in 10, 20 40 or 50 years since leaving.

Finally on this particular topic, as the first President to leave in the 1970s I will also be working with **Jane Easey** at the College to organise an event targeted at getting more of my lost 70s generation back into the fold. This event will take place at the College on Saturday 25th June 2016.

There are just a couple of other things I want to mention, before giving a summary of all the overseas events this year. Whilst I will remain an active Trustee I felt it was best not to continue as Chair, especially given my other roles, and I'm very grateful to my fellow trustees in asking **John Ellerby** (G67-75) to take over as Chair. Also, given that I live between Bristol and Bath, I will also be relying more than normal on Past Presidents and Vice Presidents to attend some functions in my place, but I promise to attend as many as I can, both here and abroad.

Following is a brief summary of all the wonderful overseas events that have been organised this year to celebrate the College's 150th. I'm hugely grateful to all the organisers who came forward and I very much hope they will continue to be organised going forward, with some events perhaps on a more regional basis, as in Australia and Germany. You can read the full reports on each of these events on the website.

If anyone would like to come forward and organise an event in their area, either in the UK or abroad, please get in touch with me and I will be happy to assist.

## 150TH ANNIVERSARY OVERSEAS DINNERS

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### **Mallorcan 150th Anniversary Dinner – 15th March 2015**

The first of many 150th anniversary overseas events was held in Mallorca on 15 March 2015 and we have a selfie from our President at the time to prove it. From left to right - Michael Evans (S45-48), Ian Foster (S46-53) and SOF President Richard Sayer (S56-61). A very relaxed affair with not an OF tie or pair of socks in sight!



### **Hong Kong 150th Anniversary Dinner – 25th March 2015**

The 150th anniversary dinner in Hong Kong was held at the Windsor Room of the Hong Kong Club. The occasion brought together the following 10 OFs: Standing - Robert Holland (Penang) (K57-65), Henry Tang Shiu-yuen (K03-10), John Ting Yu-hin (G02-09), Chris Hall



(G62-69), Richard Rowe (S65-74), Keith Williams (R63-67), Ian Tsang Cheuk-hei (K02-09). Sitting - Jacqueline Lam (V97-01), Moira Theulier (M91-93), Athena Choi (V02-03). Richard Rowe made a great effort to

travel from China in spite of many difficulties, including being drenched in water by a faulty hose and waiting for his clothes to dry! Nevertheless he made it! Ian Howard (S57-62) was unusually absent but did manage to attend the 150th dinner at Pembroke College Cambridge instead.

### **South African 150th Anniversary Dinner – 8th April 2015**

Mike Bullock (R55-59) organised a very successful 150th anniversary dinner in Johannesburg, South Africa. The venue was The Wombles in Parktown North. The occasion brought together the following: standing - Anne Campbell, James Campbell (M74-82), Mike Hood (K84-90), Susan Wessels (Senior Deputy Head). Sitting - Mark Gooding (G79-83), Katyala Maine (K84-89), Adam Phillips (G78-83) and Mike Bullock (R55-59). A great time was had by all attending and there was a determination to have another South African dinner soon.



### **Dubai 150th Anniversary Dinner – 15th April 2015**

Continuing the 150th anniversary events, a small reunion was held in Dubai on our way to the Australian 150th event. Present from left to right were: the newly elected SOF President Chris Essex (K69-75) and his wife Eryl, Ed



Marr (G85-92) and his wife Junko. Also present should have been Robert Craig (R63-70) but unfortunately his short 30 minute plane flight across from Muscat got delayed by over 3 hours!



Despite his three hour delay Robert did still complete his flight across and arrived in Dubai around midnight. Chris and Ed met up with Robert for breakfast the following morning, where Chris presented OF socks. Ed had also asked me to bring across a set of the special 150th anniversary cufflinks which he wore for breakfast (see picture above).

### **Australia/NZ 150TH Anniversary Event – 19th April 2015**

After 3 years in the planning by Chris (K50-56) and Rebecca Shaw and Mike Garnett (R53-55) this weekend reunion took place in the Hunter Valley at the Sebel Kirkton Park Hotel. The dinner was held to commemorate both the

150th Anniversary of the opening of the College in 1865 and the 100th Anniversary of the landings at Gallipoli in 1915. Fifty six guests attended, including Chris and Eryl Essex, Simon and Maggie Dougherty and David Ashton (Deputy Head of Academics) from the UK, Stephen and Aileen Sayer (S58-63) from Oman, David and Fran Newson (S54-63) from

North Island New Zealand, and Jack Channell (42-45), the Arch-wizard of New Zealand from Christchurch. The honoured guest was Trish Evans, representing her late husband Len Evans (G42-48), the legendary figure of antipodean wine.

Some guests arrived on the Saturday, and gathered at Twines Restaurant, which was within walking distance from the hotel and was hosted by Simon Narroway (G72-75). On Monday, there were games of Golf, wine and cheese-tasting, ☺



56 GUESTS ATTENDED THE AUSTRALIAN/NEW ZEALAND 150TH EVENT, ON 19TH APRIL 2015, IN THE HUNTER VALLEY

shopping and getting to know the Valley, and each other. On Tuesday, when most were going home, there was the worst April storm on record with parts of the hotel left underwater and 300,000 homes without power for up to seven days. Happily all made it home safely.

**San Diego 150th Anniversary Weekend – 24th-26th April 2015**

Jules and Nick Arthur organised a wonderful weekend of events in late April 2015. The weekend kicked off with a cocktail party with food hosted by Jules and Michele at their home on Guy Street, San Diego on Friday evening. This was followed Saturday lunchtime by a beach party hosted Nick and Paddi Arthur at the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club. Again food and drink were kindly provided by the hosts and there were optional activities such as kayaking, surfing and boche ball that you don't get at your average OF event in the UK!

Back row left to right : Jules Arthur (K75-84), Jenny Darney-Lane, Nick Arthur (K57-64), Steve Darney-Lane (Z78-85), Anthony Cowan (R55-64) and wife Jenny, Irina and Paul Martin (S81-86). Front row left to right Michele Arthur, Giles Townsend (K59-67) and Anne Landa.

Giles's wife, Anne Landa, Duncan Lumsden, Michele Arthur, Caspar Zafer, Steve Darney-Lane, Nick Arthur, Jenny Darney-Lane, Paddi Arthur, Anthony and Jenny Cowan.



**Toronto 150th Anniversary Dinner – 3rd July 2015**

The first Canadian SOF Supper in 150 years was held on a warm, dry evening at the Queen and Beaver Public House in Toronto, Canada. Julian Bayley (S50-53) was the first to arrive after a 205km drive in from Western Ontario. Old friends 'canoest' Patrick Vincent (R47-51) and Brian Mayhew (R46-52), looking very spritely, sauntered in shortly after and joined hotelier/organiser David McMillan (K54-58).

Some in-depth reminiscing and serious name-searching ensued. Brian's return from the UK only 72 hours earlier and an 85 km drive-in spoke volumes. Common denominator names included memorable masters Haig, Bailey and Borrett with many crossover student names

dug up from the early and late 50s. Fifty percent of the OFs attending wore sporting bright, drip-free OF ties from start to finish and despite the consumption of

reasonable quantities of Fuller's London Pride, all were upright as they strode out into the night with multiple memories re-awakened.

Left to right - Patrick Vincent (R47-51), Brian Mayhew (R46-52), Julian Bayley (S50-53), David McMillan (K54-58)



**Hamburg 150th Anniversary Weekend – 10th-11th July 2015**

This weekend was enthusiastically organised by Kim Dickel (M97-98) and Jens Kippenberger (G91-92) and included a dinner organised at Jens' sailing club (Nordeutscher Regatta Verein), an Alster boat trip, a meal and a few beers at the oldest brewery (Groniger) and finally a pub tour for those still up to it!

Of all the previous OF overseas events organised, this one in three ways surpassed all others. Firstly there were 37 OFs present, which is more than any other overseas event and even in the UK is only exceeded by the Annual Dinner and the Suffolk Supper. Secondly, they were the youngest OF group ever assembled with ages ranging predominantly from 16 to 40 with just myself and Hon Sec Norman Porter, and Richard Rowe (on a flying visit to Germany for work) older. And finally it was great that the current Headmaster, Paul Taylor and his wife Amanda were also able to attend.

Kim, Jens and I share a hope that this will be the first of many OF events around Germany and we will provide all the help and support we can to anyone prepared to organise future events around this huge country. A number of possible volunteers came forward on the night, so watch this space.



**...THERE WERE OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS KAYAKING, SURFING AND BOCHE BALL THAT YOU DON'T GET AT YOUR AVERAGE SOF EVENT IN THE UK!**



Then in the evening it was cocktails at sunset followed by dinner at Eddie V's in La Jolla, where most attendees were staying. From left to right: Giles Townsend, Nick Arthur,

**Uganda 150th Anniversary Dinner – 7th July 2015**

A couple of days after Speech Day 2015, staff and pupils at the College departed for Uganda in the latest of a series of 'Journeys of Self Discovery'. Led by Martin Myers- Allen, he was also accompanied from the College by Susan Wessels and Chris Hobson. Prior to leaving, Martin contacted OFs in Uganda and at the same time OFs were meeting for the London



Supper, Martin, Susan and Chris were meeting up with Chris Bagnall

(R89-99). They met at the wonderfully named Red Chillli Lodge in Kampala.

**Alaskan 150th Anniversary Event – 8th August 2015**

Just when we thought the last SOF Overseas event to celebrate the 150th anniversary had been held, I heard from Nick Carlton (G63-70) that a celebration was held in Alaskan waters on Saturday 8th August 2015.

Nick, as many of you will know, is a long standing Captain with Princess cruises and is currently captaining *Grand Princess*. On board for this latest cruise was OF Bryan Pearson (S45-47) and his wife, Celestine. Bryan is the only OF based in Hawaii and has cruised with Nick as Captain a number of times.

They decided to have an impromptu lunch to celebrate the 150th Anniversary in what was fittingly called College Fjord, which is the northern sector of Prince William Sound. At latitude 61 degrees North this is definitely the most northerly of the 150th celebrations and in fact the most northerly OF event ever. They were also the only overseas event to have a special cake!



**Framlingham/Brandeston singers continue to make their mark, at home and abroad.**

Christina Johnston-Myachin is winning hearts from the Czech Republic to China, and those who heard her at the special 150th Carol Service on Bury Cathedral will know why.

Ed Sheeran seems have become the greatest individual pop phenomenon of all time, playing to packed audiences at the largest possible venues.

Laura Wright sang in what she described as the absolutely "electric" atmosphere of Twickenham in the Rugby World Cup Opening ceremony in September, describing it as the highlight of her career.

And now, at a more embryonic level, we hear that **Ralph Taylor**, son of Headmaster, Paul Taylor, has launched his first EP – and that his inspiration for song-writing and performing was listening to some of his father's favourite music. Anyone who has attended a Cabaret evening at the College will know that the stream of emergent talent is seemingly endless. All credit is due, not only to the College Music Department over the years, but also to the prevailing ethos which encourages and stimulates such creativity.

*Detail on some of this now follows:*



FROM TOP: RALPH TAYLOR, CHANTAL CLELLAND, OLIVIA CASTLE



It was good to hear from former Director of Music, **Rob Goodrich** (pictured above with Christina Johnston), who brought us up to date on recent events and moves. He is now living up in Norfolk in Wymondham where he is Director of Music at Wymondham Abbey, amongst other jobs. He recently conducted a concert in Norwich given by the

Wymondham Choral Society. The programme included his own Requiem which was originally written for, and performed by the Framlingham College Choir in St Michael's, Framlingham in May 2003. The soloists on that occasion were **Christina Johnston and Chantal Clelland**, and he was delighted that Christina and Chantal had agreed to perform

once again in the 2nd performance of this work, some 12 years on.

Rob also passed on the news that he was getting married in Wymondham Abbey on the 25th of July and that and that two OFs **Christina Johnston** and **Olivia Castle** would be performing as soloists. Clive Norton was lined up to offer support on bass. (See Notices)

Christina is based in Prague, and had the following reported in the Prague Post, under the headline: *Opera culture is more accessible in the Golden City.*



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➤ Opera singer **Christina Johnston** says she would love to be based in her home country but there is simply much more opportunity in Prague.

"Prague has a lot more cultural enthusiasm for opera than England. In England you have this stereotype that it's for people who have money, and here it is young people, old people, no matter where they are from," adding that London, with a population of more than 8 million, has two opera houses, while Prague with a population of 1.25 million has three opera houses. Her favorite venue in Prague is the State Opera. "As a little girl it is what I dreamed an opera house would look like," she said.

She also finds the atmosphere in Prague less competitive. "So many opera singers here are so wonderful and so down to earth. It has always been a pleasure to work with people in the Czech Republic. It has been a team effort. In England there is a lot more competition."

She also said she is probably treated a bit better, since she is a foreigner here. "I feel very lucky to come here and be accepted," she added.

Her voice, a coloratura soprano, is very specific. "There are not very many operas that I can fit in. It is interesting to have the voice I do," she said.

She has been slowly making a name for herself in the region. After her performance this summer in Don Giovanni she will go on a tour of Slovakia with a quartet. She has done the tour before. "In smaller towns, the whole town is going to come. The place is so full you have people standing outside. It makes you feel really humble. You are the entertainment for the week and you can make a really nice night of it," she said.

Aside from the music, she puts emphasis on her appearance. "I think the costume is just as important as the music. One of my teachers in London said there was a survey... and the first thing the audience remembered was what you looked like and what you were wearing, and the next is how you sounded," she said.

Currently she is recording her first solo CD, which will have coloratura arias as well as some other classical vocal pieces by Mozart, Rachmaninoff, Dvořák, Puccini and Strauss. It is aimed at a popular audience who might not necessarily be familiar with opera.

She also has some dates planned beyond the summer. In February 2016 she will sing arias from operas based on Shakespeare for the 400th anniversary of his death. That concert will be in Zlín.

Recently she sang at a charity event at

Hotel Le Palais and Karel Gott was in the audience. "It was wonderful to sing to him and meet with him and speak about music. He is really very lovely man," she said. She also sang for Czech President Miloš Zeman and Chinese Vice-Premier Liu Yandong as part of a meeting of Chinese and Central European health ministers.

In March and April of this year, she performed Stabat Mater by JJ Ryba. "I don't know whom it was composed for; it is so high and so difficult. The only one they thought could sing it was me," she said.

One performance was broadcast on the radio and recorded. The version she performed, one of three Ryba wrote, had never been recorded before.

She said she likes doing rare pieces. "You are the first person to perform it. You have to do it justice," she said.

In addition to finding or performing rare older works, she enjoys working with contemporary composers on new pieces and projects. She has worked with Czech composer Robert Jisa on the multimedia concert Illumination Voices and on the upcoming film Aldabra 3D, which looks at nature on an island in the Indian Ocean.

### In mid-September she emailed with the following news:

*After a successful and busy summer of Don Giovanni in the opera house in Prague and my solo tour around Slovakia with Virtuosi di Praga Orchestra, myself and the famous Boni Pueri, Czech Boy's Choir were invited by the President of The Czech Republic, Miloš Zeman and the Chinese government to sing in China for the 70th Anniversary of the end of World War II. We had sung for the Chinese Vice President and delegates from China earlier in the year and they liked us so much they invited us to sing for their special celebrations. We were flown to China where we sang in two concerts for the Chinese Government and President of the Czech Republic. I sang arias for soprano and choir and then performed the famous song composed for the Beijing Olympics, You and Me (originally sung by Sarah Brightman). The concert for the President and the Chinese government was broadcast*

*on Chinese television and the next day was in the Chinese newspapers. It was to bring the Chinese and Czech governments closer into a business relationship.*

*My album will be coming out this Christmas and I am looking forward to coming and singing on home turf!*



THIS PICTURE OF CHRISTINA IN CHINA APPEARED IN THE EAST ANGLIAN DAILY TIMES IN MID-SEPTEMBER. IT SHOWS CHRISTINA WITH CHINESE VICE PRESIDENT LI YUANCHAO AND THE BONI PUERI BOYS' CHOIR.

### And our other super stars...

**Ed Sheeran** never proceeded beyond Brandeston, but it looks as if those early years may not feature in the acclaimed superstar's latest venture, a movie entitled *Jumpers* for Goalposts. Apparently the film was set to document his road to Wembley, one of his three sell-out dates in London earlier in the year, and would be shown in cinemas across Suffolk and Essex and nationwide. His Wembley performance in July marked the first time that a male solo British artist had headlined there. Whether Brandeston gets a mention depends on how far back the film goes. The release was set for late October.



**Laura Wright** too, maintains her very high profile. She played a major role with the England Rugby team in the run-up to the World Cup, and joined them, together with a 48 piece orchestra at the O2 arena. But she goes to great lengths to ensure that her public image is not that exclusively of a singer. In an interview with the EADT linked to a Suffolk Awards ceremony Laura explained:

*I love a challenge. This has been one of my greatest strengths and on occasions my downfall. When friends used to describe me at school there was no "sweet" or "friendly", it was "Laura is driven" every time. It's that drive and determination that makes you*



*continuously raise the bar and build higher expectations. I am a Suffolk girl; and being here tonight in my home county means so much to me. Throughout my school and university years, I was always trying to get involved in as much sport as possible. Now my sport and music are combining together.*

Indeed they are. Laura combines her singing career with riding the Suffolk leg of the Women's cycling Tour, raising money for Sport Aid, taking part in the Great East swim in Alton Water, singing for the Queen, performing at the opening ceremony of the Invictus games, becoming the first official anthem singer for the England Rugby team, travelling the world and performing at the Great Wall of China, in Venice and Malaysia, as well as being ambassador for Arthritis UK, Sports Aid and Nordoff Robbins.

We can be proud of her – she is Fram all-roundedness incarnate!

**Brandeston Cycling Dads**

... and surely one or two of them were OFs! This group of Brandeston Dads raised £24000 for Bowel and Cancer



Research and Pets for Therapy by cycling the 430 miles from Lands End to Suffolk. It took them seven days. The riders are anonymous in this picture, but if there are any OFs in it, please step forward and identify yourselves. The College and Brandeston tradition of supporting charitable causes across the generation is alive and well. Well done to all concerned.

**School reports in the 1950s**

School reports nowadays tend to be very child-centred, full of encouragement, and reluctant to express blunt truths, for fear of upsetting either the reportee or his/her parents. They are now fairly standardised, and certainly not hand-written. Procedures have to be followed! Parents are paying customers, and like the truth to be sugar- coated.

Those brought up in harsher times may well remember that this was not always the case. The emphasis tended to be on what remained to be achieved, rather than on reassuring pats on the back. As a throw-back to those darker days we attach hereto, in all due and well deserved anonymity, a Brandeston Hall report from the mid-50s, with key contributions from the fearsome **JP Ferris**, and, perhaps more surprisingly, the avuncular **DD Kittermaster**. The rest of the staff seem to have

piled in too, heaping academic opprobrium on to the hapless victim of their scorn.

Lest readers think that this report threw the recipient into a slough of suicidal despair, we should add that he not only claims to have enjoyed his days at Brandeston, but also sent two sons to the school, and spent 25 years as Managing Director of the family company. So if your report contained phrases such as: "exceptionally backward" "far too complacent", "no appreciable headway", "practically illiterate", "dreadfully incompetent", "needs to start again from the beginning" – then – nil desperandum – this may well have been the spur to a great life and career. At least we hope so! For those who remained mentally battered and bruised for the rest of their lives – sorry!

**Reporting is so much more constructive nowadays. Further correspondence invited.** ☒

BRANDESTON HALL (FRAMLINGHAM COLLEGE JUNIOR SCHOOL)		REPORT	
		Pass	Fail
		Time	Time
ENGLISH	27	27	
ENGLISH	25	27	Amplified, well written, but too much to read, not so clear, no attempt to make it more interesting.
RECENT	25	27	Practically incompetent, but made some effort to be better than last year.
FRENCH	25	26	No signs to have been trying, but he really needs to start again from the beginning.
LATES			
GEOGRAPHY	21	21	He has tried, but without much understanding, what he is about, and his maps are confusing.
MATHEMATICS	25	27	Some progress made, but brain is very slow.
NATURE STUDY	27	27	Very good, he shows much more interest, he was not done in school.
SINGING AND MUSICAL APPRECIATION	27	27	His written work is well below standard, but he is naturally a very good singer.
MANUAL INSTRUCTION	27	27	Good.
ART	13	16	Fair.

Handwritten notes on the left side of the report form:

He is exceptionally backward, and far too complacent about it. I am frankly doubtful how much use can be for a boy who says to us so late, and in such a condition, he has brought him this time to take such and such a more seriously, but little more.

He has made no appreciable headway at all, but what is more serious is that he doesn't seem to worry him. He is to be congratulated on his performance.

Handwritten signature: J.P. Ferris

Handwritten signature: D.D. Kittermaster

Handwritten signature: J.P. Ferris

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### ➤ Celebratory peal of bells on June 13th and 14th:

Thanks to the efforts of **Robert Beavis** (R06-08) the Framlingham community Garden Party on June 14th took place against the sonorous backdrop of a peal of bells from St Mary's Church. The peal started at 2pm, ringing a method called Framlingham Surprise Major. A method is simply a means of changing the order in which the bells strike. For those interested in the technical dimension, there were 5150 changes in length, composed specially for the occasion.

There was also a peal on the 13th on six peals at Monewden, with **John Taylor** (S43-50) and **Allan Gould** (K78-83 - specially down from Yorkshire) also ringing alongside Robert. John was at Brandeston and the College, and now lives in Mendlesham.

Suffolk Guild, Monewden, Suffolk. St Mary.

Saturday, 13 June 2015 in 2h35 (6)

5040 Doubles (4 Methods)

42 extents: (1-4, 23-25) St Simon's Bob; (5-8, 26-28) St

Martins Bob; (9-12, 29-32) Plain Bob; (13-22, 33-42)

Grandsire.

1 Stephen D Pettman (C), 2 Robert J Scase, 3 Robert C

Beavis, 4 Allan Gould, 5 Peter J Waterfield, 6 John C Taylor.

50th birthday compliment: 4

Specially arranged to mark the 150th anniversary of the

opening of Framlingham College. Three Old Boys taking

part: 3 (2006-2008), 4 (1978-1983) and 6 (1943-1950),

the latter ringing his second peal, aged 82.

John Taylor's reaction to Robert's Thank You appeared later in an online retrospective published by the Suffolk Guild of Bellringers:

*Robert, I should have said a bit more just to tell you how much pleasure all your efforts give to many of those who are listening. As I walked in the town it was a bit emotional. I loved to hear those bells ringing in that super tower when I was a schoolboy and it took me back to then in maroon school blazer, short trousers, dirty knees and not allowed to be seen with hands in pockets or without a cap or tie. The organ once stood on the north side of the Chancel behind the pulpit. I was having violin lessons and practiced there sometimes with a friend who was learning to play the organ.*

*For me bells are such a beautiful part of village and town life, and Fram is such a special town. No wonder that we, the College and those who are lucky enough to live there love it all so much.*

BELOW: THE PERPENDICULAR TOWER OF ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, FRAMLINGHAM, RANG OUT A CELEBRATORY PEAL OF BELLS ON JUNE 14TH 2015



### Micro-brewery branding – an all-Fram phenomenon. Chris Keeble explains:



marc1wines

It began with an identity/branding for 'marc1wines'. This, until recently, was a small shop in Aldeburgh High Street with an online e-commerce website sourcing and selling wines. The design work involved a logo, website and

promotional material. It was not until I was well into the project that it transpired the owner, **Marc Medland**, was an OF!

The business had enjoyed a successful spell when Marc announced that he had become interested in brewing beer. And could I talk to his financial partner to discuss the launch of a micro-brewery.

So, in the summer of 2013, Marc and myself had a meeting at Iken, on a lovely Suffolk evening, together with his business partner **Elliott Norris**. We all got on really well, and discussed the bones of the branding for this new venture. During 2014 this began to produce tangible results in the shape of three variations of bottled beer,

And the twist in the tail: I later discovered that Marc's financial partner Elliott Norris was also an OF. And after I had approved the label proofs, it turned out that the Printer, **Julian Sayer**, was also an OF. So this was very much – even if fortuitously so – a collaborative Fram venture. It involved various generations: **Chris Keeble** (S53-60), **Marc Medland** (S93-98), **Elliott Norris** (S93-97), **Julian Sayer** (Z80-82).



BRANDING DESIGN BY CHRIS KEEBLE HAS CONNOTATIONS OF 40s USAF BASES IN EAST ANGLIA

around the concept of American hops brewed in GB. Or more precisely 'American hops allied to British brewing' - which became the tag line.

This was the thought behind incorporating the 1940s/50s/60s USAF bases in E. Anglia, and the history of painting pin-ups on aircraft nose cones. So was born a military retro-style branding.

Then – when it came to sourcing labelling for the bottles, I looked around in East Anglia, being keen to keep the business there. I found an experienced printer, with an excellent track record, in Leiston. Specific printing papers were selected and the bottles took on their new clothes.

We hope you like the beer - now available in outlets at Snape Maltings, Suffolk; Fox & Goose, Fressingfield, Suffolk; Sweffling White Horse, Suffolk; or direct from Station 119: marc@station119.co.uk

**Mark Kendall** passed on information on **Ian Drakard** (Z89-93). He left school early after some years at Brandeston and went to Hartismere H.S. From there he proceeded to U.E.A. to do a B.Sc. in Accountancy and Financing. After two years' auditing experience, he embarked on a different career. He trained

in Podiatry at the University of Northampton, and gained another B.Sc. His mother, with a practice in Podiatry, expanded her practice to take him on at their business in Halesworth. In 2014 he established his own, new practice in Wymondham, 'Footsure', which is doing very well. Ian works between the two practices. He is married, to Rosie, and they have two children, William (7) and Edith (4), and live in Norwich. Ian plays the guitar in what little free time he has.

His brother **Keith Drakard** (Z88-94) lives in Spain and is in the computer field.

Mark also made contact with **Alexis Wolfers** (K06-09) while taking a Year 10 Coastal Fieldwork course to Southwold in May. Alexis left College to do a yachtmasters' course on the Hamble. In 2013 he sailed across the Atlantic in a Halberg Rassy from Bermuda to France. This might mean something to yachting experts! He maintains an interest in engineering, a field which he may return to, but at present he works for the Southwold Pier Company where he was expecting to spend the summer. He is still in touch with **Alex and Jessica Summers**.

**Richard** (RAO) **Porter** (G54-59) has re-emerged from the African ether. He and the editor were more or less contemporaries, but had not communicated for close on 60 years. Given the path that Richard's career had taken, that is hardly surprising. Richard updates us:

*I stayed on until the end of Easter Term 1959 having started in the 3rd Year Vth to take (and fortunately to pass) the entrance exam for Cambridge, where I read Natural Sciences until I graduated in 1962 and then went to Makerere University (Kampala) to take a Dip. Ed. and subsequently taught in Tanganyika/Tanzania. You may know that John Illiffe wrote a well-received book about this country. I remained in contact with **Ian McCallum** (G54-58)\* (I shared a study with him), and we were together at Cambridge, but lost touch with him when he became an active submariner. I also was in contact with **Brian Champness** (G55-59)\* (one of our crack shooters who represented the College at Bisley) while he lived in the London area but again lost contact when he moved out to Cornwall.*

\* We have been able to put Richard in touch with Brian again, but have no contact details for Ian. Can anyone help?

**Terry Hunt** (68-75) had the great honour of being President of the Suffolk Show this year. He said: "My wife Jane and I had two hugely



TERRY HUNT - PRESENTING PRIZES AS PRESIDENT OF THE SUFFOLK SHOW 2015

enjoyable, whirlwind days in the sunshine, meeting hundreds of people, all of whom seemed to having a great time. As someone who grew up in the heart of the Suffolk countryside, and first attended the Show more than 50 years ago, to be President is a huge privilege."

Terry's role as President of the Suffolk Agricultural Association (SAA), which organises the county show, is for one year until February 2016.

Away from the Show, Terry is playing a part in the SAA's educational crusade, to build greater awareness of farming among today's schoolchildren. This has included a new initiative called Tractors in Schools, in which more than 60 Suffolk farmers took their tractors into primary school playgrounds.

In his "day job" Terry is Editor-in-Chief at Archant Suffolk, which includes the editorship of the EADT and Ipswich Star newspapers.

### Snap Maltings to be sold

The Gooderham family (in the shape of George and then Johnny) has owned Snape Maltings (pictured below) for over 50 years, and its ownership of the site has run parallel to



dramatic developments over recent years. The world famous concert hall, together with its retail facilities and visitor attractions is being taken over by Aldeburgh Music as an entity. There are plans to develop the site even further, restoring more of the as yet unused buildings. This, the home of the Aldeburgh Festival, was opened by the Queen in 1967, only to be devastated by fire just two years later. Amazingly it was rebuilt, in line with Benjamin Britten's promise that it would "rise again like Phoenix from the ashes", and has become a world renowned "creative campus".

The Maltings were indeed just that – originally built by a member of the Garrett family in the 1800s to malt barley. After a series of creative transformations the site is now synonymous with world class music, and is now set for the next chapter in its extraordinary history to be written.

### Bee-keeping on the national stage

We've probably never had an item in this publication about bee-keeping and honey. Here's the first. **John V Hayward** (G52-58) is now back living in Leiston. On leaving school he worked in Colchester for 5 years and then

returned in 1963 to the family building company in Saxmundham. Unfortunately the bank closed them down in 1990. John then worked for just 4 years in Bolton, Lancs and retired aged just 56.

He very kindly sent the editor a full account of his

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- ❖ long-term involvement with bees, bee-keeping and all sorts of bee-keeping organizations. He took up bee-keeping in 1981, quickly became an expert, after attending all sorts of courses, and found himself taking on a variety of roles for the British Bee-Keeping Association.

He took a leading role in organising conventions, shows and exhibitions at national level. He was principally Trade Manager, dealing at first hand with large numbers of traders at a variety of venues. His involvement with the national Association spanned a period 31 years.

John, now aged 73, has found that he has had to withdraw from an involvement which has been an important part of his life – almost a way of life, in fact. Nowadays, having to cope with sciatica he finds it difficult to stand still in one place, and lacks the necessary strength in his arms so he has had to step back. In his stronger years John was a Vice President of The Suffolk Agricultural Society, and his bee-keeping and honey production were part of the county's considerable reputation for food production of all kinds.

### The College choir of 1956

Past President **Brian Smith** (S53-57) very kindly sent through this hitherto (we believe) unpublished image of the 1956 choir. Brian himself features here, but we are at a loss to identify most of the others. Can any of our readers track back those 60 years and let us have a few names, please?

Brian recalls that 1956 was the year when the choir made an amateurish recording which contained some annoying "plips" from tape-splicing of a number of anthems. This was later pressed to a 33 1/3 rpm record, a copy of which Brian still possesses. He imagines that modern technology could enhance the recording and eradicate the "plips". In his modest assessment of the quality of the choir Brian describes them as "pretty damned good!"

ABOVE: THE "PRETTY DAMN GOOD" COLLEGE CHOIR OF 1956



ABOVE: VIEW FROM THE COLLEGE CHIMNEY LOOKING SOUTH

**The College chimney** is an iconic spectacle, and very much part of the Fram skyline. Views about its aesthetic value vary. **Andrew Payn**, Director of Operations has provided an update on this familiar structure. He tells us that he spent some time on a scaffolding platform with a structural engineer and that it is in need of repairs to the brickwork and pointing. Andrew explains that they were discussing when the chimney was built and, as it is some distance from the main building, they felt that it was probably not in 1865. There is no reference to it in 'On an eminence...' and Andrew wondered if anyone could shed some light on the subject. He expanded further on the experience: "It's some view although its gently swaying in the stiff breeze was a little disconcerting!"

Does anyone have any knowledge on this subject?

**David Lebbell** (K41-46) – *wartime memories to scare the Health and Safety Committee.*

It was 71 years ago so my memory is a bit thin. I can't remember where the B17 crashed

but it was within an afternoon's hiking distance.

There was an Emergency Landing Field at Woodbridge with a 3,000 yard runway, five times the usual width, with medical and fire

fighting facilities, so crippled planes were directed there and they tended to come our way.

In our tuck boxes we kept anything that would fascinate boys – landing lights, electrical and radio bits and pieces and electric motors – we had figured out that a B17 had about 80! We also extracted cordite (for fireworks!) from the .5 ammunition lying around. The Powers that Be became aware of what we were doing and the school was searched. We were made to empty our tuck boxes into the middle of the courtyard. It was said there was enough cordite to blow up the school. Headmaster R W Kirkman was visibly shaken and we were all marched into the Assembly Hall for a severe dressing down.

I was also involved with another nefarious and dangerous activity. The B17s didn't always drop all their incendiary bombs over Germany and would sometimes release them into the Suffolk countryside prior to landing. I can't remember just where I did this, at Fram or elsewhere, but, with the aid of wire coat hangers hooked around the fins of the bombs, we were able to pull them out of the little round holes they had made in the field. They had detonated but not burned and we filed them down for the magnesium (more fireworks).

**Tom and Alice Kilvert:** Their parents were at the wedding of **Ben Kendall** (G98-01) in Marlborough, so Ben's father, **Mark Kendall**, was able to get some updated details:

**Tom Kilvert** (K03-06) left College to do a teaching year on Vanuatu. He worked for a year in India for the multinational, TATA and, whilst there, played an extra in one or two Indian 'soap operas'! After a B.A.(Hons) at Leeds, he has become a Geography teacher at Windsor



PROFESSOR JOHN SCHOFIELD CONDUCTING FIELDWORK IN THE NEVADA DESERT OF THE US, DOCUMENTING STONE CIRCLES OUTSIDE OF THE NEVADA TEST SITE, MONUMENTS CREATED IN THE 1960S AND 70S BY ANTI-NUCLEAR ACTIVISTS!

Boys' School and has been on a school fieldtrip to the Galapagos Islands this summer. He plays competitive club tennis in Windsor.

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**Alice Kilvert (M06-08)** did a gap year in Malaysia, teaching English in Penang. She achieved a First at Leeds in Psychology and a Masters, with Distinction, at King's College, London, also in Psychology.

She has worked for a year at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, working in spinal research.

She spent another year working for the NHS in Aylesbury, on community projects. In September she was to begin a Doctorate in Psychology at Bath University.

Alice enjoys tennis and has been actively involved with the church, in both Aylesbury and London.

**Mark** also updated us on **Hugo Hutchison (R01-05)**, having met his mother, Lady Ann Hutchison, at the 122nd Framlingham Tennis Tournament Finals in August. Hugo is now the General Tennis Manager at the 'Will to Win' Tennis Centre in Regents Park, London. He has a dozen coaches under him and is still mad on the game. Hugo is Captain of the Putney Club 2nd men's team and plays football for Surbiton Eagles. He keeps in touch with **Tim Parkinson**

(G93-06), **Tom Westrope (R92-06)** (both now living in Woodbridge) and **Adam Squirrell (R94-06)**. Telephone number: 07596713088

**Professor John Schofield** MIFA FSA (Z78-81). John wrote in with an item of news, and also asking for news of a prize, which, he thinks, his parents gifted to the College in perpetuity. John is now Head of the Department of Archeology at the University of York. The story goes:

From abject failure in my O Levels (zero return!) and having been expelled from my first school (long story) only to be taken in at Fram by the late great Laurie Rimmer, I have now been promoted to Professor at my University, the University of York, (taking effect as from October 1st) and am now about to enter my second term as Head of the Archaeology Department, a subject I discovered at Fram.

I now have a prize in my Department, at Graduation, which goes to the most improved student, between first year and final result, and that was I think the intention for my prize at Fram. So, two things: Can you confirm that the prize is still awarded under this guise, and do you think that one year I might be able to come to Speech Day to see it presented? I would also be very interested to hear about the winners, not back-dated, but from this year

maybe. And if I can advise them in any way, I'd be delighted to.

I am a regular visitor to Suffolk, where my Mother still lives, and pass the College on my journey down from York. I would be happy to drop by at any time, if that would be helpful.

### Young Farmers -1983

Well they were young in 1983, but must be approaching 50 now. This trio of Framlingham Young Farmers had their picture republished in the EADT, in a memory lane slot designed to stir memories and to get names attached to the picture. This public speaking team won its way through to the National Finals. Identification welcome – together with any anecdotes as to how they won the trophy. And what were the hot farming topics being debated in 1983? ➡



## PEOPLE HERE AND THERE

continued

### ✦ James Ruddock-Broyd at 80 – a report by his wife, Christine Ruddock-Broyd

The President and eight OFs were delighted to attend a 'Surprise Garden Party' in honour of my husband James' 80th Birthday (G46-52). The whole event had been organised by me in secret and, unbeknown to James, 130 guests were due to arrive on the day.

After days of horrid weather the day dawned brightly although a marquee and gazebo had been erected just in case! As the morning unfolded, certain 'entertainments' started to arrive – the Ice Cream Tricycle and a three man Caribbean Steel Band so to be ready when the first guests arrived. At this point James guessed something was afoot but was completely dumbstruck when guests started to arrive in droves!

Guests came from far and wide, namely, Australia, Cyprus, Majorca, Cornwall, Yorkshire, Leicester, Oxford, Worcester, Suffolk, Sussex as well as many local friends – Christine was told by many guests that all these lovely people were there to celebrate James' birthday and it proved just how much a loved person he is!

A very important guest was **Ian Foster** (K46-53) from Majorca and whose own 80th birthday was celebrated in March in Majorca. A very amusing speech was delivered by Ian with some dubious incidents from his and James' first meeting in 1946 onwards being shared. James, of course, responded but had to put on his 'Lawrence of Arabia' outfit to do so (don't ask!)

It was a perfect day with the steel band providing excellent music and the ice cream being a great draw... apparently there was a hiccup with the Waitrose delivery of the buffet food but it was soon sorted out and no one was any the wiser. Later a most splendid birthday cake (*pictured here*) was presented to James decorated

as Lords Cricket Ground with the score being 80 NOT OUT! It was made by friend Julie whose son works in the MCC Office.

Celebrations did not stop here as next morning in Church James was presented with another birthday cake and rounds of "Happy Birthday"!

On James' actual birthday, the following Saturday, a family lunch was arranged in a hotel where they often stayed

in Weston-Super-Mare and again a fabulous day and very special as all the family were gathered and daughter, Susannah, gave a very heartfelt speech about her father. Presentations of beautiful albums containing photographs from his childhood onwards were given by daughters Susannah and Philippa and his brother David.

James was quite overjoyed, realising the work and love which had gone into producing these – couldn't have been better.

OFs Attending: Chris Bellamy (K54-64) and Janet, Bernard Bridges (S45-54) and Elsie, Chris Essex (K69-75, President) and Eryl, Ian Foster (K46-53) and Tessa, Ian Marsh (S49-52) and Christa, Brian Smith (S53-56) and Valerie, Clive Smith (S54-58) and Jean, Michael Smy (S57-66) and Anne, Douglas Thomson (K53-61) and Dorothy. Between them they had spent 59 years at Framlingham. Most were ex-Kerrison and Stradbroke, with none from James' own House, Garrett! There were also a significant number of "Regrets".

### (Almost) Goodbye to Bill

An EADT feature proclaimed: *It's the end of an era as Bill calls time on Bulstrodes after four decades in town.*

This announcement that recently elected Council Member, and highly regarded, colourful Framlingham resident and retailer, **Bill**

### **Bulstrode**

(K64-72), was about to cease training caused something of a stir. Bill's retail career, alongside his energetic commitment to the



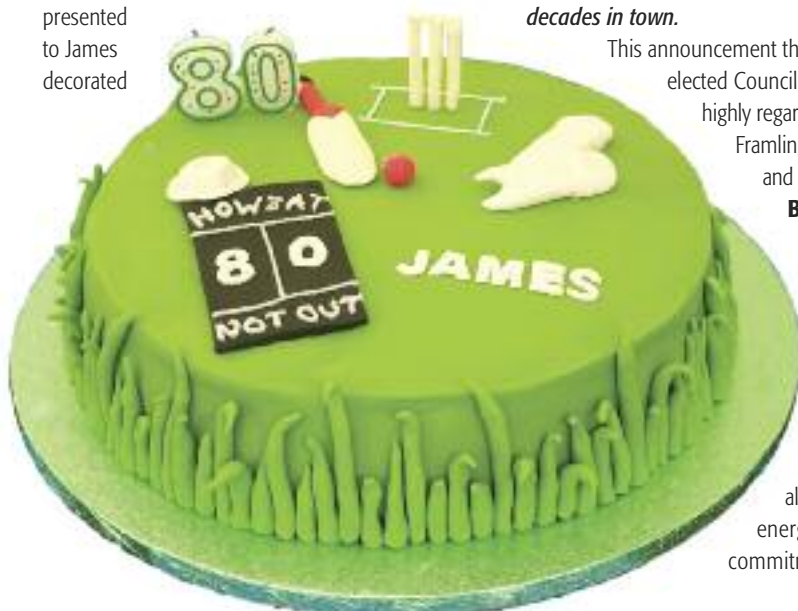
town, have made him a popular figure, and this led to an incredulous reaction and great local disappointment to the news that he was to retire from the scene. Bill reckons that Internet competition has made small-town retailing very demanding, and that, despite energetic evidence to the contrary, he was approaching 60, so an appropriate time to retire.

In the interview with the paper Bill reckoned that it was time to slow down "and enjoy life a bit more" He went on to say: I have been working in the town for 45 years. It's time for me to take the pressure off a bit. I have worked Monday to Saturday for years and don't take many holidays. I need to slow down a tad. I shall miss what I'm doing. I have had some fantastic customers and get tremendous satisfaction out of helping someone. I'm a Framlingham boy, born and bred. I love Framlingham, but it's time to move on.

Bill first set up shop in Framlingham as a wine, spirits and grocery merchant in the 1970s, before learning the trader of carpet-fitting. He opened in Bridge Street 15 years ago and has been offering a wide range of items, from soft furnishings, basketware and decorative accessories to mobile phones, sports equipment and party games – a real Aladdin's cave of a shop.

Alongside this Bill, has worked tirelessly to organize community events in the town, including celebrations to mark the royal wedding, the birth of Prince George and the 2012 Olympic Games. He is also well known for creating flags to mark major occasions. He was one of the driving forces behind the relaunch of the Framlingham Business Association of which he was Chairman in 2012.

Such was the outpouring of disappointment that, in the face of much persuasion, Bill did decide to carry on for an extra year.





ABOVE:  
CHAIRMAN OF GOVERNORS MR ANDREW FANE AND HIS WIFE, WITH SIR JAMES PAICE BEHIND. RIGHT: NEW SOF TREASURER JENNY BINDER WITH DEPUTY HEAD SUSAN WESSELS (RIGHT)



### Fram presence at the Suffolk Show

Once again the SOF was invited to be part of the action in the Framlingham College marquee at the Suffolk Show at the end of May. There was plenty of action, much coming and going, and, as usual, good hospitality. Many OFs, including now retired MP, **Sir James Paice**, dropped in during the two days of the Show. Chairman of Governors, Andrew Fane was

pleased to be on the list of prizewinners for a special engineering creation. Our new Treasurer, Jenny Binder, seen here with Deputy Head, Susan Wessels, showed a fine line in great hats, and now retired Chris Hobson put in one of his final performances, together with his wife, Sue. Framlinghamians continue to play a major part in this showpiece of the agricultural year.

schooling. Sadly, our father Kim Hayes passed away in April this year from Prostate Cancer. Many of the teachers and pupils will have known him, especially those involved in sports, as he was a great supporter, and always one to cheer on from the sidelines! Throughout his incredible fight, he refused to let this have a significant affect on his life. He began an incredible journey that saw him cycle the

length and breadth of the UK, running one half-marathon and four marathons. He was passionate about exercise and raising money for Prostate Cancer UK and other cancer charities. We want to continue his journey with our family and friends!

We have had a tremendous amount of support, and we currently have a team of 90 friends and family, 21 of whom are OFs running the half marathon with us. We are running to raise funds for the Hunts Cancer Charity Network (HCCN). HCCN is a small local charity that help people who are recovering from, or living with, cancer to take back their lives and to play an active part in managing their health. They gave our father and family a huge amount of support in the last year of his life, and we would love to support them.

The money we raise will help HCCN to create an infrastructure to enable people with cancer access to vital 24-hour care and to be able to communicate with their nursing team in real time and buy an ultrasound machine to help monitor their patients.

### And finally – probably the most successful Fram Charity run ever.

**Ben Hayes** (R96-06) wrote (before the event):

My brother **Will** (R96-03) and I both went to Brandeston Hall and Framlingham College for all of our

After the Event: The Great Eastern Half Marathon duly took place, with many OFs running, and over-all some £33,000 was raised for the Charity. Ben would like to thank all those who participated and who were part of Team Kim. It may be that donations can still be made via the following links:

<https://www.justgiving.com/Ben-Hayes4/> and <https://www.justgiving.com/teams/kimhayes>

I am sure that all OFs will join the editors in congratulating the runners, not only on completing the course, but also on their wonderful achievement in raising such a large sum of money for a very worthy cause.

We understand that the following OFs took part in the run: William Hayes (R), Ben Hayes (R), Rupert Elmes (R), Wallace Leung (R), Alec Cadell (R), Thomas Alabaster (R), Tom Sallis (R), Ben Norton (K), Ben Davies (K), Stevie Young (K), Henry Doe (K), Charlotte Church (P), Edwina Blackford née Reid (P), Henry Reid (BH), Alexandra Reid, Robert Kingsley (G), William Poole (G), Guy Rush (G), Thomas Colville (S), Isabelle De Grave (V).

BELOW: TEAM KIM RAISED £33,000 FOR CHARITY – A FANTASTIC ACHIEVEMENT





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This year, there has been a smaller response to my trawl amongst the Service OFs than in earlier years. As ever, all of the contributions are gratefully received and very much appreciated. In retirement, my contact with the active Service community remains as before – as Honorary Air Commodore to No 4626 (Aeromedical Evacuation) Squadron RAuxAF, a Trustee of the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund and as a Governor of the Royal Star and Garter Homes.

## ROYAL NAVY

*I was pleased to receive an update from one of our most regular correspondents **Captain Rob Bellfield RN (K81-83)** in June 2015, who wrote:*

A year passes far too quickly nowadays as I write, approaching a year as the Captain of HMS RALEIGH, the Navy's largest training establishment in the South West, primarily responsible for training all the Royal Navy's new recruits. Initial Naval Training (INT) is actually one of 7 schools within the wire at RALEIGH; we also host the Defence Maritime Logistics School, the Royal Naval Submarine School, the Military Training Unit, the Board & Search School, the Royal Naval Seamanship School, a Firefighting/Damage Control/First Aid School, a National Cadets training facility and the Band of HM Royal Marines Plymouth. A busy place! Our core output is the delivery of Phase 1 recruits following their 10 INT course ready for their Phase 2 specialist training. I have around 400 Phase 1 recruits in RALEIGH at any one time, with around 64 arriving most Sunday afternoons at Plymouth station and consequently I have a Passing Out Parade most Friday afternoons, with associated hosting of VIP Inspecting Officers etc. I am

CAPTAIN ROB BELLFIELD RN AT JUPITER POINT, THE SEAMANSHIP TRAINING CENTRE, WITH HMS BRECON IN THE BACKGROUND



pleased to report that recruiting numbers are healthy and with the prospect of operating both of the new carriers (QUEEN ELIZABETH and PRINCE OF WALES) I have an increasing throughput of trainees - it is a pleasant change to be involved in growth, rather than shrinkage. We have moved down to Cornwall with the job, and have the pleasure of living in a nice house, with the yacht only 5 minutes away, handy for the lovely cruising grounds of the West Country. The girls are at school at Canford in Dorset. Eleanor is about to take her last A2 exam - it seems only yesterday that I was doing the same at Fram! We had a mini Framlingham reunion the other day when Tim Woods came down to be the Inspecting Officer for a Passing Out Parade, although we didn't quite overlap at school - surprisingly he is younger than me! If anyone has a relative or friend wanting to join the RN then please get in contact - a visit to RALEIGH or Britannia Royal Naval College can easily be arranged.



CAPTAIN ROB BELLFIELD RN RACING JEMIMA IN THE SOUTH WEST 3 PEAKS RACE

*Rob, once again many thanks for your most interesting update. Enjoy the remainder of your time at HMS RALEIGH.*

## ARMY

*In July 2015, **Lieutenant Colonel Alex Fryatt (S83-88)** emailed:*

Last year Lieutenant Colonel Fryatt managed to squeeze in some fishing on the Forth as he was deployed north of the border for the summer for the Commonwealth Games. This year he has been assigned to the Service Prosecuting Authority and continues to terrorise the trout at RMAS (as seen in The Field, July 15).  
*Alex, many thanks for your contribution. You seem to have experienced more agreeable activities during the past year compared to your earlier tour in Kabul!*

**Major Ben Kendall, Coldstream Guards (G98-01)** reported in June 2015:

The New Year was always going to be busy, with the Battalion starting to restructure in line with Army 2020 guidelines, whilst also returning to contingency training after having been engaged in COIN (Counter Insurgency) operations in Afghanistan the previous year. I took over Support Company (Snipers, Mortars, Reconnaissance and Anti-Tanks) in September and we conducted our cadre training during the first three months of 2015, travelling across the country in what sometimes seemed like a bid to endure the worst of the British weather! Firing mortars through horizontal sleet in Otterburn proved a rather interesting predecessor to the subsequent trip to Oman, training together with the Omani Army in the wastes of the 'empty quarter'.

Twelve members of the company, including myself, managed to get away to Norway and recreate the 'Heroes of Telemark'



ABOVE: MAJOR BEN KENDALL – MORTAR TRAINING IN NORTHUMBERLAND. BELOW: THE HARDANGAVIDDA PLATEAU

expedition. A trip made perhaps a little more commercial through the Ray Mears documentary of a decade ago, it still proved tough work, pulling laden pulks across the Hardangavidda plateau. Indeed, on endex, a communal weigh-in showed an average loss of 4kg, an average of just under 1 a day.



Early summer has been frenetic, preparing and deploying members of the Company across the world in support of training tasks, whilst qualifying suitable members in Jungle tactics in Brunei in preparation for a Battalion deployment to Belize in September. Fortunately for us, the Navy has been equally well tasked, to the extent that some of our drummers and the reconnaissance platoon commander were called to support the celebrations of the Queen's Birthday across our SE Asian consulates. An itinerary encompassing Embassy parties in places as varied as Rangoon and Bangkok proved an easy sell; needless to say, some of the younger guardsmen returned rather more worldly!

More recently, we have deployed on reassurance taskings to Romania (twice) and also on a joint urban exercise with the German Army. World events and international engagement continue to drive our training and there will be exciting times ahead. I leave the battalion in a few weeks and start at Staff College in September, before taking over as Executive Officer of the London Regiment in May 16, a posting with the Reserves I am very much looking forward to.

*Ben, thank you for a most interesting report. I hope you enjoy your time at Staff College and subsequently, with the Reserves.*

➤ **Major Marcus Massey REME** (G88-97) wrote in July 2015:

It seems a long time ago since I last wrote for the magazine last summer. Then I was enjoying the predictable nature of Staff College, playing regular sport and enjoying the social life that comes with joining up with so many friends from the past on a nine month course. September was meant to bring a new role in Permanent Joint Headquarters in North London, focussed on operations in Africa, but this was not to be.

By the time I arrived, Operation SHADER, the UK contribution to the fight against ISIL had begun, and I was to be part of the team. With a war-weary public, the backdrop of a UK election and the persistent fiscal constraints this has been a huge challenge.

I have inevitably been travelling the Middle East, something which seems to be mandatory for a member of the Armed Forces through the ages. When I last visited Iraq in 2007 I did think I would be back in uniform only a few years later, albeit a little further north this time!

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Nicky and I remain living in the Dales and I commute back when the tempo allows, something which is starting to wear thin. Next year will bring sub-unit command and potentially the opportunity to live at home but the temptation for one final tour in Germany may be irresistible.

*Thank you, Marcus, for your very topical update from PIHQ. I look forward to hearing about your next appointment!*

**ROYAL AIR FORCE**

I had the pleasure of meeting **Wing Commander Mike Allport MBE RAFR** (R54-62) once again at the Society of Old Framlinghamians Australian Dinner in the Hunter Valley in April. He seems to have settled into the Australian culture seamlessly!

**Group Captain Antony McCord** (R76-83) emailed with news from Brussels in August 2015:

I am currently learning a new position – Military Assistant to the Director General of the International Military Staff in HQ NATO. I arrived in early July 2015 and the pace of learning has been rather swift. This job is the closest I've been to the political decision-making process and, if the last month has anything to go by, it will be an interesting and stimulating tour. However, there is much to learn, there are NATO processes and many, many acronyms and abbreviations. And there is the small issue of learning the flags of the Nations!

Leaving Northwood has been a little difficult – we liked the area and I thoroughly enjoyed the job as Commander Global Support Organisation. But the Service keeps us on the move and off to Brussels we must go.

In my next update I hope to report that I have learned the flags.

*Antony, many thanks for your news. I look forward to hearing of some of your experiences from this interesting posting.*

**Flying Officer Daniel Rose** (S01-05) responded by email in August 2015:

I graduated from the School of Aerospace Battle Management in February of this year. As an Identification Officer at RAF Boulmer, Northumberland, I work within the UK Air Defence arm of the RAF. The news has shown RAF Boulmer recently working closely with the UK Quick Reaction Alert aircraft intercepting Russian aircraft. I intend to broaden my Battlespace knowledge by working at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, before the possibility of working abroad for NATO or on board the new Queen Elizabeth carriers. I am also set for a tour to the Falkland Islands this year as part of the ongoing military presence.

Since joining the RAF in 2013, I started playing polo, gaining a Player of the Year Award after this first season. In his first match I had the great pleasure of playing alongside another Old Boy, **Wing Commander Piers Hammond** (Brandeston).

*The two will hopefully continue to play polo against the Army & Navy for several seasons to come.*

*Dan, thank you for your update and congratulations on your graduation from the School of Aerospace Battle Management. It was good to see you 150th Anniversary Dinner at Pembroke College in March.*

I look forward to receiving news from any Service OF by email or letter at any time during the year. I will continue to write annually to all Service OFs, (who have provided me with contact details) seeking an update for this column. If any Service OF's details are incorrect or have been omitted from the list below, I would welcome a message or a call with a correction. Most people use email to communicate now and I have decided to continue with the precedent set in previous years and not publish postal addresses.

- Capt R Bellfield RN
- Capt TC Woods RN\*
- Cdr GC Corner RN
- Cdr FP Fawcett RN
- Lt Col D Summerfield RM\*
- Lt Cdr PHG Moore RN
- Lt Cdr SM Kontek USN
- Mne L Ives RM
- Mne D Parkes RM\*

- Col JC Campbell L/RA
- Lt Col JRC Bunce R Sig
- Lt Col TD How RTR
- Maj JMH Heap Royal Anglian\*
- Maj PC Moxey Royal Anglian
- Maj MPD Massey REME
- Capt BM Kendall Coldstream Guards

- Gp Capt AA McCord RAF
- Wg Cdr H Edwards RAF
- Flt Lt JK Owen RAF
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FLYING OFFICER DAN ROSE – POLO PLAYER



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Firstly an apology. For the first time in 10 years I failed to publish on the website a Spring 2015 Overseas Bag and the Newsletter only carried limited news on the 150th anniversary events. What now follows is, owing to space restrictions, a severely edited version of over 500 emails received. *I strongly encourage you to visit the website to read the full version.*

The highlight of the last year has clearly been the number of overseas events that have been organised to mark the 150th anniversary of the first boys entering the College in April 1865. A huge thank you to all the organisers who came forward to get these off the ground and to everyone who was able to attend. Please see my Presidential article elsewhere for a brief write up on each of these, but the website contains full stories and pictures on each of these events so please read them there. This Overseas Bag only makes occasional passing reference to these wonderful events.

I hope that such events will continue to be held on an annual or bi-annual basis in the future, some possibly on a more local basis, as in Australia and Germany. I will still be trying to encourage new events in countries such as Belgium, Cayman Islands, Ireland, Kenya/Uganda, Nigeria, France, Spain, Thailand, and east coast USA. **If you are interested in helping/attending then please get in touch.** As in 2015, I will do my best to attend, if possible. But wherever you meet up, do keep your messages and news flooding in, especially if illustrated with your photos.

## AUSTRALIA



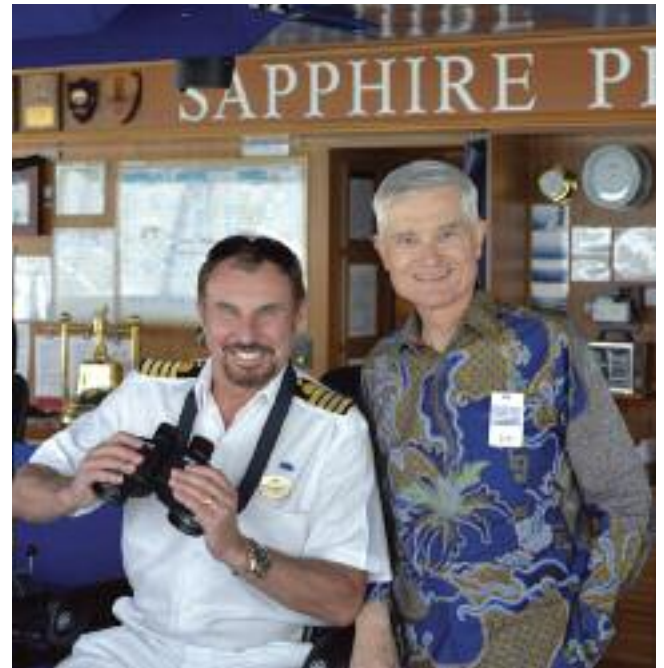
**Brett Bailey** (K58-65) attended the events in the Hunter Valley and I discovered that he was an accomplished artist. I therefore suggested that he might like to lend one of his paintings to the Creative Framlinghamians Exhibition at the College in July. As a result Brett arranged for his painting titled *'Mountain Lakes'* to be shipped over to the UK. This photo shows Brett putting the final touches to the painting.

### Phil Bower

(G65-74) has been in regular contact. As well as working at a number of major concerts in Australia, (Katie Perry, Miley Cyrus, Rolling Stones, to name but a few), he has once again been driving a large truck around most of Australia. In August he visited Cairns and had a few days off, which allowed him and Dee to stay with Rebecca and **Chris Shaw** (K50-56). Phil described his hosts as mudcrab junkies, taxi drivers, cat rescuers, tour guides, deflated bed b&b concierges and wine and alcohol experts. "If they weren't Kerrisonites, it'd be perfect!"



**Nick Carlton** (G63-70) continues to captain *Sapphire Princess*. At the end of 2014 he reported that he had just had a couple of mini OF lunches on board whilst docked in Hong Kong. They were with **Chris Hall** and himself



towards the end of 2014 – see picture taken on the bridge after one of these. In August 2015 Nick met up with Hawaiian OF **Bryan Pearson** (S45-47) in 2015 for a great 150th anniversary lunch.

**Julian Ellis** (M72-76) visited the College and enjoyed a tour in July 2015. He now lives in Sydney. He came back to Fram because his mother (92) has moved back there. He thought the College was looking wonderful. He fell in love with a Queenslander while travelling the world, and has been married for 25 years with 2 children. He worked in the film industry for nearly 20 years but now teaches English as a foreign language. He's been in contact with **James Denny** (R71-76) and **Nigel Benson** (K72-77). ❖

## OVERSEAS BAG

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- **Mike Garnett** (R53-55) worked tirelessly with Chris Shaw to organise the Hunter Valley event. This event not only marked the 150th anniversary of the College but also marked the 100th anniversary of the ANZACs in Gallipoli. A number of OFs died in Gallipoli, serving with the ANZACs. At the dinner in Australia Mike and Chris Shaw made a personal presentation



to me of a small statue, which I was to convey back to the College. It is of an Australian Light Horseman, who is unarmed and totally non-aggressive! The statue now resides in the Headmaster's study and

is often commented on by prospective new parents. In February 2015 Mike met up in Melbourne with Margaret and **Andrew Wright** (R48-57) who were visiting from the UK, and Rosie and **David Summers** (G48-56).

**John Gates** (S44-48) attended the Hunter Valley Dinner and then headed off on a 42 day cruise. On his return he visited **Peter Bailey** (K34-38) who was 93 last March and in good spirits.

**James Hurlock** (R01-06) had a good reason for being unable to meet up in April: *"I'm delighted to say that my wife and I are expecting our first child on the 2nd May. Coming back to England in June though for a month to see the family and for my sister's wedding."*

**Kenneth Mackenzie** (K45-53) picked up the sad news of **John Ives'** (G42-50) death. He raised a glass in grateful memory to him. He had only met him once in recent years, calling in to his shop in Woodbridge with **Dudley Holland**. He had reminded John of the comment in the school mag about the cricket team of 1950, where Winston commented that his bowling threatened little but his own feet!

**Chris Shaw** (K50-56) and his ever-supportive Rebecca, have had an extremely busy past year, topped of course, with the triumphant organizing of the OF reunion in the Hunter Valley. Previously, in November 2014, they visited New Zealand and met up with **Katherine Jackson** (P86-91), **Geoff Bland** (K49-56), Fran and **David Newson** (S54-63) and Sandy and **Roy Farman** (K47-55).

## BELGIUM

**James Powell** (G92-94) tried very hard but ultimately unsuccessfully to organise a 150th anniversary event in Brussels. If anyone would be interested in meeting up in Brussels please get in touch.

## BERMUDA

**Matt Living** (S80-87) moved back to the UK in January 2015. He will be starting a new job with HSBC after 12 years in Bermuda.

## CANADA

**Bruce Blacklock** (S54-62) wanted information about an OF living in Shelburne, Nova Scotia- as he was attending a wedding there. I put him touch with **John Oswell** (G61-65).

**David Barker** (K66-71) was very interested in the Toronto dinner and remembered me as a humble shack at the bottom of the table! David played hockey, cricket and rugby for the school and after leaving school he played for Wasps before moving to Canada, where he captained Toronto Scottish. He still keeps in touch with **Julian Taylor** (G67-71) and **Richard Williams** (S66-71).

**Jim Kelsall** (Z75-86) appreciated the invitation to attend a supper in Canada but had to decline. He works and resides in Calgary, Alberta, and his recreation time was limited. His parents still live in Framlingham and if a visit to England coincided with an OF event he would consider attending.

**David Lebbell** (K41-46) was sorry that he couldn't organise an event in Vancouver, but both he and Faith are 84 and he had a fall from a ladder last year. He is the only OF on Vancouver Island and is the 2nd oldest OF in Canada. The oldest is **Kenneth Painter** (K39-45) who is 2 years older.



**Peter Macfarlane** (Z73-81), our epic canoeist, had no more journeys planned. He sent a picture of the snow last winter. They had had over 15 inches of some of the wettest, heaviest snow that he had ever experienced.

**Ian Tucker** (S94-99) was in touch in March 2015 to say that he was now living in Abbotsford, British Columbia.

## COSTA RICA

**David Allars** (K47-55) had a long and most enjoyable conversation with **Alfred Molson** (K38-43) early in 2015, while David was staying at his place in Florida. He also took the opportunity to meet up with other OFs while there – see **John Neilson** (R68-72) report below.

## CZECH REPUBLIC

**Christina Johnston-Myachina** (V01-06) has been providing regular updates from Prague on her wonderful singing career. These are covered elsewhere in this publication and have been news stories on the OF website. Her debut album, to be released in late 2015, was recorded this year with The City of Prague Philharmonic Orchestra. The highlight of her year was a concert for the President and the Chinese government, which was broadcast on Chinese television and covered the next day by the Chinese newspapers.

## DUBAI

**Ed Marr** (G85-92) organised a reunion in April and before the event updated us with the news: *"I've moved on from Haymarket in HK and am now in Dubai working for the magazine division of Gulf News, the biggest newspaper in UAE. I was married on 17 March 2014 in Singapore to Junko Saito who is from Tokyo. We had a baby on 4 May 14 called Sophia Eugenia Luna Marr. We moved to Dubai in June!"* So a busy 2014 for them, and it was great to meet them in April 2015

## FRANCE

**Bob Craig** (R63-70) was in touch about joining us for the dinner in Dubai. He currently consults for the Ministry of Higher Education in Oman and as you can read elsewhere, he was eventually able to join Ed and myself for breakfast in Dubai in April after his 30 minute flight was badly delayed the previous evening. He went on to say *"I have a house in the South of France but presently work in the Middle East. I quit this August, hopefully to enjoy semi-retirement amongst the vineyards, and a bit of consultancy."*

**Terry Hurlock** (R66-73) was looking forward to seeing all the family, including his new grandchild, in Norfolk for the wedding of his daughter, Ruth, on the 13th June.

**Brian Rosen** (S40-46) had a long phone chat with **Bill Cooper** (G41-46) who he hoped would come to the dinner at Pembroke College. I also sent Brian a list of those of his contemporaries we were still in contact with. He replied *"The list of some of our contemporaries is most*

**CHRIS THURGAR... WAS A BRAVE MAN – HE TRAVELLED ON THE PILLION OF MY BSA TO GET TO MATCHES.**

*interesting and I feel that I know some of them very well; even those I haven't seen for over 60 years. I shared a study with **William Craske** (K39-46) and played in a rugby side with **Chris Thurgar** (G41-46) when he was stationed in the army near Brighton. He was a brave man – he travelled on the pillion of my BSA to get to matches. **John Barrett***

*(R42-46) parked his Rolls Royce in my paddock for the Sussex supper in 1976, etc.etc"*

## GERMANY

**Kim Dickel** (M97-98) and **Jens Kippenberger** (G91-92) did a brilliant job organising the German 150th event in Hamburg in July 2015, and they hope that it will really kick start more regional events in years to come.

**Christian Schütte** (K07-09) was really helpful in tracking down emails for significant numbers of OFs living in Germany and hopes to organise a 'Stammtisch' once his studies have finished.

## HOLLAND

**Peter Barker** (K65-68) was contacted by me via his younger brother, David, about the dinner in Toronto. Peter had visited the College in October 2014 for the first time since leaving in 1968.

## INDIA

**Richard Gould** (K66-71) was very proud and pleased to inform us that he was awarded the Past Rank of Past Vice President Regional Grand Steward for the year 2015. He sent a photograph of himself in the said Office's Regalia.

## IRELAND

**Harriet Donnelly** (V84-87) tried really hard to organise an OF event in Ireland. Apart from **Andy Selby** (Z83-93) there sadly appeared to be little interest here, but I'm sure Harriet would be prepared to try again if sufficient interest were shown. I was looking forward to my first visit to Ireland since my 1st birthday!

## NEW ZEALAND



**Roy Farman** (K47-55) met up with Rebecca and **Chris Shaw** during their tour of the country in late 2014. The photo shows Roy and Sandy Farman and Chris (right). **Katherine Jackson** (P86-91) also met up with Chris and Rebecca. Katherine lives with her son, Tobias, near Auckland.

**Richard Warner** (Z88-96) contacted me to say he would try and touch base with some of the OFs in Hamilton and Cambridge. He updated his address in Bader, Hamilton, NZ. He hoped to meet up with **Richard Bearne** (K59-62).

**Ian Channell** QSM (42-45) who, as many of you will know, was officially appointed the first *Wizard of New Zealand* in October 1990 by the then Prime Minister of New Zealand, represented South Island NZ at the Hunter Valley event. He informed us that he had recently been promoted to Archwizard and now that has a few Wizards to boss around! He wore his full regalia of pointed black hat at the event.

## NIGERIA

**Baba Ikanade-Agba** (G07-09) tried hard to organise a 150th anniversary event in Nigeria but without success.

## SINGAPORE

**Sarah Jane Leighton** (M00-02) lives in Singapore but spends quite a bit of time in Kuala Lumpur. We tried, but unsuccessfully, to arrange a meeting with her on our way back from Australia.

## OVERSEAS BAG

continued

### ✦ SOUTH AFRICA

**Mike Bullock** (R55-59) did a great job organising a 150th event in Johannesburg, despite not being in the best of health. He thoroughly enjoyed reading 'On an Eminence'.

### SWITZERLAND

**Annie Kempton** (M97-01) was originally contacted to see if she was interested in attending an OF event in Canada, as we had her address there. Armed with her new address in Switzerland, I inquired whether she would like to go to the Hamburg event. A bit too far!

### THAILAND

**John Birt** (S59-63) was not able to make the HK gathering in March as he was in Kathmandu attending a Durbar celebrating 200 years of Gurkha Service to The Crown. From there he was planning to fly back to Bangkok, re-pack and fly on to Australia for the 150th event there. He was intending to meet up with his brother **Andrew** (S55-58) and his wife. Unfortunately, just a few weeks before, we were shocked to hear that he wasn't well enough and that his brother had been involved in a car accident and was in hospital. In October John said he was progressing well and had been able to visit the UK/France and the College in August. Andrew was also progressing well although it has affected his peripheral vision and short term memory.

### USA

**Dave Conett** (K71-73) was unable to get to the San Diego 150th event but responded: "Good to hear from you. I'm in Oklahoma at the moment, but travel back to California quite often. I still have a house there and am part-owner of a craft brewery." ([www.braverybrewing.com](http://www.braverybrewing.com))

**Arthur Cooke** (K92-95) was similarly unable to make San Diego. He observed that of all the houses I mentioned in a list of attendees, members of Kerrison outnumbered those from all the other houses. He put this down to Kerrison's adventurous and pioneering spirit! I wouldn't, of course, disagree!

**Ivor Noel Hume** (37-39) was really appreciative of the help provided by **John Ellerby** (G67-75) for his latest book on Elizabethan times called 'The Dark Closet'. While waiting for developments with *The Dark Closet* he is working on another novel with the working title 'The Williamsburg Murders and a Girl with Red Garters.'

**Bryan Ivory** (K48-52) contacted me at Christmas 2014. His eyesight remains a problem, but he can still drive during daylight and he continues to enjoy his butterflies. He came over to London in the Spring and visited his 92 year old sister, whom he sadly lost in the Autumn. There was a mid-summer trip to Colorado to see his youngest son and 2 grandchildren.

**Edgar McKean** (G65-66) from New Hampshire was invited to pop over the border and go to the 150th event in Toronto. Unfortunately family-party commitments meant he couldn't attend. He went on to say how much he had enjoyed his time at Framlingham as the English Speaking Union exchange student.

**Alfred Molson** (K38-43) has been in touch on a regular basis by phone and continues to be the source of amazing stories of his life. We discussed how he landed on Sword Beach about 8 weeks after D Day and then made his way over Pegasus Bridge to Rouen. He had enjoyed reading the biography I had sent him of Peter Bailey. He spoke to Diane Abbott, widow of **Michael Abbott** (K34-41) and had tried to track down his contemporary **Luke Farrar Shackleton Bentley** (41-43). Just before my trip we talked about his having been to Dubai in pre-oil days when it didn't even have an airport!

In July 2015 Alfred passed on the sad news that his wife of 65 years, Daphne, had died at the age of 93. She had not been well for the last year and for the last 3 months he had had to give her constant care. His son who lives quite near him, is now regularly visiting. Alfred was sad to hear that **Robin Kiddle** (K42-46) had died. Alfred remembered him from old Kerrison days.

**John Neilson** (R68-72) entertained **David Allars** (K47-55), **Richard Rowe** (S65-74), David's wife Maria, and Richard's son Jack, to a very enjoyable lunch. This took place at almost exactly the same time as OFs were meeting in Exeter for the inaugural Devon/Cornwall OF Supper. From left to right – Richard's youngest son Jack between hockey tournament games,



Richard Rowe, John Nielsen, Maria (David's wife) and David Allars.

**Bryan Pearson** (S45-47) was sorry not to be able to get across from Hawaii to San Diego for the OF events there. In January he and Celestine headed to Tahiti to board the Pacific Princess for a 16 night cruise, visiting the usual spots. He was pleased to see in the Newsletter that **Brian Rosen** (S40-46) is still around and attending meetings – he had been in regular contact with his brother, Anthony. In August he followed up with details of his meeting up with Nick and their special 150th celebrations on board in Alaskan waters. They are also booked on a 12 night cruise to Tahiti on September 16th.

**Laurence Pretty** (S49-54) wasn't able to make the San Diego weekend but mentioned that he knew **Julian Bayley** before going to the College, as they were both students at Oakwood Prep School.

**Richard Rowe** (S65-74) made extraordinary efforts to attend the Hong Kong Supper, in spite of many difficulties. These included being drenched in water by a faulty hose and waiting for his clothes to dry. As you read earlier, Richard also met up with John Nielsen and Richard Allars in February in Florida and then, amazingly, happened to be in Germany when the Hamburg weekend was held and managed to attend that as well.

**Caspar Zafer** (S89-92) was in California and wanted to attend the San Diego weekend. He apologised for his late reply, which was due to his becoming a father at the end of 2014.

This is the tenth year of the Moreau Scholarships. Over this period 21 scholars have been selected (Normally two a year, but we had one exceptional year with three scholars.)

Around £50,000 worth of OFs funds have been channelled into sustaining a scheme, the prime intention of which is to bring together year groups, as well as to engage younger OFs in the activities of the Society.

This scheme was the brainchild of Peter Howard-Dobson. It has been warmly supported by the Trustees, and administered successively – and very successfully – by Chairmen of selectors, Peter H-D himself for the first three years, and then by David Mallett who has instituted a number of improvements to the selection process over the years. There have been 5 selectors each year, including recent leavers, and the scheme has been very much dependent on the support of the College staff, who have provided references and recommendations.

Over those 10 years 114 applicants have come forward, offering a wide range of qualities and achievements for selectorial consideration, and exemplified the very best of the products of a Framlingham education. The Mallett family have been central to the selection procedure, offering hospitality to candidates, selectors and staff at their house near the town square. There is much to celebrate. The Honours Board in the Sixth Form

going for 10 years very much justified the holding of a special Dinner. It was held at The College on Saturday September 19th. It was heartening to note that, such is the esteem in



ABOVE: MOREAU SCHOLARS, SELECTORS, TRUSTEES, MENTORS AND MEMBERS OF STAFF CELEBRATE 10 YEARS OF MOREAU SCHOLARSHIPS

which the scholarships are held, that the College not only hosted the Dinner, but also generously financed it.

Almost half the scholars were able to attend, alongside a group of selectors, trustees, mentors and College staff. It was a wonderfully relaxed and lively affair, with quite a high noise level! After short speeches from Paul Taylor, Peter H-D and David Mallett, the candle-lit buffet, the ambiance in the new VIth Form Centre, the quality of the meal and the warmth of conversations all combined to show that the scheme is very much alive and kicking, and that it is fulfilling its objectives.

**2015 Moreau Scholars – profiles**

**Ele Williamson**

Ele came to Framlingham for the two sixth form years, where she studied Biology, Chemistry and Maths at A level. She previously attended Debenham High School, where she was Head Girl and won the prestigious Diana Award for her contributions to the community. At the College she was Head of Academic with one of her duties being to organise the newly instituted academic annual dinner. She enjoys sport, and has a keen interest in netball, swimming and ballet, having reached County standard in the first two

and recently obtaining her Grade VI in ballet. She also enjoys music, and plays the piano and the violin, making solo performances, accompanying



vocals and playing with orchestras. Ele is a member of a Young Farmers social group and has undertaken roles on the Committee, such as Minutes Secretary, Vice Chairman and Sports Secretary, each requiring different skills such as organisation and the ability to address an audience.

Such has been her impact at Framlingham in such a short time – with her many achievements and interests outside school she has all the makings of being an excellent Moreau scholar. Ele is now reading Biomedical Sciences at the University of Reading.

**Annie Fulcher**

Annie's statement to the Moreau selectors included the quotation from Oscar Wilde: "Be yourself.

*Everyone else is already taken."*

This was well borne out in her interview when she came up with ideas such as

organising a Newmarket race visit, and setting up some sort of mapping device which would help the leavers of her year to keep track of one another as they traipsed around the world! Just in case they inadvertently missed the opportunity for paths to cross. That may or may not have been a realistic objective but it caught the imagination.

More conventionally Annie has been involved in most of the main aspects of school life, sports teams, choir, concert performances, Maths Challenge, alongside organising Theme Nights and running the VIth form dinner. She studied Maths, Geography and Economics, and was lucky enough to go to New York during the summer on an exchange. She loves travel and exploring different cultures, but is well rooted

amongst local friends, mixes easily and enjoys her social life. All that, together with her other Framlinghamian connections, such as an OF sister, **Natalie** (M07-12), and an OF Father, **Ian** (G73-77) recently elected a Governor, make her, too, a deserving winner of one of this year's Moreau scholarships. She has much to offer.



MOREAU SCHOLARSHIPS	
2006-2007	2012-2013
ABIGAIL MACEWILL	MIRIAM LILL
HANNA GLENN	LEWIS MYERS-ALLEN
2007-2008	2013-2014
KATHIE DUFF	CHARLOTTE LUPICA
ROBERT NATHAN	JASPER MARSH
	ALEXANDER ALLEN
2008-2009	2014-2015
MIRICA PECK	KAT DENTON
JAMIE PEARSON	CHARLOTTE LILL
2009-2010	2015-2016
HELEN BELL	ANNIE FULCHER
BETHAN BUSHBYNE	ELE WILLIAMSON
2010-2011	
HANNA GARDNER	
TERRY HARRINGTON	
2011-2012	
BENNY WILDER	
SCOTT MACKIE	

Centre, pictured here, displays the role of honour – so far.

All of this, and the fact that it had been



We are delighted to say that the first meeting of this Committee took place at the College, concurrently with the other SOF meetings, on Saturday 17th October 2015.

The energy and thinking behind this gathering came from **Nick Whitehead** (K06-11) who has worked with great enthusiasm to establish what should be a very important channel for the communication of ideas between younger OFs and the Society as a whole.

While not specifically linked to the Moreau scheme (see previous page), it can clearly benefit not only from the input of those who have had the experience of being a Moreau scholar, but also from those who remain linked to the Society by the on-going OF prize scheme, which is based on the Moreau principle of giving young OFs a material incentive to remain in contact with the Society, and thereby with the College.

Membership of this committee is, of course, open to *all* OFs who would like to maintain the link, and who would like to have an input into how Framlinghamians of all ages and across the world can maintain contact with the College, and with one another. Both the Society and the College see this as a major step forward in cementing the bond between the two.

The meeting was a productive one. It was wonderful to note that 23 young OFs attended, with most of them staying on for the supper afterwards. Nick reported back to the Council meeting on what has been discussed and on proposals for future activities. He envisaged arrangements for helping young leavers both to stay in contact and participate, rather than disappear for 20 years before belatedly re-establishing contact with the College and other OFs. Activities were need which could bridge that gap.

**The main ideas brought forward from the meeting and presented to Council were:**

- 1 A dinner should be organised annually, to be attended by V1th formers and leavers from the previous 5 years. This should be out-of-term.
- 2 This could be linked, perhaps, to an OF Rugby festival pitting, say, an Under 23 team against an Over23 team.
- 3 There could be sports tournaments held at the College, bringing in former students from other East Anglian schools. These could be male, female or mixed.
- 4 By promoting further the use of social media – particularly if OF and College social media are more integrated - more casual social events could be organised.
- 5 It was stressed, not only by Nick, but also by Jane Easey, that knowledge of the SOF comes too late in a school career. It does not start until the V1th form. Awareness of the existence and activities of the SOF should ideally start at the beginning of a school career.
- 6 It was envisaged that the group might meet up twice a year: once in Suffolk, at the time of the Suffolk Supper, and once in London.

**Introduction:**

From time to time, either the website team or the College receives a question about past pupils or teaching staff. Sometimes, by a bit of diligent searching of the old College

Register, or those other splendid books: Framlingham College – *The First 60 Years* (John Booth); *Framlingham College – The Second 60 Years* (Leslie Gillett); *A History of Brandeston Hall* (Norman Porter); and *Into the Third Millennium* (John Maulden), one of us might find something useful to respond with, but it's always been a time-consuming, and only sporadically successful, exercise.

**A bit of a breakthrough:** About a year ago, one such query came in and, once again, we drew a blank. "What we could really do with", I idly thought, "is a digitised version of each book, done in such a way as to enable the use of Adobe Reader's full search capability". I'd heard that the technology for book-scanning had improved radically over recent years, but I feared it would still be impossibly expensive. A bit of Googling followed, and I was amazed to find a small London company offering to digitise a black and white book for as little as £5.99 per 300 pages! The only snag – the price was achieved by slicing off the spine of the book and then using an automated page-feeder to do the work. I happened to have a spare copy of *The First Sixty Years*, and thought it was worth a punt, so I filled in a form on the firm's website ([www.digitisemybooks.co.uk](http://www.digitisemybooks.co.uk)), paid my £5.99 and popped my book into the post. A few days later, I got an email with a link to download the scanned image (colour cover, all the text and black & white photographs included), and was delighted to find that my Adobe reader could search the entire text in seconds.

I spread the word to the rest of the website admin team, and discussed the availability of other spare copies of books with **Norman Porter**. The good news was that there seemed to be

Title	Archive only	OF website
Framlingham College, The First Sixty Years - John Booth		✓
Framlingham College, The Second Sixty Years - Leslie Gillett		✓
Framlingham College Register (1968) - John Booth		✓
Remembered Days - Leslie Gillett		✓
Their Swords are in your Keeping - SOF		✓
A History of Brandeston Hall - Norman Porter	✓	
Into the Third Millennium - John Maulden	✓	
All Change for Framlingham - David Pitcher		✓

spare copies of just about anything we wanted. So it was that, before long, we'd obtained digital copies of all of our history books. Most of these are available to SOF members who've registered on our website. However, since once or two of the books are still being sold, in an attempt to recoup publication costs, those particular digital files are only held for research purposes.

**A Really Bright Idea:** I was ready to sit back and relax after this flurry of activity, but then Chris Essex phoned to say, "What do you think about digitising the entire catalogue of Framlinghamian Magazines, starting from volume 1, back in 1890 or so?" Now the cost of digitising the eight books we'd done so far had been only about £55. Given that the College used to produce at least one copy of The Framlinghamian a term (and occasionally there were four or five in one academic year), it looked as if the cost of such a large-scale exercise would be something of the order of



## SPORTS REPORTS

£2,000. A paper went forward to the Society's trustees, who gave the project their blessing; and soon came even better news, in the shape of an offer from The College to contribute 50% of the cost (after all, it is a shared archive).

We couldn't go ahead, however, unless there was at least one spare copy of each magazine that could be sacrificed to the destructive scanning process, and so began a lengthy exercise, on the part of College Archivist **Matt Carl** and OF Co-ordinator **Jane Easey**, to hunt the shelves of the library and the archive room to match-up pairs of documents. The news, generally, was good, and we began to think about an initial run. We decided to start with a batched set of magazines covering the entire 1920s – something over 1,000 pages in thirty volumes – which soon came back from DigitiseMyBooks in PDF format. Some relatively simple work added bookmarks for the beginning of each volume, in case anyone wanted to read it like a book, and then it was ready for the website admin team and the College to take a look at. It passed this test with flying colours, and we've now digitised the 1930s as well, and will continue to digitise the entire stock, decade by decade, as and when time permits. We hope that, in due course, we can find a way to make each decade available via the website – but the files are a bit large for most page-turning reader applications. Rest assured, however, we will find a way!

*Peter Howard-Dobson*

BELOW: A MUCH-LOVED BUT SADLY TATTY COPY OF A 1932 'THE FRAMLINGHAMIAN' MAGAZINE - NOW SAFELY DIGITISED FOR SEARCH CAPABILITY AND POSTERITY



**There's much about golf and shooting here, and rather less about the other sports, but that is simply a reflection of the levels of OF involvement in the various sports. We would love to expand contributions from other sports, other than these two major OF sports activities, but can only publish what we are sent – and that reflects what happens!**

### GOLF

#### OFGS Spring Meeting 2015

The OFGS Spring Meeting took place at Frinton Golf Club on Thursday 7 May. This was our first visit to Frinton and attracted a good field of 25 players who were well looked after by the Professional and other staff.

There were three new faces in **Ian and Matthew Low**, members of the home club, and **John Ellerby**. **Guy Lennox**, who had not played in recent years, made a welcome return to OFGS golf. As can be seen from the results below, the new boys did rather well!

The course was generally in good condition, but the greens, recently sanded as part of a maintenance programme, were not easy to putt on. This was no problem for **Norman Mayhew** on the 13th as he had a hole in one and won a 4 Ball Voucher kindly presented by the Frinton Professional!

The weather was kind to us with a gentle breeze and sunny skies – the previous day would have been nigh impossible with winds of up to 50 mph!!

#### The full results were as follows:

Captain's Prize	Barry Hitchcock	37 points
Minter Cup (Scratch)	Guy Lennox	28 points
2nd Div 1	Hugh Curle	34 points
1st Div 2	Ian Low	36 points
2nd Div 2	John Ellerby	34 points

#### Foursomes (10 holes)

1st	Robin Anderton & Michael Spencer	19 points acb
2nd	Ian Low & Guy Lennox	19 points

We look forward to returning to Frinton next year on Thursday, 5th May 2016.

At the AGM **Hugh Curle** was elected Captain of OFGS for a two year term. He replaced **Norman Porter** who had led the Society for the last two years with his usual enthusiasm and energy. **Richard Graves**, who has run the First Team for the last three years, agreed to carry on for another year. **Mike Schneidau**



OFGS SPRING MEETING. TWO CAPTAINS AND TWO WINNERS - TOP L-R: HUGH CURLE AND NORMAN PORTER. ABOVE L-R: BARRY HITCHCOCK AND GUY LENNOX

has taken over the running of the Cyril Gray team from **Barry Lorkin** to whom we are most grateful for his many years of organising.

**Hugh Curle** has taken over the running of the matches against Aldeburgh GC and the College from **Robin Anderton** to whom we also owe a great debt of gratitude.

#### Grafton Morrish Qualifying 2015

We played with Stamford on Sunday, 17th May 2015 at Gog Magog Golf Club (Old Course) near Cambridge, a new venue for us. Our team of John Wybar, Lottie Whyman, Richard Graves, Charlie Plunkett, Rob Atton and Peter Watts was ➤



GRAFTON MORRISH: LOTTIE WHYMAN AND JOHN WYBAR ON THE GREEN UNDER THE WHYMAN FAMILY'S WATCHFUL EYE

the strongest we had fielded for some years and we had high hopes of progressing to the knock out stages later in the year. John and Lottie did not disappoint coming in with a magnificent score of 33 points. Unfortunately the other pairings did not fare so well and we failed to qualify by 3 points.

**Cyril Gray 2015**

We played against Epsom on Thursday, 25th June 2015 at at Worplesdon Golf Club. In spite of valiant efforts by the new team organiser, **Mike Schneidau**, we were able to field only 5 eligible players, **Michael Spencer, Martin Lamb, Robin Anderton, Andy Towler and Mike Schneidau**, so we were at a disadvantage before the first ball was hit. The result was a loss by 1/2 - 2 1/2.

In the Plate against KES Birmingham we lost 1-2.

**Autumn Meeting 2015**

The meeting was held in bright sunny conditions on Friday, 11th September at Aldeburgh Golf Club. We were looked after superbly as usual by the host club and enjoyed playing on a course in excellent condition.

**THE LUNCH WAS EVEN MORE ENJOYABLE THAN USUAL AS NORMAN PORTER, ORGANISER OF THE WINNING RUNYARD TROPHY TEAM, HAD BROUGHT ALONG A DOUBLE MAGNUM OF FINE CLARET...**

The lunch was even more enjoyable than usual as **Norman Porter**, organiser of the winning Runyard Trophy team, had brought along a double magnum of fine claret which had been presented to them on the previous Monday at Theftord GC.

It was good to see a field of 24 and to welcome SOF President, **Chris Essex**, to see us off and to return later to take photographs of the prize giving. **Dudley**

**Holland**, a longstanding member of OFGS, also came along in the evening to join us for a drink. The competition was keen, but the scoring was lower than usual as we were playing against par rather than bogey. The results are shown below:

		points
Coronation Cup (best overall)	Barry Hitchcock	37
Le May Cup (scratch)	Jonny Newton	28
2nd Div 1	Martin Lamb	35acb
1st Div 2	Vernon Brown	32
2 <sup>nd</sup> Div 2	Andrew Wright	28
Foursomes 1st: Robin Anderton & Martin Lamb		30
Foursomes 2nd: Hugh Curle & Mike Schneidau		29acb
Lamb Trophy (best combined Div 1)	Barry Hitchcock	74
Howard-Smith Cup (best combined Div 2)	Norman Porter	53
Mayhew/Sneath Salver (9 holes)	Clive Cooksey	18acb

We look forward to returning to Aldeburgh on Friday 9th September next year.



SILVERWARE HAUL OF THE DAY AT THE 11TH SEPTEMBER MEETING AT ALDEBURGH. L-R: JONNY NEWTON, BARRY HITCHCOCK, CLIVE COOKSEY, ANDREW WRIGHT

**OFGS v Aldeburgh Golf Club, Saturday, 12th September 2015**

The annual fixture, held the day after the Autumn Meeting, was keenly contested with our hosts Aldeburgh once again coming out on top. Clearly home advantage had told once more, but the match was much closer than the result suggests with three games being decided in home favour by a single hole.

We were well hosted as usual, with good food and wine being enjoyed by all at lunch time. The weather was changeable but the course was in excellent condition.

Those who contested the day for the OF Team were:

**AM Team:**

Peter Watts & Martin Lamb; Peter Howard-Dobson & Roger Wharton; Tom Huggins & Robin Anderton; Richard Binder & Hugh Curle; Brian Evans & Peter Dring.

Score at half time: 3.5/1.5

**PM Team:**

Charlie Plunkett & Tom Huggins; Bill Pinney & Robin Anderton; Hugh Curle & Richard Kihl; Richard Binder & Roger Wharton; Peter Dring & Clive Cooksey.

Full Time Score: 6.5/3.5

**Old Framlinghamians v Old Woodbridgians**

The 5th annual golf match between the Old Woodbridgians and the OFs took place at Woodbridge GC on Monday 18th May 2015. The OFs won for the 5th year in succession, but only just. The anchor pair of **Norman Mayhew** and **Brian Evans** clinched the match on the 18th green, giving the OFs the edge at 3-2. Other OFs who played were **Richard Lee-Warder, Peter Howard-Dobson, Ian Bryce, Chris Milner-Moore, Colin Wigg, Barry Hitchcock, Michael Spencer and Norman Porter**.

The course was almost deserted as the

consequence of a dire weather forecast, and some significant rain but the two teams battled it out, undeterred.

**Old Framlinghamians v Old Ipswichians**

About a month later, on June 15th, 12 OFs took on their Ipswich counterparts. This, the 13th encounter, proved unlucky for the OFs as they went down

by a margin of 3¾ to 2¼. The odd pointage is the result of 2 OIs each playing half a round. No-one was too upset, as it was a thoroughly enjoyable social occasion and a number of OFs had a slight twinge of conscience at having won so consistently in recent years. It is hoped that normal service will be resumed next year.

Those representing the OFs were: James Brocks, Chris Milner-Moore, Martin Lamb, Colin Wigg, Michael Spencer, Guy Jenkinson, Richard Lee-Warder, Andy Rose, Ian Bryce, Brian Evans, Dudley Holland and Norman Porter (Captain and organiser).

### Patrick Spraggs really marking his mark

Patrick, now aged 24, clinched the East Herts Classic, PGA East of England Order of Merit Event, in sensational style by downing a 50-foot birdie putt on the final green. Now a first-year PGA assistant at Woodbridge Golf Club, he led for most of the second round, and judged his final long-range putt to perfection. So he was able to savour the biggest win of his short professional career.

He completed a sports-based degree at the University of Stirling in 2013, and is this season competing for the first time on the East region circuit. He hopes that the win will give him a fresh surge of belief, commenting afterwards: *"This means that I can actually do it again, because I was kind of doubting myself. I had a poor start to the season and Open qualifying last Monday was not very good."*

In fact, Patrick is now one of the top stars of Suffolk Golf, having in recent years won Amateur and Professional Titles. He has now won all three Suffolk major tournaments. Despite his county and regional successes, he is still very much



ABOVE: PATRICK SPRAGGS' SILVERWARE

interested in his old school, and keen to help out if and when he can.

His interest in helping to bring on young players was exemplified when he hit the headlines after staging a junior tournament at his home base, Woodbridge Golf Club. Junior players came together from across the region, bringing Patrick the EADT headline: *Spraggs puts on a spectacular junior event at Woodbridge.*

Patrick's efforts brought in a large field of competitors, and he added popular attractions, such as an ice cream van (free to competitors), and goody bags. So, apart from his golfing skills, he's not short of entrepreneurial flair either!

### A Suffolk Title for Lottie too!

Congratulations are also due to **Lottie Whyman** who won the Suffolk Ladies' Championship at her first attempt, shortly after her stunning debut in the Halford Hewitt, and just before an equally stunning debut in the Grafton Morrish – a great future lies before her and we wish her well, but hope that she will be able to play for OFGS for a few more years before eventually turning pro as she hopes to.

LEFT: PATRICK SPRAGGS IN ACTION. ABOVE RIGHT: LOTTIE WHYMAN WITH HH DEBUTANT WILL POOLE. RIGHT: LOTTIE'S VICTORY COVERED IN EADT

### A golf internship

In early May we heard from **Connor O'Leary** (R02-11) that he had just started an 18 month internship with the R&A working at the Open in St Andrews. He was expecting to be part of the Championship team working on the staging and operations of the whole event this year in St Andrews and also at Royal Troon in 2016. Understandably he was hoping to stay on beyond that. This was the justification used by Connor for not attending the Brandeston 1920s Ball – no sense of priorities!

Connor followed up by saying that his role as an intern is varied. He is part of the Championship department, more specifically he is involved in operations and the staging of The Open. It's not all out of doors: there is plenty of office work, involving him in decision-making. He has to attend meetings, work on presentations with the directors and help manage much of the work that has to be done before the Championship takes place.

On the other hand, much of the work IS outside, working with contractors around the site locations, be it on course, in the tented village, the Members' complex, or contractors' compound etc. His work will involve managing the contractors, making decisions pre-event, as well as during and after, as to how the whole event is run.

As for his golf – Connor is currently playing ❖



off 16 (roughly) and wishes to improve into single figures. He has never really had lessons so admits that there is much to learn, but he hopes to be able to get some good deals as a resident of St Andrews.

**Framlingham 150th Commemorative Charity Golf Day – June 5th 2015**

The very first Framlingham College Golf Day held at Thorpeness Hotel and Golf Club was a resounding success. A violent thunderstorm preceded the event, but, miraculously, the course was playable in good time. Sixteen four-balls battled it out over 18 holes in hot and humid conditions on Friday 5th June. The day brought together a range of teams from staff, pupils, parents, former pupils through to governors.

OFs taking part included: Jonny Newton, James Blyth, Hugh Curle, Lottie Whyman, Philip Alcoe, Geoff Alcoe, Chris Pattinson, Ben Wright, Jack Richards, Guy Pelling, Jo-Jo Hamer-Philip and Alistair Hamer-Philip. Peter Howard-Dobson and Norman Porter were in the Governors’ team.

Home quartets stole the show: the Staff team came first, the Students were second, and the Governors’ team were third. One golfing phenomenon stole the show: a double eagle scored on the same hole by the staff team! No wonder they cruised home.

A fantastic lunch was followed by prize giving and a raffle raised £621.10 for the Charity Home-Start. Ella Heeney from Home-Start said:

*“We were delighted to be chosen as the Charity for this prestigious event. Seeing the golfers return from the course it was obvious that the day had been a great success. We would like to thank Framlingham College for organising the event and all those who attended for their generosity. All the money raised will be used to enable Home-Start to continue supporting families in the Suffolk Coastal & East Ipswich areas.”*

THE GOVERNORS GO GOLFING: L-R, PETER HOWARD-DOBSON, BILL RIMMER, JOHN KELSALL AND NORMAN PORTER



**OFGS win the Claret Jug** (miniature version)

This was the second year of competition for The Runyard Trophy – open to all school (independent and maintained) in Norfolk and Suffolk. This year it was held on September 7th 2015 at Thetford Golf Club and our team of 6 romped home with the trophy, a wonderful miniature replica of the silver claret jug awarded annually to the winner of The Open.

We also received some £200 of claret with which to fill the jug, and embroidered towels. Former students of 9 Norfolk and Suffolk schools participated, and the format was that the winning team was the one with the highest aggregate of the 6 Stableford scores. Results were as follows – as can be seen from the figures, Fram were way ahead of the field.

Ipswich	144 (only 5 players)
Greshams	152
Woodbridge	155
Holbrook	155
Culford	160
King Eds	164
St Felix	166
Norwich	174
OFs –	190 (avg score 31.7)

The team consisted of Norman Mayhew, Robin Anderton, Michael Spencer, Peter Howard-Dobson, Martin Lamb and Richard Lee-Warder,

with Norman Porter as non-playing Captain and Reserve.

It was certainly not the youngest team in the competition, but consistency and experience triumphed over the greater youthfulness and occasional waywardness of some of the others. The individual winner was a 20 year old from Holbrook, playing off 7, and recording a Stableford score of 37. The event is intended to be a social occasion, bringing together golfers both young and old, male and female, while reviving and sustaining the old competitive instincts that exist between these schools. It was a long day, but the event succeeded on both counts. It is quite a long time since an OFGS team won a major trophy – those with long memories might like to remind us of when it may have been. If ever!

RIGHT: OFGS, WINNERS OF THE RUNYARD TROPHY. PRESENTATION OF THE CLARET JUG BY LINDA BASHAM OF ‘SUFFOLK AND NORFOLK GOLFER’ MAGAZINE TO NORMAN PORTER. PETER HOWARD-DOBSON FIRMLY CLUTCHES THE DOUBLE MAGNUM OF CLARET



**And finally**

The last serious contest of the season was held at Aldeburgh Golf Club on October 9th 2015. 12 OFs took on 12 current students. Some fine golf was played by members of both teams, but the OFs ran out narrow winners by 7 matches to 5.

Representing the OFs were: Vernon Brown, James Brocks, Michael Spencer, Ian Bryce, Clive Cooksey, Martin Lamb, Brian Evans, Jonny Newton, Norman Porter, Robin Anderton, Barry Hitchcock and James Blyth.

Captain Hugh Curle who brought the team together was so blessed with talent that he relegated himself to a watching brief – and was duly impressed by the young (and not so young) talent on view.

We are grateful to the College for generous hospitality, including lunch and green fees.

**David Larter - memorabilia**

Readers of the Newsletter may remember the

item about the visit of former England fast bowler, David Larter to the College. David, on that occasion, very kindly handed over various items of cricketing memorabilia to the College.

We are pleased to report that these are now on display inside the College, and that they will serve to recall a proud chapter in our sporting history, and to inspire younger generations of cricketers. As Headmaster, Paul Taylor put it in his communication with David:

*“Our hope, of course, is that they will eventually be on display in the new addition to the pavilion (which will hopefully be in place by the end of next year), which we hope will become something of a shop window to mark the achievements of OF sportsmen and women’.*



## SHOOTING

Congratulations to **Kimberley Pope** (M04-09), pictured right and below, a member of the OF Rifle Club, and often a helping hand with the College Shooting Team, on being selected for the NRA Channel Islands Shooting Tour (team pictured below) at the end



of May. Kimberley initially wondered whether Framlingham College, where she had first picked up a rifle, might be interested in advertising in the tour brochure. It was eventually decided that the SOF would more appropriately offer Kimberley personal financial support for the tour. Very well done to Kimberley on being selected. We can't think of any other female OF who has been so honoured.

Kimberley subsequently emailed in to say that she had returned from the tour, that it had gone well and that the team had won half their matches. She had had a great time and they were very blessed with the weather, the result of which was a lovely 'shooters tan' (right hand and back of legs only!).

### Season's Retrospect

As an inducement to read full versions on the website we publish extracts from *professional reporter Steve McDowell's* report. His report came in the form of a 10 scene film, dramatic, colourful, spicy dialogue, charting the ups and downs of the Bisley meeting, a bit technical for

the general reader, and taking up a bit too much space for full inclusion. The style of the original can be gauged by the promo credits:

**Astor la vista baby!** (18) - An epic on-the-edge tale of gunfire, gold medals and Prosecco by Bisley Correspondent **Steve McDowell**, with John 'Allahuakhbar' Halahan as Seamus O'Charlatan.

Starring: *Jon 'Smallbore' Ford* as The Queen's Prize; *James '100 percent Jock' McMehta* as The GeeBees; *Steve 'Two Knobs' McDowell* as The Welshman; *Kim 'Close Enough' O'Pope* as Lucky Heather; *Nigel 'Cyclops' Burnip* as Double C the Chairman; *John 'Double Entry' Horton* as The Adjutant; And *Sandy Walker* as Himself. Co-Starring *Sebastian 'Canada' Treacy*; *Bertie 'One Cap' Southworth*; *Ellie 'Consistency' Partington*. Guest Starring *John 'Minion' Miller* as The Chief Range Officer.

### Scene One

Day 1 of the **2015 Imperial Meeting, Bisley**. The half-mile wide 500 yard firing point is crammed with veterans of public schools aged 19 to 90 gathering to compete for the honour of being the best. The OFs once again have managed to get enough shooters to muster three teams to compete in the Vets' aggregate. Two cadets from the College, Ellie and Bertie,

have stayed on. We welcome back Tom 'Handsome' Hampson who has travelled from his first year at Loughborough University to pick up a rifle for his debut as an OF. Next year we will have **Seb Treacy** too, who first has his tour to Canada as an Atheling – the UK's cadet rifle

team. The last one of us to be an Atheling was **Sandy Walker** and we know what happened then. The mood is excited and full of fun. The College is celebrating. Despite mustering only five shooters, due to unfortunate circumstances, they came third in the Ashburton Fours – Ellie, Bertie, Seb and James Watt – and are sporting bronze medals. Now it is the turn of the Vets. The OF A team comes 15th, the OF Bs come 12th and the C-team 15th giving us a fifth place in the overall Public Schools Vets aggregate. Other than the usual cast, taking part are the stalwarts *Neil 'Father of the House' Joy*, *Brian 'Bush' Smith*, *David 'AWOL' Argent*, *Geoff 'Moon Unit' Houston*,

*Andrew 'Santa' (because he only appears once a year – geddit?) Horton* and *Jim 'Ride 'em' Overbury*.

It is an achievement in itself to get three teams out and we enjoy ourselves with some Framlingham College 150th Anniversary beer.

### Scene Two

Day 2. We are there to shoot a famous national tournament called **The Astor**. For more than 100 years every county has sent a representative rifle club to compete for the Astor Counties Championship Trophy. The OFRC is there at short notice, because the West Suffolk Rifle Club, who should have been Suffolk's representative, was unable to raise a team. It is the first massive competition of the Meeting and one which sees international-level shooters heading to the range as the bemused OFRC contemplate something which might, with only a little imagination, resemble a strategy. The sight of two former *Queen's Prize* winners hardly helps confidence. The team turns to gather kit and gird loins while ever-so slightly more serious briefings are going on up and down the range – electronic communications being unfolded and team scoreboards being erected.

There is early excitement, anticipation of glory even, but anti-climax. Horror. We have blown it. But...

### Scene Three

Later. Downcast. Enter range left Halahan wearing a grin like a Cheshire Cat: **"We won the Astor!"** Cue: amazed celebrations – dancing a jig on the firing point and much

**...WE HAVE WON A GOLD MEDAL AND BEATEN, BY TWO CLEAR POINTS, THE LIKES OF JERSEY, EAST OF SCOTLAND, NORFOLK, LONDON, SURREY AND THE RAF...**

manly embracing – to the discombobulation of the Range Control Staff. We have won a gold medal and beaten, by two clear points, the likes of Jersey, East of Scotland, Norfolk, London, Surrey and the RAF, who represented Oxfordshire. Everyone else had a nightmare at 600 yards too. The OFRC has, literally, beaten the shooting world.

### Scene Four

Day 3. The OFRC was so stunned we could not focus. We had done it OFRC style, with minimal kit and maximum mucking about.

### Scene Five

Day 5. **The Lovell**, the first 1000 yard shoot of

the meeting, brings with it an extraordinary wind. At that range 30 minutes of angle translates to about 12 feet, certainly enough to put you on the neighbouring target if you mis-call the wind. There is carnage all round.

### Scene Six

Tuesday. There was a time when an OFRC member being selected for a county team was a very big deal. But 2015's **Inter-counties match** sees OFs firmly embedded in the county scene. Kimberley as vice-captain of Suffolk, Jon Ford as a stalwart opener, Steve McDowell as coach and John Horton the Adjutant; McMehta for Essex; and Halahan and Burnip for Derbyshire (if in the event they actually had a team, but they don't). The great excitement is that one of



STANDING L-R: KIMBERLEY POPE, SANDY WALKER, JON FORD  
SEATED L-R: STEVE McDOWELL, JAMES MEHTA, NIGEL BURNIP

our cadets, Bertie, is selected to win his first cap at the age of 15. He, and Suffolk, perform creditably, beating both Essex and Norfolk – which of course is the important thing.

### Scene Seven

Day seven. Thursday. **The National Match.** Halahan, having toured with GB in the Spring, is now embedded in the Irish team. As we further know, by dint of being born in Dundee, McMehta is Scottish, as is Sandy Walker – thus both taking up the Saltire. The greater surprise is the selection for a full international Cap for Kim O'Pope in the "National Match", only days after her under 25 debut and the random discovery of an Irish heritage. Steve McDowell, to general incredulity, has been selected as a

reserve... for Wales. As it turns out England and Ireland raced for the title, with Halahan and O'Pope dropping only one between them. Nonetheless Ireland narrowly lose out to the mighty England, and Wales beat the Jocks – serves them right for having a bag-piper on the pitch. The OFRC, however, looms large. With Messrs Ford and Burnip both ex-GB Veterans and John Horton an ex-GB shot (from 1972) we can now field no fewer than eight internationals.

### Scene Eight

Prologue. A single spotlight lights an empty range – slowly and purposefully Chairman enters the spotlight, his hands in his OFRC blazer pockets. He speaks as Henry V, all Larry Olivier:

*"It is at this point, gentles all, that we should highlight the achievements of our beloved aeronaut, the noble Jonathan Ford. In four years since coming to full-bore shooting at the age of 68 he has qualified for two consecutive Queens Finals. In 2015 he has finished 22nd in the Grand Aggregate, meaning that he is beyond doubt the 22nd best full-bore shot in the world this year. He has raised his classification from T – Tyro though O – Ordinary and A – Advanced to X – Expert – the top 100 shots each year – in four consecutive years."* Chairman pauses for extra dramatic effect and strides stage right. *"This, as far as we can ascertain, an unprecedented success. At 72 he has become a world-class sportsman."*

Raising voice: *"And OFs in England now abed shall think themselves accursed they were not here, And hold their manhoods cheap whilst any speaks"*.

Exit stage right, cue: standing ovation. Spotlight swings left. McMehta stands meekly with his finger in the air. *"Ahem. S'cuse me, but I should like to point out that we had three OFs in the Grand Aggregate 100, Sandy Walker and me – I came 91st"*. Flurries of cabbages hit the stage.

### Scene Nine

Final Day. Saturday. The meeting is drawing to a close and the finals of the two biggest competitions at the Imperial meeting have arrived. Each has two qualifying stages and only the top 100 can make the finals of the **St George's** and

**Her Majesty The Queen's Prize.** There are literally hundreds of casualties on the way so to have an OF representative in each is a great achievement. Jon Ford makes his second final – watched by the shooting world, it is the very pinnacle of rifle shooting. He performs creditably, though gets smashed by an evil wind and finishes 90th (from about 1000 people) beating last year's performance by four places. Only slightly behind him is James McMehta who has made the final of **St George's**. James came third, got his name on the board and won a massive great cup with a badge.

### Closing Scene

The massive umbrella tent. The OFs queue up with the great and the good, the military in immaculate uniforms and some of the best shots in the world in their blazers and ties. We are loudly announced and we pick up our big shiny gold medals and a serious, proper trophy engraved with famous names going back to 1903. Now the name of the Old Framlinghamian Rifle Club will be writ large upon it – just like the club itself. OFRC's final act was to fill the famous Astor trophy with Prosecco and drink it with straws, all at once.

Enter range right the Chairman. He is spotlight. There is a strange quiet as the madness of the previous nine days fades like a gossamer cloud. (Silence) *"Where, O where does the OFRC go from here?"* Exit.

### Afterword

The Old Frams have come to the end of a long season in which we won the All Day match from the Bedfordians and the Lawrentians, but lost the opening Q Match and Long Range shoot to a collaborative Lancing and Bedford team called BedLancers. There is still a Steward's enquiry. Yet despite all this our greatest achievement, it is widely agreed, is that the OFRC is in great shape and bringing though young College shooters who in turn reinforce our ranks. Not only are the established Sandy and Kim testament to that, but we are particularly proud to have welcomed Tom Hanson and Seb Treacy into the club – we look forward to Ellie and Bertie coming through next. Then we will know where we can go from here.

### Final Positions

Grand Aggregate		705.141
22nd	Jon Ford	692.80
81st	Sandy Walker	687.78
91st	James Mehta	686.85
387th	Nigel Burnip	668.47
422nd	Seb Treacy (College)	664.58
435th	Kim Pope	662.65
522nd	Steve McDowell	653.46
597th	Bertie Southworth (College)	637.40
709th	Ellie Partington (College)	560.29

## CRICKET

### OFs v College on 28th June

In a match reduced by rain to 36 overs the College won by 4 wickets. OFs 206 for 9 (T Burton 63; M Veevers-Chorlton 51). College 207 for 6. (T Rider 4 for 49).

For those who have not been back to the College for some time, the picture below should reassure you that little has changed, apart from appearance of ever-larger marquees, used this year for the 150th Ball, for the Leavers Ball and for Music on a Summer's Evening – as well as for Speech Day. Our staff photographer kept his distance – modern cricket can be dangerous.

Representing the OFs were:

M. Veevers-Chorlton, S. Veevers-Chorlton, R. Bridgestock, R. Sprake, T. Burton, C. Hicks, T. Rider, P. Lawrence, H. Moffit, J. Carr, T. Brown, C. Claydon, N. Whitehead.

### Hertfordshire 2015 cricket day

Report from Tom Wornham:

The Burt v Wornham cricket match was scheduled for 13th June, however mother nature had other ideas. Both teams assembled for pre-match drinks and sandwiches. Unfortunately the inclement weather prolonged



TOM WORNHAM WAS PRESENTED WITH THIS SCRUMPTIOUS BIRTHDAY CAKE AT THE EVENT

the visit and after watching the drizzle persist for a hour it was decided to forego the

match. This is the second

time in 16 years that our game has been disrupted by poor conditions. However, never one to be easily beaten, Wornham encouraged both teams to return to

the farm for a revised schedule of 5-a-side football and swimming. This was possibly the best option, considering many team members now bring their children along and these activities provided ample chance to involve father and daughter/son to compete together. A ginormous tea was polished off before everyone returned home.

OFs present were; Peter Mayo, Peter Burt, Martin Pedler, Thomas Wornham, Tami Wornham, Matthew Crook, Matthew Carlick, Andrew Kershaw, Matthew Davies, David Norris, William Townrow, Nicholas Lee, James O'Sullivan, Christian Everett and Marc Robinson.

All in attendance were at the college between 1987-1996. Tom Wornham always struggles to find a full team of OF representatives and would welcome contact from anyone of any ability.

### Hockey – Haileybury Sixes

Josh Cutting organized the team and reported that it was again a very enjoyable weekend. Once again the team lost out in the semi-finals and once again it was St Edwards.

Unfortunately there were a couple of last minute cancellations and so Fram only managed to get a squad of six on the day, (with a couple of injured/hungover players – understandably, given the England rugby performance the night before!).

The organizer of the event, **Tony Nunn** described the day as follows:

A great day with good hockey in glorious weather. The only difficulty, which indirectly affected Framlingham, was the last minute non-appearance of RGS Guildford which meant altering matches and Pools and that delayed the Programme, which in turn meant that Fram had to leave after their semi-final, sportingly conceding their match 3rd v 4th. (Those two teams should be considered to have come 3=)

The standard was high and the semi-finals were between St Edwards v Framlingham and Haileybury v Tonbridge. The Final was won by St Edwards against Tonbridge. St Edwards had a really strong team including two University players and were hardly tested, scoring a hatful of goals.

*We are very grateful to Josh for getting the team together, and ensuring that Fram were represented - in illustrious company.*

### Ipswich Town in the Play-offs.

**And Bob Williams was there.**

Early birds catch the worm: Photographed here, with Mark Murphy of BBC Radio Suffolk and Phil Ham, the mover and shaker behind the ever popular TWTD.co.uk fans' website, are a trio of enthusiasts representing the ITFC South West of England Supporters' Club. L-R, next to Mark, are Tony Stimson, Secretary of the Club, Bob Williams, 45 years a fan and former Season Ticket holder, seen sporting his



venerable and particularly appropriate T-shirt of a young Delia Smith bearing the legend 'Once a Blue, always a Blue' (!) and Harry Wainwright, the well known pundit and blogger on Town matters. They left Bath, on the round trip, at 05.30 and arrived to a good welcome from the Radio Suffolk team. *Bob commented:* "Just wonderful to see the Stadium full to the brim. Atmosphere great and level of endeavour could not be faulted. Norwich certainly looked a class act at times but Mick McCarthy remains a very canny operator.

At that point, after a 1-1 draw, there was still a mountain to climb. And Ipswich duly succumbed at Norwich in the second leg, so remain in The Championship.





## NOTICEBOARD

Births/Engagements/Marriages/Deaths/Obituaries

### MARRIAGES

**Ed Binder** married Angharad Bendall on the 5th September 2015 at All Saints Church, Semer, and the reception followed at Hollow Trees Farm Shop, Semer, Nr. Hadleigh, Suffolk, (Angharad's parents' farm shop). Around 250 guests attended, including many Young Farmers (where the bride and groom had met).



Lots of OFs were involved, including Best Man, Thomas Over (G04-09), Ushers Harry Wrinch (G05-08) and Bob Wrinch (G03-06), Ed's sister and Bridesmaid Jenny Binder (P00-11) and Bridesmaid Lucy McVeigh (V00-12), Ed's

father, (Richard Binder), Grand-dad (Wally Binder), Peter Over, Emily McVeigh (V00-09), Alice Westrope (V00-11), Freddie Vaudrey (R00-07), James Blyth, Will Tew (G04-09), Ben Gowing (R04-09), Sean Collins (G99-09), Josh Cutting (G98-09), James Ince (R03-08), Jack O'Brien (S04-08), Peter Cole (R99-11), Caroline Reid (V03-09), Hattie Cole (M99-09) and Beth Rutterford (M04-09).



**TOP:** L-R: BEST MAN THOMAS OVER RELAXES WITH RICHARD BINDER. **ABOVE:** ANGHARAD WITH RICHARD, AT THE WHEEL OF AN UNUSUALLY CLEAN AND SHINY TRACTOR, KINDLY LOANED FOR THE OCCASION BY JOHN THURLOW

Ed describes it as a fantastic day, and how great it was to see all their family and friends enjoying it. He and Angharad would both like to thank Chris and Sally Tew, and John Thurlow for letting them borrow a tractor on the day.

**Ben Kendall** (G98-01) married his long-standing fiancée, Gemma Brown, on Saturday, August 1st 2015 at St James's Church, North Newnton, south of Marlborough, one of the oldest ecclesiastical sites in the country, dating back to the 10th century.

It was an idyllic setting, based next to an old mill site on an upper reach of the River Avon. The Reverend Canon Andrew Studdert-Kennedy of Marlborough officiated. With 130 guests, the church was absolutely full. A Guard of Honour from The Coldstream Regiment were in attendance.

Following the service, the Reception was in the adjacent meadow by kind permission of Madeline Wilks, former High Sheriff of the County. The weather held and, following a fantastic wedding breakfast and speeches, a band played long into the night.

The happy couple flew off to Mauritius for a fortnight's honeymoon. Ben's eldest sister, **Kara** (V99-06) was one of the bridesmaids.

**Robert Goodrich** (Hon OF), on July 25th 2015, in Wymondham Abbey to Lorna Kisby. Lorna is a primary school teacher and former Durham University Choral Scholar. The couple met 5 years ago whilst performing in The Endellion Music Festival in Cornwall.

**Christina Johnston** and **Olivia Castle** sang at the wedding and **Clive Norton** supported them on bass.

### BIRTHS

**Howard-Dobson** - To **Laura** and **James** (K 88-98) Howard-Dobson, a beautiful daughter, Olivia Daisy, born 23rd September 2015. A cousin for Evelyn Alice.

**Reynell** - to **Carlos** and **Jenny** on May 4th

2015 – twins Daniel Richard and Alfred John. Pictured below.



**Rose** - to **Andy** and **Julie**, a gift of a little boy, Matthew Robert, born on 6th December 2014, and weighing in at 7lb 10oz. In their own words: We are well and truly blessed.



**ABOVE:** MATHEW ROSE – VERY MUCH IN THE SWING

**Towler:** To **Andy** (R77-82) and **Betty** (Bettinson), a daughter, Georgia, born on 25th September at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital. Pictured below.



## OBITUARIES

(Notices mostly previously published)

### DEATHS

**Edmund Hudson Baker MBE** (K43-50) died peacefully on 26th November 2014 in West Suffolk Hospital. Father of **Paul Baker** (K80-90). There was a service of Thanksgiving on 12 December 2014 at St Mary's Church, Old Newton, IP14 4PH. He was awarded the MBE in 1993 Queens Birthday Honours, when he was Assistant Chief Commandant, Suffolk Special Constabulary.

**John Ives** (G42-50) died on May 22nd 2015, aged 82 years, after a brief but sudden illness. Much loved husband of the late Janet, and father of Fay, Matthew, Lizzie and David, and dearly loved by his four grandchildren. Private family cremation. A Memorial service took place at Framlingham College on September 5th. Amongst the many OFs attending were: Rev Simon Pitcher (officiating), Matthew Ives, Lizzie Hillier (née Ives), Tabitha Ives, Tim Bater, Jim Blythe, Dick Cook, Hugh Curle, Ian Curle, Daniel Dring, Hugo Field, John Goddard, Jeremy Hinves, Dudley Holland, Norman Mayhew, Canon David Pitcher, Norman Porter, Liz Rayner (Botfield), Julian Sayer, Jane Seggons, Mark Turner, Andrew Ward, Mike Wheatley, plus George Ives (current).

**Robert John Karling** (G73-77). Robert died tragically and suddenly after a short illness on 24th May 2015. He was greatly respected as the Rector of Kelvinside Academy. The Academy expressed its sincere and heartfelt condolences to Julia, Michael and Jonathan Karling. There was a private family funeral but it was Robert's wish that there should be a separate service for the school community at Hyndland Parish Church.

**Robin Geoffrey Kiddle** (K42-46), father of **John Kiddle** (BH and K65-74), died on 30th April 2015. He had been ill with dementia for some 3 years. His condition deteriorated after a fall late in 2014 and he went into a Care Home in January 2015, where he passed away.

**Jeremy John Ridgen Lee** (K59-64) in Malta on April 13th 2015. Jeremy was a member of the Jazz Band which performed at the Centenary Ball.

**James Howard Major** (K66-72) on June 30th 2015 following a courageous battle with illness. James was a partner of Dickens Watts and Dade for over 20 years and following the take-over, became a Director at Savills, concentrating on Residential Development for the last 8 years. He pursued active interests in music, sailing and the local community. Our thoughts and sympathy goes out to his wife

Sally and their children Jonathan, Edward, Ginny and Harry.

**Anthony John Randell** (S49-52), as reported in the Eastern Daily Press on April 24th 2015 aged 79 years. A service of thanksgiving was held on Monday 11th May at St Nicholas Church, North Walsham. A report on his life and career appeared in the same paper. Ken Mayhew knew him and attended the service.

**Geoffrey Gyford Peck** (S38-44) died on 3rd April 2015 following a long illness. OFs Dudley Holland and Robert Mayhew attended his funeral. His brother **Harry Gyford Peck** (S38-43) died in 2010.

**Lt. Col. Robert Lynn Stevens** (S51-55) on 29th May in his sleep on holiday in France. He had been ill and disabled for some years, so, as his brother John, puts it: "We are grateful that his end was so peaceful". There was a memorial Service at St Mary's, Mapledurwell, Hants, on Thursday 18th June at 2.30. The Society was represented by John Ellerby.

### AN APOLOGY – Hard copies of the June 2015 Newsletter

We apologise to those who received hard copies of the Newsletter by post, but who had to pay extra postage and collect the item from the Post Office.

A significant number of these were returned to the Hon Sec, uncollected, so you don't know what you missed!

By way of explanation we can only blame the poor old Royal Mail operative who had about 100 of these to deal with, and who admits to having put on insufficient postage.

The potential hassle of pursuing financial redress, and the possible consequences for the PO employee meant that I refrained from following this up. But thank you to those who did collect the item, and who did pay additional postage.

If you are on the 'hard copy' list but would now prefer to receive the Newsletter by email do please contact the Hon Sec.

Those living overseas will have seen that postal rates are particularly expensive.

*Norman Porter*  
*Hon Sec and Newsletter Editor*



### Peter Arbon

Peter died, aged 88, on 12th April 2015. The youngest of a family of 13 children, Peter was the last surviving member of his generation of Arbons. He first attended the village school, then Framlingham Modern only to leave, as many did, at the age of fourteen. He had, as a youngster, helped out on the Brandeston Hall Estate. The War Years apart, when he worked for the family at Monewden Hall when they relocated, temporarily, to Aldeburgh, his entire working life was spent at Brandeston Hall, once it was established as the Junior School of Framlingham College.

Peter enjoyed a fearsome reputation at horticultural shows around the County, invariably coming away with a guaranteed haul of medals and certificates for both vegetables and blooms of immaculate quality. When not exhibiting himself, he was much in demand as a qualified show judge. He served some sixty years with the village bell-ringers group and his name was rarely absent from the crib and steel quoits team sheets at the Brandeston 'Queen' – nor from that of the Earl Soham 'Falcon' bowls team. Peter was also a keen motor-cyclist and always easily identifiable as such, on the highways and country lanes of Suffolk. He once wrote off a Honda 125, legend has it, by running it up a tree in Earl Soham (a story probably embellished in the re-telling!) Indisputable though is the fact that, at the age of 84, he promptly invested in a replacement!

Over and above his legendary place within the village of Brandeston, the name of Peter Arbon is also writ large over the entire story of Brandeston Hall as a junior 'seat of learning'. He saw a veritable army of academic staff and estate workers come and go but the 'Head Gardener' seemed to go on forever. He worked under five Junior School Heads and kept a beady eye on four more at the helm since his retirement.

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One of Peter's great gifts was his natural rapport with children (which always helps when you choose to work in a school in whatever capacity!). Footballs lost in the river or stuck in a tree... a quiet peep at a clutch of eggs on a nest in an obscure hedge... then Peter was your man. In the days when his kitchen garden was the envy of all, a hungry youngster could always be assured of a fresh carrot, usually of astonishing size! Any child who had been eliminated from a group game, or was perhaps a touch homesick, was invariably spotted by Peter and swept up to assist in feeding the ducks, or Fred – the raucous peacock. And being given Dillon to cuddle, Peter's giant white rabbit, was always the highlight of any child's



PETER ARBON WAS ENJOYING MOTORCYCLES WELL INTO HIS 80s

day back in the 1970's.

Infinite patience and never a cross word without due cause. All of us, young and not so young, regularly felt the benefit of his generous allocation of interest and time and were a great deal better for it.

For the youngsters, our Annual Bonfire Night always had that extra frisson of excitement, when Peter, having strategically placed an old can, full of petrol, on top of the assembled bonfire, ensured a spectacular conflagration by blasting away at the can with his shotgun! 'Health and Safety' had not, at the time, become the all-constraining fact of life that it now is - but I still go pale at the thought of it!

He always served as an invaluable link between the school and the village - in fact probably the only person who knew exactly what was going on within both communities, in a unique position, as he was, to pour oil on

occasionally troubled waters.

After a long lifetime of being the ultimate 'good neighbour', where he himself was concerned, Peter was fiercely independent but, as he became less able, he too came to rely on a substantial and loyal network of folk who ensured that he was able to stay in his own home until well into his 9th decade and he was always greatly appreciative of the fact that, throughout his retirement years, there remained in place a standing invitation to enjoy a hot lunch with his former colleagues at Brandeston Hall.

Although well looked after in the 15 months he spent at Allonsfield House, in Campsey Ash, his final days were difficult, with pain levels that would prove a trial for any human being, but he remained stoical to the end.

On what turned out to be my last visit to see Peter, in November 2013, I was delighted to be able to spend half an hour with him, at Heath Rd. Hospital. He was frail, but, as always, uncomplaining and, thankfully, having one of his better days. It was good to be able to share a few laughs again and, true to form, his parting shot was, as always - *'If there's any news, you'll be the first to know!'*

Indeed both a Suffolk and a BH legend who will long be remembered.

*Bob Williams*

A Thanksgiving Service for Peter's Life was held at Brandeston All Saints on 27th April. Among the 160 folk attending were OFs: Norman Porter, Tony Martin, David Risk, Andrew Ward, Nigel Johnson (Hon.), Judi Johnson (Hon.), Michael Vipond (Hon.), Mary Vellacott (Hon.), Paul Baker (Hon.) Mike Rutterford (Hon.), Gillian Currie (Hon.), Bob Williams (Hon.) and Rob Rogers (Hon.), who played the organ. The Service was conducted by the Revd Graham Vellacott (Hon.).



PETER ARBON AT 'THE OAKS', HIS HOME IN BRANDESTON VILLAGE

### **Edmund Hudson Baker MBE (1933-2014)** (K43-50)

*Extract of address given by Reverend Cannon Barbara Bilston at the Thanksgiving Service 12th December 2014.*

Edmund was born on 9th June 1933 at Old Newton Hall and lived in Old Newton and Gipping all his life, apart from his school years at Framlingham and two years National Service. In 1957 he married Mabel and moved to Gipping where he lived and farmed until his death.

Also in 1957 he joined Suffolk Special Constabulary and progressed through the ranks, throwing himself into this work with his characteristic energy. In 1979 he became Divisional Commandant and Assistant Chief Commandant in 1992. He received many commendations and a Long Service Medal with two bars. In 1996 he went to Buckingham Palace to receive the MBE from the Queen for his services to the Police.

He served on various regional committees of the NFU, the Milk Marketing Board, and other farming interests. He was a life member of the Suffolk Agricultural Association and was a steward for many years. He was President of the Suffolk County Rifle Association, Chairman of the full bore section, Secretary of the pistol section, and the Vikings Pistol Club – and many other shooting clubs. He also enjoyed game shooting on his own farm and at the invitation of friends. Nearer home he turned his energies to village matters as a parish councillor and a member of the community council.

Edmund was first and foremost a farmer. The Bakers had farmed the land for many generations going right back to the Tyrell estate in the 19th century. He was dedicated, conscientious, and hardworking. As he added other farms, so he took on cattle – which he used to say he never would – and he successfully farmed both stock and arable. Edmund farmed in a collaborative way: those he employed were part of the family.

Edmund was above all a family man, devoted to Mabel and the children and grandchildren. He managed somehow to keep his family life and farming life in balance and it was a great source of satisfaction to him that Paul joined him on the farm.

Gipping Chapel has much to thank him for, as churchwarden and the many other roles he played there. He worked tirelessly behind the scenes for the chapel. Only a few weeks before his death, Edmund and Mabel received Long Service awards from the Bishop, presented by the Archdeacon.

Everyone who came his way was treated with the same courteous attention, the same



EDMUND BAKER RECEIVES HIS MBE AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

charm, and humour. Everyone he met got that lovely smile - and he twinkled, especially if he was just gently winding you up.

He was also a survivor, from the time when as a child he fell down both flights of stairs without doing any serious damage, to the dreadful accident in 1982 when he so nearly lost his life. It was as if from then on he recognised the preciousness of time. He successfully fought back from that and from the effects of a stroke about 18 years ago, and he faced his last illness with that same gritty determination.

Farming isn't a job, it's a vocation where your skill and hard work may sometimes be richly rewarded, and at other times, the results don't match your efforts. But you keep going, you don't give up. Farmers live their lives around the rhythm of

the seasons, the unpredictability of the weather, the uncertainties of crops, prices, and profits. Edmund himself was gathered at the very end of the harvest season. Those who are left behind will, in so many ways, reap the harvest he has left behind for us.

**...THE DINING HALL HELD MEMORIES TOO. IF THE TOUGHENED GLASS BEAKERS WERE PLAYED ON THE RIM WITH A WET FINGER THEIR NATURAL RESONANCE COULD BE REACHED AND THEY WOULD EXPLODE. THESE WERE SOON REMOVED FROM USE.**

The thanksgiving service was attended by approximately 400 people including those from the farming industry, shooting clubs, police, OFs and the local community.

**Edmund's memories of Fram and of the OFs – by his son, Paul Baker (W+K80-90)**

He started at Fram in 1943 in the Junior School.

Photographs from this time show him in his Fram uniform alongside his parents and some of the Commonwealth Airmen billeted with them on the farm at Old Newton Hall under the Lady Ryder scheme.

He acknowledged that he did not shine academically, probably due to what is now recognised as Dyslexia. He inferred that he even remained in the same class for his whole time at the College!

What he didn't gain in qualifications he made up for in experiences and friendships made during those austere times.

He could recall wartime experiences: When some live ordnance was found on a student there was an amnesty of trophies from crash sites etc. A lorry was sent to collect these items, on the understanding that if it were surrendered no further questions would be asked. There were so many items given up that a second lorry had to be sent for. He remembered listening to the V1 doodlebugs going overhead and hearing the engine cut out on one that then exploded as it came to earth within a few miles of the College.

The dining hall held memories too. If the toughened glass beakers were played on the rim with a wet finger their natural resonance

could be reached and they would explode. These were soon removed from use. He remembered powdered eggs and the not-so-fine cuts of 'meat' in the stews. Headmaster Kirkman's wife who was in charge of the catering ensured that nothing was wasted. For the rest of his life he had an aversion to chops and apricots because of the way in which they were prepared and served during the war. On one occasion he was punished for being out of bounds, having slipped out to post a Valentine's card. It was well worth it - the recipient went on to become his wife!

During his time at Framlingham, he took up rifle shooting and started competing at Bisley. It was to become one of his passions in life. He continued to shoot throughout his National Service. He wanted to join REME, hoping to further his mechanical skills, but unfortunately he was found to be colourblind and as a result had to serve his time as a clerk. He didn't particularly enjoy it, but it furnished him with the skill of meticulous record-keeping and filing which were to serve him well. His shooting progressed, competitive with pistol and small bore. But full bore was his strength. He reached the Queen's Final on a number of occasions, winning many individual cups and medals through the decades, including the



BRIAN SMITH (LEFT) PRESENTS 'BEST SHOT OF THE DAY' TO EDMUND BAKER, BISLEY 1995

Saturday Aggregate and Clementi Smith Cup in 1962. He was selected to shoot for the winning England XX in the National Match at Bisley 1955 and continued to shoot at club and county level until the mid 1990s, frequently representing the OFs. He helped coach the school Ashburton team at Bisley during the 1980s.

When more formal attire was required it was always a close decision between his OF ties or his MBE tie. Inevitably with age in recent years it was more often than not a funeral or thanksgiving service that he was preparing for. He was with OFs gathered at Thanksgiving

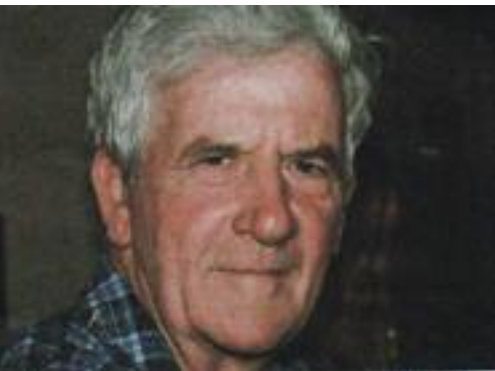
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- Services for Robin Wrinch, Don Wesby and John Gooderham, to name just a few that took place last year. It was the personal connections from his time at Framlingham rather than academia that shaped him, but he often said “the faintest ink is better than the strongest memory”

In conclusion I must say that the last 15 months have been quite life-changing for us, with the loss of John Gooderham whom we farmed for, then the loss of my father followed a week later by the birth of my second son Jeffrey. John and Dad would both have been glad to know our tender for the tenancy of the land that John and his family had been life tenants of at Bacton was successful. I hope to do them both proud.

### John Chapman



The funeral service of John Harold Chapman took place in the Church of St John the Baptist, Campsey Ash, on December 1st 2014. This followed a similar service in Highgate, London, where John had lived for many years, pursuing a career as a top civil servant and as a campaigning journalist. But part of him had always been rooted in Suffolk, and that is where he is now at rest. John was married to Christine, who survives him, together with their six children, four girls and two boys, all graduates.

He had a distinguished academic career, winning a place to study at Cambridge, and moving on to become a mandarin – not only in terms of his Civil Service career, but also as a member of the cricket team by that name which regularly toured Suffolk. He also loved tennis, and many were the family tournaments which he organised when the family came back to their cottage in Suffolk.

John's family recognise that John could be contentious: he was passionate in his championing of education, particularly languages, and had a rigorous work ethic. For him, if a job was worth doing, it was worth doing well – indeed it had to be done well. He had an



JOHN CHAPMAN, AT THE CENTRE OF HIS FAMILY

unswerving sense of justice and fairness and was prepared to put his head above the parapet. He had a particular dislike of certain financial practices, exemplified by Hedge Funds, and crusaded against them. If he was on a crusade then he did not deviate. It “was like turning around a ship”. He upset people – indeed he had uncompromising views on the Framlingham that he had known in the late 1950s, and saw himself as the pioneer of more enlightened attitudes and practices.

But he was, as he was described in Notices of his death, a passionate father and husband. He was a self-proclaimed existentialist, and had an unshakeable conviction in the validity of his own thoughts and actions. He had a sense of adventure and fun, and his own individual brand of humour.

Some two years ago he suffered from a brain haemorrhage. He spent a whole year in hospital and never really recovered. He had a love-hate relationship with Framlingham – the College gave him the path to Cambridge, from a relatively humble Suffolk background, and inspired in him the love of sport which endured throughout his life. He was the living proof that schools do not necessarily produce stereotypes – a colourful, strong and complex character who made his mark in many ways. He may have pursued a notably successful career in London, but his love of Suffolk never wavered.

### Mike Craven – edited extract from a letter from Chris Shaw, to Mike's widow, Mary

When Mike and I first arrived at Brandeston we alternately spent the first week in tears, pining for our parents and home. I seriously thought that would not be a problem for me when people spoke of the potential for homesickness. It seems they knew more about me than I did. I believe his father was somewhat distant and his mother did most of the parenting. I may have got that wrong but that's how it seemed to me.

In Brandeston, we were quite close, but at

Fram we were put in to different Houses and there was so much to do, and such competition between the Houses that there was little or no chance of getting together and keeping the friendship going. I don't know how we got in touch again, but it may well have been through the student directory on the Fram website, and, as you know, we have been loosely in touch ever since. I remember Mike with fondness

and, reading between the lines, feel he found a great comfort in your relationship, since he was by nature not gregarious. I will raise a glass at the other end of the world to his memory, and wish you all the best - with the dogs, naturally.

### Jo Donsworth (Hon. OF) 1939-2014

*Jo died, of Motor Neurone Disease, on 14th October, 2014.*

My memories of Jo go back to the 1970s – initially in the Ron Jones era. For Ron, essentially a man of strictly hand-written letters and staff notices, it was his great good fortune that he was able to rely on the classic secretarial skills that Jo brought to her key role at Brandeston Hall. In those days it was very much a one- woman post embracing Receptionist, Head's P.A. and full School



Secretarial duties, something that would be considered an impossible expectation today. I never ceased to be amazed at the speed with which she could turn out a typed document of some complexity – especially the programme for the Annual Inter-House Athletics event (a particularly awkward compilation running to 4-5 sides of A4!).

We were extremely sorry to lose her to the College, at just about the time that Paddy Newbery left. Both Nick Ward and Bob Morris very quickly came to appreciate what an asset she was to become in the efficient operation of the Bursarial Department.

Following Jo's retirement from the College in 1995 she often came up with uninvited and most generous offers of her time to ease busy moments in my life. On the occasion of the BH Golden Jubilee celebrations she very kindly undertook the time-consuming task of issuing tickets, handling receipts and the minefield of table-seating requests for the Summer Ball.

Another abiding memory of Jo's contribution to the 'Fram scene' was the excellent Jazz Club that she and Perry launched, meeting monthly on a Sunday evening and featuring some of the best groups available from across East Anglia. To her, this was the logical extension of an enthusiasm shared when she first met Perry at the Burgess Jazz Club in Sussex and a similar venture that they were both an integral part of in nearby Hayward's Heath.

Forty-five years resident in Parham in a cottage that she and Perry lovingly renovated and extended, Jo was always community-minded. She sang with the local Benefice Choir for over twenty years, was Chair of the Hacheston and Parham Women's Institute, Treasurer of the Mother's Union, Secretary and Treasurer of the Village Hall Committee and Treasurer of the Parochial Church Council in Parham. An outdoor girl, she enjoyed tennis and badminton and she and Perry much enjoyed sailing their treasured Yorkshire Cobble out of Orford.

Jo's College connections live on through her two grandsons George and William, Mark's sons; Mark, himself, of course an OF with a business in the town. She was immensely proud of all 'her boys' – and devoted to daughter-in-law Caroline, who did so much for her latterly, through her increasingly debilitating illness.

To quote from the eloquent eulogy delivered at her funeral service – 'Jo lived life to the full but was never too busy to help or get involved. Jo was a *doer* not a *watcher*!' Indeed so.

*Bob Williams*

**John Ives** 1933–2015 (G42-50)

*The following is an edited version of the tribute paid by Matthew, John's son, at the Memorial Service in Framlingham College Chapel on Saturday 5th September 2015. The Revd Simon Pitcher (OF) took the service which was followed by refreshments in the Headmaster Porter Theatre.*

John was born in Aldeburgh in 1933, to Herbert and Muriel. Herbert was a gentlemen's outfitter. However, when the opportunity arose to snap up a good shop-stock-in-liquidation, he would readily extend his product range. Muriel was a canny businesswoman, and she together with Herbert, made a formidable duo in the Leiston business community. John rarely ventured too far from Suffolk – only living away twice: once when evacuated to Devon in 1940 to an uncle's farm, and then a spell of overseas National Service. He spent his early childhood growing up on Sizewell Common, in one of the cottages on the seafront. It was this idyllic natural playground that was to form his lifelong love and knowledge of the countryside; and his fascination and joy of the sea and all things piscatorial.

He relished his school years, spending 8 happy years at Framlingham College from 1942 and he would regularly regale his family with his stories – although, noticeably, they were often long on sporting achievements, but somewhat shorter on the academic. He recalled how, halfway through a geography lesson, the whole class was ordered to get under their desks and the loud bang heard a few seconds

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later was of a V2-rocket exploding less than a mile away. Then there was the year of a dreadfully cold winter when hockey had to be cancelled, and the entire fixtures list was rearranged as *ice hockey* on the Mere. He missed out on playing at Lord's because someone contracted measles, and recalled the notorious incident when someone (not John) for a prank,



placed a chamber pot on top of the school spire which resulted in impromptu target practice for the cadets. Those were 'halcyon days', fondly recalled and cherished, which were the source of his self-labelled 'schoolboy sense of humour', which he never lost.

His great love of sport saw him contemplate a career as a PE teacher – but in the end, head ruled heart and he joined the family business – having served an apprenticeship at an uncle's shop in Diss. He first met Janet, his wife-to-be whilst still at school, in the fish and chip shop queue in Leiston and they were married in 1955. On taking over the 'Corner House' Shop, he decided to specialise and 'John Ives, footwear specialists' was established. Over the following years The Shop moved to Felixstowe, Woodbridge and Colchester, as John successfully navigated commercial threats and opportunities.

Despite the constant challenges on time, he was also involved in the community and helped in the fund-raising efforts for *The Aldeburgh Cottage Hospital* and *Dennington Village Hall* and he continued to play an active role in the Woodbridge Traders' Association. The arrival of grandchildren during the second half of the 90s was a great source of pride and enjoyment.

As a result of a lifetime playing sport – just about *any* sport - he began to require bionic bits and pieces to be added. A third hip replacement and near fatal MRSA infection at the end of the 90's left him with an immovable ❧

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- hip and a shortened leg. He had to wear a built-up shoe, which he passed it off as a brand new fashion trend. It's a testament to his many friends that he managed to maintain his ability to indulge in the things he loved with the friends he loved doing it with, particularly shooting and fishing.

Losing his wife to Alzheimer's nearly three years ago took its toll, but he was characteristically stoic. He continued full-on at The Shop. And found solace in family and friends which gave him a new lease of life.

Beyond home and family life, he had two great loves: The Shop and fishing. The Shop was where he enjoyed what he did best, interacting with people. He built enduring relationships with staff, customers, wholesalers and fellow traders, many of whom became great friends. For some visits to The Shop were little markers in life's rites of passage. John had always said he would never retire, even though latterly he took on a lesser role, but he continued making astute strategic and tactical decisions, to ensure that he left a thriving business.

His second love was fishing. On a river. In a river. On a lake. At sea. Anywhere that presented an opportunity to fish. His life was interspersed with fishing forays, particularly the annual visits to Scotland to his beloved Dee for salmon, always accompanied by a party of close friends. Fishing brought out his key traits: fortitude, eternal optimism, perseverance, joie de vivre and bonhomie. 'The Lake' at Walpole was his second home for over 35 years - and occasionally his *first* home! He could revel in fly-fishing, lost, with his fellow anglers, in an oasis of utter tranquility, apart from the sounds of nature's chorus.

His unstated approach to life could be summed up in *carpe diem*. Any interaction with him would leave you feeling all the better for it. He would come up with a silly quip, an amusing anecdote, a pithy observation, a burst of enthusiasm or just a bit of a mardle - always accompanied with a genuine interest in your well being - and delivered with a twinkle, a grin, or beaming smile. We were lucky to have had many a laugh with him.

**Robin Kiddle (K42-46)** – (contributed by his son, John – BH and Fram 65-74)

My father enjoyed his time at Fram. Being there during the war he had many stories of going on long walks to track down crashed planes. Apparently the Brits were good at immediately putting a guard on any of their

A YOUNG ROBIN KIDDLE IN UNIFORM



downed aircraft, whereas the Yanks were far more laid back and left the wreckage unguarded. My father returned home from school with several 'borrowed' plane parts, including the electric motor to open/close the canopy on an American aircraft.

He also told me that the boys at the time used to collect plane numbers of any aircraft they saw and soon had a comprehensive tally of the fight force of most of the local airfields. Apparently the 'Men from the Ministry' duly arrived at the school and confiscated all their notebooks!

We also still have many of the letters that he sent home to his mother in Huntingdonshire during the war. In his letters he thanks his mother for the eggs and bags of sugar which she was posting to him at school. There are also a series of letters building up to his

birthday where he was asking his mother for a set of 'throwing knives'. As his birthday approached the letters gave more details of the price of the knives and where they could be purchased. The letter home directly after his birthday reads 'Thank you for the tie press. It will be very useful'.

After leaving Framlingham Robin joined the Merchant Navy and trained on Shell Oil Tankers, becoming a Navigation Officer. He travelled all over the world for Shell Oil and thoroughly enjoyed his time at sea.

Robin married Jessie in May 1952 and they had two children, Sally and John. Robin joined the family furniture business in St Ives, Hunts, in 1954 and worked there until his retirement in 1986. Always a hands-on practical man he enjoyed building many boats and sailing them at Brancaster in North Norfolk.

Robin was diagnosed with dementia about three years ago. He was still reasonably well until Christmas 2014, but between Christmas and the New Year he fell and his condition deteriorated. He went into a care home in January and died at the end of April. His funeral was held at Cambridge Crematorium on 18th May 2015. He is survived by his wife, Jessie, and two children, Sally and John.

**Jeremy John Ridgen Lee (K59-64)**

We heard from **Rob Goodale (K58-66)** that Jeremy had died earlier this year but were unable to obtain further details. Rob did tell us that Jeremy had lived in Coggeshall, and that after leaving Fram he and Jeremy had played trad jazz in local pubs, together with **David Newson (S54-63)**. Some readers may remember that Jerry was a member of the Millennium Jazz Band which played at the OF Ball, and which included the late **Roger Last** and **Charlie Benson**. Jerry finished up living in Gozo and it was here that Rob caught up with him, with this picture as a result.

JERRY LEE (RIGHT) WITH ROB GOODALE IN SLIEMA, MALTA 2011.



**Roger Pearce** 23rd September 1937 – 30th 1937–30th March 2015. (S51-55)

Born in Farnborough Kent he went to school in Bickley before moving to Framlingham College. On leaving college he went to Brixton School for Building in preparation for joining the family business,



ABOVE: ROGER PEARCE AT THE HELM OF 'KITTY'

Pearce Brothers Builders, which his Grandfather had started. During his time at Pearce Bros he was joined, working alongside, by his son Andrew and wife Madeline. He spent many hours working and helping improve life in the building trade and was President and Chair of the National Builders Federation and London Building Safety Group.

Roger represented Framlingham College at tennis and played in the schoolboys championship held at Wimbledon. He also played hockey with Tulse Hill and Matchsticks hockey clubs, squash for Sundridge Park Squash Club and more recently golf at Chislehurst Golf Club. He loved boating and the picture shows him helming Kitty, a Thames Barge owned by another OF and Roger's oldest friend, Roger Marriott. He was well known for boating on the Thames and loved the Cleeve Lock location for its peace and quiet.

Roger with Mandy had just returned from a cruise in the Far East days earlier when he was suddenly taken from us. His funeral was exceptionally well attended with 225 guests including a good number of OFs.

*Mark Pearce – son.*

**Geoffrey Gyford Peck** (S38-44) – *Obituary taken from a eulogy given at Long Sutton Church by his son, Jeremy.*

Geoffrey, and his late brother Harry were both educated at Framlingham, and that is where Geoffrey developed his love of sport in all forms: participation, supporting and watching. He took to sport like a duck to water and played every sport that was on offer, particularly tennis, hockey and cricket. He played for College first teams and also at county level for many years after leaving. His passion, academically, was Latin, together with the stories of antiquity. His early years were spent on the farm and in and around Framlingham. During the war years he and his brother were 'runners' for the Home Guard – there were no mobile phones in those days. At the age of 18 he was having cricket trials with Surrey and Essex, but these were curtailed by National Service. He served in the Suffolk Regiment and saw service in Malaya at the time of the insurrections. A chance letter from a friend during this time led to his marrying Jean in 1954, a marriage that was to last 61 years.

Geoffrey became a Freemason in 1959, and joined three Lodges, including the Old Framlinghamian Lodge. He became Master of all three and held numerous posts, including three Grand Provincial Offices. He was a Freemason for 55 years. He was also very much involved in the community as Parish Councillor and School Governor. He and Jean ran a number of successful businesses.

In his latter years he started playing golf and made a success of it, winning Senior competitions at Tydd St Giles on a regular basis.

**...DURING THE WAR YEARS HE AND HIS BROTHER WERE 'RUNNERS' FOR THE HOME GUARD – THERE WERE NO MOBILE PHONES IN THOSE DAYS.**

When he retired he and Jean embarked on a series of travels and adventures, one of the highlights being a trip to Singapore and Malaysia where he was able to recall his former time there.

Sportsman, community leader and devoted family man, Geoffrey died on Good Friday evening, 2015, having lived life to the full.

**Brian Potter** (R55-58) – *the 'visionary who reinvented holiday'*

Brian died peacefully on November 4th 2014 at the age of 73. His passing led to a fulsome tribute in the Eastern Daily Press, to which paper we owe the contents of this OF tribute.

Brian was a Norfolkman, born in the county in 1940, and he was brought up in the family hospitality business. Holiday centres were in his blood. He wished to maintain all-year round employment for his staff, and his investment in bowls provided precisely that: out-of-season use of the premises. He also filled the Resort at week-ends with entertainment-led short breaks, part of the national trend towards shorter holidays to add to the already successful Summer Holidays the business was built on. Not only did Potters survive to be the last of the pioneering families in the holiday centre industry, but the business has thrived under Brian. Potters Resort achieved a 5 star rating from *Visit England*, and won many other hotel and leisure industry awards.

Brian's commitment to the sport of bowls to fill the off-season saw Potters Resort becoming host of the World Indoor Bowls Championships.

His services to tourism resulted in him being awarded an MBE in 2012. He enjoyed many sports and had been involved in motor-racing, representing England and Wales in autotest racing, and was also a keen shooting man. Outside of work and sport he and his wife Judy contributed greatly to charity and were Vice-Presidents of the Gorleston Lifeboat Fund-raising Committee, and Patron of the Louise Hamilton Trust. He was also a Rotarian and a Lords Taverner.

Brian had worked in the business for over 50 years, together with his wife, Judy. Now their children, Jane and John have both joined the business. Today's Potters Resort employs over 550 people at Hopton on Sea, near Great Yarmouth. The business has enjoyed over £50M investment since 1988. It is a 5-star holiday village, offering a quarter of a million bed-nights a year.

Following in Brian's footsteps at





BRIAN POTTER RECEIVES THE MBE IN 2012

Framlingham is granddaughter Amelia Potter, and her brother, Harry Potter, is looking to join the school next year.

Tributes poured in for the man whose success was built on the belief that “delivering happiness was my job.”

**Anthony John Randell (S49-52)**

Anthony was a well known Norfolk businessman.. He was born in North Walsham and lived there all his life. His father died when he was just 17 years old, but he was determined to continue the family tradition of agricultural engineering, so went to Ransomes in Ipswich as an apprentice. He later joined the Randells business, and headed up the crop storage division. Randells thrived and are today a major business in the county. He was much respected both as an engineer and as a businessman.

He was also a keen sailor, and over a period of 16 years he and a group of friends sailed initially around Scotland and then in warmer climes in southern Europe. Tony leaves a widow, Elizabeth, two children, William and Katrina and six grandchildren. There was a Service of Thanksgiving in a packed St Nicholas Church, North Walsham on May 11th 2015.

**Derek Seagrove (G39-44) – by his son, David (A brief account appeared in the 2014 issue)**

Like many of his generation, my father’s education was cut short by the Second World War. On leaving Framlingham, he went straight into the RAF as an Intelligence Officer, and was put to work learning Japanese at a London

University college. This lasted until the last few months of the war, when he was dispatched to Burma to translate Japanese signals.

When war ended he was sent on to Malaya, still in intelligence, but in 1948 he returned to the UK to be demobbed. By then the Far East bug had taken hold and he was determined to return. As their only child, his parents weren’t exactly thrilled by this, but no doubt assumed he would tire of it and in due course head back. Whilst in London he was able to land a job with a well established and reasonably sized trading company called Sime Darby, and moved to Kuala Lumpur in 1948, just in time for the start of the Malay Communist insurrection.

In those days leave was for several months every few years – to allow you to return to the Old Country by boat and back if so desired – and it was on a boat that he met his future wife and my mother, Pauline, and they married in early 1955.

Sime Darby was continuing to grow rapidly, and as my father climbed his way up the greasy pole, he was sent to Singapore in 1960 in a senior capacity and then on in 1964 to Kuching, Sarawak, as General Manager for East Malaysia and Brunei. In late 1968 he was promoted once more, this time as General Trading Manager for West Malaysia, based in Kuala Lumpur.

The next step would be as Director, but it was not to be. Company politics intervened and after 23 years he was made redundant at the age of 45 in 1971. Unemployed, he was forced to return to the UK, from where he made extensive efforts to find himself another job back in Malaysia. Eventually he was taken on as General Manager of a chocolate factory (Van Houten chocolates) in Penang. After a couple of years this contract came to an end and he was back in the UK. But this time he quickly found himself another role, as Managing Director of Caldbeck Macgregor, based in Singapore, part of the Anglo-Thai conglomerate. Sales and marketing were his areas of expertise, and his experience was ideal for the products involved – alcoholic beverages. Again, however, this was for a limited period, and after 4 years, in 1978, this rather idyllic existence came to an end.

Singapore allowed him to stay on without work, and within a few months he had arranged a Sales Director position to a Jakarta-based company – Tunggal Pharmaceutical Enterprises – a subsidiary of Reckitt and

Colman. The downside was that it was based in Jakarta, where he had never previously been, but this did not deter him, and he took to the job with as much enthusiasm as any of those previously. During this time he also decided that the classical music being played on Radio Klasik in Jakarta wasn’t good enough, and so became an unpaid advisor to those broadcasting – and woe betide anyone foolish enough to disregard that advice.

Eventually in 1983 this role came to an end, and he returned to Singapore to set up his own business, unable by then to find any further employment. Thus began a saga of various schemes, designed always to achieve that pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, but which always required just that little bit more funding than he was capable of arranging. Arms merchant middleman, gold mining in Indonesia and Australia, bicycle workshops in China – you name it, if there was a sniff of a buck in it, he went for it. He managed to keep this going for over a decade, but sadly reality ensured none succeeded and slowly he ran out of money in what was an expensive city to live in.

So in 1999 he finally moved to Penang, taking advantage of the Malaysian Government’s newly introduced policy of encouraging rich (!) Westerners to retire there, and with assistance from my sister, was able to provide the necessary funds to obtain the visa to live in retirement.

The schemes now ceased, and instead retirement brought a golden age of a network of similar retirees, all with the Far East in their blood. His health held out well – he was still playing squash in his late 70s, but in the mid 2000s his legs started to weaken, leading eventually to a wheelchair existence. His last couple of years were difficult: he had a fulltime Malay carer, Zul, who put his career on hold to nurse my father through his final few years, when urinary tract infections and dementia started to take over.

He died on 8th June 2014, shortly after being discharged from yet another hospital visit, three days after my sister and I had left after saying our goodbyes. His wife, Pauline, had died some 21 years earlier in 1993.

**Derek Seagrove (G39-44)**

**Reflections on a Life Far and Near by James Ruddock-Broyd (G46-52)**

I first ‘encountered’ Derek when I took over the Overseas Bag from Tom Saul in the 1980s and Derek and Lloyd Kenyon (S26-29) in New Zealand were neck-and-neck in the race for the longest letters – handwritten, of course, in those days.

Derek's contributions came in six monthly on airmail paper with every quarter inch used and postscripts down the side and above the address. The content was worldly-wise, describing the international situation and voicing his opinions to the full, especially on the Far East.

Once we met with his old OF friend **Mike Bridger** (G38-43) at Long Whatton and both recounted endless stories of their time together at Fram in the straightened circumstances of the 'Shadow Years' of World War II, including unkindly stories of the eccentric masters too old to serve and who carried on during those post-war years.

The most momentous meeting with Derek was in Jakarta in 1998 when he gave me a guided tour of most city areas, including slums and markets. The next day he had arranged a flight for me to Yogyakarta and a personal guide for the Borobudur Temple – the most carved in the world.

A final family note:- the first time I met Jenny, his actress daughter, was at a stage door in the West End when I plucked up courage to get past the guard and decided to open the conversation with: "I know your Dad." The prompt reply was: "Oh! You poor thing." From then on we have enjoyed further stage door meetings and a wonderful charity performance with Jenny and her top name artist friends. Several OFs have known Derek even better so may endorse this tribute to a man in whose company you could learn so much and who contributed to the knowledge of OFs through his considerable writings and social gifts.

**Lt Col Robert Lynn Stevens OBE** (S51-55) (21st June 1937 – 28th May 2015)

Robin (as he was known to family and to his friends) was born in Malta into an Army family, before returning to the UK where he spent his early years. He joined his parents were in N Rhodesia, and spent the next three years at school in S Rhodesia, while his parents were in Somalia and Tanganyika.

He returned to the UK in early 1951, and started at Framlingham. When he left he entered RMA Sandhurst and, following in his father's footsteps, was commissioned into the Duke of Wellington's Regiment in December 1956. After attending the normal training courses for young infantry officers, he joined the 1st Battalion with postings to Kenya, UK and Germany. In 1967 the Battalion moved to Cyprus as part of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force (UNFICYP) and spent a 6 month tour maintaining the peace between the Greeks and the Turks. Rob was commanding a

small detachment in the north of the Island during a period when, at times there were peaceful interludes which allowed some relaxation, but at other times the British contingent had to take action to prevent minor incidents between the two sides turning into an all-out civil war.

Shortly afterwards he was selected to attend the Staff College at Camberley in 1969. His first Staff job in 1970 was MA to the Defence Attaché to South Korea. It was there that he met Jane, his future wife. In 1971 he was posted to Malta as Staff Officer responsible for the administration of the British troops in Malta – a task that should have been a very peaceful posting. However Mintoff was then demanding a drastic revision of Malta's Defence Agreement with Britain, involving the British paying a much larger rent for military facilities. The British government reacted coolly, and after fruitless negotiations, Mintoff called for the immediate withdrawal of all British troops from the island. Robin was suddenly faced with the prospect of planning for moving both troops and many British assets from the island at only a week's notice. By utter chance, for his thesis at Sandhurst some 15 years earlier, he had elected to study 'the evacuation of Malta'. So he recalled some of his ideas from this exercise. Moving the troops and their families was organised quickly with the RAF by air. But more difficult was the moving of many tons of stores from the island, but he solved this by making an arrangement whereby the British government would give free fuel to any ship that would carry stores from the island back to the UK. This worked well, and Rob was appointed MBE for his part.

For the next two years he was a company commander with the 1st Battalion in Northern Ireland at the height of the troubles, and he was Mentioned in Despatches for his calm and resolute handling of his company. He was then selected for the course at the Joint Services Staff College at Latimer. During this time he married Jane Edwards and was able to settle down into a more normal family life after his tour in Londonderry. After his course he returned to Lisbon as a Staff Officer before promotion to Lt Col and taking command of 2nd Battalion Ulster Defence Regiment in South Armagh for two years.

In 1978 his next appointment was a secondment to the Foreign Office in Belize as Intelligence Coordinator, where he worked with the Governor at the time of the country moving towards independence. This posting gave him the opportunity to enjoy the tropical flora and fauna, which gave him great pleasure.



**ROBIN WAS HIS OWN MAN, OFTEN ACCOMPANIED BY A BLACK LABRADOR, AND WEARING TWEEDS, RATHER THAN A TRACKSUIT...**

His next posting to the NATO planning wing in Mons in Belgium provided him with a stable base for three years from where they visited many places in Europe, while his family grew up. Moving on to Maastricht for the next job gave him an opportunity to develop a computer based system to interconnect vehicles. For this work he was appointed OBE. His final posting was to Bovington where he continued his work on developing protocols for the passage of tactical information between vehicles in the field. This work was eventually to form part of the user requirement for *Bowman*, the future generation of Army radios.

He retired to their home in Hampshire in 1992 and was soon involved in his village life as churchwarden, as well as doing consultancy work. He enjoyed managing projects such as propping up the south wall of the church and buying a new organ.

Robin was his own man, often accompanied by a black Labrador, and wearing tweeds, rather than a tracksuit, for recreation. He was also musically adept with clarinet, harmonica and handsaw/stroked with a violin bow.

He died peacefully in his sleep whilst on holiday with his family in France. He had been suffering Transverse Myelitis since 2006. Robin's Memorial Service in a very full Church in Hampshire on 18th June was attended by many local people and members of his regiment.



The Annual Dinner will be held at the RAF Club, 128 Piccadilly, London W1J 7PY, on Saturday 19th March 2016 at 7.00 for 7.30pm. (See page 109).

- The Bar will open at 6.00pm
- Pre-Dinner Drinks will be from 7.00-7.30 pm
- Dress will be Black Tie
- The cost is £50 per head, including wine



THE ANNUAL DINNER WILL BE HELD IN THE RAF CLUB'S HISTORIC VENUE IN LONDON'S MAYFAIR

For further details contact the organiser:  
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Application forms are available on the website, and email invitations have been distributed.

- Please assist by making firm bookings only.
- Closing date for applications is 29th February

2016 but cancellations without financial penalty will be allowed until 11th March 2016.

Please send completed application forms and a cheque for the Total Cost made payable to: 'The Society of Old Framlinghamians' to: Jane Easey, Old Framlinghamian Coordinator, Framlingham College, Framlingham, Suffolk IP13 9EY or *Pay Online* to Society Of Old Framlinghamians, Sort Code 40-25-31, Account Number 72346451, Reference AnnDin and SURNAME and email a completed copy of the application form to [jeasey@framcollege.co.uk](mailto:jeasey@framcollege.co.uk)  
**Please note: The bank account details are different from those used on previous occasions.**

All applications will be acknowledged. However, payment without receipt of an Application Form or receipt of an Application Form without payment will not guarantee a place.

A minibus may be available to take guests from the College to London and back. Inquiries to: Jane Easey, Old Framlinghamian Coordinator, Framlingham College, Framlingham, Suffolk IP13 9EY. For further information about the minibus, please contact Jane Easey on 01728 727227 or [jeasey@framcollege.co.uk](mailto:jeasey@framcollege.co.uk)

## NOTICE

The Society of Old Framlinghamians

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at 6.15 pm, before the Annual Dinner on Saturday March 19th 2016. The meeting will take place at the RAF Club, 128 Piccadilly, London W1J 7PY.

### Agenda

- 1 Apologies.
- 2 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 10th April 2015. These Minutes will be available at the meeting and will also be accessible on the website ([www.oldframlinghamian.com](http://www.oldframlinghamian.com)) or by application to the Hon Gen Sec, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.
- 3 Matters arising from those Minutes.
- 4 To receive the Accounts for the year ending December 31st 2015. Copies of the accounts will be available on the website, or at the meeting, or by sending a large SAE to the Chairman of Trustees at: 1, Rooksacre, Lankhills Road, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 7AE.
- 5 President's Report.
- 6 To elect Officers of the Society for 2016: President; President-elect; Vice Presidents; Hon Gen Sec; Hon Treasurer; Finance Committee;

Independent examiner; 3 elected Council Members (for a 3 year term); new Hon OFs. For names of current Officers please refer to the front of the OF section in this copy of The Framlinghamian magazine.

### 7 Any other business.

It is intended that the meeting should not last more than 30 minutes. The Annual Dinner (7.00 for 7.30pm) will follow the meeting.

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### Trustees' Review

This was published on the SOF website and in the 2015 Newsletter.

## NOTES FOR CONTRIBUTORS

To meet our publication dates of late June (Newsletter) and Yearbook (mid-December), the editor ([nhp@rillcott.co.uk](mailto:nhp@rillcott.co.uk)) would appreciate receipt of material by the following deadlines, please:

**Newsletter:** by the end of April

**Yearbook:** by mid-September at the latest, preferably sooner.

**Font:** Please supply Times New Roman, 12 point  
**Images:** jpgs please. Not embedded in the text.  
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## NEWSLETTER

 A further reminder

The 2015 Newsletter was once again sent digitally to all who had let [admin@oldframlinghamian.com](mailto:admin@oldframlinghamian.com) have an up-to-date email address. About 100 hard copies of the Newsletter were sent to those who have explicitly asked to receive them, and to OFs aged over 80.

We apologise for the under-paying of postage on these (fault of Post Office), and regret that a significant number were returned to sender, having not been collected from local post offices. It is probable that hard copies will again be sent out in 2016, but, given postage costs, especially overseas, it cannot go on indefinitely.

If you wish to continue to receive the Newsletter you must ensure that you have either:

1. Confirmed that your contact details on the OF data base are up to date, particularly your email address.

or

2. Contacted the Hon Sec to express your preference to receive a hard copy through the post. Please be aware that this is increasingly time-consuming and costly, and that such copies will not be available into an indefinite future.

