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WELCOME TO THE 2024 EDITION OF THE NEWSPAPER

We received great feedback on the 2023 edition and hope you enjoy reading and exploring this 2024 edition.

We all owe a huge vote of thanks to **Chris Keeble** (S53-59) for designing this Newspaper again. He is a master of his craft. Our collective thanks, too, to **Kate Jackson** (P84-93) and all those who have provided material and content.

The distribution of the Newspaper is not straightforward. Those OFs who have let us have an email address receive digital copies. Some OFs have specifically asked for a printed version, so 3250 hard copies of the Newspaper are sent out, mainly to OFs in the United Kingdom. Hard copies are also sent to subscribers from overseas.

In addition, all members of the current Sixth Form receive a copy – a tangible way of introducing them to the Society.

Our total production costs last year, including postage as applicable, amounted to approximately £7,500. We are hugely grateful to many hundreds of you, who contribute in response to our Donations Appeal. Donations amounted to just over £5,500, close to three quarters of our total costs.

Given the importance your Society places on the production and distribution (digital or paper) of an annual OF Newspaper, the Trustees provide the balance of £2,000.00 from Society funds to

subsidise the costs.

We do, however, always welcome new donations, ideally on an annual basis. So, if you like the look and content of this newspaper, and if you haven't already set up a standing order for at least £10 a year, then please consider doing so. We originally asked everyone over 25 to donate, but all contributions are now welcome. It would be wonderful to be able to cover costs completely.

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President's Message

This year has, as ever, gone remarkably quickly and here I am again with the opportunity to share some musings on the world of the Society of Old Framlinghamians.



Nick Whitehead with daughter, Lily.

Year two as President has brought a sense of understanding and direction that was, at times, hard to find in those early months in the role.

I am pleased to report that the Society, and its members, have had another successful year. This has, as always, been driven by our wonderful, dedicated membership who have been offering their

time to assist with the organisation and hosting of gatherings, meets and matches across the full range of locations and activities that the Society has to offer. This year, I'd like to use my message to highlight the Society's work and to thank some of those individuals for their contributions.

Firstly, I want to thank **Kim Dickel** (M97-98) who arranged a reunion for German OFs. Her event, in Heidelberg, was the first OF event in Germany in the last six years and, by all accounts, was a wonderful evening. Kim has brought an amazing energy to the Society and her continued efforts to organise such events is a really perfect example of the College spirit living on across the globe.

More recently, our Suffolk 'Supper' was changed to be an afternoon tea and an opportunity to watch the College 1st XV rugby in this, the Centenary year of rugby at the College. It also enabled the Society to present a newly elected honorary OF with his tie, namely **Peter Howard-Dobson** presenting to **Doug Cracknell**. Doug is a remarkable Hon OF, who at 99 years old, was walking around the grounds telling stories of his time at the college as a kitchen porter before leaving to join the armed forces during World War II. If you haven't already, I'd thoroughly recommend reading the full report on Doug on the SOF website.

In March 2024 we adjusted the format of our Annual Gathering to be a more informal setting, with buffet-style food hosted in Paul's Court and live music wonderfully provided by **Rhianna Melton** (V20-22). The

event was superbly organised by our OF Co-Ordinator, **Kate Jackson**, and was a real success, with over 65 attendees spanning approximately 77 years of OFs!

Whilst I would love to cover every event myself, I know in the following pages that the organisers and volunteers themselves will do a much better job than I will, so, for now, I would simply like to reiterate my sincerest gratitude to those individuals who commit themselves to bettering our community through their events. To name a few; **Chris Essex**, who organised the West of England Supper, **Ed Wharton**, who organises our Norfolk Supper, **Richard Sayer**, who is running the inaugural Seniors' Lunch, **Ian Fulcher**, who organised the West Suffolk Supper and many more who work tirelessly to support our offering.

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One of the new additions to this agreement is a commitment to have half-termly meetings between the College and the Society to ensure there is a broad, appealing event offering that encourages as many OFs

as possible to participate in the community now and in the future. I'm particularly excited about this and truly believe we will see some new exciting offerings on the horizon.

I'll be handing the reigns over to a new President in March 2025, and I'll do so feeling confident that this new Agreement renews a lifetime of support and collaboration between the two groups. A big thank you to **Louise North**, **Mel Lewis**, **Nick Rudston** and **Charles Packshaw** for their work and support as we signed that Agreement.

It's no secret that the Independent School community is facing some of the biggest challenges it has ever faced but I know that the College team, led by Louise, are going to navigate them perfectly, with a smile on their faces, whilst continuing to support and produce some of the finest young men and women out there.

The Society will continue to fulfil its over-arching objective of supporting the College and promoting its success as we work together in the months and years to come. That support wouldn't be possible without the amazing people in the SOF team. An enormous, heartfelt, thank you to our Trustees, Finance Committee, Sports Leads, Council Members, Vice Presidents, Young OF Leads, Website team and of course, the amazing **Kate Jackson**, our OF Co-ordinator, without whom I would be completely lost and who does the most incredible job, assisting OFs with all that they need.

Nick Whitehead (K 2006-2011)

Website Report

Encouraged by the number of OFs and the public who've accessed the site, from the UK and abroad.

The website support team (Chris Essex, Tim Mitchell, Kate Jackson and Peter Howard-Dobson) continue to be hugely encouraged by the numbers of society members and members of the public who've accessed the public areas of the site from the UK and around the world. It's perhaps interesting to note that well over 50% of those visits have been by mobile phone, rather than a tablet, laptop or desktop computer.

At the time of writing, we now have nearly 1,000 members who've registered on the site and we have over 3,000 members for whom we hold a current email address. So there are still over 2,000 of you who have not yet registered to enjoy all the features that the new site has to offer.

The website offers these key features: access to information on your contemporaries, latest news, births, marriages and deaths, forthcoming events, information on the Society, including our registered charity, all past publications, biographies of all distinguished OFs and a wonderful gallery, all at the click of button.

Not all of this is available to the general public, so you'll need to register if you want the full experience. If we already hold your email address, registration will only take you moments – and, even if we don't, you only need to email admin@oldframinghamian.com with your contact details, years and house at the Prep School and College, and we'll soon set you up.

Once registered, you can use Connect@Fram to find other Framlinghamians by name, location, leaving group and, if they've provided details, by business skills and leisure interests. You'll also be able to publish your own News, Photographs, and Events, as well as information about Engagements, Marriages, Births and Deaths. You can easily do

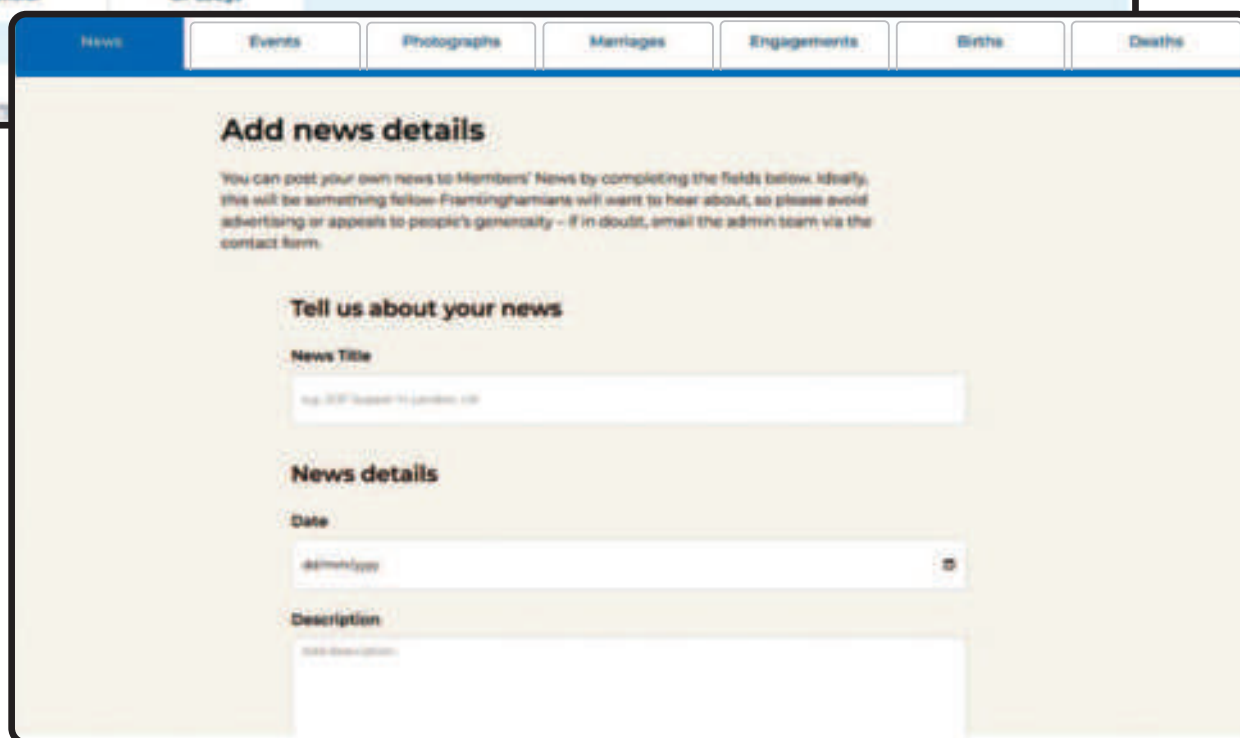


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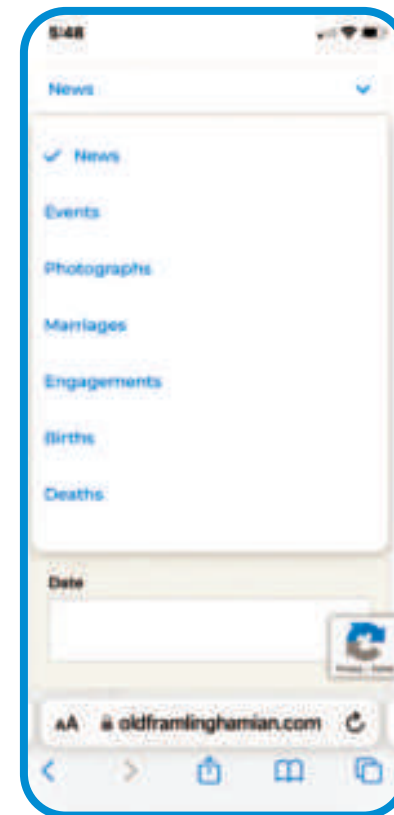
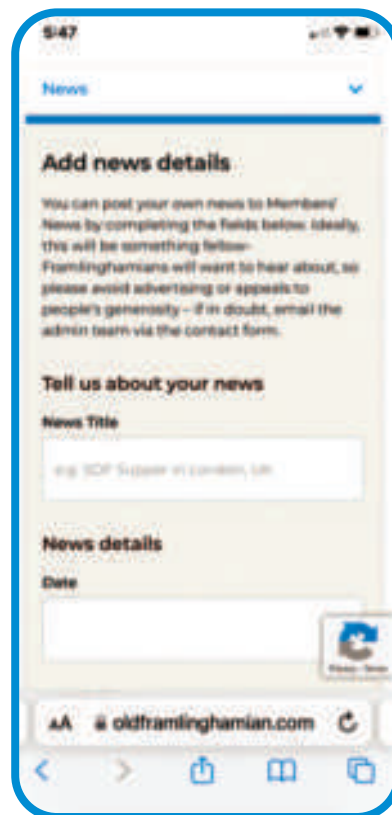
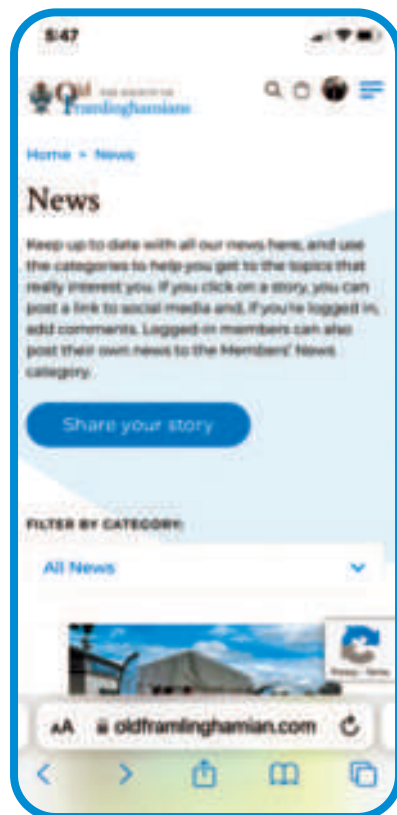
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this from either a desktop or a mobile. Just use the accompanying images as your guide.

For those of you who prefer to use the bigger screen of a desktop, laptop or tablet, our first image shows you the way-in via the main News page. Then the second shows how to add a News story, and you'll see that, along the top, are tabs to add photographs to the Gallery, to announce a Marriage, and then further tabs for Events, Engagements, Births and Deaths.

And for those of us who prefer to do everything on a mobile phone, here's the equivalent way in, once again via the main News page. The difference here, is that you'll need to scroll up just a little to select any of the alternative categories of submission.

Once again, please feel free to just dive in and have a go.



Moreau Scholars

The appointment of each year's Moreau Leaving Scholars is always an occasion for celebration.



The bronze bust of Moreau, by Edwin Whitney-Smith, 1880-1952, was commissioned by the SOF and stood in the Royal Academy until 1936, when it was presented to the College. It now stands in the Dining Room.

Speech Day 2024 was, as ever, a joyful event tinged with sadness as a new leaving-group started to go their separate ways.

On this, the nineteenth year of the Scholarship scheme, the awards were as hotly contested as ever, and there had been twenty applicants, giving the selection panel the difficult task of choosing just two of them.

However, the panel were unanimous in selecting Alicia Pryce (M12-24) and Felix Juszt (R19-24), to be the Society's latest Moreau Leaving Scholars. They will both now take on the responsibility for helping to sustain and nourish the bonds of friendship that have grown amongst their year-group over their time at the School, and both Alicia and Felix have expressed their enthusiasm and determination to succeed in doing so.

Applicants for these scholarships must self-nominate before the end of their final Autumn term, and they then encourage their friends and members of staff to promote their candidacy through the remainder of the year. This year's selection panel, led by David Mallett (K93-03), included two past scholars as well as the current President, and the panel met socially with all the candidates and then, over the course of the Spring term, with their sponsoring members of staff, before interviewing a short-list of six candidates in the Summer.

The two successful scholars are the individuals who best exemplify a determination to maintain the close bond of friendship across their year-group, and who have an ability to organise social and sporting events, and an interest in helping to make the Society a welcoming environment for all. They receive £1,000 a year for the three years of their scholarship, during which they are members of Council and sit on the Young OFs committee.

The programme provides them with a mentor who will have been a member of Council and, these days, is often a past Moreau Scholar. With two scholars being appointed each year for a three-year term, there are always at least six recent leavers who are members of Council – bringing much youthful energy and wisdom to bear on all things. Alicia and Felix received their awards from Chairman of Governors, Charles Packshaw, at Speech Day on 28th June and, after the awards ceremony, they joined Peter Howard-Dobson (R65-69), John Ellerby (G67-75), Kate Jackson (P84-93 and Alicia's Mentor), and a host of other OF luminaries for photographs, and were soon joined by Alicia's and Felix's parents.

Felix Juszt Scholar 2024-27

I started at Fram in 2019, when I joined the Prep School after the Christmas break in year 8. Joining for the sport, specifically for hockey, I got stuck in straight away and managed to help take our team to the Nationals. This was just one of the many great opportunities that I came to experience, and which I hadn't had at any school prior to Fram, and it made me appreciate the school right from the outset.

Moving up to the Senior School provided even more opportunities for me sports-wise, such as being able to train, and later on, play with the first XI from year 9 onwards.

As I grew in the senior school, other sports began to take my interest, such as rugby. I hadn't played much rugby at a high level before, and the school and coaches were excellent at helping me grow as a player. A particular highlight, and my favourite memory of being at the College was going on the South Africa tour in the summer of 2023, when we spent just under a fortnight playing games against South African teams and doing other amazing things, like going on a safari at sunset and sunrise, and visiting Robben Island.

But sport is not the only thing I'll remember. The help and support throughout my academic journey at the College has also been great, especially in the sixth form. Being able to take my own subjects really allowed me to enjoy and thrive in my classes.

Having taken Economics, Psychology and Photography I had a wide range of different subjects which all helped link together what I am planning to do at university, which is Business Management with Marketing. Having the economic and business skills, together with the psychological knowledge and the creativity of photography, makes me feel like marketing is a natural choice for the next step of my life, and Fram has helped me to go into a path that I really enjoy and take huge interest in.

I will always be grateful for the opportunities that Framlingham has given me, and that is the big reason why I applied for the Moreau

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Leaving scholarship, along with the obvious incentive of the money, which I plan to spend on a gap year, travelling with a fellow leaver, I also saw the scholarship as a way of giving something back to my parents and the College. With the help of future, present and past scholars I want to keep together the tight-knit community that Fram has built, and ensure that no friendships are lost or forgotten.



Moreau Scholars: (top) Felix Juszt and (above) Alicia Pryce.

Alicia Pryce Scholar 2024-27

I joined Framlingham College Prep School in year 2 and, due to all the opportunities which the school provided for me and the many friends and connections that I made, I stayed right through

to year 13. As one of only a very few people, within my year, who had remained at the school since pre-prep, I believe this gave me a really strong connection to the College, which was further enhanced through my taking part in so many different areas of school life throughout my College career.

I tried many of the different opportunities the school had to

offer; however, the sporting activities are the ones which I value the most, playing both 1st team netball and hockey, as well as being a part of the 1st team hockey squad for the majority of my time at Fram. Throughout my time I made some really strong connections with people through sport, and I would love to continue nurturing these relationships via the Moreau Scholarship, and planning sports-based activities to keep team members connected.

I hope to continue playing sport at university next year, where I plan to study Economics – an A-level subject which I thoroughly enjoyed taking, alongside Maths and Geography and an Extended Project Qualification.

Looking back, I really value all the support the College provided with academic subjects, and I think that the wide variety of options and the passion of the

teachers helped me in being so clear about what I want to do in the future.

I really valued all of the team opportunities at the College and, on reflection, all of my favourite memories are associated with being part of a team: such as becoming national champions in 2023 in the Independent Schools' hockey competition, and also partaking in bronze, silver and gold Duke of Edinburgh expeditions from around Framlingham to Yorkshire. I really enjoyed working together with people and hope to work well with Felix in the next few years in completing our roles as Moreau Scholars.

I really believe that Fram has shaped me as a person and will miss many aspects about being a pupil at the school, but I can't wait to return as an OF, and to remain connected to the school for many years, alongside helping the rest of my peer group to do the same through the Moreau Scholarship, which I feel it is a huge honour to receive.

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Left to Right: Hugo Pryce, Peter Howard-Dobson, Cecilia Pryce, Kate Jackson, Richard Sayer, Alicia Pryce, Robert Mayhew, Felix Juszt, Vanessa Juszt, John Ellerby, Richard Juszt, Norman Porter, Tony Martin.



OF AND HON OF OBITUARIES 2024

Edited by Norman Porter. Do please email nhp@rillcott.co.uk if you would like to provide information (and possibly photographs) as contributions to this feature. Obituaries can only be as complete as the information which reaches us.

Readers will note that there are yawning disparities in the length of obituaries which follow. That is no reflection on the relative importance of our all-too-numerous “subjects”, but a consequence of the amount of material received. A certain amount of research is possible, and is carried out, with all due sensitivity, by telephone and email, but there all too many information cul-de-sacs.

So do keep the material coming – the lives of loves ones, best friends, particularly those elements of their lives which will be of collective interest to a Framlingham readership. We are very grateful to all who have contributed. Thank you. What we print here is how these OFs will be remembered in archival history.

There would be reasonable cause to complain about the length of this item, but the extraordinary accomplishments of our fellow Old Framlinghamians, across such a range of activities, deserves to be celebrated. The editorial scissors are wielded reluctantly. The College should be proud of what so many of them have gone on to achieve.

Norman Porter. Obituaries Editor

RICHARD HOWARD BROWN (S48-54) died on the 19th July 2023, aged 85 years old.

years and Chairman for 9. He had been a member of the Village Hall Committee, the Playing Field Association and the Village

Fete Committee. He operated the PA for the village fete for many years. He organised a number of quizzes which were a lot of fun and raised sizeable amounts of money for lots of local causes. He also operated the sound system for the village pantos and The Pilgrims Hospice events.

JONATHAN ALASTAIR EASEY ‘Jon’ (below)

(R80-87) died at home on June 23rd, at the age of 55. His wife, Sally, was at his side and he was surrounded by his family, including his newly-arrived grandson, William Jonathan Easey.

He was father to Benjamin

(R03-12), Thomas (R03-16) and Harry (04-18) as well as brother of Chris Easey (R80-88) and brother-in-law to Jane Easey (V 87-89), former SOF Liaison Officer at the College.

Jon, who started his career in the wine and brewing industry, successfully built the UK’s largest independent pig breeding and finishing business together with his father and brother. Jon and Chris eventually sold the business to Danish Crown in 2017. Since then, Jon split his time between the family farm in Suffolk and his home in Antigua, maintaining his business interests but able to spend more time with his family.

Jon was also a keen and accomplished shot.

Nearly 13 years ago Jon was diagnosed with thyroid cancer. Rather than being defined by his diagnosis, Jon shaped his life around regular visits to the Royal Marsden Cancer Hospital in London, together with his wife Sally, loving and enjoying life to the full. A composite bon viveur, Jon’s amazing resilience, appetite for fun and good company will be enormously missed by his family and many friends.

MICHAEL JOHN ROWLAND EVANS (above) (S45-48) passed away peacefully at home in Palma, Majorca on the 12th November 2023 at the age of 92. His close friends were with him, and he had just returned from a trip to London for his daughter, Kate’s birthday and was planning a return visit for Christmas. His son-in-law, Tim Adler, kindly sent us a copy of a eulogy which we have judiciously edited.

Michael was born in Hampstead, north London and spent many happy childhood years in Mundesley, Norfolk. During the war, he was brought up by his grandparents and went to Framlingham College. He maintained strong links with his old school and was immensely proud of his time there, telling stories of his schooldays with great fondness.

He always loved returning to the part of the world that held so many happy memories.

His great love as a schoolboy was sport and he excelled at football, cricket and especially tennis, getting so far as to play at Junior Wimbledon. Racing was another of Michael’s lifelong passions.



ABOVE: Michael on his 92nd birthday in Norfolk.

As a schoolboy, he made extra amounts of pocket money studying “form” – going so far as to run an (almost certainly illicit!) betting syndicate at school. He was entrepreneurial from a young age.

His love of sport continued, as he secured his first job, working at Lillywhite’s, the premier sporting goods department store in London. Customers included Bob Hope, with whom Michael became friends, and was given free tickets for Bob Hope’s shows at the London Palladium. This ignited another of Michael’s abiding interests – theatre.

It was during this time that he met his first wife, Angela. She worked as a theatre and television costume designer, strengthening that theatrical connection. Then along came their beloved daughter, Kate.

Michael kept on with his sport, and was so fit that he trained with the English Olympic squad, if only as a pacemaker for the shot putters as they huffed and puffed around the running track.

Eventually, Michael went into business for himself and established Britain’s premier ski shop and ski equipment distributor. This luckily coincided with the growing national craze for skiing. He advised the then editor of the Sunday Times on learning to ski, and helped with the best-selling ski book his namesake, Harold Evans, subsequently wrote. By the mid-eighties Michael’s business had become a chain of sports shops across England. Many of his sporting heroes, including Chris Brasher, founder of the London Marathon, came on board as



PETER REGINALD CLAYTON (above), (R67-61) died on 18th August 2023. He always enjoyed keeping up with all the news about his old school.

Peter was married to Lynette Clayton for 53 years. They had three children, Joanne, Clare and Ruth, and two Grandsons, Flynn and Brennan. His brother, Roger Clayton also attended Framlingham.

After leaving school, Peter tried a number of jobs, and finished up working for Shell for some time. Eventually, having unfortunately being made redundant, he decided he would like to run a pub. Peter and Lynette were lucky enough to be given the tenancy of the beautiful Shepherd-Neame Plough Inn, in Brabourne Lees, and moved in in 1979.

Peter was heavily involved in village life. He was on the Parish Council for 35



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technical advisers,

Michael's second wife, Mariette, worked for his company. After he sold the business in the late eighties, they moved out to Majorca. Here he continued his friendship with the late Ian Foster (K46-53), and Tessa.

His retirement allowed him to cultivate even more interests including fine wine, military history – he had an encyclopaedic library on the Second World War – and jazz – Louis Armstrong being a special favourite.

Michael and Mariette had difficult times, firstly with their stepson, Peter, and then Michael became a devoted carer to Mariette as she became ill. Following her death in 2017, Michael spent more time in London with Kate and Tim, and they spent several jolly holidays together, re-discovering Norfolk.

Michael was a keen bridge player and an avid armchair TV football pundit. He also had a great capacity for making friends, as mentioned in one of his school reports. He was still making friends in later life, at a time when he needed them. His brain was sharp to the end. He was an expert if exasperating card player, and

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hosted a birthday dinner for his beloved Kate – one of the happiest days of his life. That positive, sunny, have-a-go attitude was with him to the end.

IAN SANDERSON FOSTER (K46-53) died peacefully, aged 88, on 18 November 2023, in Majorca, Spain, his home for many years. The funeral took place in Majorca, but a special celebration of his life was held at the Farmers Club in London, with a number of OFs present.

Ian was born on 2 March 1935 in London. His father ran a well-known City shipbroking company and his mother was a schoolteacher. At 11 years of age he followed his older brother, Howard, to Framlingham, where he boarded for 5 years. A natural sportsman, he excelled at rugby, hockey, cricket, tennis and squash.

He went straight from the College in September 1953 to Aldershot for National Service. Having passed the War Office selection board and completed officer cadet training, he wanted to see action abroad. He transferred to the Dorset Regiment as a Second Lieutenant and was shipped out to Korea for two years, where he found himself leading a seven-man section every day on patrol through minefields. On one such exercise he ran straight into a North Korean patrol.



Ian Foster: Sportsman and Businessman, living in Majorca for the last 30 years.

Thinking quickly, he saluted, a gesture which was returned by the Korean patrol leader and, holding their breath, Ian and his men went on their way. His 32-man platoon were later to win the highly competitive Commonwealth Division competition, which involved a 10-mile run, carrying three Bren guns, which they then shot at targets. The Australian General in charge of the Commonwealth Division then arranged a Test Match between England (for whom Ian played) and Australia on a cleared jungle area the size of the Oval, with empty ammunition boxes providing seating for 50,000 spectators. Australia were the winners.

OF Dudley Holland, a friend of Ian's, was pleased to see the mention of the cricket match in Korea. Dudley was there

Ian enjoyed a quieter life during his latter years, still socially very active but so different from the giddy decades of ferocious business and social involvement.

Post-war Ian played sport at every opportunity and at a high level, playing cricket for Purley and the Mogador Wanderers and hockey for Tulse Hill and Kent. He declined an invitation from the UK Olympic Committee to train for the 1964 Tokyo hockey Olympics, not wishing to prejudice his developing business career. He always took time to play for the Old Framlinghamians in the various Public Schools old pupils sports fixtures; the D'Abernon Cup for tennis and the

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Upon his return from Korea, Ian began work in the City, following his father's shipping footsteps, earning £5 per week at shipbroker Galbraiths, working on the Far East desk. He remained with Galbraiths from 1955 until 1980, a period which saw him play a major part in the company's merger with insurance Matthews Wrightson, undertake the burden of huge international travel, particularly after the oil crisis in 1972 when he was asked to burnish the company's profile in the Middle East, and in developing business in China, where he caught hepatitis C. This led to him being hospitalised and kept from the office for 10 months.

He left the firm to start up a shipping department for ED&F Man, from which he retired after a successful five years to move to Menorca, where he started up a small yachting business selling moorings. Ian was a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Shipwrights.

For the last 30 years of his life, living happily with his third wife Tessa in Majorca, Ian enjoyed a quieter life, still socially very active but so different from the giddy decades of ferocious business and social involvement. He was a Vice President of the SOF and made frequent visits back to London for OF occasions. He was the author of 2 books – *More By Luck Than Judgement* (2020) and *The Silver Spoon* (2022).

He is survived by Tessa, and by his three children, Simon, and the twins Louise and James (the latter was at Framlingham College in the 1980s).

Contributed by Richard Sayer and NHP.

EDWARD FOX (G46-52) passed away on February 1st 2024, aged 88. After leaving the College, Ted went to Writtle, where he excelled and was awarded a Gold Medal. In 1955 he started three years of National Service in both Cyprus and the Suez, gaining commission to Lieutenant in the third year. (RASC)

On his return to Hemingstone, he built up a very impressive pig breeding business, together with the farm at Barham.

He married Jane in 1963 and they had three children, Marianne, William and Richard. William and Richard are both OFs, as indeed are Ted's former brothers-in-law, Clive Cooksey (K53-61) and George Gooderham (K45-53). It was through them that he met Jane.

Amongst other things, Ted was an enthusiastic supporter of rugby, on and off the field, for many years.

In later years it was necessary to diversify and Ted built a successful Kennel and Cattery business, alongside his second



Edward (Ted) Fox built up a very impressive pig breeding business together with the farm at Barham.

wife, Mary. He never really 'retired', but continued to manage the farm until his death, in spite of some health setbacks, particularly in his later years.

Sarah and I (Clive Cooksey) went to a get-together at the farm on Saturday, to celebrate his life, and this was well attended by friends and family, both old and new. Sadly, his long-standing friend, John Graham, was unable to attend, as he was not well enough. This was a shame as he was going to give the eulogy which would have been interesting. He and Ted had been close friends for 77 years!

Contributed by Clive Cooksey

JOHN PERCY INESON (G43-50) passed away peacefully on 8th March 2024, aged 90. He was husband to Diana, father to Mark and Jane, and grandfather to Tom, Rory, Isabella and Archie. The funeral took place at St Edmund's Chapel, West Suffolk Crematorium, on Tuesday 2nd April, and afterwards at The Cadogan Arms, Ingham, Bury St Edmunds.

John was in regular touch with OFs, including attendance at recent suppers. A good friend of his, James Ruddock-Broyd, organised a supper in Sudbury in 2019, which John attended. The picture on the following page was taken at that event.

James reported at the time "The first invitee was John Ineson (G43-50) of Assington, whom I had seen regularly since my mother approached him amongst 100 boys on Ipswich station on the first day of term in September 1946 asking John to "Look after little James on his first day." James also reports that John had a whole room for his memorabilia on the Boer Wars. He also collected *Fram. Stuff*, including lists of boys in the school photos of his time and handed all this over to James for archival use.

John's mother was a member of the Church family and he became the seed

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JOHN INESON. James Ruddock-Broyd, organised a supper in Sudbury in 2019, which John attended. The picture above was taken at that event.

analyst director at the Seed Merchants, W A Church (Bures) Ltd, with the contemporary Church brother OFs, Brian (R50-53), Anthony (R52-56) and David (R53-60).

He was a member of Sudbury Round Table, Sudbury Philatelic Society, Sudbury Conservative Club, Hon Sec for Bures and District Agricultural Club, District Commissioner, Sudbury and District Boy Scouts and West Suffolk Youth Advisory Committee.

In connection with his interest in philately, he amassed a major collection of stamps and wrote a book 'Paper Currency of the Anglo Boer War, 1899-1902' which is mentioned in the 'Distinguished' section of the website.

He was deeply involved in scouting. His passing led to the following tribute: *John joined Suffolk Scouting aged 16, and remained in the County for the rest of his life. He was a Rover and then a Scout Leader in Bures, Suffolk where he was one of the first to arrange for his Group to go to camp on an international air flight. He was an early member of the Scout and Guide Stamp Club, becoming its President and very well known internationally. He was awarded the Silver Wolf and was an International Commissioner. He was very active in organising the return of Hungary to the Scouting family after the fall of communism. He helped found the Mafeking Museum and was responsible for the campaign to provide a headstone for the grave of Sergeant Major Warner Goodyear, the only Mafeking Cadet B-P even named there.*

John without question had one of the best and widest collections of Scouting items ever assembled including pottery,

stamps, postcards, cigarette cards, Baden-Powell artefacts and letters etc. He was a personal friend of many members of the Baden-Powell family and most generous with his time and encouragement to all, with a quest for knowledge. Our thoughts are with his wife, Diana and family.

Compiled by James Ruddock-Broyd.

BARRY LORKIN (S54-57) died on 4th December 2023. He was a great servant of OFGS and was for around 20 years OFGS Secretary. He was also a past President of the Society from 1995-97.

His good friend and fellow golfer, Robin Anderton writes:

Barry Lorkin was a late entry to the 1954 intake, arriving in January 1955. He was a year older but soon became one of

us. He was a keen rugby player and good golfer, playing off 8 whilst still at school. He continued those two games after leaving, and from one look at his shins you could tell he was a hooker!

We both worked in London, and we used to meet up at lunchtime in Simpsons in Cornhill, fairly often. He was in the Discount market, so was handily placed, and it was over a pint that he persuaded

BARRY LORKIN, SOF Golf Secretary for many year, persuaded Robin Anderton to join the OFGS... over a pint!



me to join the OF Golf society in the early 1980's. He was heavily involved in the OF society as well as the golf section. He took over as OF Golf secretary from Michael Powlesland and then seemed to be running it for ever. Barry played in nearly all the subsequent meetings, as well as representing Framlingham in the Halford Hewitt and later in the Cyril Gray, for which you had to be over 50! He was a steady player, always consistent, though he never mastered the shortest club.

Barry is survived by Wendy, his wife of over 50 years and his two sons, Simon, who lives in France with his family, and Nicholas. He was a great mate!

KEITH MAUNDER (K58-62) passed away on 27 January 2024 at the age of 79. His funeral took place at Henstead Pavilion, The Old Rectory, Hulver Road, Beccles, on 15 March 2024. OFs present were Mike Hills (G60-63), Keith's cousin, and Andrew Lillie (K57-65).

On leaving school Keith qualified as a Chartered Surveyor, and worked in London with Chesterton's. In 1980 he was found to be suffering from a rare disorder - Guillain Barre syndrome, in which the body's immune system attacks the nerves. A lengthy stay in Charing Cross hospital, followed by intensive physiotherapy, resulted in Keith making a complete recovery. Later, in 1982, he moved to the West Country to manage the privately-owned Harbour and Dock Company in Porthleven. He moved back to Suffolk in 1990, working for

BRUCE MICKLEWRIGHT spent his career in aviation, and on retirement restored a Tiger Moth - with a chocolate and light blue 'fram' livery.



Countrywide (property surveyors) and retired fully in 2009. Keith lived with his second wife, Liz, in Dunwich, and while there, was an active member of the Dunwich Town Trust, a charity formed to help and support local individuals in need of assistance.

During retirement Keith and his wife travelled extensively - Cambodia, Myanmar, Laos, Bulgaria and Iceland, to name but a few. Photography was one of his main hobbies, and these trips helped him to enjoy this to the full.

He is survived by his wife, Liz, former wife, Jennie, daughter, Katie, and five grand-children.

Contributed by Andrew Lillie.

BRUCE MICKLEWRIGHT (S48-51)

Bruce's brother, Colin (S55-59) wrote:

"We have just returned from Wimborne in Dorset where, sadly, Bruce died on Friday evening 8th December 2023, aged 89. He had been suffering poor health ever since he caught Covid in January 2020 in Mougins near Nice where he had been living for a number of years.

Bruce's wife, Harriett is still going strong. They came back to England about eighteen months ago to be close to



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two of the children.”

Some years ago Bruce had a chance meeting with distinguished OF Bill Goldfinch (26-32) at Old Sarum Flying Club. Bruce had spent many years as a Cathay Pacific pilot after being in the Royal Canadian Air Force and when he retired, he restored a Tiger Moth and finished it in the Framlingham colours of chocolate and blue. This was spotted by Bill at the airfield and the pair became firm friends in the seven years before Bill died.

In Bruce's own words: "I spent my career in aviation and on my retirement restored a Tiger Moth and finished it with light blue wings, chocolate brown fuselage with white registration lettering. I considered registering it as G-FRAM and flying it over the school on the Millennium. However, I missed the date to complete the restoration and I subsequently registered it as G-EMSY, my daughter's pet name. Shortly after the completion of the rebuild, I moved the aircraft to Old Sarum near Salisbury and one day this elderly gentleman approached me in the hangar and said "I believe you own this lovely aeroplane and I am intrigued whether you had any particular reason for choosing chocolate and light blue as a colour scheme?"

When I told him they were my old school colours he replied "Not by any chance, Framlingham?" On confirming that they were, he replied "How wonderful, I also went to Framlingham".

We spent many hours reminiscing about Framlingham, our service careers, aviation and of course Colditz. His attitude to the time that he spent in Colditz was one of privileged confinement! He loved the castle and said his fellow prisoners were the most marvellous collection of intelligent and inspiring men from throughout the Commonwealth and the USA. He was also quite fair to his captors. Bill was a charming, unassuming, delightful man. He died in his sleep, fit and well to the last."

DAVID MITCHELL (R50-57) died on 28th July 2024 at the age of 84. He was a great servant of the Society and in particular, the OF Golf Society, of which he was a Past Captain.

In 2014 he was part of the SOF's 'Three Heroes' tour of France/Belgium. His photograph was taken on the final night in Ypres at the Menin Gate ceremony, still held every evening at 8pm to commemorate the fallen.

David died at St Francis, Berkhamsted on the 28th July 2024. He went to Brandeston at the age of 10 from Keble House Boys Prep School in Winchmore Hill before moving on to Framlingham. It seems that his favourite subject in those pre-technology days was 'Woodwork',



DAVID MITCHELL in 2014, at the Menin Gate ceremony.

learnt under the affable eye of the legendary "Doodie" Day.

He left school at 17 and joined his father as a Textile Manufacturing Agent. He worked in Harrods for a year, and this was followed by a year in Belfast working with the Irish Linen Company. The Family firm was now set up as FG Mitchell and Sons, with David and his father, together with brother, Andrew, operating in the City of London, and specialising in the Linen trade.

David joined Brookmans Park Golf Club in 1970. He served on the General and Greens Committee for several years. He also became a proud member of the MCC and the MCC Golfing Society.

He spent many a test match at Lords with friends from Framlingham and Brookmans Park.

David met Sue in 1959 and they married in 1964. They have two children, Paul and Louise, plus four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

David's Funeral Service was held at St Mary's Church, Essendon, Herts, on Friday 23rd August, with a gathering afterwards at Brickendon Golf Club, Pembridge Lane, Hertfordshire.

KEITH CHARLES OAKLEY (K45-50) died aged 89, on 9th September 2023 in St. Elizabeth Hospice, Ipswich. He was husband to Pamela and father of Philip, Elizabeth, Roger and Jennifer.

This news was originally passed on by his daughter, Elizabeth, who had many happy memories of growing up on Lime Tree Farm, Badingham. The funeral was held on Thursday 5th October at St Peters Church Henley. Sadly Elizabeth, too, passed away in February 2024.

The obituary is contributed by Keith's son, Philip.

Keith attended Framlingham College between 1945-1950, doing General Studies. After leaving the College he worked on a local farm before doing a farming apprenticeship near Boscastle in Cornwall.

He did his National Service in Germany with the Royal Army Service Corps between 1953-56. He married Pamela Lay in 1961, having met her whilst in the Ipswich YMCA Amateur Operatic Society. They had four children. Always a hands-on, independent and practical man, he built his first home, a bungalow, in Ufford. He later bought a farm in Badingham, breeding pigs. He also ran a caravan site. He involved himself with village life, from serving on the parish council to helping organise village events.

In 1978 he sold the farm and moved his

family to Henley. He then worked for John Grose until retirement in 1999. He loved the outdoors and being active: from gardening to caravan holidays across Europe, which often involved walking in the hills and mountains.

During retirement he enjoyed travel and visited many counties around the world, including New Zealand, Australia, India and Canada. In his later years he suffered kidney problems, but this did not stop him travelling, armed with his portable dialysis machine. After catching Covid in 2021 his health and independence deteriorated until his kidneys finally failed him. His family will miss him.

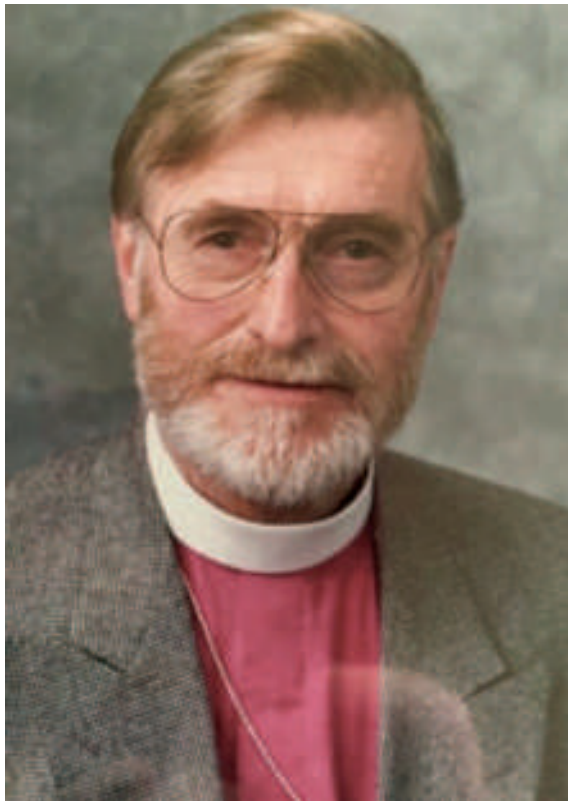
Philip also sent us two photographs from those distant years, which may be of historical interest, particularly the picture of the Junior House, with D.D. Kittermaster, shortly before the move to Brandeston Hall.

KEITH OAKLEY enjoyed walking in the mountains and hills across Europe.

Below: Junior House team, Framlingham, with D.D. Kittermaster, before the move to Brandeston.



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The Rt Revd GEORGE EDWARD DAVID PYTCHES (K44-48) (above), died on 21 November 2023, aged 92. David Pytches, founder of the New Wine network, was one of the Church of England's leading pioneers of Charismatic renewal and church-planting.

The Revd Dr Andrew Atherstone wrote (in The Church Times – edited):

Born in Suffolk in 1931, the ninth of ten children, Pytches was part of a clerical dynasty. His father was an Evangelical clergyman, his mother was the daughter of a clergyman, and two of his brothers were later ordained. His great-uncle was the former Bishop of Calcutta and Dean of Durham James Welldon. After Framlingham College and National Service in the army, Pytches trained at Tyndale Hall, Bristol, and was ordained deacon in 1955 to a curacy at St Ebbe's, Oxford, a conservative Evangelical parish.

In 1959, Pytches and his wife, Mary, sailed for Chile with the South American Missionary Society (SAMS) to pioneer Anglican church-planting in Valparaíso. There, he made two discoveries that profoundly shaped his future ministry. First, he embraced missional flexibility even when it disrupted traditional Anglican ecclesiology.

Next, he embraced the gifts of the Holy Spirit, such as miraculous healings, which Pytches previously believed to have died out with the apostles, but which were common among South American Pentecostals in the 1960s. Mary began to pray in tongues, after seeking to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Her husband was initially alarmed, but was soon persuaded to follow suit. In his autobiography,

'Living at the Edge' (2002), he recalled: "It's quite a shock to suddenly wake up in bed with a Charismatic! I had been so opposed to all this for so long, and a loyal Bible-loving, card-carrying evangelical all my life."

In 1970, aged just 39, Pytches was consecrated Bishop for the suffragan see of Valparaíso. Three years later, Archbishop Michael Ramsey, as Metropolitan of the Southern Cone, promoted Pytches to be Bishop of Chile, Bolivia and Peru, a vast diocese covering 1.2 million square miles, 24 times the size of England.

It was a period of rapid church growth but deep political crisis, as Chile descended into paramilitary violence and civil unrest. During this time, the Pytches family feared for their lives. The Marxist government of Salvador Allende was toppled in September 1973 in a coup by

General Augusto Pinochet, placing the churches in an invidious position. The politics were difficult to navigate, and Pytches found himself criticised on all sides.

In 1977, Pytches swapped the poverty of Chile for the leafy lanes of Hertfordshire, as Vicar of St Andrew's, Chorleywood. There, he sought to embed lessons from South American Anglicanism into the Church of England. One of Pytches's friends and fellow Chilean church-planters, Eddie Gibbs, introduced him to John Wimber, the Vineyard evangelist and former rock musician. Wimber's first visit to Chorleywood resulted in "holy chaos" and was transformative for the congregation.

Pytches became one of Wimber's chief promoters in England. His book 'Come, Holy Spirit: Learning how to minister in power' (1985) repackaged Wimber's teaching for a wider audience. It was translated into Spanish, German, Swedish, Finnish, Arabic, Chinese, and Korean. Next, Wimber introduced Pytches in 1988 to the so-called "Kansas City Prophets", a group who claimed dramatic encounters with God and special prophetic knowledge. Pytches visited them in Missouri, prior to their bursting upon the scene in England, and wrote up the story as 'Some Said It Thundered' (1990).

Wimber also encouraged Pytches to expand his teaching ministry and contributed £3000 to the Kingdom Power Trust, which distributed Charismatic cassette tapes. In 1989, it launched New Wine, a Charismatic jamboree which soon grew into a massive annual event and gave birth to a vibrant renewal network. New Wine was pioneered by Pytches until 2001 and continues to attract thousands of people each year across numerous denominations.

Another of Pytches's lifelong passions was church-planting. He advocated the formation of Charismatic congregations across parish boundaries, linking congregations outside parish structures, to the chagrin of Archbishop George Carey. It was a forerunner of fresh expressions of English Anglicanism.

Pytches retired from St Andrew's, Chorleywood, in 1996, but continued his worldwide peripatetic ministry. He was unafraid of controversy and, in 2000, participated in the consecration in Singapore of two bishops for the Anglican Mission in America, a conservative breakaway from the US Episcopal Church.

He is survived by Mary, to whom he was married for 65 years, their four daughters, and their families.

DR JOHN GRAHAM RANKIN (K47-56)

John was taken ill on Thursday 7th December 2023, and passed away the following day. Despite having had Covid in early September, and a fall which resulted in a broken wrist, he had been in seemingly good health. He will be hugely missed, not only by his OF friends, but by the whole local community in Dovercourt, where John had been a doctor for most of his professional life.

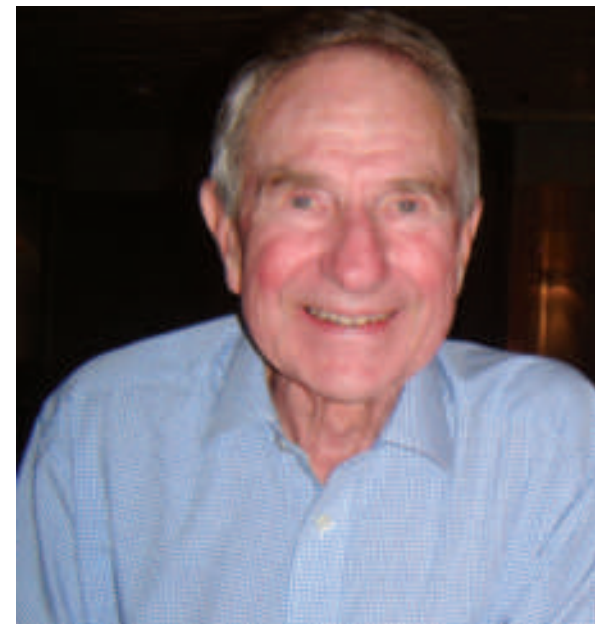
It is not easy to write the Obituary of someone whose friendship had been enjoyed and valued for some 75 years. Our years in Kerrison were soon followed by a fortnight spent together in Paris, learning a bit about the world beyond Framlingham. The roots of that long friendship run deep. So this is an obituary not easy to write, but a privilege nevertheless, to try to sum up a life of so many parts, with Framlingham so often at the heart of them. John had been one of the very first boys to attend Brandeston in 1948. He was upset not to be able to attend the 75th birthday celebrations.

To take the Framlingham perspective first: John was a loyal supporter of the Society. He organised the Essex Supper for several years, calling on both his love of cricket and his links with Essex County Cricket Club to organise some of those Suppers at the County Cricket Ground in Chelmsford. John, together with his much missed, late wife, Angela, also attended many other OF occasions. John's loyalty to the Society led

to his being elected Vice President.

His OF activities were rooted in his time at the College, where he is remembered as excelling at cricket and table-tennis in particular. Of particular note is the fact that he and his great friend, Norman Mayhew, played in the same cricket team during all eight of their years at the College. John went on to become a member of the MCC, and President of Dovercourt and Harwich Cricket Club. A yearly visit to Lords with John to see a Test Match had been, for me, a highlight of many a recent year. John was still playing table tennis, and still capable of beating all-comers. Another anecdote worth mentioning comes from 'On an Eminence', and another great friend, Chris Sneath:

Chris Sneath and Dr John Rankin (Kerrison 1947-56) remember an incident, when the firing of a Verey pistol on a CCF Corps day mysteriously led to a fire in a haystack. After fire engines had dealt with this a local police constable entered the dining hall (unannounced and in instant silence) demanding to know who the culprits were. However, the resourceful Sneath and Rankin were able to persuade



John Rankin: After Brandeston, Framlingham, and medical training, he enlisted with the RAMC, became Captain Rankin, and spent time with the troops in Borneo.

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him that the stack fire must have been caused by “internal combustion!”

John would be the first to admit that academics did not come easily to him. He had to work hard to achieve the qualifications needed to go on to study Medicine at St Georges Hospital, London. That aspiration was not one readily endorsed by his teachers. But John persevered, showing that human qualities and empathy are perhaps even more important than formal qualifications as criteria for assessing the success of a career dedicated to medicine, and General Practice in particular.

John was born in Colchester, close to Layer Road, the old football ground, and that explains his lifelong support of “the U’s”. His father was away fighting in North Africa in the early years of infancy. After Brandeston, Framlingham, and medical training, he enlisted with the RAMC, became Captain Rankin, and spent time with the troops in Borneo.

On return home, he met his wife-to-be, Angela, while playing mixed hockey, and their marriage was blessed with two children, Marcus and Abigail, both of whom went on to give John those grandchildren who came to mean so much to him in later life.

John’s funeral was held on Friday 12th January at All Saints Church, Dovercourt. A packed church heard tributes from his son, Marcus, son-in-law Gary (Squires) and grandson, Harry. Around a dozen OFs were present, alongside former colleagues, and what seemed like half of the population of Dovercourt. John represented those old-fashioned values which put a doctor at the heart of a community, living in their midst, knowing them as friends as well as patients.

In recent times he had come to know Gwen, the elder sister of another OF, Roy Farman (K47-55), who died in New Zealand a year ago. Margaret and Andrew Wright had suggested to John that singing was a good way of filling a post-bereavement void. So John joined the local choir, *Harwich Sing*, and met Gwen, and their latter-day friendship came to light up the lives of them both. John – whether or not he was good singer – must have made an immediate impact. Some 50/60 members of that choir came along to the funeral to give John a rousing send-off. The final musical accolade, provided by a community that loved him well.

That community perspective is summed up by a lady we sat next to at the funeral, Ann Duggan, whose tribute included: “a brilliant GP who spent more than 40 years caring for his many patients.” “I met Dr Rankin in 1972 when he moved to Dovercourt. As his patient and later good friend, I saw first-hand how caring he was to his patients and the staff working with him.” “John was patient-centred, good-humoured, consistent

in his manner, generous with his time and always approachable. He always treated his patients with kindness, compassion and integrity. It is not an understatement to say he was loved by everyone.” “He was a brilliant father and husband.” He was involved in our community, with, to name just a few: PTA, U3A, Sports clubs – and was well known by everyone.” “A life well lived by a gentle and lovely man.”

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In an age when one hears so much sneering about the privileges and advantages of attending independent schools, John was the epitome of kind and gentle

service to others, and an example of the very best selfless values that our independent schools can inculcate.

Contributed by Norman Porter.

DAVID ANTHONY REEVE (G55-57), of Ixworth, Suffolk, died on March 5th 2024. The Funeral took place at St Mary's Church in Ixworth on Thursday 21st March and was followed by drinks afterwards at the Pykerrel pub.

David had a rich and varied life, despite living and working in the same area all his life, something that is rare nowadays.

David was born on 9th February 1941 at Dover Farm House in Ixworth. He grew up on the family farm in Ixworth, together with sister, Janet, but at an early age went to boarding school at Moreton Hall in Bury St Edmunds. He didn't particularly enjoy Moreton Hall but from there he progressed to board at Eversley School in Southwold, and so began a life-long affection with the Suffolk seaside town, only emulated by his connection with Ixworth. One of dad's vivid childhood memories was seeing the 1953 east coast floods rise to within feet of his boarding house.

He then attended Framlingham College, then on to Shuttleworth College in Bedfordshire before coming back to Ixworth to work on the farm. David had great fondness for his days at both Framlingham and Shuttleworth, going fairly regularly to reunions over the next half century.

David came back to the farm, working with father, George. Shortly after marrying Jeannie, David and his young family moved into a house in Ixworth which David had been renovating and restoring. It is the oldest house in Ixworth, and would remain their home for over 50 years. Apart from Boarding Schools, Shuttleworth College, and more recently Fornham House Care Home, David lived his entire life in Ixworth.

Outside work on the farm, David invested himself in various aspects of local village and farming life, apart from YFC, he was Churchwarden and on the Church Council of the village church for many years, a Parish Councillor, and one time, Chair. There was also the National Farmers Union and local Conservative Association of which he was an active member.

David and his wife Jeannie had 2 children, James and Christopher, and fostered their nephew, *Edward, following David's sister, Janet, passing away when he was young. They had 7 grandchildren.

Unfortunately David spent his final few years following the pandemic with declining health, mainly due to dementia. He passed away at Fornham Care Home, near Bury St Edmunds aged 83.

*Contributed by Ed Groenhart



David Reeve's nephew explains that although David was a farmer, he was an excellent cook too. Chef's hat photo dates from the 80s.

COLIN HUGH RIGBY (R43-45) passed away on 27th March 2021 after a short period of ill health. The news was passed on to us by his daughter.

Colin was born in Norwich in 1929 and had a relatively normal childhood with his family until his early teenage years when he lost his dad to meningitis. As he put it himself, he graduated early as a teenager and was sent to Framlingham to ‘put him through the mill’. It worked, as he left with 6 credits. He tried some chemistry, mixing elements and bomb debris to make fireworks, which didn't work; but success came with discoveries at the local munition store which resulted in an excellent rocket. He was inspired by electricity and took an apprenticeship at Laurence, Scott & Electromotors (LS&E) and qualified as an electrical engineer. Weekends were filled with frequenting local dance halls and riding pre-war motorcycles. He went on to spend 5 years in the merchant navy, working on Elder Dempster Lines and Canadian Pacific Empress Liners; seeing the world before returning to Norwich to LS&E and meeting Diana, whom he married in 1960.

He briefly moved to Commercial Union, and when he was overlooked for promotion, he switched to Lloyds Register of Shipping, which he always said was the best move in his life! The family grew to 4 children and having undertaken an intense language course, they were sent to Italy where he worked in the Milan office, first living in an apartment in Milan, then moving to the countryside to a rambling old house. With a caravan as a holiday home the family spent weeks away at the Italian lakes or touring the major cities, and even up to the Alps in the caravan for skiing.

The cycle was broken when Lloyds needed a surveyor to start with immediate effect in Iran, working, amongst other things on the gas pipeline running from the Caspian Sea, through Iran. This was a temporary move for the family, and they were soon back in Italy but for a short time as he was sent to South Korea where he oversaw the building of 11 ships for the Nigerian National Shipping line in what was the biggest shipyard in the world in Ulsan.

Colin was moved back to the UK when Diana was found to have a malignant melanoma. It was back to East Anglia, where Colin worked in the Lowestoft office, and Diana received treatment successful treatment for her cancer. The work was varied and amongst his list of jobs was offshore work on North Sea Gas platforms.

As a man of faith it was no surprise to the family when he decided to take early retirement and go abroad with Diana to help others. Their first venture was on a boat to help Vietnamese boat people,

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Colin Rigby: Weekends in his youth were filled with frequenting local dance halls and riding pre-war motorcycles. Then 5 years in the merchant navy; seeing the world, before returning to Norwich and meeting Diana, whom he married in 1960.

however the boat never got further than the Mediterranean! But it was all good experience, Diana had been a nurse and she took a course in Tropical Medicine at Liverpool University, which was a must for their next venture.

They worked for 5 years in a small mission caring for orphans in Mozambique. The mission had endless work for an electrical surveyor who could turn his hand to anything, and Diana busied herself running clinics. Word moves fast when there is health professional in town. They moved to Uganda and attempted to set up clinics, but they were fraught with bureaucracy.

There was another stint back in the UK due to ill health, and they were then off to Tanzania. After 3 years there, they retired and moved to be halfway between 2 of their children. They spent time travelling, visiting family, one of whom lived in the Alps. Colin always insisted in fitting in a ski trip in but the family got increasingly concerned and he gave up at the age of 84!

They moved to West Bridgford in Nottingham about 8 years ago, to be near one of his sons, and found an assisted living apartment, beside the river Trent. Always the fixer, he set about modifying furniture and working out how to make the most of cheaper off-peak electricity to heat the apartment. He advised all the other residents and produced instructions on how this could be done. Even just a few days after having a pacemaker fitted at age 91, he was down in the laundry room doing the weekly wash and using the time



to discuss plans for the next residents' meeting!

Since he died during the restrictions of the pandemic there were only 30 people at the cremation and the celebration of his life at St Giles church in West Bridgford. However as his son in law was adept at streaming services from his church, he set about doing a live stream on Facebook for those who were not allowed to attend.

PROFESSOR HUGH STEPHEN SALTER MBE (R50-56), Stephen Hugh Salter, inventor, born 7 December 1938; died, aged 85, on 23rd February 2024.

He was the inventor of the Salter's Duck, a wave-power device that was the first of its kind and promised to provide a new source of renewable energy for the world – until it was effectively killed off by the nuclear industry.

In 1982, after eight years of development under Salter's direction at



Edinburgh University, the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority (UKAEA) was asked by the government to see if the duck might be a cost-effective way of making large quantities of electricity. To the great surprise of Salter, and others, the UKAEA came to the conclusion that it was uneconomic, and that no further government funding should be given to the project.

A decade later it emerged that thanks to a misplaced decimal point, the review had made Salter's duck look 10 times more expensive than the experiments showed it was likely to be. The UKAEA claimed this was just a mistake, but Salter, who had never been allowed to see the results of the secret evaluation, put it another way: asking the nuclear industry to evaluate an alternative source of energy was like putting King Herod in charge of a children's home, he suggested. By then, however, Salter had become interested in other projects. As a result his duck has never been tested at sea – although wave-power devices using some of his technology are now in development in the Orkneys and off the coast of Portugal.

The prototype ducks, developed in a multidirectional wave tank of Salter's invention, are now in the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh, where there are a number of other exhibits with links to him, including the only remaining Black Knight rocket, a UK ballistic missile from the 1950s, and Freddy the Robot, from the 60s, the first machine to have artificial intelligence that could "see" and had a sense of touch. He also invented the Dervish, a low-cost method of clearing landmines, by using a revolving three-wheeled vehicle with a constantly changing path.

Perhaps the range of those projects sums up Salter's mind better than anything else. Colleagues who worked with him said that while other scientists concentrated for years on one subject to the exclusion of all others, Salter was fascinated by new problems.

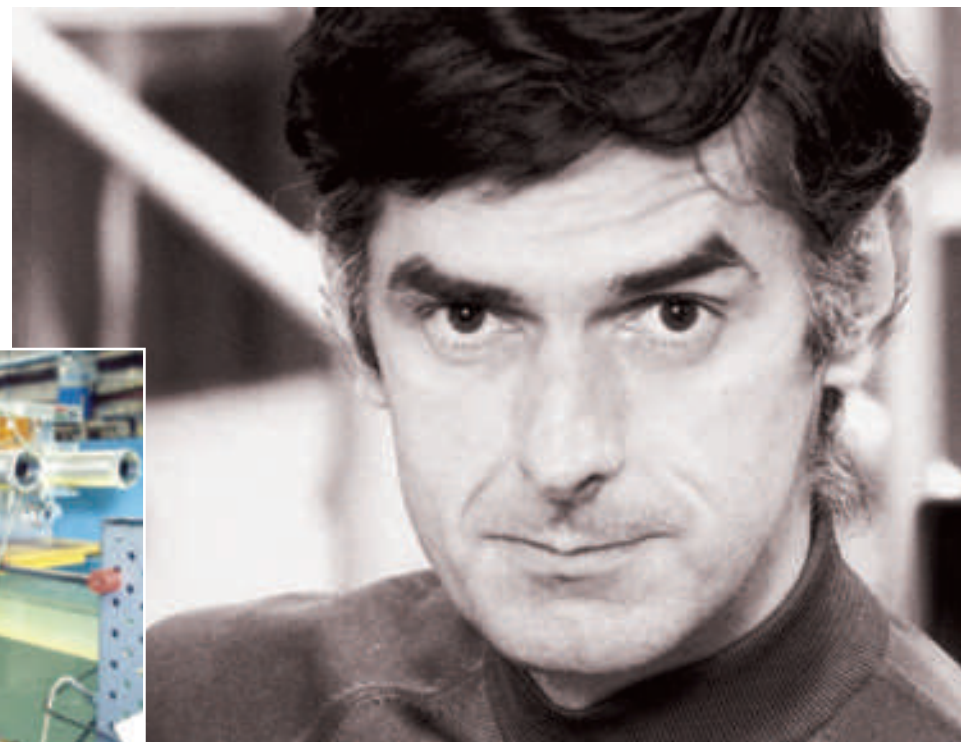
Although it was the oil shock of 1973 that first stimulated his interest in renewable energy, he later became one of the first scientists to realise the dangers of climate change. Doubting that the slow pace of cutting fossil-fuel use would be enough to save the planet from dangerous overheating, at the turn of the 21st century he set up a scheme to develop marine cloud brightening – an idea to produce more and brighter clouds in the middle of the oceans in order to reflect sunlight back into space, thereby keeping the oceans cooler and reducing sea-level rise.

He designed a project to build a large number of automated ships spraying aerosols from sea water into the atmosphere to create and brighten clouds in the middle of the world's oceans and – having made a considerable fortune by selling some of his inventions – was able to set up the Lothian School of Technology just outside Edinburgh for £2.4m. The centre provides premises for up to 60 of his students to work on inventions and develop them commercially beyond their time at university.

Born in Johannesburg, South Africa, Stephen was the son of British parents who had emigrated there. His father joined the Royal Navy as a meteorologist during the second world war and afterwards the family moved to Britain. Stephen attended two boarding schools before arriving at Framlingham College.

He began designing, building and flying

Professor Hugh Salter: The first scientist to realise the dangers of climate change.



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model aeroplanes, and his ambition was to take an engineering degree at Cambridge University. But he failed to get good enough grades, so became an apprentice at Saunders-Roe, an Isle of Wight aero- and marine-engineering company, where he was involved in the Black Knight rocket project. After studying at night classes he was finally accepted at Cambridge to study Natural Sciences, including Metallurgy. He moved to Edinburgh University in 1967, aged 29, to become a research fellow working on artificial intelligence in robots. Within six years he was also a lecturer and had begun his work on wave energy. In 1984 he became Professor of Engineering Design.

Perhaps Salter's left-leaning politics and his willingness to take on the London

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establishment prevented him from being showered with the honours he deserved, but he was elected to a fellowship of the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 1991, made MBE in 2004, and inducted into the Scottish Engineering Hall of Fame in 2021.

He never stopped working,

becoming an Emeritus Professor at retirement age and continuing to research, advise companies and refine his inventions until the end.

He married Margaret Donaldson, a Professor of Development Psychology at Edinburgh University, in 1973. She died in 2020. He is survived by his younger brother, Edmund.

NIGEL PHILIP SIMPER (R53-60) died on 11th June 2024, aged 81 years.

He passed away peacefully, after a short illness, at home with his family. Devoted husband, caring father and loving grandfather. A celebration of his life took place on Monday 1st July, 2024, at Seven Hill Crematorium, Ipswich.



Above: Nigel Simper



CLIVE CARRINGTON SIMPSON (K49-53), (pictured above), passed away peacefully on 15th January 2024, aged 85 years.

Clive was part of a long line of 'Simpsons' who have attended Framlingham College from 1865 onwards. He followed his father, Frank, and brother, Guy, to the College and always spoke very fondly of his time spent there.

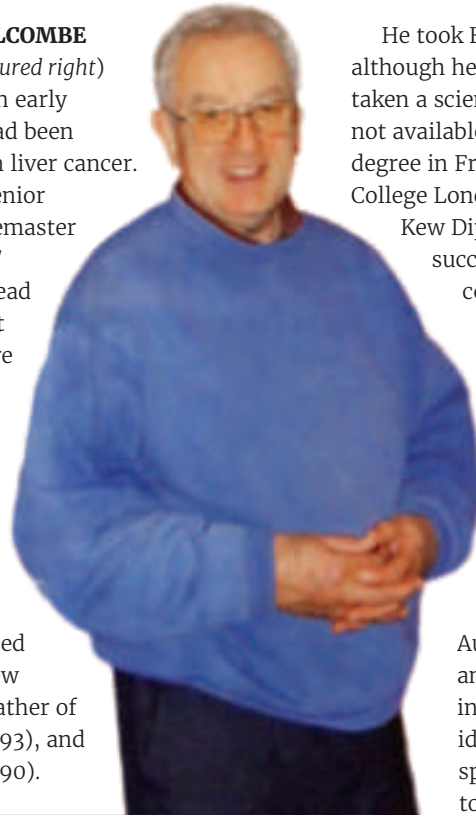
Clive built a career as an Agricultural Engineer, initially with Eastern County Farmers in Ipswich, and latterly, for many years, with Carriers in Braintree. He gained a considerable reputation in his field of designing and building grain driers and material elevators used in both agriculture and manufacturing. He became an expert advisor to Essex University and assisted in setting up a degree course in Agricultural Engineering. He went on to lecture there and at Writtle College.

Clive enjoyed a long and happy marriage to Judy. He is survived by his children, Jayne, and Richard, and grandchildren, Guy and Kate.

ANDREW CLIVE SLATER (G63-67), below, according to our latest records, resident in Tetbury, Glos, died in Zimbabwe on 27th October 2023. This news reached us via a firm acting on Andrew's behalf.



BRIAN SMALLCOMBE (Hon OF) (pictured right) passed away in early October. He had been suffering from liver cancer. Brian was a Senior Master, Housemaster of Stradbroke/Ziegele and Head of English. But he was so more than that, he was a good friend to many. Early reactions to his passing showed how dearly he would be missed by all that knew him. He was father of **Hannah** (P81-93), and to **Giles** (Z80-90).



He took French and German at 'A' level although he would have liked to have taken a science subject as well, this was not available at the time. He obtained a degree in French and German at King's College London and then studied for the Kew Diploma at Kew Gardens. After successfully completing the

course, he joined the Gardens on a permanent basis as a taxonomic botanist working in the Herbarium. He met his wife-to-be, Oona, while living in Kew and they were married in November 1975.

His work at Kew involved many trips around the world. He worked in herbaria in Russia, Australia, New York, Cameroon and Brazil. His work also involved field trips to collect, identify and catalogue plant specimens. Initially his work took him to Malaysia and Africa.

RACHEL SMITH (née Knights) (V93-02) died in early July from a heart attack during a blood transfusion at the tragically young age of 40. This news was passed on through College tennis coach, Trevor Wright. Rachel was the daughter of **Gill Knights** (Hon OF) who taught at the College. Rachel was Secretary and a very active member of Framlingham Tennis Club.

BRIAN LESLIE STANNARD (G54-63) Brian was born in Ipswich in 1944 and spent all his early years in Framlingham. He went to Brandeston Hall and then to Framlingham College where he developed his love of languages, particularly German.

On one trip to Kenya the group accidentally strayed across the border into Uganda and were intercepted by troops from Idi Amin's army. On another to Cameroon he was taken to a local restaurant by one of the local botanists. He did not know what he was eating but was, at the end of the meal, startled to hear his host declare that it was the best armadillo he had ever eaten.

After Africa he then made several trips to South America, in particular Brazil, becoming fluent in Portuguese whilst there. Again, these trips were not without incident. One of his first trips was to

Below: Brian Stannard – many trips around the world – Russia, Australia, New York, Cameroon, Brazil, Malaysia, Africa.



OF AND HON OF OBITUARIES 2024 continued

Venezuela just after the Falkland's War. Oona had arranged to fly to Caracas to have a holiday with him at the conclusion of the expedition. Oona had not heard from him for several months but that was no surprise considering the location of the trip and the lack of available communication systems at that time.

She was, however, surprised to be met by staff from the British Embassy in Caracas who told her they had expected Brian to have already been back, but communication was proving difficult. They admitted that they were concerned for his safety. A short while later a car arrived from the Embassy and she was told to pack up and go to the embassy. They had received word that Brian and others were presumed dead and they needed to break the news to her. As she was getting in the car an emaciated, dishevelled man appeared from the street – Brian. It turned out that the expedition was a cover for nefarious activities by one of the organisers. He had appropriated the helicopter used to ferry the scientists into the jungle and had abandoned them on the top of a mountain without any food or many supplies. They had to eat monkey and anything that they could forage as they made their slow and perilous way down the mountain and back to civilisation.

In addition to his travels Brian was scientific co-ordinator on the development and building of a new wing for Kew's herbarium. He was also involved in the writing of a number of scientific papers. His most significant work was probably much of the writing, editing and bringing to publication a book on the Flora of the Pico Das Almas, Brazil.

In addition to his work at Kew he loved to travel, including making frequent visits back to Suffolk, going to the theatre, sport – he was a hockey blue at King's – and dining out, and being with family and friends.

For the last twelve years of his life he coped valiantly with Parkinson's disease, refusing to be defined by it, and continuing to travel and enjoy a good social life. Brian passed away 27th November 2022.

Contributed by Ian McLeish – good friend and best man at wedding.

JOHN G THURLOW (K48-55) died on Saturday 8th June 2024, just 12 days after the death of his wife, Peggy. They had met at the Young Farmers Club in the early 1960s. The then Miss Peggy Wrinch (another Framlingham family) was the Club Secretary, and John was the Club Chairman. The couple married at Earl Stonham Church in 1962. They had three children: James, Nic(ola) and Sally.

After leaving school John completed his National Service with REME and then



James Thurlow, John Thurlow and Will Tew.

returned to the family business, George Thurlow & Sons Ltd, based in Stowmarket, Suffolk. He took over the running of the business following his father's death in 1968 and was now the fourth generation family member to control the business. In 2020 he finally retired from the business after 65 years of service, but continued to take an active interest in it. He was rightly proud of the family business and all it represented. Following his retirement it still remains very much a family business. John's son, James – (K78-89) is Chairman of the Group, and his grandson, William Tew (G04-09) is Managing Director.

John's legacy, rooted in the county's agricultural heritage, lives on, with the sixth generation now in charge of a company which, set up in 1875, now employs 700 people and operates from 18 locations across East Anglia.

John's life, energies and profile took him into positions way beyond those of the family business. He was appointed High Sheriff of Suffolk in 2003. He was also a Past President, Chairman and Hon. Director of the Suffolk Agricultural Association, the Suffolk Show being the highlight of his year. The Thurlows are the show's longest running stand-holders, having exhibited for more than 100 years.

He had the honour of showing the Queen Mother around the stand on the occasion of her visit. Framlingham remained close to John's heart and he wore his OF tie with pride. He was a Governor of the College and Vice President of the SOF.

In their later years John and Peggy enjoyed bridge and horse racing. Sadly, John was diagnosed with vascular dementia in 2018. As his family said, he faded away, but his memory was still active with memories of the company he had led so proudly. The company vowed to maintain the family feel of the company, something of which John had been so proud.

A joint Thanksgiving Service was held in Bury St Edmunds on July 2nd, 2024.

CHRISTOPHER WEBSTER (K50-53) died on 20 February 2024 in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. He was 87. He leaves behind his (second) wife, Dianne Macfarlane; his sons, Tim and Paul; daughter-in-law, Margaret (Tim); grandson, Michael; and granddaughter, Rosa. He was tragically predeceased by his grandson, Thomas Webster, in April 2023.

Chris and Dianne met while Chris was teaching at the U of T Centre of Criminology and Dianne was doing her MA. They moved to Vancouver, where each of them began new jobs and took the final plunge and married in November 1995.

Chris was born in 1936 in Aylesbury, England. He attended Framlingham College and later served in the Royal Signals as a Second Lieutenant.

In 1957, he decamped to Vancouver, BC, joined the Royal Canadian Signals and achieved the rank of Lieutenant. A chance encounter with a British Army pal was the first time it had even occurred to him to go to University. Thus began what was to become a long and illustrious academic career. He met and married Margaret Simpson there. He obtained his MA in experimental psychology at Queen's in 1964 and his PhD at Dalhousie University in 1967, and the young family then moved to Toronto. His CV runs to 26 pages. His career's focus was criminology. He was a prolific author of dozens of books, monographs and manuals relating to his profession.

Chris began his career in 1966 at the Addiction Research Foundation in Toronto. He then moved to the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry as a Research Coordinator at the Child and Family Studies Centre. In 1975, the family moved to Victoria and he filled the role of Research Coordinator in the School of Child and Youth Care at the University of Victoria. In 1977, he went back to Toronto for a position as Research Scientist at the Metropolitan Toronto Forensic Service at the Clarke Institute.

In 1986, he became Head of the Department of Psychology at the Clarke, followed by a stint as the Head of Impulsivity there. In 1993, he was back to the west coast for a job as a professor within the Department of Psychology at Simon Fraser University. He also held the Chair of Psychology there. Chris also mentored countless graduate students who have gone on to be the next generation of leading researchers in this field.

From 1999-2002, he was a Research Scientist at the Centre for Addictions and Mental Health, and he filled the same role at St. Joseph's Healthcare in Hamilton from 2004-2011. He also served on a number of professional boards, to which his contribution was immense.

He was a Fellow of the Canadian Psychological Association, the American Psychological Association, and the Royal Society of Canada. In later years, he

enjoyed writing small books about his family and other topics. *About Crabs* was his first effort at this hobby. His latest volume is called *The Young Man and the Sea*, and was co-written with his grandson, Thomas. His wit and humour were abundant. He enjoyed a good laugh at the absurdities of life and had a sense of self-deprecation that he passed on to others.

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Chris loved to travel. Dianne organized annual trips to the Gulf Coast of Florida. They attended two international forensic conferences in Tuscany. Chris had a visiting professorship at The University of Canterbury in NZ. They had other memorable trips to Greece, to Istanbul, China, as well as a "War Trip" through France and Belgium, exploring the battlefields and memorials of the World Wars. He found his grandfather's name at the monument in Arras.

Chris moved to Victoria from Toronto in 2017 to be closer to his family. In July 2023 July, he moved to Berwick House retirement home and was in the process of making new friends there. He was genuinely interested in people and what makes them the way they are. The man was a bright light, and will always be remembered for his generosity, warmth, kindness and sense of humour.

A gathering to celebrate his life was held at The Royal Canadian Legion, Queen's Own Rifles, Toronto, Ontario, on May 4, 2024. A second gathering was to be organised for Chris' west coast friends and family in Victoria.

Edited extract from The Globe and Mail, March 2nd-6th, 2024.

Below: Christopher Webster – a bright light.



The OF Society of The Arts

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We are delighted to report that the OF Society of The Arts has sponsored its very first exhibition, which took place at the College, on 12th October 2024.

celebration of the Centenary of Rugby at the College. So there were plenty of OFs about to enjoy both events.

In putting together his exhibition, Chris produced a biographical note about his life and times at the Prep School and the College, which he framed and included as the frontispiece of the show.

Chris Lenton had worked as a Features Artist on the Daily Mail before joining the College.

Chris Lenton (Hon OF), the subject of this first exhibition, treated us to a hugely entertaining array of his 'Drawings of Colleagues and Friends', created over the 35 years of his College and Prep School teaching career. The occasion, which was organised by Kate Jackson, was shared with a

GALA OF CONCERT.

With our first exhibition under our belt, we're ambitious to do more. To that end, we're in discussion with the College team exploring the possibility of a **Gala OF Concert**, in the Summer Term. There are a vast numbers of talented OF musicians out there, and Lucy Bloore (Director of Music)

THREE ARTWORKS BELOW FROM THE CHRIS LENTON EXHIBITION.

Below left: Clockwise, from Chris Lenton (top right), Caroline Mallett, Martin Brown, Stewart Reeve, and David Morgan. Top right: Pantomime poster. Below: Chris Laurence aboard his Locomotive.



is going to help us to find them.

We might open and close the event with a bit of Shakespeare, and so create an opening for some drama graduates, too. Wouldn't it be great if this could all happen at the Castle?

Whatever transpires, we'll want current pupils to be involved too, so that they have an opportunity to gain experience and get to know people in fields they'd like to work in themselves.

Concerts and Events needs significant investment, so we're very keen to recruit new members to OFSTA. Over-25s pay just £10 a year, and membership is free to those under 25. Please visit the Society of The Arts page of the website, and download an application form.

If you are interested in either the Gala OF Concert or the Woolwich Contemporary Print Fair, or wish to suggest others, please get in touch with Peter Howard-Dobson at: SecretaryOFSTA@oldframinghamian.com



LUCY TOMS PHOTOGRAPHY

WOOLWICH CONTEMPORARY PRINT FAIR.

(pictured above)

We'd then like to follow the Gala OF Concert with a day-trip for pupils and OFs from the College to Woolwich, next November, for the tenth **Woolwich Contemporary Print Fair**, run by OF Jack Bullen (G2003-08) and his wife, Lizzie Glendinning. The expedition, which relies very much on the College for its promotion and support, would be for current pupils as well as OFs with an artistic bent (and especially members of the OF Society of the Arts!). We had hoped to run this in November 2024, but were snookered by the Saturday of the event being an exeat weekend.

ARTS NEWS:

OF Thespians at Richmond Witney Globe:

Veteran amateur thespian James Ruddock-Broyd (G46-52) reported, back in April, that he had put together a programme of Shakespeare recitations by residents and staff at his retirement village at Witney, Oxfordshire.

Amongst the audience were Brian Smith (S53-58) and Clive Smith (S54-58). James reports: "Our programme at Witney comprised recitations by residents and staff from plays and sonnets.

Recordings were played of Burton, Dench and Gielgud doing like-wise and

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BELOW: Recitations by residents and staff at Witney, including James Ruddock-Broyd (right)



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music composed as adjuncts to Shakespeare’s writings. I started proceedings by recalling my part as Philostrate, Master of the Revels to Duke Theseus’s Court, in the College production of *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* – held at Framlingham Castle in 1952”.



ABOVE: Veteran amateur thespian, James Ruddock-Broyd.

CHRIS SHAW TALKS TO THE GALLIPOLI ASSOCIATION.

Chris Shaw (K50-56), our man in Cairns, Australia, published his latest book a little while ago. This is not your average paperback, as “Echoes of Gallipoli: For those left behind” is beautifully bound in leather.

Back in the May, Chris gave a talk, via Zoom, to members of the Gallipoli Association, explaining how he came to write the book. He recalled how, on 25th April 2020, during Covid, he attended a Dawn Service for Anzac Day, which inspired him to write a story of a young Aussie from Winton, Queensland, who went to Gallipoli and lost his life there.

BELOW: Chris Shaw talks to members of the Gallipoli Association via Zoom.



You can listen to Chris’s talk, which also briefly mentions his time at Fram, at (www.chrisshawauthor.com/meet-chris).

A signed copy of the specially bound book can be obtained by contacting Chris on the same website.

OF WINS PRESTIGIOUS DESIGN AWARD.



Congratulations to John Cooper (S64-68) for being awarded the prestigious Susan Francis Design Champion award at the 2024 European Healthcare Design Congress.

The Susan Francis Design Champion award is presented to a visionary healthcare leader who has championed, advocated and monitored the value of design across one or more major healthcare projects, working in close collaboration with multiple stakeholders to deliver excellence and set new standards in quality design.

John is director and co-founder of John Cooper Architecture (JCA) and is a leading figure in healthcare design and has been a principal in practice for 36 years. He is actively engaged in reshaping the healthcare environment and improving



ABOVE AND INSET LEFT: Christina Johnston: soprano soloist at Snape Concert Hall.

CHRISTINA JOHNSTON PERFORMS AT SNAPE MALTINGS CONCERT HALL.

Bach’s B Minor Mass, one of the pinnacles of the choral repertoire, was performed by the Aldeburgh Music Club at Snape Maltings Concert Hall on Saturday 16th November 2024. The choir was joined by some exceptional soloists, and were delighted that Christina Johnston (V 2001-06) was the Soprano Soloist in this magical choral work.

Christina, nicknamed ‘The Nightingale’, has sung for Heads of State and audiences all over Europe, Asia and South America. She gained a scholarship at just 17 to The Guildhall School of Music and Drama and made her operatic debut in 2012 at The State Opera, Prague, where

and re-forming its architecture, combining an expert understanding of health planning with genuine design skills at both a strategic and a detailed level.

He set up JCA in 2009, and the practice has designed hospital projects in the UK, Ireland, South Africa, Iceland and Australia. This provides John with an international perspective and a wide-ranging knowledge of best practice. He has led government report panels and provided peer review on major projects in the UK and Australia.

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ABOVE AND INSET LEFT: Chris Hall's amazing collection of Chinese textiles..

MILLIE GIBBONS (BH04-13) is taking New York by storm as a professional actress, a career that was born from a passion for performing in school productions.

"Growing up in Suffolk, I always loved the outdoors, and I knew an office job wasn't going to cut it for me", Millie explains. "I felt that an acting career opened more doors – it's allowed me to travel across the US and listen to the stories and experiences of people all

she performed the Queen of the Night in Mozart's *Die Zauberflöte* and Adele in Strauss's *Die Fledermaus*. She has since performed all over Europe. Her voice has featured on many film scores, including the Hollywood blockbuster "Wonder Woman 1984".

WORLD-CLASS COLLECTOR, CHRIS HALL'S, NEW FOCUS ON JAPANESE FUKUSA.

Not content with amassing, over many years, one of the best collections of Chinese textiles in the World, Chris Hall (G62-69) has quietly built an amazing collection of Japanese Fukusa – these are principally silk-embroidered squares of textile used to wrap formal gifts. Gift giving and receiving, in Japan, goes beyond simply commemorating a special occasion, and in historical times was very much about social rank and respect.

Earlier this year (2024) Chris gave his collection of Japanese textiles to the Asian Civilizations Museum in Singapore. They organised an exhibition of his Japanese textiles, mainly gift covers.

To learn more about this collection, please follow the link to a "Three Screens Together" short film which talks about his Japanese gift cover collection. This was prepared by the Asian Civilizations Museum:

<https://vimeo.com/934778959/6a542ced54?>

around the world. An acting career and being part of this powerful industry is so rewarding – sharing stories that need to be told, as well as bringing joy and understanding to people of all ages and all cultural backgrounds."

Millie moved to New York at the age of 19 and trained for three years at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts.

Graduating in 2022, she landed two prominent roles in her first year, starring in JSL Studios featured film 'Back to the Present' and landing the leading role in a short film 'Lemon'.

"We've just wrapped filming on Back to the Present", says Millie. "It was the most

... living out of a suitcase we filmed in Arizona, as well as scenes shot in Utah, Florida, and New York. Growing up horse riding in Suffolk, I was even able to do my own stunts ...

incredible experience, spending three months on set, and living out of a suitcase. We filmed at the Mescal Movie set in Arizona, as well as scenes shot in Utah, Florida, and New York.

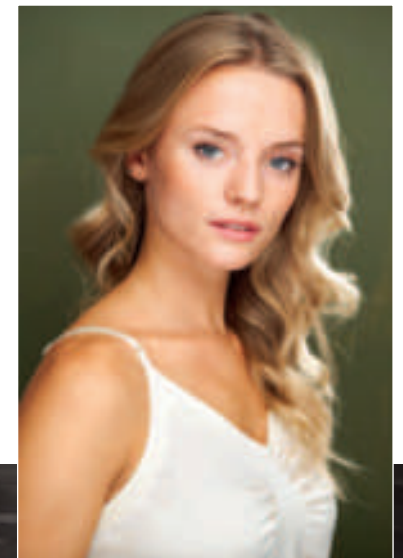
Growing up horse-riding in Suffolk, I was even able to do my own stunts during the wild west scene."

"I was also lucky enough to land a leading role in William French's upcoming

festival short film 'Lemon', where I played the role of Hazel. We filmed in New Cuyama, Northern California, a small town that has only 500 inhabitants. Surrounded by vast mountains, it was an adventure, and such a learning curve for me. I got to meet new people and learn about their culture which I would've never have been able to do, had it not been for this role."

Looking ahead, life in front of the camera isn't slowing down for Millie, with another film lined up to start shooting in April, as well as working alongside Producer Bobby Moresco (known for Academy Award Winning 'Million Dollar Baby' and 'Crash').

"A career in acting requires commitment. It is not the easiest career path, but it's certainly the most fun. If you're interested in pursuing acting, next step would be to look into drama schools, get some professional training so you can fully equip yourself for the road ahead", says Millie.



BELOW AND INSET RIGHT: Millie Gibbons graduated in 2022 from the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. Pictured here on set during the making of the film 'Back to the Present'.



Year 13 Old Framlinghamian Speech Day Prizes 2024

Profiles of the two Moreau Scholarship winners, Felix Juszt and Alicia Pryce, can be seen elsewhere in this publication.

Other Prize Winners were:

The Mawby Prize for Service to the College	SOF	Harry Ford
The Karen Buttenshaw Memorial Prize (for 5 years' exceptional service to the College)	SOF	Eloisa Ford
Y13 Jonathan Hulley Memorial Cricket Prize	SOF	Harry Ford
Y13 Singing	SOF	James Tennant
Y13 Tennis (Boys)	SOF	Saul Hindmarch
Y13 Tennis (Girls)	SOF	Tilly McLoughlin
Y13 Cricket (Girls)	SOF	Sophie Singer
Y13 English and Journalism/Media	SOF	Harriet Wilson
Y13 Netball	SOF	Madeline Buchanan
Y13 Boys' Hockey	SOF	Conor Kerrigan
Y13 Rugby	SOF	William Brett
Y13 Girls' Hockey	SOF	Francesca Ralston Bown
Y13 Instrumental	SOF	Josephine Palmer
Y13 Wallace Creative	SOF	Amélia Duez
Y13 Foreign Travel Award	SOF	Constanca Henriques
Y13 Albert Award	SOF	Charlie Hall
Y13 Albert Award	SOF	Annie Pearson
Y13 Drama	SOF	Matilda Hardy
Y13 Wallace International Students' Prize	SOF	Iulia Stegeran



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE:
Madeline Buchanan, netball; Harry Ford, cricket; Francesca Ralston Bown, hockey.



Year 13 Old Framlinghamian Speech Day Prizes 2024 continued



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Sophie Singer, cricket; Eloisa Ford in the Chapel; Tilly Mcloughlin, tennis; James Tennant, singing and keyboard; Will Brett, rugby.



HERE & THERE



JOHN FULLER OBE (S78-86).

On 9th February 2024 it was announced by the Government that John Fuller OBE was to be made a Conservative Life Peer. On 12th March 2024 it was announced that he has taken the title of *Baron Fuller of Gorleston-on-Sea*, the town in which he grew up. (You can read more about his Distinguished biography on the website).

He was first elected to South Norfolk Council in 2003 and led local Conservatives to take control of The Council in 2007.

"A wide ranging business career in manufacturing and agriculture has helped me to bring a commercial edge to the business of running a Council, transforming it to run on business-like lines whilst freezing Council Tax in eight of the last twelve years, whilst achieving first place nationally in a number of areas that maximise quality of life."

He has lived in Brooke near Norwich with wife, Philippa, and two daughters Susan and Laura since 1997 and was appointed an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in 2019.

He is the county's longest-serving council leader, having led South Norfolk Council since 2007.

He said: *"I have dedicated the last 21 years to improving life in South Norfolk and the wider county and I am really honoured to have received this recognition. I look forward to continuing to champion the needs of our county and ensuring our voice is heard in London, while helping to shape and improve the laws that affect us all."*

BILL BULSTRODE (K62-69).

Bill, who has been trading in Framlingham for 53 years, received the British Empire Medal (BEM) in the King's 2024 New Year Honours for services to the community.

Bill said at the time: "When the letter arrived a few weeks ago, I was amazed. I am delighted. I am a Framlingham boy, born and bred. I have lived and worked in the town all my life. I have done a lot for the town, and I still do a lot for the town." He started out working for the food and drink business, Carley & Webb, in the town before starting his own flooring company,



ABOVE: Bill Bulstrode proudly displays his British Empire Medal (BEM) which he received in the King's New Year Honours for services to the community.

which he now runs as part of his Bulstrodes and Framlingham Toy Shop in Bridge Street.

He has also helped with some big events in the town and following the terrible flooding from Storm Babet in October, he also provided a new home at his shop for the town's Post Office, which was flooded out of its Riverside premises.

JIMMIE MAYHEW (R33-36).

Huge congratulations to Jimmie Mayhew (R33-36) who was 105 on 22nd November 2024. The Society sent him a special card to mark this occasion, designed by Chris Keeble (S53-59). *Pictured below.*



The East Anglian Daily Times carried the following tribute to him and his life:

"Suffolk farmer, innovator, sportsman and war hero celebrates 105th birthday.

A Suffolk man who fought in North Africa and Burma during the second world war is celebrating his 105th birthday today. Jimmie Mayhew who lives in Chelmondiston is celebrating the occasion with his beloved wife of 71 years Janice and his family.

Mr Mayhew was born on 22 November 1919 at Old Hall, Helmingham Hall where his father, Wilfred, was a tenant on the Tollemache Estate.

He went to school at Framlingham College where he developed a lifelong love of sport including tennis, hockey, and cricket which he played to a high standard.

On reaching 105, Mr Mayhew said; *Every year with my wife and family is a blessing.*

Shortly after the outbreak of the second world war he was sent to North Africa where he helped commandeer a train in Tangier and fought behind enemy lines, which led to him being awarded an Africa Star Medal. He was later posted to Burma for the rest of the war where he fought against the Japanese."

The couple had four sons Philip, Christopher, Geoffrey, and Michael. His son, Phil Mayhew, added; *He's hearty but things are a little bit of a struggle. He's asleep about 80% of the day but there's nothing wrong with his brain. He's very determined to be alive. My father and mother keep each other going."*

RYAN O'LEARY (K95-01).

On the 28th of April Ryan O'Leary headed to Ukraine for five weeks at the request of the World Health Organisation, following a plea from the Ukrainian Ministry of Health to help them establish European Trauma Course – a Europe-wide method for managing patients who have suffered major trauma.

He spent four weeks teaching ETC repeatedly, in order to identify Ukrainian doctors who could act as instructors. He ended up with 94 Ukrainians trained in ETC, and 12 Ukrainian full instructors, with several others well on their way to obtaining full instructor status. He will be returning at a later date to teach again and help embed ETC in the Ukrainian health system.

He says, *"I have never met such a patriotic group of people – this was a truly humbling and moving experience."*

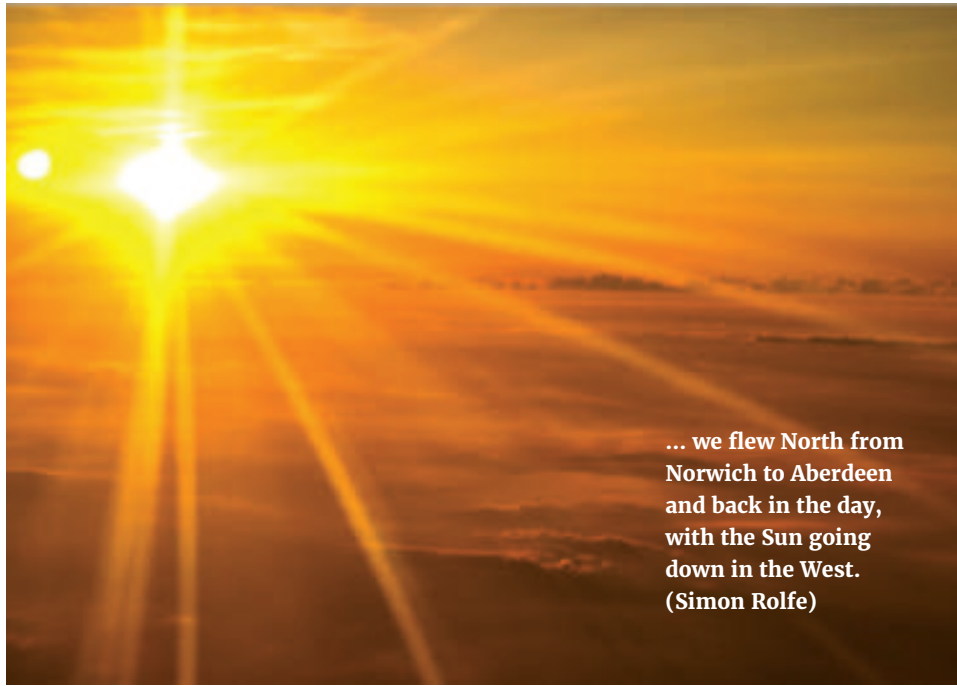
He goes on to say *"By way of background, I'm a consultant in anaesthesia and intensive*



Ryan O'Leary (right) heads for Ukraine at the request of the World Health Organisation.

care medicine in Hereford in the West Midlands, and also a helicopter emergency medical services and pre-hospital emergency medicine doctor with Midlands Air Ambulance Charity and West Midlands Ambulance Service MERIT. I've held an interest in care of the trauma patient for many years – probably stemming from my time at the school on CCF Army camps being taught to manage bleeding limbs!

I have taught on the European Trauma Course in both the UK and Ireland for the last 6 years and was invited as part of a multi-national faculty from Germany, Portugal, Ireland and the UK due to my previous experience both teaching and working in major trauma systems. I was honoured to be asked and very happy to help – the trauma systems in Ukraine are continuing to have to deal with various horrific ballistic and blast injuries due to the ongoing conflict, and anything that we can do to help them establish a system to improve flow through their hospitals for managing trauma victims will, in turn, hopefully save Ukrainian lives."

HERE & THERE continued

... we flew North from Norwich to Aberdeen and back in the day, with the Sun going down in the West. (Simon Rolfe)

IMAGE: THOMAS KINTO / UNSPLASH

SIMON ROLFE (S82-92), The ever-busy Simon Rolf has been in touch, bringing us up to date with his hectic, whirlwind life. He carried on flying as an airline pilot for Eastern Airways, operating the magnificent SAAB 2000 turboprop, until he was furloughed in April 2020, just as Covid hit. He was then laid off in December 2020 as a part of a drastic pruning of the workforce – Covid again. Once Covid lockdown restrictions were lifted, he resumed working as a flying instructor, something he had done before joining Eastern Airways in December 2020, and had continued as a hobby.

After a few months of instructing freelance, he re-joined a flying school at Norwich airport where he had worked previously, but, sadly, that school went out of business at the end of 2023, so he helped to set up a new school at Norwich airport. This started operations in September 2023, with Simon keeping busy as one of the co-founders, senior instructor, and safety manager, while looking around for a new airline job.

The three worst downturns in aviation history had all occurred since he had left airline pilot school: the post-9/11 downturn, the Global Financial Crisis/ Great Recession, and then Covid. Simon managed to keep flying through all these troughs, keeping his career going. He will be returning to the airline industry in 2025, as long as no further downturns intervene in this notoriously cyclical industry. Over-all, his flight time is now approaching 12,000 hours, of which over 4,000 hours are as a flying instructor in light aircraft.

Simon is still in regular or fairly regular contact with a lot of OFs, including Andy Twite, Marcus Ward, Tom and Tami Wornham (née Carlick), Nick Lee, Sam Norton, Dave Mayhew, Emma Wilson, Mizzie Mfaume, James/Jamie Gwyn and

Nina Bickerton/Watson, plus lots of others through Facebook and LinkedIn, together with younger OFs met through professional activities. In these various way he has come across Tom Ridley, James Bartrum and Esme Potter and Ernest Waller (PPL courses – all passed, of course).

He and Ernest had not been at Framlingham together, but the name had rung a bell. It turned out that his name had been on cassette albums of College Chapel Choir music: 1/ 'Christmas at Framlingham', recorded at the end of the Christmas Term 1987, Simon's final term, and featuring him in the bass section, and 2/ 'Music from Framlingham College', recorded in the academic year 1986-7, when Simon was in his final year at BH. Amongst the name listed in a barbershop group was that of – you've guessed it – Ernest Waller. Although the two had never met, the name had stuck in Simon's mind on the basis of a list of names on 38-year-old cassette. Here Ernest was, turning up and asking for flying tuition from someone he had never met, but who, subliminally, knew him.

Simon completed an MBA in Aviation Management in 2016, and started an MSc in Human Factors in Aviation in September 2020 but had to pause the commencement of his thesis because of many other factors in a busy life, and is now having to settle for a Post-Graduate Diploma. It's

still a high-level qualification.

He has also been a voluntary Aviation Skills ambassador since early 2019, a role which entails going into schools and careers fairs and talking about careers in aviation. He can cite his own career path, how it all started and developed. He has also written a "How to become an airline pilot" guide, emailable, free of charge, to those who are interested.

Simon invites anyone interested to send him a connection request on Facebook and/or LinkedIn. He uses the same cover photo in both, his skin an eerie orange colour. This is explained by its being taken in the cockpit of his beloved SAAB 2000 as they flew North from Norwich to Aberdeen and back in the day, with the Sun going down in the West.

Simon can be contacted on (07714) 419990. sirolfe565@hotmail.com

LAUREN SUTTON (M00-05)

Lauren visited the College to see the Chris Lenton exhibition with partner Tom, parents to a three-year-old son, Flynn. She was able to meet her former Housemistress, now retired, Helen Myers-Allen, also at the event.

Lauren went to Oxford Brookes University after school to do a B.Ed in primary teaching and used it as a passport to employment,

... worked in the hotel and hospitality trade in Mexico and on the island of Kos, and did volunteer animal work with the Sun Bears and Orangutans in Borneo.

initially in Norfolk. She left to work in the hotel and hospitality trade in Mexico and on the island of Kos and did volunteer animal work with the Sun Bears and Orangutans in Borneo.

The young couple now live outside Sheffield and have put much energy in

recent years into the renovation of a 200-year-old farmhouse property with extensive wild garden, Lauren is keen on conservation and re-wilding. Her other interests include training of a puppy and furniture restoration. The future plan is to move back south into or near to Cambridge, nearer to family and friends.

Lauren is also a keen campaigner for the Epilepsy Society. Since leaving Framlingham she has been supported by the Society for many years and when they were developing the 'Safe Mum Safe Baby' campaign it truly struck a chord with her and where she was in her life. The full story can be found on the SOF website.

Lauren Sutton (left) is a keen campaigner for the Epilepsy Society.



HERE & THERE continued



James Ruddock-Broyd's wife, Christine, writes and illustrates her first children's book.

JAMES RUDDOCK-BROYD (G46-52). His wife, Christine, has written and illustrated a children's book called "The Fairy Wedding".

He writes, "My wife has written her first book and self-published it with help from Chris Keeble (S53-59) who applied his expert graphic design skills to the publication."

The Fairy Wedding is targeted for 5-11 year-olds and is an ideal Christmas present for any family member in that age group. The book contains 60 pages on quality paper in landscape format of 11" x 7" with illustrations on almost every page, drawn and coloured by the author. It is retailing at £14.99

If you would like a copy please email ruddockbroyd@gmail.com.

THREE OFS STAND FOR PARLIAMENT

The UK held a General Election on the 4th of July 2024 and we had three OFs who stood for parliament with two of these OFs being Deputy Leaders of their Party. **Daisy Cooper** MP (P97-99) (*top right*) was deputy leader of the Liberal Democrats and was re-elected as MP for St Albans. **Dr David Bull** (Z80-87) (*right, centre*) was deputy leader of Reform UK and unsuccessfully stood as a candidate for West Suffolk, and **Jack Abbott** MP (R07-09) (*right below*) was elected for the first time as a Labour MP for Ipswich.



LAURA WRIGHT (M02-08). Laura has become one of the nation's favourite sopranos over her 20-year career, from winning 'BBC Chorister of the Year' as a teenager, to singing in stadiums around the world.

In 'Songs of Praise', Laura reflects with Pam Rhodes (BBC Presenter), on the hymns, worship songs and choral classics that have shaped her life and faith.

Pam joins Laura and her family on the beautiful beach at Aldeburgh to look back at the difficult times of Laura's childhood illness and the music that brought the family closer to God.

The full episode of 'Songs of Praise', featuring Laura, can be found on the website.

It was broadcast on Sunday 14th April 2024, on BBC1 at 13.15.

Music featured:

1. For the Beauty of the Earth – The Church of St Cross, Winchester.

2. What a Beautiful Name It Is – Gas Street Church, Birmingham.

3. Make Me a Channel of Your Peace – All Saints Church, Nottingham.

4. O for the Wings of a Dove – Performed by Alexander.

5. Jerusalem – St Elizabeth's Church, Reddish.

6. With You – Performed by Laura Wright.

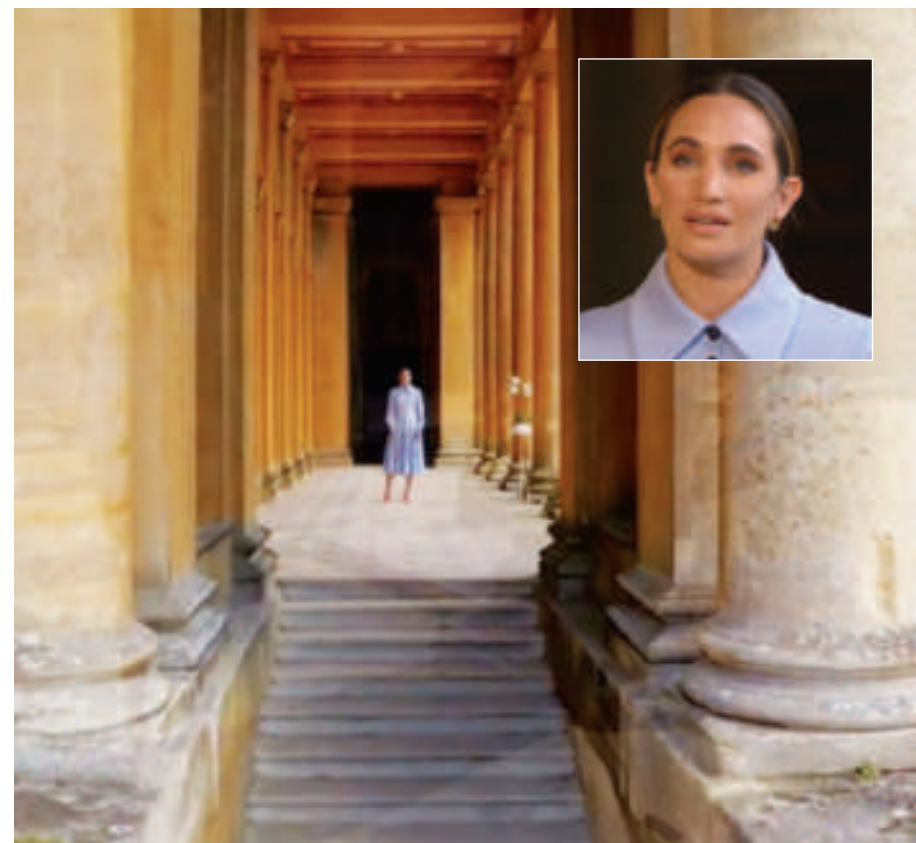
7. Dear Lord and Father of Mankind – Hereford Cathedral.



ABOVE: Laura Wright with her family on Aldeburgh beach.



LEFT: Laura with Pam Rhodes, presenter of BBC Songs of Praise.



BELOW: Laura in a clip from the BBC feature.

WITH THE SERVICES

**INTRODUCTION BY THE EDITOR,
COMMODORE ROBERT BELLFIELD RN
(K81-83)**

Rear Admiral Tim Woods (Z83-88) is relishing the challenge as the United Kingdom's Defence Attaché in Washington.

2023/24 has probably been the most interesting year from a geo-strategic perspective in my 41 years in the Royal Navy.

This includes the tail end of the Cold War, the fall of the Berlin Wall, Perestroika in Eastern Europe, Sierra Leone, 9/11, Afghanistan, Iraq, Afghanistan again, etc, etc.

Maybe this is because, as junior officers, we didn't really think geo-strategically – unless we were at Staff College! We should rest assured that we have an OF at the very centre of the UK/US/Ukraine relationship, with Rear Admiral Tim Woods (Z83-88) as the United Kingdom's Defence Attaché in Washington – heading up the enormous UK Armed Forces presence in the United States and leading with our political-military relationship.

I have seen Tim on a number of occasions recently, in Suffolk and London, as his globe-trotting includes plenty of trans-Atlantic trips. He is relishing the challenge, the responsibility, the trust, and the access. He will certainly be sought after as an after-dinner speaker when he finally retires back to his home county of Suffolk.

There are more OFs still serving in the military. Please do not hesitate to drop me a line.

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LEFT: Rear Admiral Tim Woods.

RIGHT: Cdre Robert Bellfield with his wife, Zoë, at Horseguards Parade, for the Colonel's Review.

RIGHT BELOW: The cutting edge of dinghy sailing, Robert Bellfield's 75-year-old Waldringfield Dinghy!

BELOW: Robert Bellfield with friends from his year in Kerrison.

FAR BELOW: Air Cdre Howie Edwards, Combat Air Force Commander at RAF Coningsby.



I hear of OFs doing great work across Defence. Air Cdre Howie Edwards is currently the Combat Air Force Commander at RAF Coningsby, looking after the Typhoon and Lightning II forces – the fighter/bombers. It was great to catch up with him at the commissioning parade of 809 Naval Air Squadron, at RAF Marham – the first Royal Navy-badged Lightning II (F-35B) squadron at Marham.

For those who live in Norfolk – the Lightning II force is jointly manned by the RAF and the RN, and there are now over 500 sailors stationed at RAF Marham in NW Norfolk. The 'Navy in Nelson's County'!

I much regret that I haven't managed to reach out across the Armed Forces OF community this year, but we will aim for a big splash next year. I continue in post as the Naval Regional Commander for London

and Eastern England until next summer and then will finally take off my uniform and look forward to new challenges and spending more time in Suffolk.

I have been able to catch up with a few of my year from Kerrison, at The Crown in Woodbridge – David Ibeson, George Wright, Tim Mosse, Jenkin Leung, and Charlie Wright – normally with John Watterson, our old housemaster. None of us have changed!



OVERSEAS BAG 2024

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This edition of the 2024 Old Framlinghamian contains another good crop of articles from OFs living overseas.

This is a heavily-edited version of the 37 pages available to view on the website. It would be great to hear from more OFs in other countries, so get in contact, please.

NEW EDITOR WANTED

This is now the 20th year that I have been editor of the Overseas Bag. I have enjoyed the role immensely, not least because it has included, during that time, visits to a significant number of you living overseas. Visits made during the year which marked our 150th anniversary were particularly enjoyable.

I've said it before, but now, after so many years, I really am looking to step down and would be delighted if someone else would step up to take over this Editorship - either an individual or perhaps a small team.

My appeals over the last couple of years have not produced a torrent of applications, but I really do hope that this year some budding editor will give it serious thought. It is very rewarding. You will be in contact with a wide range of OFs across the world. I will remain a member of the website team, so will offer my full support to my successor, including the providing of such information as you will need ie Local OF Reunion Lists.

Do please drop me an email if you would be interested in taking over this important liaison job. In the meantime, happy reading!

It is great to see some time and effort being put into organising future gatherings in various countries around the world over the next six months. I'm very happy to help anyone prepared to have a go at arranging a gathering in their area.

AUSTRALIA

Phil Bower (G65-74) (pictured right). At the end of 2023 Phil was on the move to a new house on the west coast in Gingin. This is closer to Perth, where his band is based, but he was sad to be leaving his 'forever' home, having lavished a lot of love, care and money on it. In August 2024 Phil posted on Facebook "if you think you're too old to rock 'n' roll... you probably are." (I don't, so I'm not!) Don't anyone, ever, tell me my rig is too big or too loud..."



Geoff Brown (G61-66) was in touch from Chifley, New South Wales, to set up his standing order for the OF Newspaper. He was undergoing treatment for cancer at the time, as was his wife. We wish them both well.

Nick Carlton (G63-70) was also in touch in October 2023 to set up a standing order for the OF Newspaper. He had enjoyed a successful trip to Japan with his son, James, and hoped to come across to the UK in May 2024.

Robert Craig (K55-59) continues to volunteer at the UQ Marks Hirschfeld Museum of Medical History at Herston in Brisbane. His brother, Frank Garret Craig, remains well, living in Lee on Solent. He was one of the first entry to Brandeston.

Mike Garnett (R53-55) pictured right, was sad to hear in October 2023 that **Richard Rowe (S65-74)** was postponing his trip to Australia. In December 2023 he sent this lovely picture taken at Hanging Rock a couple of weeks earlier, with his daughter-in-law, Jamie, and his youngest grandchild, Sonny.



John Gates (S44-48) was in touch around Christmas 2023. "I am still managing to go to my gym four times a week, and Ruth gets to her Yoga classes twice weekly, so we are keeping 'Body and Soul' in good trim. I now have to use a 'Walker' at all times to get about. I corresponded with **Neville Marsh** today."

In July 2024 John said "Still alive, but life is getting harder. I'm still managing to go to my gym three times a week... Hearing is very bad now, eyesight not good. However still playing Bridge."

near Sydney. This will take place as soon as Brian is feeling better. I then heard that **Kwai Hong Ip (G80-88)** will be visiting in August 2025 and is keen to meet OFs in Melbourne and Sydney, so we hope that gathering will come off as well.

Neville Marsh (S53-61) started work on organising an OF reunion in Brisbane to mark the visit of **Richard Rowe (S65-74)** and his wife, Denise. The Olympics in August 2024 and Australia's strong showing in these games, elicited comments from **Chris Shaw (K50-56)** which resulted in Neville producing statistics based on a medals-per-head of population (capita) basis. This showed Australia out on top of the medal table. See full version, which has additional statistics! He has also been

LEFT: Mike Garnett.
BELOW: The old Museum at the College. See Neville Marsh article, requesting information and photographs.
FAR BELOW: Chris Essex (left) with Peter Hollins.



Peter Hollins (K70-76) came over to the UK in September 2024 and so we took the opportunity to meet up nearby - see photo, right. You'd think I was the Aussie in my shorts, but a rare burst of summer greeted us that day. Peter had also met up with **Terry Pringle (R66-75)** while over in the UK.

Colin Lipman (R53-61) as our organiser in Sydney, has been a star. He offered to organise a Sydney gathering for the visit of **Richard Rowe (S65-74)**, but that has been postponed. (for the moment). He then offered to organise one to mark the arrival of **Brian Pretty (S52-56)** and his wife to live



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busying himself looking into the records of the old College Museum. He hopes to produce an inventory of donations to the Museum. Neville would like to hear from anyone who donated to the museum, knows the whereabouts of dispersed items, or has stories or photos to share.

Simon Narroway (G72-75) was happy to receive his OF Newspaper in digital form and offered a generous donation to cover the next 10 years or so. His only other news was that he was escaping the heat by travelling to Sapporo (Japan), to see the annual Ice Sculptures Festival.

Brian Pretty (S52-56) got in touch in January 2024 with the surprise news that he and his wife had emigrated to live near Sydney. He said *"in a moment of madness, we sold up all our possessions and home and two years ago, moved to Sydney, Australia, in order to spend our twilight years with our family, all of whom are citizens of Australia. A huge decision at my age (I will be 85 in February) but so far we are delighted to be here."* Unfortunately a reunion/welcome in Sydney has not yet been possible, due to Brian being in hospital, but we hope it happens later this year.

Hugh Richardson (S43-48) was in touch in August 2024 saying that he wanted to get in touch with his old friend, **Ian Channell** (42-45), aka The Wizard of New Zealand. Hugh had recently had a fall and therefore had had to postpone a planned trip to the College.

Andy Ridley (M84-89) was pleased to hear at Christmas that **Chris and Rebecca Shaw** had not been affected by the recent heavy rains from Cyclone Jasper.

Chris Shaw (K50-56) is, as usual, our most prolific correspondent. My thanks to him for that, and all he does to keep in touch with OFs in Australia. Chris sent a number of photos including this one taken recently, mirroring his parents in the background, taken on their 70th wedding anniversary in 2008, when his Dad was 101 and his Mum 99.

In November 2023 he received news that the paperback version of 'Echoes' had been published – see www.chrisshawauthor.com/shop

As reported on the OF website, Chris gave



a talk via Zoom to the Gallipoli Association of UK. There were about 60 Gallipoli experts tuned in, and Chris had to give the talk at 5.30am local time in Cairns.

In August 2024, Chris commented on the passing of **John Thurlow** (K48-55). John was a contemporary in Kerrison. In response to an invitation from **Richard Sayer** (S56-61) to an OF event at the Plough & Sail Inn (Snape, Suffolk), Chris gave eloquent apologies which you can read in the full version.

CANADA

Howard Thistlewood (K66-73) was over from Canada and meeting up with OFs on 23 October in Essex.

He had lunch with *left to right, below:* **Howard**, **James Mehta** (S67-75), **David Kent** (G66-73), **Terry Hurlock** (R66-73) and **Willis Chapman** (G68-73).



David McMillan (K54-58) sent Merry Christmas wishes from Montreal!

Jack Wass (Z94-98) got in touch in September 2024. He was glad to hear his old friend, Kim, is flying the flag in Germany. He went on to say *"My art gallery, 'Oil+Water' is going from strength to strength. I am currently working on a painting series called Firewalls, which depicts people in office attire with pixelated faces in very animated poses"*. (You can read more on the website.)

CHINA/HONG KONG

Chris Hall (G62-69) sent a long and interesting Christmas 2023 message. You can read the full version of the Overseas Bag. During the year he had maintained his addiction to Chinese textiles, spotting some items which came up in Texas. Despite having to bid online, he concluded:

"I succeeded in getting the two most important lots which I wanted, and consequently ended the evening a much poorer man. It will not surprise you to read that, at the end of the year, I was still heavily in debt because of my addiction to collecting Chinese textiles. However, as I say, life is not worth living if you can't go shopping."

Chris continues to host regular dinner parties. *"One of the most amusing reasons for declining my invitation to dinner was from a friend who had been invited to attend a celebration of the King's coronation in the British Consulate. At another dinner a lady friend gave me a back-handed*

compliment: "Chris, you haven't changed", she said, "but then, when you were 30, you looked 80". One of my friends, K.C. Ho, liked my pink suit but decided to go better and had an even brighter pink suit made for himself. He then found that there was no opportunity to wear his splendid new outfit, so I arranged a dinner for him, plus his wife and daughter, where we all wore pink, and celebrated with a bottle of pink champagne."



Chris Hall (right) celebrates in style, with pink outfits and pink champagne.

Robert Holland (R57-65). In October 2023 Robert sent a very early Christmas message, but for good reason. *"After over a quarter of a century of happily living the Life*

of the Lotus Eaters in Penang, we have decided to leave and like the flotsam and jetsam of Empire, drift once more on to the hotel-fringed beaches of Hong Kong. So, with effect from the 1st March 2024, our address will be in Lantau, Hong Kong SAR." They visited the UK and managed a trip to Framlingham, so he added: *"Sadly, it is unlikely that I will ever see the delightful market town of Framlingham again. It greatly influenced the early years of my life and holds so much of my affection."* In March 2024 he reported that the move had gone smoothly and the flat was being refurbished while they were enjoying a 21 day cruise.

Jenkin Leung (K79-84). On one of his regular trips to the UK, Jenkin enjoyed a brilliant catch-up in January with **John Watterson** (Hon OF), **Tim Mosse** (K78-82), **Robert Bellfield** (K81-83) (the two had not met up since 82/83!) and **Charlie Wright** (K80-85) at The Crown in Woodbridge. (See photo in 'With the Services'.)

'Athena' Choi Hoi Shuen (V02-03) got in touch at the start of January 2024 to update her email address and she then registered on the new website. In addition she wanted to reconnect with a certain **Chris Hall** (G62-69). I put her in touch with Chris and with **John Ting** (G02-09), ready for when he organises the next OF gathering in HK. I also asked for an update on an exhibition she was organising.

COSTA RICA

David Allars (K47-54) was going through a difficult time having undergone spinal surgery earlier this year for a compressed nerve. It had left him basically confined to a wheelchair, but he said that therapy was helping.

FRANCE

Richard Crofts-Bolster (R76-80). It turns out that Richard lives fairly near to **Patrick Rogers** (R56-60). Patrick was making enquiries about OFs living near him in the south of France. The two of them are now in touch with one another and hopefully will be able to meet up in the coming months.

Robert Craig (R63-70) is now retired, living in France. He was involved with the SOF website around 2000. He offered to provide some help on the new website towards the back end of 2023 and was most helpful in updating various records for us.

Guy Bullen (S64-73) was happy to receive a digital copy of the OF Newspaper. He has also registered on the new website.

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FRANCE continued

Gerald Hendrie (K49-52) was keen to ensure that he received a paper copy of the OF Newspaper and this was organised. He has also been in touch with a fellow organ player, **John LeGrove** (K67-75): “He wondered whether there had ever been a previous musical occasion when two works by two Kerrison men had been heard in the same event!”

Thomas Otho-Briggs (R56-60) responded to our appeal for donations for the OF Newspaper.

Elizabeth Reece (V88-93) got in touch in December 2023, wanting to know of OFs living in France. “I moved my life and work here this year! Doing an insane renovation, full immersion with my GCSE French!”

In April 2024 she posted: “I just finished my first novel and Dr Baird is proof-reading it for me! He taught me from 89-93. Amazing to think how we could support each other! I went to Fram the month after my 13th birthday! It was a completely surreal experience, coming from an International school in Iraq. I was prepared to hate it, but within hours, I was in love with the weirdness of it all: the building, the ridiculous efforts to keep us in uniform, the trees, the view, the masters robes.... I wrote every day down in my diary for 5 years.”

Patrick Rogers (R56-60) had an interesting and unexpected reason for getting in touch. Although he has a London address recorded, he spends a lot of his time in the south of France.

He was keen to receive the OF Newspaper in paper form and went on to explain why: “If the OF mag. is only digital, it’s easy to miss actually reading it. But the paper version fares much better, being well read and not only by me. My wife, Poppit, picks it up too, and sometimes spots something of interest, as she did some time around the end of the 1960s, when she spotted a contribution from Harold Robey (1913-16). Read the full story in the full Overseas Bag.

Michael Rumsby (Z81-86) responded to questions about the OF Newspaper. He said: “I don’t actually live in the UK and have not done so for about 25 years, so please feel free to send the magazine electronically (by all means). I spent 20 years in Bruxelles and Paris and have now changed the course of my life, living as a professional artist, based in a rambling stone place in SW France. I come up to London a few times a year as I am represented by a big gallery there (Clarendon Fine Art)”.

I put Michael in touch with **Peter Howard-Dobson** (R65-69) so that he could join the Society of the Arts and become more involved with the Society.



ABOVE: Kim Dickel (in black) organised a successful OF event in Heidelberg in September 2024.

GERMANY

Kim Dickel (M97-98) began planning another OF Germany reunion back in January 2024 and delivered a wonderful event in Heidelberg on 7 September 2024. (See phot above). You can read the full report online.

Attending were **Kim, Anna Sophia Heine** (P20-22), **Nicholas Kuhn** (K09-10), **Jasper Luer** (S06-08), **Dominik Scheffer** (K12-14), **Christian Scherpel** (R09-10), **Jac Schroder** (R17-18), **Yannic Schroder** (G22-23) and **Johannes Troger** (R96-98).

Kwai Hong Ip (G80-88) is currently based in Germany for work. As a result of his being awarded an OBE for ‘Services to International Criminal Law’, I was keen to add him to the ‘Distinguished’ Section of the OF website. I was grateful to Kip for his help with this. He was later in touch again about a trip to Australia in 2025 to watch the Lions series. I put him in contact with **Mike Garnett** (R53-55) in Melbourne and **Colin Lipman** (R53-61) in Sydney.

INDIA

Richard Gould (K66-71) came over to the UK in November 2023 and visited the College to attend an OF Lodge event.

JAPAN

Jonathan Amos (S67-71) spotted that a fairly close

contemporary of his had been awarded a prestigious design award in 2024 – **Jonathan Cooper** (S64-68) – and we posted this as a news item on the website. He had also been in touch with **Maurice Hall** (R59-69) and **Richard Williams** (S66-71).

You can read Jonathan’s full update on life in Japan online.

NETHERLANDS

Peter Barker (K65-68) is one of only four OFs based in the Netherlands. He contacted us about some school photos he had sent in a few years ago. The descriptions he had given us, including missing off his brother’s name! – needed some correction.

BELOW: Jonathan Amos – in contact with OFs in Japan.



NEW ZEALAND

Richard Bearne (K59-62) writes in April 2024 that he visited the college during his tour of the UK and took the photo pictured here. “Great memories but I am happy with my choice of where I now live.”

BELOW: Richard Baerne visits the College during a UK tour.



David Newson (S54-63) hoped that I (Chris Essex) would find a good replacement as Editor. They had their usual family invasion from NZ and overseas with almost 30 people on Christmas Day! David was still recovering from major surgery to his aorta in May.

Dave Simms (R64-71) emailed on Christmas Day 2023 thanking me for a round robin email and saying that he thought he should know me as we overlapped at Fram. He enquired about other OFs living in NZ. As a registered member on the website I was happy to share a list of 12 OFs with him. I hope he may organise a NZ gathering at some point, especially as most other OFs live on the North Island.

SOUTH AFRICA

Mike Bullock (R55-59) sent his usual Christmas message in 2023. What follows is a fiercely edited version: “Our great grandson, Jed, was born in April. Yes, the exciting news is that Jediah James Tinley was born in Bristol to Hannah, and James, our eldest grandson on 28th April 2023. We both have been as healthy as one can expect for an octogenarian and one close to that milestone.”

As a Vice President of the SOF, Mike asked in May 2024 if he could appoint a

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ABOVE: Mike Bullock with his wife and great grandson, Jed, who was born in April 2023.

proxy for a Council meeting at which the new relationship agreement with the College was to be discussed/approved. Mike indicated that he was in favour of approving the agreement.

SPAIN

Ian Foster (K46-53) sadly died in Majorca in November 2023. A memorial service was held in London in February 2024 attended by a number of OFs – see article on the website. (See *Obituaries p5*).

USA

Rachel Bohanan (V97-04) tried to organise an OF reunion in Houston, Texas. Despite there being eleven OFs in Texas, including Rachel and her brother, she had been unsuccessful.

Dave Connett (K71-73) was a contemporary of mine (Chris Essex) at Framlingham, and when he made a donation towards the OF Newspaper I took the opportunity to get in touch with him. He said: “I keep thinking about visiting the UK to touch base with old friends... maybe next year. I've sold my ownership in the brewery and have relocated to the Pacific Northwest – Vancouver, Washington. The weather here reminds me a lot of East Anglia.

I've kept my hand in the music biz all this time. No real success. I recorded a couple of records over the years and at his suggestion I sent the lyrics for 'Chasing A Ghost' over to Pete Rodulfo (R70-75) who painted the album cover. I have the original hanging in my home studio right now.”

RIGHT: Peter Rodulfo painted this striking album cover for Dave Connett.

Anthony Cowan (R55-64) was keen to respond to our request for donations towards the cost of the OF Newspaper. He reported that his daughter was now a Deputy-Consul General at a huge US Consulate overseas and their son was a Manager at Boeing. They have two lovely grandchildren, aged six and two. While away travelling he'd had lunch with **Edward Turner** (K55-61). He used to farm at Campsea Ash.

Miguel Heinonen (K01-03). In September 2024 Miguel offered for any alumni in Miami to feel free to connect with him and said that he would be more than happy to take them out for lunch.

I put Miguel in touch with **Richard Rowe** (S65-74) and **John Nielson** (R68-72). He added that he had just moved to Miami, Florida. He is the founder of Heinonen Ventures, and the co-founder of Whitefriar and Listelligent. He is currently also studying for his Doctorate in Business Administration at Florida International University.

BELOW: Miguel Heinonen makes generous lunch offer to OFs!



Ted McKean (G65-66) got in touch for the first time in September 2024 and had the following news: “I have fond memories of the year that I spent at Framlingham, 1965-66, when I was a visiting American sponsored by the English Speaking Union. I still keep in touch with a handful of old classmates and expect to make at least one more trip to Framlingham in the near future. Since 1974, I have lived in Gilford, New Hampshire, where I practised law for many years. I married Louise in 1970 and we have three children. All of us are very much alive and quite well. My two contacts to this day, both multiple visitors to home for me in Gilford, are: **Clive Hedley** (G58-67) and **Tony Burlingham** (G58-66).

Bryan Pearson (S45-47) was 92 in November 2023 and I wished him a happy birthday, and a great 12 day cruise from Papeete back to Honolulu on the *Norwegian Spirit*. He responded by saying that he had been in touch with **Nick Carlton** (G63-70) in Western Australia,

and **John Gates** (S44-48) in Queensland, Australia. He also passed on the sad news that he had lost his kid brother, Ian, who was 85 and had had heart trouble for many years.

Richard Rowe (S65-74). Back in October 2023 Richard had the unfortunate news that he and Denise were going to have to postpone their trip to Australia as they had brought forward their plans to downsize. “I am really sorry about this, and hope that we might be able to establish dates for a future visit to Australia, and maybe meet up on a more informal basis.” In September Richard responded positively to the idea of meeting up with **Miguel Heinonen** (K01-03) in Miami when next convenient. At the same time he updated us on housing moves: “Our Cape Cod



ABOVE: Ted McKean in Gilford, New Hampshire.

house is gorgeous. We have 5 bedrooms and intend to make it our Summer base, eg May-September.”

Jane Taylor née Clarke (P86-94), responded to my early September 2024 email sent out to all overseas OFs asking for news: “Very happy to open this email as I have been meaning to get in touch – I am based in Boston, US, and as an OF P90-94 (I think!) I thought I could give a little update on what I am up to over here! After leaving the College and attending Manchester University I lived in London for a few years, got married and had two amazing children, Izzy and Freddie. We then moved to Amsterdam when they were four and two because of Neal's job with Reebok.

After four truly wonderful years in the Dutch capital we were on the move again, this time a bit further from Suffolk, to Boston, Massachusetts. We have now been in Boston for 12 years and feel very settled, although, when asked, home is always going to be Framlingham, and of course I tell everyone who will listen here, that it's where Ed Sheeran is from!”

BELOW: Jane Taylor née Clarke and husband Neal, with children Freddie and Izzy.



And finally...

In the full Overseas Bag you can read a small essay from **Chris Shaw** (K50-56), titled ‘The Uttermost Ends Of The Earth’.

OF SPORT: GOLF REPORT 2023/2024



It has been another busy 12 months for OFGS, but has been tinged with sadness due to the deaths of

three of our most senior and long serving members in **Barry Lorkin, John Thurlow and David Mitchell**. Barry died in December 2023, having been Captain of OFGS in 1969, 2008 and 2009, and Secretary for nearly 20 years up to 2005. John Thurlow, Captain in 1997, although not playing in recent years, died in June. David, a member for many years, Captain in 1998, died in July. All will be sorely missed. Further details about all three members can be found under Obituaries in this publication, and on the SOF website.

AUTUMN MEETING 2023

The Autumn Meeting, held at Aldeburgh Golf Club on Friday, 1st September, was attended by 19 members, some in their eighties, some in their early twenties, and all in-between.

The course, the excellent lunch and the weather all contributed to, by every account, a most enjoyable day.

Playing a course with no par fives is never easy, making the score of 37 stableford points by the winner of The Coronation Cup, Hugh Curle, all the more impressive.

Jonny Newton was runner up in Division 1 with 35 points.

Division 2 was won by Norman Mayhew on 22 points, on count back from Chris Milner-Moore.

Jonny Newton won the Le May Cup for the best scratch score on 29 points and also won the Lamb Trophy for the best combined scores, an impressive 77 points, for both Spring and Autumn meetings in Division 1.

Chris Milner-Moore won the Howard Smith Cup for the best combined scores for both Spring and Autumn Meetings in Division 2.

The Mayhew/Sneath Salver, for best back 9 holes for the over 70's, was retained by Robin Anderton with 17 points.

In a change of format for the afternoon golf, 9 holes of "fourball better ball" were played by 12 members on the River Course. This was won by Peter Howard-Dobson and Richard Graves with 22 points.

OFGS V ALDEBURGH GOLF CLUB 2023

The annual match v Aldeburgh Golf Club was played the following day, Saturday 2nd September.

OFGS V COLLEGE 2023

The match against The College was held at Aldeburgh Golf Club on Monday, 2nd October. Blessed with fabulous weather, the annual duel took place between the OFs and the College, with 12 golfers from each side competing in six well-fought matches of foursomes.

The fixture had been moved slightly forward by a few days due to clashes with the Brandeston Hall 75th Anniversary Celebrations and the OFs qualifying for the finals of the Grafton Morrish Trophy at Hunstanton.

Aldeburgh Golf Club, as always, hosted us fantastically with a delicious lunch following on with an immaculate course, fast greens and difficult rough.

It was great to see the new faces of Annie Taylor, George Gough, Dom Wade and Henry Moore, a recent leaver, making their first appearances for the OFs Golfing Society.

Every match was played in the true spirit of Framlingham Sport and some fabulous "banter" was had between the groups. It was decided the match should be played under "Tolly Cobbold" rules, so each match plays the full 18 holes and then the total number of holes each team is either up or down are added together to give an overall winner.

1. Zach Gandy & Ned Hayward won against Neil Jackson & Annie Taylor
2. Charlie Langdon & Ralph Barker-Smith won against Hugh Curle and Henry Moore
3. Archie Legg & Ben Brownhill lost to James Blyth & Nick Gandy
4. William Cundy & Mylo Hampel-Rey lost to Peter Howard-Dobson & Dom Wade
5. Fergus Blyth & Archie McEwan lost to George Gough & James Brocks
6. Henry Baskerville & Morné Engelbrecht lost to Barry Hitchcock & Clive Cooksey

Overall, the Old Framlinghamians came out winners by 7 holes. A special mention must go to Nick Gandy for his help in organising the fixture and his support promoting the golfing link between the school and the OF Golfing Society.

RIGHT: OFGS v the College at Aldeburgh Golf Club, October 2023.

GRAFTON MORRISH FINALS 2023

These were played at Hunstanton and Royal West Norfolk in early October. After the terrific success in the qualifier at Gog Magog, Cambridge, where we came top, unfortunately four of the six from the qualifying team were unable to make the finals. The course we played on at Hunstanton was in first class condition.

Framlingham had a bye in the first round so went into the competition against Eastbourne in the second round, where, unfortunately, the team went down 2-1. Birkenhead ran out eventual winners of the tournament, defeating Millfield in the final.

Framlingham team:

John Wybar & Matthew Pennock
Hugh Curle & Josh Lecompte
Harry Bush & Peter Watts

The team competed in the Solihull Salver on the Saturday, a stableford competition with the aggregate score of the three pairs. Archie Winter stepped in for Peter Watts. The team scored 77 points and tied for 18th position. Loretto made the winning score with 92 points.

A big thank you is due to Peter Watts, Josh Lecompte and John Wybar for stepping in at short notice to make up the team. Also, a really special mention should be made of John Wybar who travelled down at the last minute from Edinburgh to play

HALFORD HEWITT 2024

Report by Jonny Newton

We had been drawn at Royal St. George's for the second year running with a mid-morning tee time. We won our first-round match with Clifton College in a dramatic final hole climax.

Most of the squad came down to practise on the Tuesday and Wednesday at RSG, with Graves and Finbow even practising at Deal on the Monday. That is a testament to

the team we are building, showing the enthusiasm and spirit that has been built up recently.

At last, we had a squad of eleven to choose from and Hewitt stalwart and ex-captain Richard Graves, after 35 odd years playing at the Hewitt, took a breather to let the youngsters play. It was great to introduce Callum Pearce, Fraser Johnson and Henry Moore to the fold. All three left Framlingham after GCSEs in 2021 to go to the Golf College in Sussex. Since graduating last summer all three have continued to play golf and have low handicaps, especially Callum at +1.

It was great to see how they fitted in, and it was obvious they enjoyed everything St. George's had to offer, including the immaculate practice facilities, the clubhouse, and legendary lunches. They were somewhat surprised, though, that jacket and tie is required after 11am in the clubhouse, very much old school!

Match day on Thursday, 11th April was breezy and gloomy with a 2 to 3 club south westerly wind. Our opponents Clifton were placed 30th, while we lie 60th on the Anderson Scale of rankings devised in the 1970's. However, our last 5-year average is better, which is more relevant.

We had five strong pairs; Harry Bush and Harvey Finbow were unlucky to lose the opening match after being 2 up with 4 to play. The debutantes, Johnson and Moore went out second and won a belter of a game 3/2. What a start to their Hewitt campaign. John Wybar and Matt Pennock, a very strong pair, romped home 6/5 and gave us the early point on the board. With Rob Atton and Pearce losing out on 15, it was left to Jonny Newton and Archie Winter to close out the match.

It was reminiscent of last year's victory down 18 with the same pair. It was a tough start to their match, but they came back from 3 down at 12 to level on 16. Winter's putter was on fire and, after winning 17, they were 1 up going down the last. Winter drove well and was safe in the semi-rough down the left of 18, while Clifton found a fairway bunker and could only advance the



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ball 30 yards. Advantage Framlingham, but Newton found the greenside bunker to the dismay of supporters and players. This was when you needed a calm and steady player to find the green and Winter did just that, landing on the top tier. With Clifton on the green, Newton had a 40ft downhill slider to navigate. Among the supporters watching were Hewitt old-timers, Hugh Curle, Peter Watts, Andrew Towler, Gavin

Their hearts were probably in their mouths as Newton set the putt towards the hole, but they were jumping for joy when it rolled in.

Cowell and, of course, Richard Graves, who have all played in the last five years and for many years before. Their hearts were probably in their mouths as Newton set the putt towards the

hole, but they were jumping for joy when it rolled in. There were jubilant scenes from Framlingham around the green and this was such a team effort to get through.

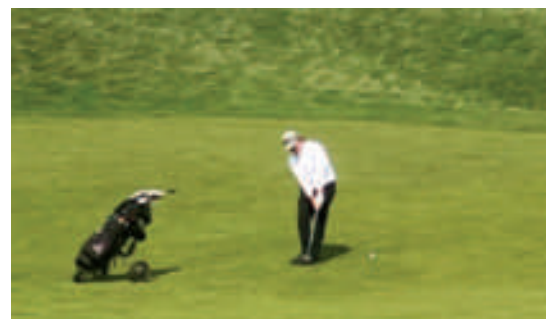
Friday's draw was against Oundle, placed 23rd on the Anderson Scale, and we lost 4-1. Only Atton and Pearce won and, although it was very close in the other four matches, Framlingham must learn how to win a second-round match. This is the fifth consecutive year we have got through the first round, and we will learn from this and aim for the third-round next year.

What was impressive was that all three debutants won a competitive match in their first Hewitt. They also enjoyed it, and the average age of the team has just plummeted. However, the standout performance was from Ian Marsh. Ian is an OF who lives in Deal and came to support the team on both days. He wore our colours, looked the part, and is a young 89! He looked fitter than some of the above-mentioned supporters! The future is now here, with the youngest team we have fielded for years. Combined with the experience of the senior pros, Newton, Atton, Wybar and Bush, this team, if it can stay together, will get through to the later stages of this competition sooner rather than later.

If you can, come and watch us next year, starting on the 10th of April 2025.

FROM TOP LEFT CLOCKWISE:

- Framlingham College flag flying high at Royal St George's Club, Deal.
- Three debutants on the practice ground: L-R, Fraser Johnson, Callum Pearce and Henry Moore.
- Starting Hut: Jonny Newton (left) and Archie Winter.
- Around the table, L-R, Curle, Graves, Towler, Cowell and Watts.
- Near 1st tee: Ian Marsh (left) and captain Jonny Newton.
- On the fairway: Callum Pearce.
- Selfie, L-R, Old Framlingham Hewitt players; Richard Graves, Hugh Curle, Peter Watts, Andy Towler and Gavin Cowell.



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SPRING MEETING 2024

This was held on Friday 10th of May at The Warren Golf Club near Chelmsford with 17 members attending.

It was good to welcome two new members, Nigel Merriam and Nick Bailey and one returning one, Jeremy Kemp. Sadly, David Turnbull, our secretary, was unable to play due to back problems, but conducted our AGM with captain, James Blyth, after prize-giving.

We were blessed with a perfect warm sunny day so could sit outside to enjoy a good lunch of lasagne followed by apple crumble.

On a Course in fairly good condition after our wet spring, but with several hilly and demanding holes, most scores were in the twenties, but with some notable prize-winning ones.

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The Captain's Cup and Prize was won by Hugh Curle with 35 points,

leaving The Minter Cup for best scratch stableford score of 26 points to be won again by Jonny Newton.

James Brocks with 34 points came second in Division 1 and Division 2 was won by Nigel Merriam on count back from Chris Milner - Moore, both on 25 points.

After lunch eight pairings played a four-ball better ball over 10 holes with three teams scoring an excellent 23 points but being outdone by Jeremy Kemp and James Brocks on 24 points.

As with all OF golf meetings it was very sociable, and all appeared to thoroughly enjoy meeting up..

GRAFTON MORRISH QUALIFYING 2024

Having qualified in first place last year, it was a great disappointment that we had to withdraw as we were unable to raise a team. Hopefully, we will be able to do so next year and return to the competition at Gog Magog GC on Sunday, 18 May.

CYRIL GRAY TOURNAMENT 2024

Once again, the Tournament was played at Worplesdon in glorious sunny weather in temperatures approaching 30c.

Our 1st round opposition on Wednesday 26 June were Berkhamsted. A fine competition ensued against convivial opponents. Watts & Atton won, Howard-Dobson & Schneidau lost, and



ABOVE: 17 members attended the Spring 2024 Meeting at The Warren Golf Club, near Chelmsford
RIGHT: Cyril Gray 2024. Team, l-r: Rob Atton, James Brocks, Peter Watts, Hugh Curle. (front row) l-r Richard Graves, Mike Schneidau, Peter Howard-Dobson.

Curle and Graves won on the 21st hole. Result 2-1.

In the 2nd round on the following day, we took on Rossall, who have a very successful record in the Cyril Gray tournament. James Brocks made his debut playing with Howard-Dobson but were unfortunately defeated. Curle & Graves could not repeat the heroics of the previous day and were also defeated. Watts & Atton, although ahead in their match, accepted a half. Result 0.5-2.5

For 2024 we stayed in Guildford and enjoyed 2 convivial evenings in the old town.

At the time of writing the following events have yet to take place in 2024:

Autumn Meeting at Aldeburgh GC
 Match v Aldeburgh GC
 Match v College at Aldeburgh GC
 Dick Watson Tournament at Aldeburgh GC



OF SPORT: SHOOTING

Editor: James Mehta.



Old Framlinghamian Rifle Club

It hardly seems days since the last report was written and already I'm late with this one!

James Mehta (S67-75) and John Halahan (S72-75) were selected for the GB Veterans team.

The Great Britain Rifle Team consisted of not only our Veteran team, but the "Palma" (a senior GB team) as well as Under-21s and Under-25s, so all-in-all there were about seventy UK shooters assembling in Bloemfontein. Competition is truly international, with similar teams from Canada, USA, Australia, New Zealand, Kenya, Channel Islands, Japan, Germany, and of course the hosts South Africa.

The World Championships are held every four years, although this was extended to five years because of Covid, with the last event held in New Zealand in 2019 (where James was selected as well). In all there were about 450 competitors, and this includes some independents, who are able to enter for the individual events.

Selection for this team started three years ago, with a large squad of about forty gradually being whittled down to the twenty chosen to travel after a "reconnaissance" tour

to Bloemfontein in March 2023. Although Veterans (i.e. over 60 years old) this was a very accomplished team with six Sovereign's prize winners, and multiple Commonwealth medallists in the crew, and so we both felt fortunate to win selection.

Many team training weekends were held to hone team drills, align firers with coaches, and to develop an ammunition load suitable for the conditions to be encountered at Bloemfontein which are very dissimilar to our native Bisley, being

hot and high, at around 5,000 feet above sea level. It is difficult for northern hemisphere teams to hit the ground running as we had not been able to train much in the winter weeks immediately leading up to the event, compared to our southern hemisphere opponents.

After our reconnaissance last year we decided we needed more time to acclimatise to the weather. As a result our first destination on arrival in South Africa was a two-night stay in KwaZulu Natal, which included a guided tour of the battlefields of Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift. Having first seen the film "Zulu" in the Athlone Hall, this was fascinating and moving. Our guides were Zulus, descendants of the original combatants (one's grandfather and great-grandfather had participated at Isandlwana).

Consequently we received a different perspective than we might have gathered from Michael Caine. White stone cairns mark the site of mass graves of British troops buried where they fell at

Isandlwana and who were annihilated almost to a man. Rorke's Drift is equally atmospheric, where the site is notable for its small size.

We then departed for Bloemfontein, a long drive starting with an hour on rough dirt roads dodging potholes and wildlife, happily with no flat tyres. We arrived at Shawu Lodge, a small hotel in the University area of the city occupied entirely by the Veterans and which was our base for the next three weeks.

Then a day to sort out our kit, reassemble rifles carefully packed for the long journey, and stock up our vehicles

with supplies for days on the range. One problem with shooting tours is that you can't pack a sufficiency of anything, as kit takes precedence. So shops were visited for everything from sun protection, to range chairs, to toiletries, and even underwear. Our carefully made ammunition, tuned to each rifle, had been shipped out previously, and there were sighs of relief when it was safely delivered.

Shooting takes place on the General de Wet range, about a twenty minute drive from the hotel. Situated on a South African



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ABOVE: Shawu Lodge, a small hotel in the University area of Bloemfontein occupied entirely by the Veterans and which was our base for three weeks.

Army base, it is a wide open space, with little shade and very few facilities. Those facilities that existed were basic, and best avoided. But care had to be taken if venturing into the bush as there was a big increase in the Puff Adder population. The range is wide and starts from 300 metres (not yards!) going back to 900 metres. It can accommodate all the competitors in two details, shooting from reasonably comfortable gravel firing points.

We soon came face to face with what was to prove our biggest adversary: the heat. Day after day the ambient temperature in the shade was in the high 30s, and on the firing point obviously much hotter. At one point our NZ friends measured 55 deg C. I have visited this range three times previously and not encountered this relentless assault. Our South African hosts said this was very

unusual, and were complaining too. With little shade in which to hide, it became essential for performance to keep hydrated and maintain electrolytic balance. We were advised to follow the Australian advice to drink five litres of water, and at least one litre of electrolytes per day. This is actually quite hard to do, and personally I never exceeded four litres without feeling very uncomfortable. Sun protection was liberally applied to any exposed skin. If you were sitting by a pool with a drink to hand, you might think it was very pleasant, but lying down in the sun dressed in a thick leather shooting jacket for up to an hour, became quite dangerous. There were some casualties to heat stroke, but happily not within our team.

The shooting started with an introductory day, the Free State Provincial Championship. We were able to use this as

OF SPORT: SHOOTING continued

ABOVE: Shooting takes place on the General de Wet range, about a twenty minute drive from the hotel. Situated on a South African Army base, it is a wide open space, with little shade and very few facilities.

INSET ABOVE: Interruptions for wildlife are not uncommon. Whilst the trajectory of the bullets is well over them, they block your sight picture. Wildebeest and Ostrich were frequent visitors, and as the range is a nature conservation site, accidental dispatch would cause great distress.

INSET BELOW: At one point our NZ friends measured the temperature at 55 deg C.



three shoots per day. At the end a shoot-off between the top ten resulted in GB member Glynn Barnet (a Greshamian, but a nice chap in spite) just pipped at the end by an Aussie.

With this concluded, most of the GB Veterans packed their gear and commenced the long journey home, no doubt relieved to return to log fires, drizzle, mist, and a more familiar climate. A rump stayed on to assist the main GB team in the Palma Match.

The Palma Match origins are lost in the mists of time, but probably started in 1874 (five years before the battle at Rorke's Drift!) between USA and Ireland, but then extended to GB and to other nations. This match is the Blue Riband of our sport, and fired over two days at long range. GB was determined to win, having lost to Australia in 2019. This time it was nip and tuck until the very end, when Australia won by the merest margin of four points out of a total of 7,200. In the process both team and individual records were smashed, and already this match is being described as the most thrilling match of all time.

And so our tour finished. An epic adventure, probably not to be repeated as the next World Championships will be held at Bisley in 2028. Hopefully we both will be in consideration for the team, as long as we're still upright.

an opportunity to confirm rifle zeroes, and to get used to the conditions on the range.

The range is commanded by Brigadier General Mac Alexander, a former South African Army officer, and a living legend. Ramrod straight, it is rare to encounter somebody who exudes such quiet natural authority, but combined with kindness and tolerance. He starts the day with a scripture reading and a prayer (in English rather than Afrikaans in deference to the visitors) and it is a sobering sight to see the range silent in contemplation, with heads bowed and hats off.

Mornings are generally quite pleasant with light winds and cooler temperatures.

However, as the sun rises in the sky and with it, the mercury, the wind becomes increasingly thermal and tends to follow the sun. So a light left wind at 8am turns into a stronger wind by 11am, and comes from behind, fishtailing for a while before establishing into a right wind.

The African mirage is so thick it can be detected with the naked eye, and is very helpful for detecting direction. But often the wind was different in different parts of the range, and anyway would quickly alter whilst on aim.

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sight picture. Wildebeest and Ostrich were frequent visitors, and as the range is a nature conservation site, accidental dispatch would cause great distress.

The next seven days was the South African Bisley Union Meeting, the equivalent of our Imperial Meeting.

A mixture of individual and team events, with up to four shoots each day. This became exhausting in the heat. Whilst JH and myself had our moments of glory we were both disappointingly inconsistent. Our foray into team shooting for the

Vice-Presidents Cup resulted in an embarrassing defeat by the GB Under-25s, but perhaps not so bad, as they later went on to become World Champions of their age group.

In the Republic of South Africa International match the GB Vets came third to South Africa and Australia. In the Tony Loughnan Memorial Match, GB Vets came second to Australia. Happily a GB Palma member, Parag Patel, won the SABU Championship, and was chaired from the range.

WITH THE END OF THE SABU MEETING BEGAN THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

These were all shot at long range, that is 700, 800 and 900 metres, and all on the punishingly tight International Confederation of Fullbore Rifle Associations (ICFRA) targets. A minor transgression, which, at home would cause you to drop to the inner (scoring 4 points), might take you easily into the magpie (3 points) or, even worse, the outer (2 points). With these fickle African winds it was not unusual to see targets "sawn in half" with shots left and right across the waterline, and with consequent scoring.

This meeting lasted for three days, with



The GB Veterans Team in South Africa. John Halahan (centre left) and James Mehta (centre).



OF SPORT: SHOOTING continued

And so back to Blighty, where an early start to our season should have put us in good shape for the usual series of three Q Matches against a similar spread of former-pupil clubs. However with members spreading their shooting over many different fixtures it was inevitable that some “double-booking” would occur. Our Captain, Kim Heath (née Pope), had been appointed Captain of the North London Rifle Club, and was rarely able to turn out with us.

But in spite of this we started the season with a narrow victory in the Short Q Match by only 7 vee-bulls, and this only after a Steward’s Enquiry corrected some errant Framlingham arithmetic. Top scorer was ever reliable Jon Ford, who insists he’s now too old, but outscores us all.

Thereafter our results were not up to our usual standard: second in the Long Range Match to Cranleigh, and then a disappointing third in the All Day Match, but comforted by winning the Lizard Trophy from our arch foes the Lawrentians.

In July the Imperial Meeting starts with the Schools Veterans Match, immediately preceded by the Schools Ashburton match for teams of eight. We were delighted to see a College team in attendance, although saddened to see their numbers reduced to seven by the dreaded Covid. Our Veterans numbers were again lower than usual, and our first team, whilst competent, was only placed mid-way in the table.

JUNE SAW THE SCOTTISH OPEN AT BLAIR ATHOLL IN GLORIOUS PERTHSHIRE

A range particularly notable not just for the targets perched on the side of the hill, but as Red Leader Ford used to fly his Buccaneer at low level down the Glen.

Mehta helped Scotland to retain the Lawrence Trophy in the annual match against England. His maximum score of 75.13 ex 75.15 being a personal best at 500 yards.

RATON IN NEW MEXICO

September saw Mehta again on tour (retirement obviously suits him, if not his carbon footprint), travelling with the Scotland team to Raton in New Mexico for a match against the USA. Our American hosts made best use of home advantage to win a thrilling match, which was decided on the last shot to win by two points.

Even then the season was not finished with the European Long Range Championships taking place at Bisley in October. Heath and Halahan were selected for Ireland, whilst Mehta again gained another Scottish cap.

Scotland blew an overnight ten point lead to come second to England by a solitary point in the Senior Match, with Ireland trailing a lowly fifth. However in her last shoot of the season, at a difficult



TOP: Taking aim in Perthshire. ABOVE: James Mehta alongside David Parkinson at Raton, New Mexico. LEFT: Kim Heath receiving her award.

1000 yards, Kim Heath shot her way to seventh position in the European Individual Championships.

So ends a busy season for the OF Rifle Club. If you’d like to come and join in the

fun just contact our Hon Sec Jim Overbury (jim.overbury@gmail.com). We can supply all equipment and coaching and welcome Old Framlinghamians of all ages and abilities.

PATRON’S LUNCH: AHEAD OF FRAMLINGHAM TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Report by Kate Jackson

On Sunday 4th August Framlingham College hosted the Patron’s Lunch ahead of Framlingham Tennis Tournament week. Prior to lunch, a fun but competitive tennis tournament took place between the Tournament Committee Members and a team of Old Framlinghamians.

It was a beautiful sunny day so this year we were able to play on the grass courts which was a real treat. These were all set up on the Back and, thanks to the Groundsmen at Framlingham College, the grounds were looking superb in preparation for the tournament. All the matches were

played in good spirit but the Committee team came out on top beating the OFs.

Drinks were served outside in the sunshine and a delicious lunch in the Fowler Pavilion followed, for around 100 guests, including Patrons, Sponsors, Guests including Louise North (Principal of the College), as well as Committee Members and Old Framlinghamians.

Speeches were made by Jeremy Scowsill (Chairman of the Framlingham Tennis Tournament) who welcomed everyone and talked about the current situation for LTA (Lawn Tennis Association) and the tournament itself being in its 130th year (the second oldest UK Tennis

tournament after Wimbledon).

We then heard from Christine Janes MBE (President of the Framlingham Tennis Tournament and former tennis player, French Open Champion and Wimbledon and US Finalist) who gave an interesting summary of all the tennis tournaments that had been played this year and a comical account of players she had met, as well as an annual update on her wisteria!

The OF tennis team would like thank the Society of Old Framlinghamians for their financial support on the day and to congratulate the College for putting on such a great event, as well as the Committee team, who do an amazing job each year.



OF TEAM, L-R: Lucy Garrard, Becca Garrard, Paddy Bishopp, Jacobi Bishopp, Kate Jackson, Antonia Key and George Jackson. (Theo Underwood – missing from the photo).

SUPPERS, DINNERS & GATHERINGS 2023/24

West of England Supper: 23rd October 2023 | Norfolk Supper: 23rd November 2023 | OF Annual Gathering: 13th April 2024
 Northern Gathering: 17th August 2024 | Winsley Gathering: 27th October 2023 | Bury Supper: 6th June 2024
 Gathering at Framlingham, Railway Inn: 28th December 2023

This year there have been a variety of Suppers, Dinners and Gatherings which OFs have attended. We are always happy to receive reports and photographs from Old Framlinghamians who have met in groups, however small.



WEST OF ENGLAND 2023

Chris Essex reports:

The West of England Supper resumed after a gap of seven years and returned to the venue of the Lamb Inn at Hindon, Wiltshire for the first time since 2007.

We met for the first time on a Monday, (23rd October 2023), due to lots of bookings for shoots! The Lamb Inn has been a public house since the 12th century and the dining room was again a lovely setting for our meal and much conversation.

Despite the long gap since the last reunion in this part of the UK and it being held on a Monday, I was delighted at having a record attendance of twenty-four OFs and their guests. Our last gathering had only attracted a total of six! We came from a wide geographical area, covering Bath & Northeast Somerset, Dorset, Hampshire, Somerset, Wiltshire, and even Essex, in the form of former SOF President, Simon Dougherty, and his wife, Maggie.

After the meal I gave a brief talk about two items. Firstly, I asked for views on the new website, and I was delighted to report that the vast majority of those attending had already



registered on the new site and made use of its strong content, including what we call Connect@Fram, where you can look up the contact details of contemporaries etc.

Secondly, I mentioned the important area of our communications with members, and waved a copy of the OF Newspaper, issued for the first time earlier this year. I mentioned that in the UK we were intending to send to all OFs who had expressed a preference for a print rather than digital version and had sent out an appeal for annual donations to help partly cover the costs. A number of those present had already responded. Thank you. Look out for future email reminders!

After a toast to the Society, Bob Williams talked about the recent 75th anniversary of Brandeston which has a special place in OFs hearts as the Society bought the Hall as a memorial to all those who gave their lives in WW1 and WW2.

At the end, Bob proposed a toast to the College and Brandeston and, to conclude the evening, Charlie Blackmore said a few words about his work in Ukraine.

You can view all the photographs on the website.

Those present were: Andy Allington (K56-63), Charles Blackmore (K65-75), Simon Chaplin-Rogers (S68-73), Simon & Maggie Dougherty (G60-67), Chris & Eryl Essex (K69-75), Andrew (S58-62) & Pat Freemantle, Peter & Liz Gasgoyne-Lockwood (R57-64), Simon Harby (S78-81), Harry Hendry (R65-70), Kevin & Christine Horrocks (M66-75), Chris & Fenny Marsh (K62-70), Barry Prewett (R70-78), Julian Stapleton (G58-63), Tess Pearson, Andrew Stroud (M70-80), Andy Towler (R78-82), Bob (Hon OF) & Madeleine Williams.

BELOW, l-r: Christine Horrocks, Peter Gasgoyne-Lockwood, Maggie Dougherty, Andy Towler, Simon Harby, Chris Marsh, Kevin Horrocks, Fenny Marsh, Andrew Allington, Liz Gasgoyne-Lockwood, Simon Dougherty, Simon Chaplin-Rogers.

FAR BELOW, l-r: Bob Williams, Harry Hendry, Madeleine Williams, Andrew Stroud, Pat Freemantle, Tess Pearson & Julian Stapleton.

INSET: The Lamb Inn at Hindon.

SUPPERS, DINNERS & GATHERINGS 2023/24 *continued*

ABOVE: OFs and guests enjoying the historic setting of the Strangers Club in Elm Hill – one of the oldest streets in Norwich.
RIGHT INSET: Tony Martin with Ruth Elwood.

NORFOLK SUPPER 2023

Ruth Elwood reports:

The Norfolk Supper took place at the Strangers Club in Norwich on Thursday 23rd November 2023, hosted by Ed Wharton (G80-85). Thirty guests arrived from 6.45pm and for the second year running, the bar was engulfed in loud, lively chatter, as many new OFs reconnected for the first time in almost forty years. Those attending were from all age groups, with Tony Martin topping the bill only two days ahead of his 86th birthday. As with 2022, a large number of OFs from the 1980s to 2000-year groups attended.

During dinner, Ed Wharton welcomed everyone and highlighted the importance of the 'OF family'. He gave examples of professionals at the supper, who, as part of the OF community, would be willing and able to help other OFs in times of need,

reinforcing the importance to make and be re-acquainted with these life-long connections.

Ed was followed by Jonathan Egan, sporting a well-groomed 'Movember moustache', acting as the College representative and guest speaker. Jonathan spoke passionately about his career and how he was thoroughly enjoying his time as Head of Framlingham College Prep School.

He also spoke of the 'OF family' and how successive generations of family members had attended both Brandeston and the College, with many signing up to fight for their country during the two World Wars and successive conflicts.

He felt humbled and honoured to be part of the great College annual tradition; taking part in Remembrance Sunday, when all those that had made the ultimate sacrifice were remembered across the whole Framlingham community. Jonathan warmly invited those at the supper to attend this annual event at

Brandeston Church over forthcoming years.

Guests then finished their coffee and returned to the bar, before concluding the evening at 11.00pm, following a very enjoyable supper.

Those attending were: Jonathan Egan (Head of FCPS), Tony Martin (G47-55), Michael Powlesland (R40-45), John (S49-56) and Hilary Ling, Norman (K50-57) and Virginia Porter, Roger Askew (K52-56), James Chapman (G75-84), Johnny Reader (G77-87), Matthew Tooley (M77-86), Sam Daisley (G78-85), Will Dickerson (S79-86), Lisa Baker (née Edwards) (P79-86), Nikki Edwards (P79-86), Edward Wharton (G80-85), James Brooke (G80-85), Ruth Elwood (P81-84), Philip Bailey (M81-86), Andrew Morton (82-86), Ed Jones



(G83-86), Kate Jackson (P84-93) and Neil Jackson (Hon OF), Stuart Morton (S84-89), Charlie Tacon (G86-89), Verity Smith (V20-02), Rob Norman (S02-07), Jeff van Poortvliet (S84-87), Dan Bowyer (R83-88) and Richard Bowyer (R87-92).

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SUPPERS, DINNERS & GATHERINGS 2023/24 *continued***OF ANNUAL GATHERING 2024****Kate Jackson reports:**

The OF Annual Gathering took place on Saturday 13th April 2024 and was our first main event under Nick Whitehead (President of the SOF) who was keen to make some changes by moving away from the formal dinners in the dining room to an informal Drinks Reception in Pauls Court at Framlingham College, as a way of encouraging younger OFs.

Prior to the main part of the evening commencing, the SOF held their AGM in the Albert Room at the College which several members attended.

Sixty-six guests from all age groups ranging from last year's leavers to our most senior OFs who left in the mid-fifties

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arrived and were greeted with a glass of prosecco. It was also great to welcome a group of year thirteen students to a Society of Old Framlinghamians event. It was a relaxed evening, and the room was filled with chatter and reconnection. Several OFs had

enjoyed tours of the school earlier in the day, reminiscing about their school days.

Whilst we were engaged in speeches, firstly from Nick (President) who welcomed everyone and highlighted upcoming SOF events and then Louise (Principal of Framlingham College) who shared news of goals and aspirations for the school, we were served delicious canapés (savoury and sweet) made by the College catering team.

The bar remained busy with friendship groups chatting and catching up after so many years. Later, in the evening OF Rhianna Melton (V20-22) kindly sang for us, accompanied with her guitar, which was excellent. Guests tucked into cheese and biscuits which went down well for many after a few drinks.

It was a successful evening and OFs were looking forward to the next event. I would like to thank everyone involved who made it such a fun night.

Those attending were: Tony Martin (G47-55), Norman Mayhew (R48-56) and Margaret, Colin Wigg (G48-54), Chris Sneath (K51-56), Liz Sneath, Bob Clayton (G50-57) and Moira, Richard Sayer (S56-61), Jon Ford (S58-62), Chris Bellamy (G54-64), Michael Smy (S57-66), Nigel Burnip (S58-65), Andy Mayhew (R53-60),

RIGHT: Max Thompson, James Fishenden and Harry Ford.

FAR RIGHT: Nick Whitehead and Richard Sayer.

BELOW: Rhianna Melton (centre) and friends.

FAR RIGHT
BELOW: James Fennell, Kate Jackson and Tom Tacon.



Peter Howard-Dobson (R65-69), Chris Essex (K69-75), Steve McDowell (G82-86), James Foster-Clarke (Z78-86), Ruth Elwood (P80-84), Nick Podd (R83-88), Hugo Corrie (S80-85), Jerry Francis (S79-83) and Jill Hodgson, Rob Dabin (S76-83), Stuart Morton (S84-89), Daniel Clementson (K89-92), Kate Jackson (P84-93), Neil Jackson (Hon OF), Tom Tacon (M88-93), Martin Myers-Allen (Hon OF), Mel Lewis (V87-97), Louise North (Principal of Framlingham College), Tom Dalton (G05-16), Nick Whitehead (K06-11), Josh Wilkinson (S05-11) and Ellie Collins, Jack Caswell-Dodd (G06-11) and Lucy Tilbrook, Joe Graves (K18-23), Jayden Borges (G18-23), Max Thompson

(R06-22), Hugh Orford (R20-22), Jacobi Bishopp (R17-22), Antonia Key (P85-94), Peter Mayo (K89-94), James Blyth (Z85-94), James Fennell (K91-94), Duncan Cork (K89-94), Tamsin Holmes (V20-22), Matthew Nesling (R20-22), Sebastian Stirling (G19-22) and Phoebe Townsend, Rupert Harpur (K17-22), Harvey Williams (S15-22), Rhianna Melton (V20-22), Morgan Lippert (V20-22), Jake Croft-Sharland (Year 13), Charlotte Jenner (Year 13), Rose Cadman (Year 13), Lauren Boyce (Year 13), Isabel Wright (Year 13), Annie Pearson (Year 13) James Fishenden (Year 13), Charlotte Jenner (Year 13), Loulou Ford (Year 13 Head Girl) and Harry Ford (Year 13 Head Boy).

THE NORTHERN GATHERING 2024**Douglas Thomson writes:**

The Royal Scots Club, Edinburgh, was the location for the OF Northern Gathering on 17 August. Five OFs and their wives (sadly, still no lady OFs) gathered in the bar then moved to the Members' dining room for lunch. Present were Simon Dougherty (G60-67), Michael Thomson (K52-59), Thomas Mason (S53-61), Iain McLeish (G60-64) and Douglas Thomson (K53-61).

Holidays prevented a few others from attending. They missed a most enjoyable time and an excellent lunch in a very congenial environment!

SUPPERS, DINNERS & GATHERINGS 2023/24 *continued***WINSLEY GATHERING**

at The Seven Stars, Winsley, Bradford-on-Avon. On 27th October 2023, Bob Williams organised a small gathering in his home village of Winsley. Photo: Left to right Madeleine Williams, Mary Prewett, Barry Prewett (R70-78), Tim Smart (R73-81), Bob Williams (Hon OF) and Jonathan Campbell (M74-84).

**BURY SUPPER GATHERING 2024****Kate Jackson writes:**

On Thursday 6th of June, a group of Old Framlinghamians met at Ravenwood Hall for the Bury Supper Gathering in Bury St



Edmunds. Despite being low in numbers and a total mix of age groups, we all had a fun evening of laughter, chat and reminiscing.

We met at 6:30pm and all enjoyed a pre-dinner drink at the bar, followed by supper chosen from the à la carte menu. We all sat together on one big table in the dining room where we were well looked after by the owner and the food was delicious.

Thanks to Ian Fulcher (G73-77) for organising this event.

Those attending were: Ian Fulcher (G73-77), Kate Jackson (P84-93), Michael Smy (S57-66), Chris Bellamy (G54-64), Mike Potter (M72-76), Norman Porter (K50-57), Tony Martin (G47-55), Colin Wigg (G48-54), Toby Risebrow (K13-18), Tom Addison (R13-18) and Joel Bahar (R13-18).

Bury St Edmunds Gathering for supper at Ravenwood Hall (inset) in June 2024. Left to right: Colin Wigg, Kate Jackson, Chris Bellamy, Joel Bahar, Toby Risebrow, Tom Addison, Tony Martin, Michael Smy, Mike Potter, Ian Fulcher and Norman Porter.

GATHERING AT THE RAILWAY INN, FRAMLINGHAM.

Terry Hurlock managed to organise a Christmas get-together on 28th December 2023 at the Railway Inn in Framlingham. Photo, L-R: Terry Hurlock (R66-73), Peter Dring (G67-74), Tony Stockman (G71-76), David Kent (S62-72), John Ellerby (G67-75) and Nigel Robinson (G64-74).



The German OF Dinner in Heidelberg 2024: The report and photos can found in the Overseas Bag on page 24.

Recent Leavers

ELLIOT DUNFORD (S06-10)

Elliott has been teaching online Geography and Mathematics for the last three years as a private tutor to neuro-divergent children. The advantage of this is that he and his ten-year partner from Durham University, Florienne, can work from

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anywhere. He finds the work highly rewarding. In 2021-2022 the couple literally travelled the world, visiting 13 countries with extended stays in each. They love the rural quiet of

Norfolk, which they explore daily with their working golden retriever puppy and involve themselves with the village lifestyle and local events.

GEORGIE GARDENS (M11-22)

Congratulations to Georgie Gardens who has been selected to play in the Great Britain Senior Hockey Programme. Georgie was also a part of the England Hockey squad that competed at the Junior World Cup in Chile.

TOM MCVEIGH (G14-17) left the College after GCSEs and went to Woodbridge School and then Reading University to do a B.Sc. in Agriculture. Returning to the family home on the Kenton Estate in his early twenties, he has begun a natural succession process, taking guidance from his father, who originally came over from Ireland to establish the business.

Subsequently, Tom has bought and re-developed a second farm in Attleborough, a poultry concern, and he is keen to further diversify moving forward. Kenton now has several buildings which are rented to outsiders, and the farm itself is part of the Sustainable Farming Incentive Scheme, planting trees between multi-cropped fields, establishing beetle banks, owl boxes, pollen reserves and re-establishing hedgerows.

ZAYLIE MILLS (P16-19)

Zaylie has recently qualified as a doctor and will be working in Lister Hospital in Stevenage doing Gastroenterology, Geriatrics, Psychiatry, General Surgery, Emergency Medicine and Obstetrics and Gynae rotations.

Ruth Noble (science teacher at the College) writes, 'She was always keen to go into Psychiatry when doing her A Levels and she is still interested in that, but has loved the Obstetrics and Gynae side too, and said she may well be tempted by the surgical side of this speciality. When

doing her A Levels, as part of her community service, I arranged for her to visit regularly June De Whalley, who was the wife of a previous Head of Physics at the College, Phillip De Whalley. Phillip was also Housemaster for many years and by the time Zaylie was visiting them, sadly, Phillip was badly affected by dementia. Zaylie and June became firm friends and Zaylie continued to visit June after she left the College and attended June's funeral during her undergraduate years.'

WILL GLADWELL (S12-20)

'Since leaving the college I have attended the University of Exeter to study Natural Sciences and graduated last year, working on a range of projects including kombucha brewing, woodlice behaviour and 3D motion capture. I have since been working as a commercial skipper and will be heading off to France for a ski season soon. I am pursuing renewable energy in a very broad sense as I look to start my career, but will be going on a few adventures in the meantime. This September I led a 6-day adventure motorcycle expedition through the Pyrenees and will be looking for more ideas in the new year.'

ROBERT MONAGHAN (G10-20)

'After leaving Framlingham College I spent some months in the Lake District, where I trained as a Chef de Partie in a hotel near Keswick on Derwent water. After this, I landed a place at Rose Bruford College on their Foundation Acting Diploma course in Edinburgh, performing in "Much Ado About Nothing" (2022) and other devised theatre works.

I also created work for the Edinburgh Fringe in 2022 where we worked with the Army at The Fringe to create devised and spoken word shows. Alongside my studies I worked as a Deputy Sous Chef in a restaurant on the Royal Mile for one year before transferring to restaurant management where I helped to run the cocktail bar and kitchen: The restaurant was awarded in Trip Advisors Visitors Choice Awards (2021/2022).

During this time, I also worked on some short film projects, including premiering our movie 'Lone Star Tick' (Dir. Ewan McIntosh, 2023) to a sold-out theatre at the Glasgow Short Film Festival, and continuing its run to Inverness Film Festival this year.

After this, I continued to persevere with my drama school applications and eventually landed myself a place on the BA Writing for Performance Course at The Royal Central School of Speech and Drama, moving to London where I am now in my second year of study and managing a bar and restaurant in Covent Garden on the side.

As part of my studies, I was part of a writer's room, and performed and directed for the new play 'Camden Spirits' (2023). Outside of my university course, I have just directed a sold-out run of 'A Million Miles Under Hampstead Heath'. Which is my professional London directorial debut and have been offered an extended run by the theatre to return with the show in January. I have also joined the theatre company Carnifolk where we are performing in venues across London and the UK our devised and interactive theatre shows for all ages, as well as planning to visit and perform at festivals across UK such as Boomtown.

Going forward, I am working on multiple theatre projects of new writings and looking to complete my degree and continue working within the theatre industry in London and the UK, growing my portfolio as a theatre maker, playwright and director.'

OFs ACHIEVING THEIR GOLD DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

Congratulations to all our recent leavers who achieved their Gold DofE award this year. As the DofE website declares, 'by participating in the scheme youngsters have fun, make friends, improve their self-esteem and build confidence. They gain essential skills and attributes for work and life such as resilience, problem-solving, team-working, communication and drive, enhancing CVs and university and job applications.'

This year several of our leavers visited Buckingham Palace gardens to receive their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards. Those individuals included: James Beaver (G17-22), Emma Williamson (P09-23), Sasha Napier (V18-23), Ruby Boddy (P14-23), Joe Lewis (R12-23), Ollie Currie (K17-23), Eric Kardan (R15-24), Tiffany Slater (P20-24) and Rose Cadman (V11-24).



TOP: Tom McVeigh – involved in sustainable farming.

ABOVE: Robert Monaghan, establishing himself in film and theatre.

BELOW: Zaylie Mills (left) with June De Whalley.



Recent Leavers continued



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:

Gold DofE Awards: L-R: Emma Williamson, Sasha Napier, Ruby Boody, in Buckingham Palace Gardens.

Globe-trotter Elliott Dunford in mountainous territory.

Hockey: Georgie Gardens on the ball.

Prince Edward strolling around the grounds after his speech at the Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

There is no doubt as to James Beaver's award!

SITUATIONS VACANT

We need to find some enthusiastic and highly motivated OFs.

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Communications Manager and Editor.

We are looking for someone, perhaps with a background in journalism or publishing, to develop a communications strategy across The Old Framlinghamian, the OF website, and one or more Social Media channels.

There are amazing stories out there, and we need to be able to tell them – not just as news items, but as developed articles.

We also need an Editorial Manager, to develop and focus on features – for example, an annual “Ten Years On” article, in which people who left ten years ago are invited to say something about what they’re doing now, and how they got there – the ideal resource for chasing these contributions would perhaps be the Moreau Leaving Scholars of that year.

If you are interested in either of these roles, or think you know someone who we should talk to, please get in touch.

New Editor wanted for Overseas Bag.

For a number of years Chris Essex has been wishing to step down. Being editor of the Overseas Bag is very rewarding – and a significant role within OF communications. You will be in contact with a wide range of OFs across the world. Chris Essex will give his full support to his successor.

Essex and Newmarket Gatherings.

Two Social Event organisation roles here. Looking for new ideas for types of events in these locations – not just a traditional meeting/supper. Something at the Races perhaps, for Newmarket. And what about a Ten Pin Bowling event for Essex – maybe Boys v Girls?

AGM/Annual Gathering.

An Organiser required for this event, along the lines of the successful new format established in 2004.

The Old Framlinghamian.

The SOF Newspaper needs a talented designer to take over the reigns from Chris Keeble, who wishes to step down.

Knowledge needed of graphics, involving 'InDesign', 'Quark' or similar Mac programmes. And 'Photoshop' – as nearly all images require retouching to achieve the best result.

Liaison with Kate Jackson at the College and various feature editors. Finally proof-checking and downloading high-resolution files to the printer.

Chris Keeble will be on hand to give full support.

New Honorary OFs

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP 2024

This year, the Society was delighted to welcome four new members to join the ranks as Honorary Old Framlinghamians.

DAVID ASHTON: 'I am in my twelfth year as Deputy Head (Academic), having arrived from Bedford School where I was Head of English. My role is diverse and very pupil-facing where I primarily support pupils in making progress with their studies and choosing their subjects at GCSE and the Sixth Form. I also support all teachers, especially Heads of Department, in helping them to be well-resourced and continuing to develop their skills in the classroom. I am fortunate to work with a talented and creative group of teachers. I also oversee the curriculum at the Senior School and advise the Principal on possible curriculum development, along with current trends in the wider academic world.'

YVETTE COOK: 'I've been working at the College since 2013, as a domestic assistant in Stradbroke House, which I thoroughly enjoyed and was made to feel part of a family. I became Matron in Garrett House in 2020 which, although a different role, I am heavily involved in the care and nurturing of each student on a day-to-day basis which I find extremely rewarding.'

TRACEY GALLOWAY: 'I started as a domestic and soon became Matron in Pembroke House in 2017. I have many lovely memories and enjoy watching the girls grow in confidence through their time with us. Some of my favourite memories include House Dinners, Leavers, and of course House Singing!'

SUE HORNSBY: 'I started teaching at Framlingham College Senior School, and the Prep School in 1997 under Rob Rogers who was then Head of Music, and was known as Sue Williams. I had the pleasure of teaching a wide range of ages, with many outstanding students, including Laura Wright who won the BBC Young Chorister of the Year, which led her to sing with the all-girl crossover group 'All Angels' before launching her solo career. It was very rewarding for me to see my pupils grow in confidence with their singing abilities, and to participate in so many musical opportunities that both the Senior and Prep School offer.'



FROM TOP, L-R:
David Ashton (Deputy Head);
Kate Jackson presenting tie to David;
Tracey Galloway (inset), Matron in Pembroke House;
Yvette Cook, Matron in Garrett House with Kate Jackson;
Sue Hornsby, nurturing music students at the Prep and Senior schools.



Books

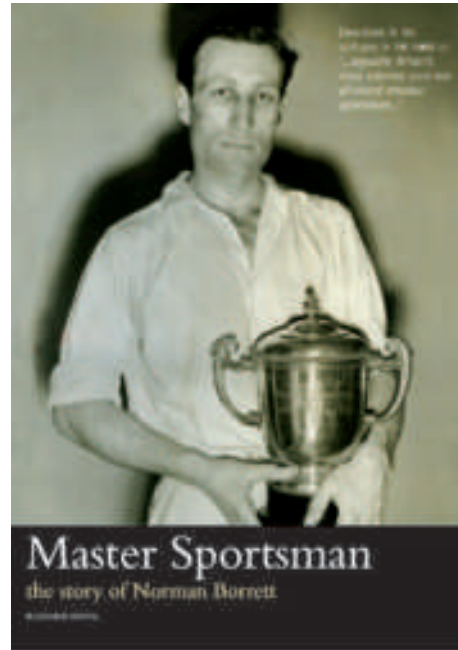
A reminder of two books still available

Master Sportsman: The Story of Norman Borrett. By Richard Sayer

Richard was a student of Norman Borrett, not in the classroom but on the hockey and cricket fields and the squash court. This book has been a labour of love and was long in gestation. Richard scoured sources, both human and published, for all the material needed to ensure that a complete portrait was drawn. In the event it amounts to 186 pages.

It is Richard's first book, but no-one would know it, as the writing, while often informative and factual, is always lucid and expressive. Paradoxically, even though it is about a man who was not given to making a fuss or to showing emotion, it is, towards the end, unexpectedly perhaps, rather moving.

Coming from the design stable of Chris Keeble it is, as one has come to expect, a beautifully designed, fully illustrated and attractively presented book.



Price: £12.00 including post and packing
Please apply to Richard Sayer.
Email: sayer@suffolkskies15.co.uk

A History of Brandeston Hall

by Norman Porter

The book covers all 450 years of the Hall's history, the building, the grounds and the residents, right up to early 2009. It attempts to describe that elusive commodity, a Brandeston education, expands on relations between the Hall and the village as well as with the College, moving on to a consideration of Brandeston and beyond: what happened to the Austin dynasty, and what happened in later life to some of those who went to Brandeston. There are comprehensive lists of Heads of School, and Senior and Junior Sportsmen and Sportswomen. There is also a detailed chronology. As the sales patter runs: "it is



full of anecdotes, reminiscences, names, mentions and illustrations." Many of these are due to the research of Bob Williams, for over 30 years a senior figure at Brandeston. The design work of Chris Keeble converted the contributions into a fine book, good to handle, good to hold.

Price £15.00 including post and packing.
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OF BIRTHS 2023/24

James Simpson (R01-11) married Diana Miguel-Lava on September 2024, in Cascais, Portugal. Their son, Isaac, September 2023. *The following OFs were present:* Charles Simpson (K65-72), Henry Simpson (K74-84), Lucy Simpson (P01-11), Will Simpson (G03-18), Dan O'Leary (R00-09), Connor O'Leary (R02-11), Ed Barker (S06-11), Paul Boatman (S06-11), Will (R10-11) and Olivia (née Castle M06-11) Pitcher.



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January 2025

Via Zoom, Thursday 30th January

Newmarket/Bury May 2025

Date and venue TBC

London, July 2025

Date and venue TBC

Suffolk, October 2025

Saturday 18th October, at Framlingham College

DINNER AND SUPPER DATES

SOF Annual Dinner 2025

Saturday 29th March 2025, at Framlingham College

Newmarket/Bury Supper 2025

Date and Venue TBC

London Supper 2025

Date and Venue TBC

Hong Kong Supper 2025

Date and Venue TBC

Suffolk Supper 2025

Saturday 18th October, at Framlingham College.

OF Seniors Lunch 2025

Wednesday 5th November, at The Plough and Sail, Snape

Norfolk Supper 2025

Date and Venue TBC

OF EVENTS AT THE COLLEGE

Inskips Hockey Festival/Fundraiser

Sunday 16 March 2025

Old Framlinghamian of the Year

Launch Dinner

Date TBC, Autumn term

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Organiser position vacant

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AGM

and Annual Dinner

Saturday 29th March 2025

NOTICE

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society will be held at 18:15 on Saturday 29th March 2025. The meeting will take place at Framlingham College.

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies.
- 2 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the 13th April 2024.
- 3 These Minutes will be available at the meeting and will also be accessible on the website (www.oldframlinghamian.com) or by application to the Hon Gen Sec, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.
- 4 Matters arising from those Minutes.
- 5 To receive the Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2024. 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, Chris Essex, at: 3 Kingston Avenue, Saltford, Bath BS31 3LF.
- 6 President's Report.
- 7 To elect Officers of the Society for 2025: President; Vice Presidents; Hon Gen Sec; Hon Treasurer; Finance Committee; Independent Examiner; elected Council Members; new Hon OFs. For names of current Officers please refer to page 35.
- 8 Any other business.

It is intended that the meeting should not last more than 30 minutes. The Annual Dinner will follow the meeting.

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SOF ANNUAL DINNER 2025

The Annual Dinner will be held at Framlingham College on Saturday 29th March 2025 at 7:30pm (TBC).

The Bar will open at 6:00pm.

Pre-Dinner Drinks will be served from 7:00pm.

Dress will be Lounge Suits.

The first 20 OFs under the age of 30 on Saturday 29th March 2025 who register and pay for their tickets will receive a 50% discount on the price of the dinner.

Full details and application forms will be published in January 2025.