

THE Column

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The Queen's Visit

It was a great honour to welcome Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh to Stowe on Thursday 29 November 2007.

Not since Queen Victoria and Prince Albert visited for 3 days in January 1845 has Stowe had the honour of hosting the sovereign and her consort. Then the Royal Party enjoyed banquets, concerts, receptions and some excellent shooting. Locals would have enjoyed more rustic past-times such as diving for silver in barrels of flour. For this Royal visit there was the challenge of showing what Stowe now has to offer in just one afternoon. There was a lunch for 140 guests in the State Dining Room, followed by two receptions in the Temple Room and the Marble Saloon. Our invited guests and staff from academic, administration and support departments were able to meet The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh who were gracious with their time, talking to most of those present. After a short welcome address by the Headmaster in the Chapel, The Queen formally opened the first of our new girls' boarding Houses, having given permission to name it 'Queen's House' in honour of the occasion. After meeting our

new girls and the House team, The Queen was given a short tour of the grounds while The Duke of Edinburgh followed a separate programme. Afternoon activities for our Royal guests to see were of a more conventional kind than in 1845 as Stoics took part in lacrosse, rugby, rowing and Combined Cadet Force exercises. Current Stowe eccentricities on display included Visual Education and the gentle art of drag beagling.

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Star GCSE Stoics

Academic Success

We are delighted with the results in this year's A2 (A-Level) exams. Stoics achieved a 100% pass rate at A2, with 70% of Stoics achieving A and B Grades. This is a significant increase from 60.7% last year, building on a steady improvement from just 48% in 2004. One Stoic, Calvin Ho, achieved a remarkable 6 A Grades this summer, with further 32 achieving at least 3 A Grades: Mia Hulla, Clare Jackson, Rebecca Nicholl, Emily Ansell, Catriona Beadel, Lara-Clare Bordeaux, Rory Brabant, Emma Christie-Miller, Olivia Collins, Talia Collins, Edward Colville, Fiona Cooper, Chloe Dorrington, Jonathan Elfer, Jack Fillery, Tom Fox, James Gray, Craig Greene, Tabi Jackson-Gee, Tatjana LeBoff, Toby Marshall, Imogen Midwood, Rosie Money-Coutts, Romilly Morgan, Julian Nesbitt, Alina Nixdorf, Alexander Paul, Bethany Reilly, Tom Stanton, Alice Thompson, Anita Waterer, India Windsor Clive.

GCSE results improved this year too, with the A/A* pass rate rising to 34% of Stoics. Harry Burke achieved a magnificent clean sweep of 10 A*, and has received a letter of congratulations from AQA for scoring one of the top 5 marks in English Literature.

This is a tribute to the hard work by Stoics and staff alike, showing a strong all-round performance, and an endorsement of everything that is being done at Stowe to raise levels of academic achievement.

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The Royal Visit:

Lunch was served for 140 guests in the State Dining Room, with a sung grace performed by the Chamber Choir. The superb food was prepared by our own catering staff and served with assistance from our Prefects.



Receptions after lunch

Over 120 members of the Stowe Community with representations from academic and support staff, matrons, housemasters, prefects, Old Stoics, Stowe House Preservation Trust guides gathered in the Temple Room to meet The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh.



Balthazar Mattar (Cobham) played his own composition on the violin, *Andante Espresso*, and a string quartet and an oboe quartet played throughout the reception, accompanied by teachers Miss Hilary Ford (piano) Mr Daniel Bhattacharya (violin). String quartet: Balthazar Mattar (violin), Tristram Cooke (viola), Jacob Dennison ('cello) accompanied by teacher, Mr Daniel Bhattacharya (violin). Oboe Quartet: Charlotte Matthews (oboe), Balthazar Mattar (violin), Tristram Cooke (viola), Jacob Dennison ('cello).

Before leaving the Temple Room, The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh signed our Distinguished Visitors' book – The Queen had been delighted to see The Queen Mother's signature from her visit in June 1963 celebrating the School's 40th anniversary.

A second reception was held in the Marble Saloon where our lunch guests, who had been entertained earlier in the morning with an outstanding recital in the Music Room, had assembled to meet Her Majesty and His Royal Highness.

After the receptions had concluded The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh had separate schedules before rejoining at the Temple of Concord and Victory for a ceremonial tree planting.

After lunch, pupils, guests and parents gathered in the Chapel for the Headmaster's formal welcome address to The Queen. The Headmaster said it would be impossible to present Her Majesty with all the wonders of Stowe in such a short visit. Nearly every temple and garden ornament is calculated to honour a British Worthy and spur us on to future emulation. We welcomed her with the most heartfelt pleasure and had chosen to mark this historic occasion by naming the latest Temple to be built at Stowe, Queen's House, in Her Majesty's honour.



As a token of our appreciation, Guillermo Ordorica Shkurovich and Lucinda Sewell presented The Queen with the original auction catalogues of the ducal estate and the contents of the mansion when they were sold in 1921 and 1923.

The Headmaster announced that Her Majesty had asked him to award the School an extra day's holiday in honour of her visit – Stoics and members of staff present thanked The Queen with a round of applause.

Before departing for the formal opening of Queen's House, the Chaplain led a prayer of thanksgiving to celebrate the Queen's visit to Stowe.

Queen's House

Queen's shiny new House room was filled to bursting, with excited girls practising their curtsies. The buzz of banter died immediately as Her Majesty crossed the threshold of her namesake building. Suddenly awe-struck, we managed to forget the well-rehearsed introductions, managing mostly wide grins and monosyllabic replies to the gracious comments: *"House Prefects, you must have lots of responsibilities."* *"Coldstream Cup – gosh that sounds like hard work."* *"A group of scholars, how impressive."* Miraculously, the complex 50 second photo positioning ran smoothly – the rehearsals had paid off – completing this silently while The Queen was outside meeting the building's architect, project managers and representatives of the Maintenance Department. The Queen had kindly agreed to pose with us all for a formal photograph, surrounded by Queen's girls, smiling out at the whole School, who, in turn, grinned back.

Then came the moment upon which the whole visit had been based: the formal unveiling. Head of House, Alice McNair, joined the Headmaster and Her Majesty as she declared Queen's House open – an official House now complete with state-of-the-art facilities, rather than 'the new girls' house' as it has been called for so long.



Later, after the Royal Party had left the School, a very different kind of excitement followed. The vast addition to the School – that curiously windowed construction, topic of much speculation and hand-wringing – could finally be explored. Cue mass exodus to Queen's. As initial exclamations over ensuite bathrooms and window seats faded, Queen's girls acquainted themselves with the maze of gleaming white corridors that will become home. The tensions of the visit were forgotten as Lower 6th and 3rd Form bonded over the wonderfully equipped Houseroom, already planning room mates and colour schemes...

Returning to Stanhope was somewhat anti-climatic. But the girls were cheered by the knowledge that in January, Queen's will surely be the envy of the School.

We are proud to have taken part in the Royal visit and the final completion of Queen's. November 29 was most definitely an unforgettable day.

Lucy Brooks, (Queen's L6th)



After opening the House, The Queen then had a short tour of the gardens. Her first stop was at the head of Octagon Lake, where 3rd Form Stoics were waiting to show her their visual education work, which takes advantage of Stowe's unique surroundings. They had been contrasting the lake in Lord Cobham's time to the lake today, discussing Capability Brown's restructuring of the gardens. The Queen admired their sketches and their fortitude in staying outside to work on them. She also spoke to Mr Righton, biology teacher and master in charge of rowing at Stowe, while Hugh Gallie, Jonathan Wale and Matthew Williamson demonstrated their skills on the lake.

The Queen then moved on to the Temple of British Worthies to meet National Trust staff and volunteers.

The Duke's programme:

The Duke of Edinburgh spent his time learning more about other areas of the School.

His first afternoon encounter was to see how interactive technology is used in the classroom. Mr Tearle demonstrated how an interactive whiteboard works and used Google Earth to recreate the Royal helicopter journey over Stowe. With his class of Stoics, Mr Tearle showed a practical application of a class voting system to find out pupils' ideas about the formation of the Grand Canyon. Afterwards, The Duke of Edinburgh asked Stoics about their own use of technology and laptops.



In the Library, The Duke of Edinburgh met Librarian, Mrs Miller, and some of our youngest scholars in the School who were working on a project comparing today with previous Royal visits to Stowe. Mr Bevington, Head of Classics and the School's archivist, was on hand to show The Duke mementoes from the visit of Queen Victoria to Stowe in 1845. Mrs Miller was thrilled that The Duke of Edinburgh had spent so much time with the Stoics and seemed genuinely interested in what they were doing. *"The presence of The Duke of Edinburgh in person was a moving and symbolic experience. Most certainly one that I will never forget."* Kirk Blair (Bruce). *"It made me realise that at some point around Stowe I may have been in the exact same spot as Queen Victoria 162 years ago."* Imran Momen (Bruce).

In North Hall, The Duke of Edinburgh met Stoics, led by Mr Roberts, who are participating in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme. Display panels showed Stoics engaged in previous activities and how valued the Award is by universities and employers. To commemorate The Duke's visit a new House cup has been initiated for participation and achievement in the Award. No doubt this will soon be a hotly contested trophy amongst the Houses.

The CCF (Combined Cadet Force) was on parade on the North Front. Action included a command



task, run by the Navy Section, to hoist a flag with the help of old oil drums, ropes and poles. An ambush model display was set up by some of our senior Army boys and girls, while the RAF Section demonstrated stripping a cadet rifle and the Army Cadets carried out a weapon drill (Royal Salute). A climbing wall kept a group of 4th Form boys and girls busy too.



The Duke of Edinburgh had an opportunity to watch some rugby action, then a lacrosse warm up with Chloe Crisp, 1st team captain and players from the 5th and Upper 6th Form. The Duke asked how good they were – Lily Hanbury did not hesitate in saying *"fantastic"* confident in their excellent season's results. The girls enjoyed their discussion with The Duke of Edinburgh, finding him very charming, relaxed and chatty.



An extensive range of photographs capturing that special moment for as many people as possible is available in a special photo gallery on our website: www.stowe.co.uk

Arts & Science Festival

13-16 October

Held over the weekend and on into the Monday and Tuesday before half term, in this year's Festival we welcomed back some companies and artists who have worked with us before, as well as some new faces.



The participatory dance workshops were a big hit with all those involved. On the Sunday afternoon, Clare Louise West from danceconnect ran two back-to-back street jazz sessions. It was very 'routine' based but she gave Stoics the opportunity to improvise around the themes and ideas she had presented earlier in the session. On Monday we welcomed the hugely popular and energetic Pinkie – a Hip-Hop choreographer from Milton Keynes. This young woman was sensational and had all 30 participants sweating buckets by the end of the session! She led by example and treated all the Stoics to some of her own 'moves' at the end. Whatever she puts on her early morning cereal I would thoroughly recommend to anyone feeling a little lack lustre or tired! It was a pleasure to watch the Stoics working and responding so well. Tuesday saw the visit of SalsaOxford and the two workshop leaders took our 16 couples through some Latin/ Cuban salsa moves. This was another super session thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The Reform Theatre Company from Sheffield came back to us with a new play called 'Like a Virgin'. It played to a packed Dobinson Theatre on the Monday night and had all the audience in floods of tears at one moment and howls of laughter the next. I thought the way in which the company tackled the death of the main character to cancer and the loss felt by her family and friend, was sensitively handled and the Stoics, who know a good piece of theatre when they see one, responded maturely and sensibly.

Tuesday saw Hoof playing in the Roxburgh Hall to a packed and expectant audience of over 300 Stoics. Billed as 'spontaneous theatre full of side splitting comedy' – sadly I felt, that it was just a little too clever and too surreal for its own good. Still, we had the Unplugged concert to look forward to later on Tuesday night when Stoics showed their own array of musical talent. Throw in two good, day long theatre workshops for the Fourth Year Drama sets and their Lower Sixth counterparts, and one had a varied and

eclectic mix which would appear to have gone down very well!

My thanks to Rory Akam, Brian Johnson, Jenny Nelson for their help in organisation and to Liz Capurro and Housemasters for helping guide the Stoics to where they should be. As this event develops each year, whatever is put on the Stoics who come to see the performances and participate in the workshops will enjoy their experiences and remember with fondness the opportunities given to them.

Nick Bayley, Head of Drama

Messiaen

Ordinarily, one would hope not to make too many comparisons between Stowe Chapel and a prisoner-of-war camp. However, as part of the Festival, on Sunday 14 October, the whole School was privileged to witness a performance of one of the most dramatic and moving works of chamber music of the twentieth century: Messiaen's 'Quartet for the End of Time', first performed to his fellow captives in 1941 when the composer was a prisoner-of-war in the Stalag camp. Inspired by a passage from the Book of Revelations, the work contrasts outbursts of violent, rhythmic motifs with passages of ethereal, transcendent beauty. Stowe's Heads of Woodwind, Strings and Keyboard, Jennifer Nelson, Daniel Bhattacharya and Hilary Ford, were joined by guest cellist Elizabeth Anderson. Interspersed with the eight movements were readings from the Book of Revelations and St John's Gospel, as well as excerpts from TS Eliot's 'Little Gidding' and Welsh poems, narrated by Julia Taylor and Peter Norfolk Brown. The Music Department would like to thank the Stowe community for their support of this event, particularly those who assisted with lighting and staging. I am sure that the dramatic impact and cross-curricular appeal of this rarely-performed work will have made a lasting impression on the Stoics.

Hilary Ford, Head of Keyboard



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Rebus Touring Arts

We were delighted to host a production of 'La Vita Nuova' in the Roxburgh Hall which featured a very sophisticated, contemporary looking piece of set design that was largely produced by our Fifth Form GCSE Art students. Working in collaboration with artist Mark Dickens, founder of Rebus Touring Arts, these Stoics produced some outstanding mixed media artwork comprising of individual panels that contributed to six vast floor to ceiling banners. This created a magnificent setting for a play which was adapted from Dante's poetic masterpiece which focused upon his unrequited, divine love of Beatrice. Mark Dickens has worked with the Art School as a visiting artist during the last year, more recently contributing to this exciting theatrical project. He was very impressed by the incredibly high standard of the Stoics' response to the design brief. This provided them with a unique opportunity to experience working within a professional context and to be introduced to such liberating working methods and disciplines.

Proud parents will be able to see their children's original artworks and contribution to set design in the forthcoming London Premiere of 'La Vita Nuova' which we are hoping will be featured at the Bloomsbury Theatre early next year.

Brian Johnson, Head of Art

Jazz & Rock Masterclass and Dynamic Jazz Quartet

The Dynamic Jazz Quartet were indeed just that – absolutely dynamic. In fact, one of the most inspiring, imaginative professional jazz groups I have heard for a long time and a real highlight of this year's Festival. Pete Churchill led the masterclass in the afternoon with charisma and really drew out the best qualities from each Stoic and group of instrumentalists whilst we aurally learnt a rendition of Santana's Black Magic Woman. Without notation we learnt the chorus, worked on an improvised section and really "got in the groove" as Pete Churchill puts it!

Stowe's electric guitarists, saxophonists, clarinetists, drummers, young pianists and violinists rose to the challenge extremely well and formed their own jazz / rock band for the afternoon. Music scholar James Larter deserves a special mention for his excellent solos on marimba, improvising with dexterity and virtuosity.

In the evening concert, the Dynamic Jazz Quartet,

with Gareth Huw Davies on electric and acoustic bass, Pete Churchill on keyboard and vocals, Al Cherry on electric guitar and legendary South African drummer Brian Abrahams, played a number of jazz standards with exceptional skill. The musical integrity, sheer talent, connection, camaraderie and virtuosity they displayed were absolutely astounding and unforgettable.

James Larter (Temple) says...

"As a percussionist, I really enjoyed the Jazz and Rock Masterclass. The players were superb, as they demonstrated at the beginning and again in the evening performance. We played Black Magic Woman with many Stoics playing electric guitar, drummers who took turns to play and the Dynamic Jazz Quartet themselves added to the groove. I thought the drummer, Brian Abrahams, was very good; the way he added creative fills to the tunes they performed in the evening was brilliant. They played modern jazz from composers such as Herbie Hancock and other funk legends. I really enjoyed it and so did the others who were both watching and involved in the workshop."

Woodwind Masterclass

Tuesday 16 October was a memorable day for the woodwind players at Stowe, with a visit from one of this country's greatest oboe and cor anglais players, Liz Fyfe. Unusually for an oboist, Liz read Natural Sciences Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge where she was also an Instrumental Scholar. Liz has spent much of her career as principal cor anglais at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden and now teaches at Wells Cathedral School. Her interest in the sciences was still apparent in the class, where she demonstrated the art of reed making and brought all the necessary machinery and paraphernalia with her to show us. It seems a full time job making oboe reeds, let alone actually performing too! Liz also demonstrated the unusual, but beautifully haunting, sound of the cor anglais, with a performance of the first movement of the Sonata written by the French composer Dubois.

There were some excellent performances from Yasmin Hughes, Flossie Hopewell, Beth Georgiou, Elle Horrocks and Charlotte Matthews. Liz discussed tone production and breathing in particular and encouraged the Stoics to characterise their performances much more. The masterclass began with a feisty performance of the Malcolm Arnold Divertimento for oboe, flute and clarinet.

Jenny Nelson, Head of Woodwind

Introducing Science...

This is the first year that science has featured in this annual Festival and the lectures and events proved popular with Stoics.

Richard Peirce from the Shark Trust based his talk around the precarious state of shark populations around the globe and the parlous state of British sharks in particular. The Shark Trust are involved in shark research and attempting to dispel the tabloid press driven 'jaws' myth by educating people about the key role sharks play in the health of the oceans and their almost exclusively non-threatening nature.

In a wonderfully dynamic and joke-laden performance Timothy Walker, Director of the University of Oxford Botanic Garden, told us in no uncertain terms what plants have done for us. Whether it is in their role as 'producers' at the bottom of every food chain or providers of medicines and industrial raw materials, plants are essential and we need to take plant conservation more seriously – especially with the unpredictable effects of global warming to look forward to.

The genetic engineering day run by the ever enthusiastic and entertaining John Scholar from NCBE Reading allowed A-Level biologists to extract, amplify, and identify chloroplast DNA from a variety of common salad plants. This process highlighted the variability of some DNA sections and how the information gleaned can be used to identify plant groups and their ancestry. An exercise in gene identification and sequencing then followed using gene mapping websites.

In 'Superstrings' Professor Brian Foster led us through the intricacies of Einstein's Super-Relativity theory and enlightened us about Einstein's love of music. The talk was interspersed and illustrated by the wonderful violin playing of Jack Liebeck. All the Stoics who attended should now know a good deal more about space, time and the origins of the universe and they could not fail to have been impressed by the performance!

In the final lecture, Richard Tuckett, Professor of Chemical Physics at the University of Birmingham assessed the atmospheric gases that contribute to global warming. It is obvious that the regular suspects (carbon dioxide and methane) are joined by a range of others, with perfluorocarbons having a disproportionate effect to their concentration in the atmosphere. All in all a successful injection of science to this event.

Rory Akam, Head of Science



A Brief Introduction to

The Coldstream Cup

From virtually the beginning of the Michaelmas term, they're out there, the eight hopefuls from each of the boarding Houses, doing things that Stoics never do, and doing them before the sun comes up and after it goes down for fear of being spotted. Chatham boys up at 7.00am and running round the grounds, Nugent girls standing rigidly upright in a carefully spaced matrix, and Grafton boys crawling through sewage pipes whilst Lyttelton girls are undergoing firearms training. As November approaches, the ante is upped. A trip to Temple reveals the Captain of the 1st XV standing at the ironing board, iron in hand, wondering where to put the creases in his shirt. Two days to go and the team members, all 88 of them, are swimming across the Eleven Acre lake on a cold November afternoon – what madness is this?

This is the Coldstream Cup. An Inter-House competition sponsored by, you've guessed it, the Coldstream Guards, and, if effort is anything to go by, it is arguably the most coveted trophy in the House cabinet. First, the teams have to complete the assault course and, immediately afterwards, run five miles round the grounds including a log carry through thigh deep water and a swim across the Eleven Acre lake. Then, whilst still sopping wet, they need to have

enough energy left to shoot straight. Finally, they get changed into uniform and perform a complicated sequence of drill movements under the watchful eye of the Coldstream Guards – a young Officer and a Colour Sergeant – who also inspect their turn out. This year's Captain, Toby Stephens (Old Carthusian) proclaimed he had never come across a tougher school competition, and if you bump into some sweating Coldstream Guardsmen swimming across the lake in Battersea Park, they're his blokes competing in his version of the Coldstream Cup.

The icing on the cake of this competition comes in the evening when we hold the Coldstream Cup Dinner to which we invite all those who help the CCF throughout the year. We ask our military guests to come in their mess kit whilst the rest of us wear black tie and one can imagine the nature of the occasion as a hundred of us dine in the historic splendour of Stowe's Music Room. That the winning team gets to come to the dinner has no bearing, I'm sure, on the effort they put in, but it certainly makes for a decent prize. Recent guests of honour have included Admiral Sir James Burnell-Nugent, KCB, CBE, ADC, OS, Air Marshall David Walker, CBE, AFC, and Colonel Mike Stough, USAF.



Photos: Roy Ottaway

For the record, this year's winning House was Lyttelton – and Nugent were second. *"Foul"* cried the lads – *"they have the unfair advantage of a shorter run."* Whilst the technical response is that the girls have no chance of winning the assault course element, the obvious response is to point out that this is only the second time in the history of the competition that a girls' House has won. How refreshing to have a trophy that all the Houses can compete for on an equal basis. Long live co-education!

Results:

Coldstream Cup Winners: Lyttelton
(2nd Nugent, = 3rd Cobham, Bruce)

Nulli Secundus Cup: Will Randall Coath, Bruce

Best Turned Out Cadet: Taisie Grant, Nugent

New Girls' Obstacle Course Record: Lyttelton 2.36.15

Rev. Robert Jackson



In October, Stoics studying German in the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Forms spent five days in Bavaria with Miss Morgan, Mr Staples and Mrs Browne. For many Stoics this was their first time in Germany, so the plan was to give them an all-round taste of the country: past and present, city and countryside, as well as plenty of opportunities to practise their German.

Our youth hostel was very pleasant, and was situated on the edge of Lake Starnberg, just a

German Study Tour to Munich

stone's throw from Munich. We were extremely lucky with the weather, enjoying clear skies and warm temperatures throughout our stay.

We visited the Olympic Park, where Munich hosted the 1972 Games. Going up the Olympic tower and viewing Munich and Bavaria from 180 metres above was a highlight for many. After our tour of the stadium, our guide gave Stoics permission to take their rugby ball down to the pitch and have a kick about. I cannot be sure whether they were the first people to play rugby on that pitch, so whether we have set our very own 'Olympic record' remains a mystery!

The most moving experience for all Stoics and staff was our visit to the former concentration camp at Dachau. Our English-speaking guide was excellent, sharing with us her excellent knowledge of the camp's history and her first-hand experience of meeting survivors.

We had a fantastic day visiting the castles of Linderhof and Neuschwanstein in the Bavarian Alps, once home to the eccentric King Ludwig II. En route we were shown the impressive wall paintings in the small town of Oberammergau, and the rococo style pilgrimage church of Wies, now a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Stoics also visited the BMW museum and the Deutsches Museum, a large science and technology museum, as well as having ample time to explore Munich. Stoics impressed our tour guides and members of the youth hostel staff, who all commented on what a pleasure it was to work with such a lovely group of young people.

The German Study Tour was busy, varied, at times exhausting but a very enjoyable and worthwhile few days for all involved!

Elsbeth Morgan, Modern Languages

Senior Congreve 2007: Six Characters Looking For An Author and The Real Inspector Hound

As the audience entered the theatre, they seemed to see themselves on stage, both in the form of two rows of seats on stage staring back at them, but also reflected and distorted in the mirrored flats. This was, of course, no accident: both plays deal with the nature of theatrical reality. We are used to the concept of the stage reflecting life, but this production took that on another step or two, demonstrating the way that, in both plays, 'real life' and stage life can become confused. It was a most interesting, and probably original, pairing – Tom Stoppard himself declared that he had never heard of the two being played together before – and made for a fascinating double bill, linking comedy and tragedy, dark and light.

Pirandello's *Six Characters...* is an acknowledged classic of European theatre, but it is not an easy play. Its central concept is difficult to grasp, with a clear distinction drawn between characters and actors, but Nick Bayley's production did not shy away from the dark elements of the story. We saw a working theatre, actors chatting, whiling away time, while the stage crew got on with their business... until six mysterious figures, all dressed in black, their faces split into black and white halves, arrived to disturb the comfortable familiarity with a tragic tale to tell, of betrayal, sexuality, and ultimately death.

The two leading figures in the tale, the father and daughter, dominated the action, and were played with power and menace by James Sindall and Milly

King, but it was the power of the ensemble that impressed, with the company acting as a living backdrop, always watching, and reacting effectively, even adding splashes of welcome comedy, as the tragedy unfolded. It was the final image that will stick with many, the figures caught in silhouetted tableau, as atmospheric music further battered one's emotions: a true coup de theatre.

Stoppard's *Hound*, in contrast, is a play known to many (and this was at least its third Stowe appearance, though never as a Congreve). On one level it is a light comic pastiche of the sort of drawing-room thriller that used to over-populate the British stage, and this aspect was superbly caught by Harry Farnsworth and Olivia Stevens as cad and grand dame respectively. It has a darker, more introspective heart, however, in which the two critics, Birdboot and Moon, reveal their inner passions, and Jonty Irving and James Musgrave are to be congratulated on a pair of outstanding performances, sometimes a quick-fire double act, at other times lost in their own thoughts. For many, however, it is the surreal heart of the production that will linger longest, with Monty Lewis doing wheelies in his chair, and above all the maddest charlady of them all, Immy Brabant in hilarious comic form.

Individually, a pair of productions to show the two faces of theatre, and to explore the concept of what is real on stage. Collectively, a rattling good evening out: *"I was held!"*

Chris Walters, Drama Department



Photos: Roy Ottaway



The Tatler 3?



Visiting Stowe is dangerous...

No, not necessarily due to the gentlemen pictured! *"...if you have set your heart on attending any other school anywhere in the world..."* continues Tatler's Schools Guide 2008 published in October. Each year Tatler reports on the top 200 prep and public schools, conducting their own research and parental surveys. The review on Stowe goes on to report that *"Stowe is in good heart... that results are increasingly on the rise"* (as indeed already highlighted earlier in this newsletter by our best yet A-Level results achieved this summer).

So, where do 'The Tatler 3' appear? Mr Robinson, the Headmaster and Mr Bayley (left to right in

Maths Challenge – almost added up

A team of our four best mathematicians, selected following the Senior Maths Challenge when they each won Gold Awards, were entered into the Inter School Team Challenge for the first time this year: Mark Goodenough, Nick Johnston, Natalie McDaid and Tom Zhai.

Run by the Further Maths Network in conjunction with the UK Maths Trust, regional rounds are held and our team found themselves competing at the prestigious School of Mathematics at Warwick University. A number of top schools took part in a fun but competitive event. The first round had the team combining together to answer 10 questions of increasing difficulty. At the end Stowe had managed 8 correct answers, leaving us 6 points behind the 3 leaders, Solihull, Myrton and Warwick.

The second round had the team working in two pairs to solve a crossword type puzzle using numbers. The problem was that one pair had only the across clues and the others only the down clues. We proved stronger than all of the other teams and finished the round on 106 points overall, leading from Solihull and King Edward's, Birmingham by just 2 points.

The final round featured a relay competition, each team member had a question but for 3 of them they required the answer from the preceding team member before they could solve their own question. Our team completed the first relay for maximum points, but were unfortunately unable to complete the 2nd and 3rd questions within the time limit. This meant that we slipped into 2nd place on 150 points, behind Solihull on 164, but ahead of King Edward's, in 3rd on 138 points.

This was a very good performance. Nick Johnston scored highly enough to qualify for the British Mathematical Olympiad which takes place in December each year, an outstanding achievement.

From Mark Goodenough:

"The competition gave us an opportunity to compete against some of the top mathematicians in our region. It was an enjoyable day despite the disappointment of not actually winning."

the picture left) do each get a mention in the review with various credits: for being popular with the girls, a previous winner of a Tatler award, and being especially impressive – I'll not assign the comments directly but I'm sure you can guess if I say that Mr Robinson has had enough ribbing from Common Room staff already!

As the closing sentence says: *"Stowe has enjoyed some golden years since its founding in 1923 but none perhaps more golden than today."*

If you missed the November issue of Tatler, the 2008 Guide should soon be available on their website, see: www.tatler.co.uk

Jane Collins, Marketing & Admissions Director

From the Chairman



As we come to the close of 2007 and move into 2008 it is tremendous to see more and more Old Stoics reconnecting with Stowe and attending the growing variety of events now on offer. We look forward to a full calendar of activities for 2008.

2007 has seen a new venue for the Old Stoic Society Dinner which was very well attended and we will have one more year at BAFTA next May. New events such as the East Anglia Dinner have been well attended and it is heartening to see how much Old Stoics seem to enjoy meeting up with each other.

In September a group of us saw Roger Hodgson (Grenville 68) formerly of Supertramp perform many of his well known songs at a concert in the Royal Albert Hall. We very much hope that Roger will be performing on the South Front at Stowe next summer for what promises to be a spectacular event with particular meaning to Old Stoics from the 1960's to the 1980's.

John Bridgwood, who has for 7 years been Old Stoic Manager, has decided to move to the Far East with his family to take up a new challenge close to his wife's family. On behalf of all of us I would like to thank John for all that he has achieved for the Society and to send him and his family our best wishes for the future. In order to maintain the strong momentum of the Society we are actively recruiting a new Manager and we hope to be able to appoint one in time for the New Year. Our thanks go to all in the Old Stoic Office for their considerable support at this time.

You will see from previous editions of the Column that we are eager to encourage Old Stoics in similar businesses to connect with each other. The 'Old Stoics in Law' event on Wednesday 16th April, described alongside, is one such means for facilitating this. Jules Walker, OS Vice Chairman, has also arranged a gathering of Old Stoics in Public Relations to meet in January. If you are interested in attending this event do please contact Jules on jwalker@hogarthpr.co.uk

These are exciting times for the Old Stoic Society and we very much hope to see you in 2008.

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

John Arkwright (Cobham 69)

Old Stoic email list

We are very pleased now to be in contact with nearly 3000 of our members by email – providing timely bulletins about School and Society news and events. It is a service enjoyed and welcomed by many. If we do not yet have your email address, we would be delighted to add you to the list (you can unsubscribe at any time) – please email us at oldstoic@stowe.co.uk



Sir Peter Leslie (Chatham 49): 24 March 1931 – 27 September 2007

Sir Peter Leslie was one of the most formidable leaders in the world of business and finance. During his distinguished career, he became Managing Director of Barclays Bank, Deputy Chairman of Midland Bank, and Chairman of the Commonwealth Development Corporation.

Having been a Scholar at Stowe, Peter left in 1949 to study history at New College, Oxford. By 1955, he had joined Barclays Bank Dominion, Colonial and Overseas and had been posted to the Sudan, moving on thereafter to Algeria and Zaire. He became the local director in Kenya and the Bahamas before being called back to London in 1973. Having played a leading role in handling the Latin

American debt crisis that exploded in 1982, Peter's success was recognised as he became chief general manager of Barclays International in 1985. It is reported that each decision that he made took him no longer than 24 hours from being asked, and he had a memory of detail that was close to being photographic.

Sir Peter was Chairman of the Board of Governors at Stowe between 1994 and 2001. His contribution to the development of the School and the preservation of the House was remarkable: he was instrumental in launching Stowe House Preservation Trust and leading talks with important heritage organisations that led the way for the magnificent restoration of the Mansion.

East Anglia Reunion

Tuesday 5th July saw the inaugural dinner for East Anglia's Old Stoics and what a fun and enlightening evening it was!

Over 50 Old Stoics, wives or girlfriends attended the dinner in Cambridge at Magdalene College's, wonderful College Hall. Hats off to Elizabeth Browne's (née Bell) (Stanhope 81) husband Shaun, who was the only non Old Stoic chap to attend in a non-official capacity.

OS's travelled from all parts of Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex and Cambridgeshire to attend the dinner. All ages of OS attended from Timothy Bladon (Grenville 51) to Timothy Hart (Chandos 92) which contributed to a lively yet reflective evening talking about Stowe past, present and future. Among the 30/40 somethings like myself a fair amount of conversation flowed about whether or not our children would one day become Stoics themselves. Old boys and

girls are often understandably nostalgically biased about what Stowe has to offer. However, the move to become fully co-ed, as well as the marked improvement in exam performance in recent years certainly seems to have made a real difference to potential parents interest in the School. The Headmaster gave a thoroughly entertaining speech about both his experiences at Cambridge and his experiences of the growing community of Old Stoics around the world.

School fees aside, I think Stowe will be seeing a strong rise in the numbers of Blue Book entries from our region – if only the cross-country drive from Suffolk was not so tedious. Perhaps one day in the not too distant future an end of term bus will be heading over the Oxford Bridge bound for Cambridge, Ipswich and Norwich!

Jonathan Shillington (Temple 89)



The Roxburgh Society

Lord Quinton (Temple 42), on whose initiative the Roxburgh Society was formed, has stepped down as President of the Society. We are enormously grateful to him for his splendid work.

We are delighted that Kit Clucas (Walpole 60), has accepted the invitation to become the next President and is eager to see the Society expand – "I hope that I will play a part in

increasing the number of Society members in pursuit of such a worthy cause."

The Roxburgh Society offers membership to those who have indicated to the Development Office that they wish to leave a bequest to Stowe in their will. Anyone interested in further information on the Society and its activities, or on how they might leave a legacy to Stowe, should contact Cherry Baker on 01280 818326 or on cbaker@stowe.co.uk

Events for 2008

The current calendar of events of 2008 is printed on the back page. Information on these and further events will be published on the website (www.stowe.co.uk) as it becomes available. If you would like to attend any of these events, or would like to organise a gathering of your own, please contact the Old Stoic Office for guidance and information (cwhitlock@stowe.co.uk, or on 01280 818349).

Et In Arcadia Ego The Old Stoic Reunion 2007

It never really leaves you does it? That feeling of panic, when one was going to miss assembly. I realised that this was to be the case as I drove at high speed through Tingewick at 11.29am on Saturday 29th September as, not only had I missed the initial gathering of Old Stoics of 1965-1975 in the Marble Hall, I was going to be late for chapel too. Memories of school defaulters on the North Front loomed large.

Pre lunch on the South Front was a jolly affair where our number was increased by later arrivals including some ex members of staff on whom the passage of time seemed hardly to have left its mark (probably because we all thought they were pretty ancient forty years ago anyway!).

A clapping of hands called us to order as the Headmaster warmly welcomed us and asked if any of us had been present when the Beatles performed in the Roxburgh Hall. Several of us had been and this led on to more rock related banter at which point Colin Dudgeon fearing that the Headmaster might divert into a reverie of misspent youth

metaphorically tugged his sleeve and guided him back to inform us of Stowe's recent academic excellence – most impressive.

Tours of the buildings and grounds ensued with the guides pointing out all of the remarkable additions restorations and alterations that have taken place and which have given the old place a wonderful appearance of renewed confidence – it really is looking wonderful.

The Siren-like strains of piano music drew John Fingleton, Andrew Chance and I into Temple House Room where we found John Kermode performing his latest composition to a group of friends. Brian Scholfield and Stuart McNair decided to re-live past golfing successes (and perhaps embarrassments) with a round.

Peter Evans was to be seen oscillating across the North Front on a monocycle. The last time I saw him forty years ago he was doing precisely the same thing!

A very happy and memorable day and I think, we all felt, a very valuable one too.

Nigel Milne (Chandos 68)

Templar's Cricket Week

The Templar's week didn't start well with both the Saturday and Sunday rained off but Monday provided a few rays of sunshine and an enjoyable game of cricket against the Nomads. Tuesday followed against the Howdy Boys and offered 2 chances for 100's but both men fell short on 99 and 95 respectively. Wednesday was a close fought match with the Great Missenden Pelicans with the Templars just winning.

Thursday was another washout leaving Friday against the Northants Amateurs. With two strong academy players our total was never big enough and they romped to victory, leaving time for nine holes on the Stowe Course before the daily visit to the Queen's Head. Saturday was the fiercely contested Under 30's v

Over 30's and it was great to see so many people (pictured) turn out with wives, girlfriends and children in the blazing sun. The evening was the end of week party with two live bands and a carnival atmosphere outside the pavilion in the marquee. Sunday followed with a slightly more relaxed game against the Frogs to end the week. Fittingly it went down to the last over of the day and the Templars won.

It was good to see a number of recent leavers who played during the week but there is always room for more as the 'older generation' give way to the future Templars.

If you want to get involved contact: Nick Oldridge on 07788 758067 or email: nick@pcmriskssolutions.com



Tony Edgerley was elected Society captain at Hunstanton in the autumn. We lost narrowly to the Leys in the Halford Hewitt and then lost in the third match of the Plate Competition at Princes. Bob Durrant completed his 99th Hewitt Match in the first round and is on track to become the first Stoic centurion next year. We qualified for the final of the Grafton Morrish this autumn where we lost to the eventual winners, Berkhamsted, one down in the deciding match in the second round. Our senior players, Derek Davies and Tim Slater, won the Senior Cyril Gray Golf Tournament at Worplesdon in June. The pair has to have combined ages of at least 140 years old. This is the second time this pair have won the event. Our Cyril Gray team lost in the first round, but then won the Plate competition winning all their matches 3/0. Bob Durrant was the Captain and hopefully will lead us to a win next year. The

winning Cyril Gray plate team was, Bob Durrant & Edwin Silver, Martyn Palmer & Greg Choyce, Richard Wood & Charles Dimpfl (All Over 50).

The Society had 2 new matches this year against Aldeburgh and the Old Oakhamians. Perry Hunt is the Old Stoic Captain of Aldeburgh. We won most of the other matches except for Old Merchant Taylors at Moor Park. 3 matches were cancelled at the last moment and we hope to revive them next year. Lastly Chris and Nick Luddington managed to win all 3 Foursomes Trophies at the spring, summer and autumn meetings which is a first time. I hope to see as many new members as possible decide to join and play in 2008. All enquiries to, Charles Dimpfl at High Hampton, 34 Holland Road, London, NW10 5AU, 020 8963 1173, e-mail: TheDimpfls@aol.com

Charles R.Dimpfl, Hon: Secretary, O.S.G.S

Above, left to Right: Martyn Palmer, Richard Wood, Edwin Silver, Bob Durrant (Captain) Cyril Gray, Greg Choyce, Charles Dimpfl (Hon: Sec) O.S.G.S

50th Anniversary Lunch

The impression on arrival at Stowe is an invigorating sense of vitality and purpose, so dissimilar to the careworn face new arrivals witnessed back in 1953. Walking out onto the South Front Portico on a lovely summer's day was the 'Wow' experience! Do present Stoics still skate on The Octagon in winter or come summer swim in The Eleven Acre with its life threatening muddy bottom?

Lunch in Bruce house room was a special experience with all signs of the generations of boys who paid scant heed to the palatial surroundings removed. The outlook from the windows still provides opportunity to dream awhile, amazing that we ever did any work!

The Headmaster gave us a truly fascinating insight into both where Stowe stands today and his vision for the future. With the challenges, political and other, which lie ahead Stowe is indeed extremely fortunate to have such a person at the helm.

To return after 50 years was invigorating with friendships renewed, memories refreshed and truly a day to be commended to all Old Stoics.

Richard M C Lord (Bruce 1953-1957)
Son of M E C Lord, one of the first 99 entering Stowe 1923

Old Stoics in Law

An inaugural drinks party will be held for Old Stoics in Law, in the Terrace Pavilion (overlooking the river) at the House of Commons on Wednesday 16th April. It promises to provide a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with the School and other Old Stoics. Unfortunately, however, our files (particularly for

recent Old Stoics) provide only scant evidence of those who work or have worked in the legal profession. If you would be interested in coming, we would be delighted to hear from you, and will promptly send further information about the evening. Please contact Caroline Whitlock on cwhitlock@stowe.co.uk

Many thanks to all those Old Stoics who submitted news items. Please accept the Editor's apologies that, due to the overwhelming response and obvious space constraints, it has been necessary to edit some entries and to omit many photographs.

Please keep sending your entries for the next issue, keeping in mind that this section aims mainly to record news from the previous six months.

Email your entries to oldstoic@stowe.co.uk or post them to Old Stoic Office, Stowe School, Buckingham, MK18 5EH.

Sir Richard Temple Bt MC (Temple 31) We were disappointed that at the last minute Sir Richard and Lady Temple were unable to make the Queen's Visit due to medical reasons; however, he sends his best wishes to the School. It should be noted that Richard was at Stowe for Queen Mary's Visit on the 13th of June 1927.

P M F Sichel (Cobham 41) Peter sold Chateau Fourcas Hosten in Listrac-Medoc in September as it was becoming too much of a burden. He is an active member of the Worlds Monuments Fund.

J E Colbeck (Temple 42) John is campaigning at the London Institute of Education for a rewriting of the English language and philosophy.

I C Robertson (Grafton 44) Ian has had his book published. It is entitled '*A Commanding Presence. Wellington in the Peninsula 1808-1814*'.

C J Guise (Temple 48) James inherited a Baronetcy in May earlier this year following the sad demise of his elder brother, John. He has now moved to Elmore, Glos, and is building a house on the family's estate.

Sir Frank Sanderson (Chandos 52) Frank has retired for the second time after creating a charity to fund a visitor centre on the Somme Great War battlefield at Thiepval. He continues to live on a farm in Sussex.

G W A Kent (Cobham 52) George has been out to India again where Children's Homes in India Trust is now firmly established. George gave a presentation to the school on Confirmation Sunday.

KA Henderson (Chandos 53) Kenneth has a PHD for a thesis entitled '*The Passion of Christ and its Iconography in Northern Europe, c.1380-c.1520*'.

R A C Meredith (Grenville 53) Richard has reached 50 years as a Reader in the Church of England, 10 as chairman of the Leicester/Mount Kilimanjaro diocesan link and 5 as chairman of Schools Outreach & Resources.

Dr P A Andrews (Chatham 55) Peter and his wife Mugul have returned to England after living in Germany for the past 25 years, and are now living in Bristol. He continues to work for German research projects which is supported by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft.

C L Dawes (Bruce 57) Charles is currently on a joint venture to create a new form of 'thruster' for satellite and space vehicle use which does not require any fuel, instead using solar panels.

H H Faure (Cobham 57) After Howard's retirement three years ago, he has been living in Chiangmai, the second-largest city in Thailand. He teaches local children English three times a week and supports the local temple.

R S Kaufman (Bruce 58) Richard has recently formed a new company to market and distribute an

environmentally friendly ultrasonic antifouling device for all types of boats.

J G Williams (Cobham 58) John started Super Chef nearly ten years ago and now operates a home delivery service of specialised food products throughout East Anglia. Deliveries can now be made nationally by overnight courier. Visit www.super-chef.co.uk

T G Wills-Sandford (Grafton 58) Tom has been a Director of Intellect, the trade body of IT telecommunications and electronics for nearly ten years. He has been in the IT industry for around 44 years.

A C W Bone (Bruce 59) Andy is the Managing Director of the Nethergate Brewery in Suffolk, which recently launched a new beer named after him, 'Boneshaker'.

R D D Blow (Chatham 59) David had a book published, '*Persia: through writers' eyes*'. It is an anthology of mainly European writings on Persia from the Ancient Greeks to the present day.

T D A Cecil (Chandos 60) Tim recently celebrated 35 years as Managing Director and Chairman of the family business, Henry Bucks. He also celebrated 45 years with the company that he joined in 1962.

J Curwin (Grenville 60) John has recently climbed the Matterhorn and Mount Kenya.

J F Burns (Grafton 62) John Burns has been named London bureau chief for The New York Times, after heading the newspaper's bureau in Baghdad for the past five years.

A R Genth (Chatham 63) Tony has been living and working in Shenzhen, China. He is the owner of a Chinese company that is developing a cruise vacation business.

R C Clifford (Grafton 64) Six years into his circumnavigation of the world in his yacht, Shamad, Richard has reached Australia.

P H Browning (Chatham 65) Peter is currently President and CEO of Trinity Wood Capital Corporation and has recently announced the launch of the Trinity Wood Senior Life Settlement Fund.

D F Hill (Bruce 66) David would like to thank all the Old Stoics who contributed to the Cancer Research run which was held at Stowe on the 2nd of September 2007. Over £4,300 has been raised so far.

R B Swanston (Bruce 66) In 2007 Roderick was elected to serve as President of the Incorporated Society of Musicians from 2008-2009. Roderick has been a member of the ISM since 1972 and belongs to the Society's West London Centre, and he is a member of its Music in Education Section.

T R Harris (Bruce 68) Tim had his play '*The Non P.C.Q*' performed at The Rondo Theatre, Bath in March 2007.

Dr D M G Jenkins (Bruce 68) David has retired from the NHS after 30 years as a GP.

N J S James (Lyttelton 68) In December Nick will be Managing Director of Pol Roger Ltd. Also he is chairman of the Wye & Usk Foundation which is successfully restoring the habitat and fish stocks of these two river systems.

P J Olofson (Temple 68) Peter is retiring as Principal Vice President and Chief Counsel of Bechtel Oil, Gas and Chemicals, Inc. in Houston on the 31st of December 2007, after 27 years with the company.

P A Rosdol (Walpole 68) Paul has set up Valco Management LLP with three other partners.

Dr N Downing (Lyttelton 69) Nigel won the Triathlon National Long Distance Championships in his age group on the 8th of September 2007. He is planning to run for the Old Stoic charity run.

R D G Carter (Lyttelton 70) Rob has been working for the Air Accidents Investigation Branch at Farnborough since returning from the USA in 1985. He now manages AAIB investigations and investigators.

R G Griggs (Bruce 71) Robin is currently working for a Danish NGO and is based in Copenhagen, but travels fairly often to countries in Africa and Asia.

J S Sutcliffe (Chandos 71) James has set up GT40Supercars Ltd as the exclusive UK/Ireland importer of CAV GT40 road and racing cars, turning his hobby into a business.

D F McDonough (Cobham 71) David has recently become a Patron for the new charity, '*Help for Heroes*', which is raising money for wounded soldiers and their families. Also, he is chairing the first ever Royal Hospital fundraising dinner for 600 people in November.

J H Fay (Grenville 71) Hugo is currently writing documentary and feature films from London's historic Ealing Studios and is in pre-production on one of several scripts. Furthermore, he also runs a successful script consultancy.

K J Saunders (Lyttelton 71) Kevin has returned from the USA to Europe, and has settled in France where he has bought Chateau de Villars, running full board week long holidays.

D G Lucas (Grenville 72) After working at the Daily Telegraph for 12 years as Night Editor, David has joined the Evening Standard in London as Assistant Editor.

Dr J K H Wales (Temple 72) Jerry is helping to develop the national services for adolescents with chronic ill health and children with obesity on behalf of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health and the Department of Health.

A R Kennon (Grenville 73) Andrew now sits at the Table of the House in the House of Commons and provides advice on procedures.

P A Natar (Lyttelton 73) Paris' company, Gardman Ltd, was voted 'Supplier of the Year' to the UK's Garden Products Industry for an unprecedented sixth year in a row.

J P Paterson (Bruce 74) John took up the post President Marine for Rolls Royce Plc on the 1st of February 2007. He is based in London.

E R G Clarke (Cobham 74) Graham is currently Chief Executive of Miller Insurance Services Limited; Director of The Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers; and Vice President of the Insurance Institute of London.

C D Forbes-Adam (Bruce 75) To celebrate his half-century, Charlie ran the Great North Run half-marathon in Newcastle and is to raise £7,000 in total.

J Macd Cunningham (Temple 75) James is living in Cape Town with his wife Pamela. He designs tracking systems to make warehouses more efficient.

C M Drake (Walpole 75) Chris has become the first President of the Association for Living Values

Foundation International, which networks educationists in about 80 countries and offers courses in values-based education.

C R Shackleton (Chandos 76) Charles and his wife Miranda will be celebrating twenty years of being in the handmade furniture and pottery business in Bridgewater, Vermont, USA.

J S Morton (Grafton 76) After securing the distribution rights in the UK for Trophy Boats, John has moved to Hampshire with his family.

G J A Bell (Grenville 76) Greg has a development company which has projects in the London Docklands, Portugal, Germany and Thailand.

H L Goodall (Lyttelton 76) Howard has been appointed 'National Ambassador for Singing' to lead a nationwide programme of singing in every primary school. His award-winning Channel 4 documentary series continued in 2007 with How Music Works.

R Elliott (Chandos 77) Robin is running a farm in Pembrokeshire nowadays and has four 5* holiday cottages to let on the coast.

A D Lomas (Cobham 77) On the 1st of July 2007, Anthony was ordained in the Church of England by Michael Perham, the Bishop of Gloucester. He is now serving as Assistant Curate in the Coln River Group of Parishes, covering nine villages near Cheltenham in the Cotswolds.

Mrs A J Barrett (Stanhope 77) Alison is married with two children, one boy who is 16 and a girl who is 12. She lives in London and is teaching at Putney High School.

D F C Thomas (Chatham 78) David was a finalist for the Business Entrepreneurial and Business Innovation categories at the AustCham Australia China Business Awards 2007.

Lt Col A E H Worsley (Grafton 78) Lieutenant Colonel Henry Worsley returned from a tour of Afghanistan last year. In 2008 he will lead the Shackleton Centenary Expedition to the South Pole along the 900 mile original route of 1908. The party will be made up of direct descendents of the original party.

J N Birt-Llewellyn (Chandos 79) Nigel and his wife Fiona have retired to their farm in Pembrokeshire after 27 years in The City.

J D W Bridgwood (Cobham 79) John has left the Old Stoic Office after 7 years to move to the Far East.

M Hope (Cobham 79) Marc has become engaged to Margaret De La Poer Beresford.



P J B Dunham (Grenville 79) Peter is opening his first retail showroom in Los Angeles called 'Hollywood at Home' (www.hollywoodathome.com). It will sell his lines of textiles, wallpapers, vintage furniture and lighting.

A P Beney (Grafton 80) Adrian has recently been installed as one of the two Lay members of the Chapter of Durham Cathedral.

P J Dredge (Cobham 81) Peter is currently three-quarters of the way through a construction of 20 apartments overlooking Fort Jesus on Mombasa Island.

M C Streeton (Grafton 81) In September 2007, Matthew joined Standard Chartered Bank in Singapore as a private banker dealing with expatriate clients.

G S Jackson (Grenville 81) Giles has recently cremated his 150th horse as part of his Equine and Pet Services business.

A W R Dangar (Temple 81) Adrian set up Wild and Exotic in 2001, a company which specialises in bespoke travel to Africa, India and South America. He would like to add that any Old Stoic who books a holiday before the 1st of January 2009 will be eligible for a 5% discount off the published price.

W T Paynter-Bryant (Temple 81) William is an investment banker in Geneva, managing the assets of some of the world's wealthiest individuals.

R M E Adam (Grenville 82) Robert is still landlord of The Swan at Marbury, South Cheshire. He will be getting married in August 2008 to Miss Clarissa Edge of Nantwich, Cheshire.

M J Cazalet (Grenville 82) Mark has begun work on an engraved glass door for the new Stowe Chapel prayer space and is currently working on an altar frontal for Holy Trinity Church, Bosham.

J M J Royden (Grenville 82) John Royden is now working with Old Stoics Mickey Petley, Charles Romilly and Alexander Jones at The ECU Group plc.

C B Hopkinson-Woolley (Temple 82) Charles now works for Deephaven Capital Management, a global multi-strategy hedge fund group with offices in Minneapolis, London and Hong Kong.

A C Hine (Walpole 82) Andrew has just returned from playing in the first ever Polo Tournament in China (The Nine Dragons Hill Polo Club, Shanghai).

R J Wolstenholme (Grenville 83) Robert married an Old Stoic's daughter, Fiona Wilson. They have three children and Robert is now a Principal at Resolution Property, a private equity based property investment company buying shopping centres and office buildings across the UK and in Europe.

A J Gee-Turner (Bruce 84) Adrian is now working in Japan for the HQ of Omron Healthcare in Kyoto. He is the first non-Japanese manager in the company.

D J Q Boardman (Grenville 84) Duncan works in insurance at Lloyd's in London and is an officer in the Honourable Artillery Company.

Miss J G da Silva (Stanhope 84) Jo has recently been promoted to Director of Arup, working with developing countries.

Mrs E A Hunt (Stanhope 84) Elizabeth completed the London Marathon, raising over £4,000 for Whizz-Kidz.

J R A Glennie (Temple 84) In April 2007, James started work as Director of Business Development at the Wind Energy Institute of Canada. The company aims to increase the amount of wind energy which is integrated into electricity networks.

Dr M A Rossiter (Cobham 85) In August, Mike was elected as one of the Founder Fellows of the new UK faculty of Sports and Exercise Medicine. Also, he has been selected as team doctor for GB hockey, travelling to the Beijing Olympics next year.

A H B Smith (Cobham 85) After taking up archery eight years ago, Alex and his partner Andrea became members of the Isle of Wight Archery Team at the XII Island Games in Rhodes in June/July. Alex came fifth in the Gentleman's Compound FITA and Andrea made it to the bronze playoff in the Ladies compound head to head.

R T B Royden (Grenville 85) Richard recently moved from UBS to J P Morgan as Head of European Risk Arbitrage. He has also co-founded a Russian agricultural enterprise which owns and farms land in the Black Earth region of Southern Russia.

D Ellul (Temple 85) Darien is now Head of Business Development for OSG Records Management Group who is responsible for its operations in Russia, Bulgaria, Turkey, Kazakhstan, Saudi Arabia & China.

A M Hale (Chandos 86) Andrew has completed his Doctorate in Psychology and has qualified as a Chartered Counselling Psychologist, working at a private clinic in Surrey.

N M Fincham (Cobham 86) Nick has a new role at the Canadian company, Genesis Worldwide, a software/construction company with the responsibility to find licensees for their technology.

C W W Marshall (Grenville 86) Chris is currently the Global IT Projects Director for Corporate & Public Finance at Fitch Ratings.

M J Williams (Cobham 87) Michael has been living in Singapore for seven and a half years and married an Australian woman called Kim in 2003. They have since had three children together.

Mrs C R Ross (Nugent 88) After living in Canada and the United States since leaving Stowe, Clare has moved to London with her husband, Bruce, and two sons, Thomas (age 7) and James (age 5). They are living in Richmond while Bruce works for IBM and the boys attend Ibstock Place School.

F C Hawkings-Byass (Cobham 89) Freddie got married to Louise in May 2000. In December 2003, they had a child, Tilly. Freddie is currently working for TowergateTLC Insurances in Leamington Spa in commercial broking.

N W S Brenchley (Grafton 89) Nick is currently an Area HR manager with Boots the Chemists. He is working in the Home Counties area.

M B Johnstone (Lyttelton 89) Miles works for Lloyds Insurance Broker, AON Limited, as a Director of their Crisis Management Division, which specialises in providing risk solutions for emerging markets, trade and investment. Also, Miles skips the Goldsmiths yacht in the annual inter-livery Company 'Great Twelve Sailing Challenge'.

S E Montford (Temple 89) Simon Montford is Entrepreneur in residence at Edinburgh University in the Artificial Intelligence Applications Institute of the School of Informatics.

J P Smith (Bruce 90) Jason is founder and director of JPS Print Consultants which was formed in July 2000.

P J Hale (Chandos 90) Peter is a Managing Director at JP Morgan investment bank and is living in Hong Kong with his wife Alexandra and daughter Camilla.

M W Pumfrey (Chandos 90) Matt set up MWP Consulting in 2006, an environmental consultancy specialising in the waste and recycling sectors.

M C G Atkinson (Chatham 90) Marcus is based in Silverstone and is involved in classic and historic race cars. He is part of the sponsors for the London to Brighton Veteran Car Run, which is the oldest car run in the world.



J C Steel (Grenville 90) Jojo is working as a full time magician known as Johnny Magic entertaining children and adults alike. He has been in several plays and one movie production over the past year.

M J Snyder (Bruce 91) James passed an ISO9000 assessment certificate in Linux administration. Also, he attained a degree at King's College, London which included Computing and Humanities.

K S Reed (Cobham 91) As Online Manager and UK consumer spokesman for Trend Micro Ltd, Keith has been quoted in much of the national and industry press talking about internet security and ID theft.

J L E Agostini (Grafton 91) Luc is currently a forensic accountant with Marsh Ltd. He lives in Oxford and is married to Manuela Lima with two children, Gabriel, five, and Beatrice who is two years old.

C S C Pelham-Reid (Grafton 91) Christopher recently got engaged to Maria Aviles Santillana and the wedding will be in Madrid in June. He is currently working as a business hospitality manager at Lloyds TSB head office in the City in London.

Miss E N Airikkala (Nugent 91) Natalie owns and runs a country dining pub in the Chiltern Hills near Henley-on-Thames. It is called 'The Five Horseshoes' and is in Maidensgrove.

W L C Morris (Walpole 91) Will is currently working for one of Cornwall's pre-eminent property developers and currently working on a fascinating stadium project.

G M Boyd (Bruce 92) Graham has emigrated to Australia and bought an avocado plantation.

R H Barrage (Lyttelton 92) Rafic was recently promoted to the position of Partner in the Washington, DC, office of the international law firm of Mayer Brown, LLP, where he specialises in advising multinational companies on U.S. international tax issues.

Mrs N L H Spence (Stanhope 92) Nanette is living in Perth, Australia with her husband John and daughter Amelia. She and her husband are behind Karma resorts and Karma Kandra is due to open in Bali in December.

N D Smith (Bruce 93) After a research fellowship at the Huntington Library in Los Angeles, Nicholas joined the Victoria & Albert Museum as an archivist. His book, *The Literary Manuscripts and Letters of Hannah More*, will be published in 2008.

J A R Utley (Chandos 93) Jack is currently working in the City as an Associate Director for Barclays Capital in e-commerce and online trading.

J M P Shasha (Chatham 93) Justin has just started a new job as a Managing Consultant at Troika Financial Services Consulting which is based in Jermyn Street.

M D Sadler (Grafton 93) Matt is currently refurbishing and rebranding a small boutique hotel in the Dutch West Indies. He has been living in the Caribbean since 2006 as a Management Consultant for the hotel, Mary's Boon Beach Resort, Residence and Spa.

J G K Anderson (Walpole 94) Jonathan and his wife Nina are expecting their first child in December. Also, Jonathan has recently returned to the military world as a Business Analyst for Defence Force Recruitment in Australia.

C M G Ross (Walpole 94) Cameron has recently returned from honeymoon in Australia after marrying Helen at his village church in Crick, Northamptonshire.

D R Langford (Cobham 95) David has recently rejoined Memery Crystal Solicitors as an associate where he specialises in corporate finance.

Y T J Cheng (Grenville 95) Regarding his music interest, Jason has his own trio and has a gig 2-3 times a week in Hong Kong. Last Christmas he released a CD and appears regularly on the TV and radio as a performing artist.

Ms J J Childs (Lyttelton 95) Jessie has published her first book, *'Henry VIII's Last Victim: The Life and Times of Henry Howard, Earl of Surrey'*, which won her the Elizabeth Longford Prize for Historical Biography, 2007.

Miss J T Ridge (Lyttelton 95) Jenny had a son born in November 2006 named Rafe. Jenny also owns and runs a marketing company called Busy Growing Ltd, which specialises in helping young and growing businesses.

S C H Vaughan (Bruce 96) Sholto has recently completed an MBO of Managed hosting services company Virtual Internet UK Ltd.

N D Barrington Wells (Chandos 96) Nick is working as a PR manager in The Langham Hotel in London and would like to see Old Stoics in The Landau (new restaurant) which opened in November.

A M Di Majo (Chandos 96) Alberto has moved from Milan where he had been living for the past four years to Brussels, working for the same company, Cushman & Wakefield.

H G Tittley (Chandos 96) Henry is currently a Director for Marketing and Sales for a Private Security Company called Oriel Solutions. He is hoping to break the world hot air balloon altitude record in the next two years.

P S B Pomeroy (Grenville 96) Peter runs the family resort of La Reserve on Praslin Island in the Seychelles.

Miss J A S Haefts (Lyttelton 96) Since spring 2007, Julia has been working as a self-employed lawyer in Dusseldorf, Germany. Furthermore, she is working on her doctoral thesis.

R R Vere Nicoll (Chatham 97) Rory is engaged to Nicky Frost (Nugent 93), wedding on the 31st May 2008.

Charles D Woods (Grafton 97) Congratulations to Charles who has got engaged to Miss Susanne Pope.

C E V Williams (Grenville 97) Charlie is currently serving with his Regiment, the Irish Guards, in Iraq on Operation Telic 10. He is coming to the end of a long six months.

R C B Hignett (Bruce 98) Richard has recently formed a property development company with his brother and a friend. Also his daughter Cerys recently turned 7 in October.

A M Lockhart Smith (Chatham 98) Alistair completed the London Marathon earlier this year and is now working towards the Three Peaks Challenge.

M O Bowman (Cobham 98) Took part in the London to Canterbury stage of the Tour de France and cycled from St Louis, Missouri to Richmond, Virginia (1200 miles in 11 days) to raise money for Richard House, a hospice for sick children in East London.

K D R Byfield (Grafton 98) Kristjan has just launched a second business. Spectrum Inventories provides professional inventories to residential properties within the M25.

D Redzepagic (Grenville 98) Denis is currently based in Zagreb, Croatia, working at the Institute of Economics as a research assistant in the department of microeconomics and management. He is on a PhD course and is hoping to attain his PhD during the next year from the Faculty of Economics at the Split University.

Miss A Brahimi (Nugent 98) Alia has received her PHD in International Relations at Oxford University.

N E Mullineux (Walpole 98) Nicholas is embarking on a Round the World Yacht Race to raise money for Save the Children. He will be covering 35,000 miles over 10 months. The Clipper race left on the 16th of



September 2007 and will finish in early July 2008, just in time for Nick to marry his fiancée Philippa Tatchell in August 2008. More information can be found at www.nicksclipperchallenge.org

S J Lyle (Chandos 99) Samuel and former Old Stoic Josh Lyle (Chandos 97) are working in London together, selling home grown Christmas trees.

C J V Chute (Cobham 99) Charlie now works at Savills in the London headquarters as a member of the Country Department, dealing with Prime Country houses.

Miss M K Katto (Lyttelton 99) Melissa is currently studying for her fourth degree, an MA in Human Resource Management. Also, she will be getting engaged next year on the 8th of August.

R A J Clapham (Temple 99) Richard has recently qualified as a solicitor specialising in real estate and tax. His firm is based in London's West End.

E C Tighe (Chandos 00) Edward is working for the commercial department of Cluttons in London, having passed his APC in October and is now a MRICS.

Miss S C E Clark (Lyttelton 00) Sally is currently working as a Sales Support Manager for a database company while continuing her musical interests through teaching the flute and piano in her spare time.

D A S Gordon (Bruce 02) Dominic graduated from Leeds Met with a 2:1 in International Hospitality Management. He ran the London Marathon and has done a charity abseil in Leeds. Also, he has set up his own property business, Gordon & Cocks Properties.

T D Butcher (Chandos 02) Tom is currently a Games designer at Full Fat in Coventry and has recently finished *The Sims 2: Castaway* on the Nintendo DS.

A S M S Dietz (Chatham 02) Alex is currently living in New York and working for Citigroup. His area is private wealth management.

Miss J L Harris (Lyttelton 02) Jo is now working at Blenheim Palace as an Event Planner.

Miss M C Okoro (Lyttelton 02) Marilyn recently ran the best 800m race of her career at the VTB World Athletics Final in Stuttgart. Her solid performance moves her to the top of this year's UK rankings.



Miss A M Galvin (Nugent 02) Allegra graduated from a post-graduate course in Directing from RADA and is now working as the assistant to the Artistic Director at the Battersea Arts Centre. She is also directing the London Children's Ballet production of Jane Eyre at the Sadler's Well Peacock Theatre in May.

Miss R S L Armitage (Lyttelton 03) Rosie has graduated with a first class degree in Costume for the Performing Arts at the London College of Fashion.

M Hanbury-Tenison (Temple 03) Along with James Kayll (Walpole '00), Merlin is currently serving a six month tour in Afghanistan in The Light Dragoons, a Formation Reconnaissance Cavalry Regiment.

M H Randall (Bruce 04) Matt graduated from Manchester University in the summer with a BEng (Hons) degree in Aeronautical Engineering.

E P T Page (Grenville 04) Edward recently graduated from Newcastle University with a BA Hons 2:1 class degree in geography and has gained a place at the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst.

X H Keenan (Bruce 05) Xavier is currently living in Paris for a year working for a language learning company before coming back to the UK to finish his degree.

M A Nelson (Bruce 05) Mark is among 8 players who are travelling to India's World Academy for cricket development following the success of winning the Young Player of the Year Award.

Miss M E Cottee (Nugent 05) Marielle was awarded Double First Class Honours in her Preliminary Examinations in English and Modern Languages (German) at end of last academic year at Oxford University.

J W A Randall-Coath (Bruce 06) James will shortly be going on tour to the Middle East and South Africa to film an up and coming band, Ason, after finishing a year at the Metropolitan Film School at Ealing Studios.

K Leon (Temple 06) Keith is now part of the Royal Holloway University's Societies Federation Committee for 07/08 as the Music and Arts representative. Also, at Royal Holloway he is Treasurer for the Drama Society.

The Rev T M Hastie Smith Tim, who is Headmaster of Dean Close School, has been elected Chairman of the HMC (Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference) for the academic year 2008-09.

Marriages

J I Holt (Chatham 50) Iain married Rachael Holt on the 13th of October 2007 in Blairgowrie, Perthshire. He lives in Edinburgh with three children, Harry, Chloe and Max.

L G B Williamson (Temple 56) Lorne Williamson and Sharon Collins celebrated their marriage on the 3rd of August 2007, at Corpus Christi College and the University Arms Hotel in Cambridge. Sharon is Director of Continuing Professional Education for the University of Cambridge, and Lorne runs a property development company and pursues his interest in Photography which was kindled at Stowe.

A E C Briant (Bruce 84) On the 15th of September 2007, Andrew married Lucy Yates of Shropshire. They had a lovely honeymoon in California.

J C Darnborough (Lyttelton 87) James married Rebecca Cooper near Henley-on-Thames on 16th of June 2007. They live in Fremantle, Western Australia.



J P Smith (Bruce 90) Jason married Yolanda Martin Garcia on the 10th of September 2005.

H J D B Worthy (Lyttelton 90) Henry married Delia House on the 27th of October 2007 at Johns Church, Upper Hale in Farnham, Surrey.

S P Shahani (Lyttelton 92) Shyam married Rajkumari on the 16th April 2006. Their daughter Raveena was born on the 15th December 2006.

J A R Utley (Chandos 93) Jack recently got married to Emily Louise Boulstridge on the 15th of September.

P E Brown (Grafton 93) Peter got married on the 14th of June to Joanna Felicity Ashcroft at the All Saints Church in Great Harrowden, Northamptonshire.

S P G Murray (Grenville 93) Simon was married on the 4th October 2007 to Miss Amelia Beaumont at the Temple Church London and the reception was held at St James's Palace. Amelia is the sister of Michael Beaumont who is in the Lower Sixth in Chatham.

Miss S K J Acland (Nugent 93) Susannah married Alexander Acland on 21 July 2007. Old Stoics in attendance, Katie Houghton (Nugent 93), Sophie Fox (Nugent 93), Justin Shasha (Chatham 93), Giles Thompson (Chatham 93) and Adrian James (Grenville 93).

R W Elwes (Chatham 94) Rupert got married earlier this summer to Melanie Kantorowicz in the Loire Valley, France.

Miss C J Chester-Read (Lyttelton 94) Cressida got married at Stowe Chapel and held the reception at Stowe House in August.

R B Calvocoressi (Chatham 95) Rupert got married to Alix Stuart-Bruges (Nugent 95) on the 8th of September 2007 in France. There were 18 Old Stoics in attendance.



Tom Chambre (Grafton 95) & Sophia Calvert (Lyttelton 95) were married on the 24th of June 2006 near Dorking in Surrey. There were 26 Old Stoics present.



S C H Vaughan (Bruce 96) Sholto married Victoria C Pilling on the 7th of July 2007 in Lingford, Surrey.

A J M Campbell (Cobham 96) Angus married Katrina Haddock on Saturday, the 6th of October. Currently, he is Head of Sales & Operations at London Capital Group.

Mrs L Chaves (Nugent 96) Leila married Anthony Chaves on the 23rd of June 2007 in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. She is currently living in New York City and is doing a Masters Degree in Strategic Communications at Columbia University.

N M Mlinaric (Temple 96) Max married Rewa O'Neill on the 7th July 2007 in Somerset; in attendance were 31 Old Stoics.



A J A Reith-Hennessy (Cobham 97) Alistair Reith-Hennessy got married to Laura Angell, in Iringa, Southern Tanzania. Old Stoics in attendance were Mark Worrall (Bestman (Cobham 97)), Nicola Myatt-Taylor (Bridesmaid (Lyttelton 95)), Ushers: Luke Woods (Walpole 97), Simon Maude-Roxby (Cobham 97).



Mrs L M Whatcott (Lyttelton 97) Lucy got married to Jim Whatcott on the 2nd of August 2007. Together they live in London and Lucy has been working at Christie's for the past four years.

Mrs T E H Mayer (Nugent 01) Theodora von Schröder married Matthäus G. Mayer of Vienna, Austria on the 6th of October 2007 in the Parish Church, Cirencester. They are currently living in Munich.



L N Buckworth (Bruce 02) Louis married Chloe Delevingne on the 7th of September 2007 at St Paul's, Knightsbridge.

Births

R A Brydon (Bruce 72) Alex has a new son, Arthur Caspar James Brydon born on the 13th of April 2007. Arthur is brother to Daisy, James and Henry.

P R J Allen (Grenville 74) Philip had a son born, Wilfred on the 11th of June 2007

T E Smith (Cobham 84) Tim and his wife Tanya celebrated the birth of their daughter Sophie on the 21st of May 2007 in Bergerac, a sister for Freddie and Oliver.

D J Q Boardman (Grenville 84) On the 1st of September 2007, his wife Charlotte gave birth to their son Freddie, younger brother of Daniel.

N H Grice (Temple 85) Nigel and his wife Sophie have had a daughter Eleanor Alice Grice, born on the 29th of May 2007.

M K L Saw (Bruce 86) Mark and his wife Janet have just witnessed the arrival of the latest addition to the Saw family, who was born on the 3rd of October 2007.

M H Ellman-Brown (Lyttelton 86) Harvey is pleased to announce the birth of his daughter, Isabella May, born on the 23rd of April 2007.

J P Bingham (Bruce 88) Bunny Bingham was born to Johnny and Lizzie, sister to Lottie and Archie, on the 27th of December 2006.

W W M Chambré (Grafton 88) Will and Sarah's daughter Constance was born on the 11 of May 2007, a sister for Jack and Ned. Will is Managing Partner at Belfast-based Chambré Public Affairs LLP.

A Wolcough (Temple 88) Alex and his wife Samantha (Nugent 90) are happy to announce the arrival of baby girl, Yasmin, born on the 12th of July 2007. Yasmin joins two other sisters, Sasha and Kira.

M C St J Croisdale-Appleby (Bruce 89) Mycroft is married to Penelope, and they have recently had a son, Horatio, on the 29th of May 2007. They are currently living in Dakar, Senegal.

The Revd A C N Bewes (Chandos 89) Anthony and his wife Nicola had a son, Edward, born on the 14th of April 2007, who is the brother for Eloise.

A T Talbot Rice (Cobham 89) Alexander and his wife Annabel are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Iona Hermione Talbot Rice, born on the 27th of June 2006.

M P Stiebel (Grafton 89) Mark and his wife Karis have had a baby girl, Amelia Marina Stiebel born on the 5th of July 2007.

P W Joynson-Hicks (Lyttelton 89) Paul's wife Catherine gave birth to Molly Elizabeth Joynson-Hicks on the 27th of September 2007. They currently reside in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Mrs C E L Wallis (Stanhope 89) Catherine and her husband James are pleased to welcome their first child, Eliza Caroline Ann Wallis, who was born on the 1st of September 2007.

J P Smith (Bruce 90) Jason and his wife Yolanda had their first son, Alejandro, who was born on the 25th of June 2007.

M C G Atkinson (Chatham 90) Marcus and his wife Tiggy have had a second son, Harry, born on the 26th of June 2007, a brother for Archie.

K S Reed (Cobham 91) Connor James Reed was born 1st June 2007 to Keith Reed and Anisha Reed, he is the brother to Alana.

T J Scarff (Grenville 91) Tim and his wife Mary have a new son, Barnaby Thomas, born on the 6th of June 2007.

Mrs I A Finlator (Nugent 91) Isabel gave birth to a daughter, Amber Finlator on the 30th of April 2007, sister to William and Sam.

R H Barrage (Lyttelton 92) Rafic and his wife Alexandra are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Amir Hadi Rafic Barrage on the 29th of June 2007.

R J W Hedges (Temple 94) Richard and Michaela's daughter Sasha was born on the 17th May 2007.

D R Langford (Cobham 95) David got married to Chloe in May 2006, and has since had their first child, a boy, named Harry on the 3rd of June 2007.

Mrs G C T Ford (Nugent 95) Genevieve and her husband Ray are pleased to announce the arrival of their first baby, Gabriella Xian Li Ford, who was born on the 29th of June 2007.

Mrs D Patterson (Nugent 95) Deanne recently gave birth to a beautiful boy, Rocco James, on the 25th of May 2007.

Mrs E M R Peacock (Lyttelton 96) Lizzy and her husband Nicholas had their first child, Anna Marie Peacock on the 17th August 2007.

Deaths

G P Shelmerdine (Grenville 38) on the 5th October 2007.

The Right Hon Lord Nathan (Chatham 41) on the 19th July 2007.

Dr E M M Besterman (Walpole 42) on the 3rd November 2007.

B W Guest (Bruce 43) on the 29th May 2007.

D G Forsyth (Grafton 43) on the 20th October 2007.

A George Melly (Cobham 44) on the 5th July 2007.

Dr J R Eve (Grenville 44) on the 23rd August 2007.

G P Lloyd (Bruce 45) on the 18th June 2007.

D A Paton (Grenville 46) on the 25th September 2006.

G E Samson (Grenville 48) on the 7th April 2007.

Peter E Leslie (Chatham 49) on the 27th September 2007.

A G A T Laing (Bruce 50) on the 17th May 2007.

G F Appleton (Grenville 51) on the 19th March 2007.

P A Swindell (Grafton 52) on the 21st August 2007.

A G Barbour (Chandos 56) on the 11th October 2007.

D R White (Temple 56) on the 18th June 2007.

G S S Allen (Temple 59) on the 6th August 2007.

M T Brown (Grafton 63) on the 3rd June 2007.

R D Rayman (Grenville 65) on the 8th September 2007.

Mrs N D James (Stanhope 76) on the 11th October 2007.

M A Schuitemaker (Chandos 88) on the 28th June 2007.

Sir Edward Tomkins (94) on the 20th September 2007.

A J A Reith-Hennessy (Cobham 97) on the 8th November 2007.

T G Sowerby (Bruce 02) on the 14th July 2007.



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Boys' Sport: A Gre

Boys sport this term is dominated by our key sport rugby. After last year's successful side the 1st XV have found the going tough this term. A difficult pre-season saw them play both the English and Scottish Cup favourites, St Benedict's and Merchiston Castle respectively. Confidence slipped away before half-term but after returning from the break back-to-back wins over Beaumont School and The Oratory have restored some of their pride. The Colts have been doing well with notable wins over Oundle, St Edward's and John Cleveland this term and much promise is shown for the years ahead. The Junior Colts are still coming to terms with the physical demands of the game but there are some particularly good backs to look out for in the future, Michael Platts-Martin, George Iggulden, James Blackham and Nicolas Du Bois De Montule. The following boys have represented the surrounding Counties, George Hunter, Luke Rust, Ronnie Speakman, Jarvis Prestidge, Jamie Knight and Will Richardson. Ronnie has gone on to reach the South West Division.

The Yearlings have had a difficult start to their hockey programme and although results have been hard to come by Mr Pickersgill feels this group of boys show a great deal of promise, in particular Henry Rudd has made an exceptional start. The

Celebrity Cricket Dinner & Auction

The State Dining Room was full to bursting as more than 180 guests assembled for the Gala Cricket Dinner, held on Friday 12 October in aid of the forthcoming 1st XI tour to Grenada. Little wonder when the guests of honour were such cricketing luminaries as former England cricketers Alec Stewart and Graeme Gooch and Allan Lamb. Guests could also rub shoulders with other cricketing 'friends of Stowe' including David Capel (England and Northants), Ed Smith (England and current Middlesex captain), Jon Batty (Surrey) and up-and-coming Old Stoic Mark Nelson (Northants).

After a champagne reception and a wonderful meal, the guests and their money soon became parted as John 'Fingers' Fingleton (Old Stoic and renowned auctioneer) started to



at deal of promise

Development Hockey has had some mixed results but it is providing an excellent vehicle for keeping our senior hockey enthusiasts ticking over and they should be ready to hit the ground running after Christmas.

In our other sports there have been successes scattered around various tournaments and it is encouraging to note the enthusiasm and dedication many of our boys put in away from the key sports. In the Chiltern League U17 Cross Country the School finished 3rd out of 18 competing schools. In Badminton the School has enjoyed home and away wins with Uppingham. At the Evesham Head of the River rowing event Riley Curtis and Jonathan Wale finished 2nd in the U18 Double Skulls and Hugh Gallie, Jonathan Wale, Conor Curtis finished 2nd, 3rd and 4th in the U18 Single Skulls event. In the Fives ladder competition between King Edward's, Birmingham and Uppingham, Isi Madojemu finished top of the ladder with Stowe finishing second overall. On the soccer field our 1st XI beat the Old Stoics.

Finally I should mention that although approaching deep mid winter, the cricket tour party to Grenada have been working hard in the nets. They leave for Grenada on 11 December for a 10 day spell and we wish them well.

Alan Hughes, Head of Boys' Games

weave his magic over the room as the charity auction began. With some fabulous lots on offer, it was nevertheless remarkable that a total of £14,000 was raised. This money will support both the Stowe tour and the charity 'Chance to Shine' which seeks to develop cricket in Maintained schools.

The highlight of the evening was a Q&A session with our three guests of honour. The topics, some serious some libelous, kept the audience entertained. Towards the end of the evening, it fell to Alec Stewart to talk to the boys present about the privilege of touring, something I am sure that those lucky enough to have been selected will not forget on the travels.

The success of the evening was in no small measure down to the tireless work of James Knott who organised the evening superbly, and to the generosity of all those who supported the event.

David Fletcher, Registrar

Polo: Recognition for Services Rendered

The Duvall Cup, awarded by SUPA, the Schools and Universities Polo Association, for services and commitment to school's polo, was awarded to William Randall-Coath at the SUPA Schools National Tournament at the beginning of the summer. Due to poor weather, the event was postponed until the summer holidays; however, with only one of our 1st team in the country at the time, Stowe could not enter a team. In Will's absence, the Association awarded him the Duvall Cup for his 'commitment to schools' polo, services to the running of Stowe Polo and politeness and sportsmanship on and off the



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pitch.' Will says: "Needless to say, this is a huge honour, and I feel that it is not just about me, but about Stowe Polo as a whole. Our team is one of the most notably friendly and without conflict teams in the Schools circle, leaving Stowe with an air of outgoingness and sociability which, I believe, is one that would be hard to match from any other school."

Girls' Sport: Enjoying success at all levels

Girls' games continues to flourish at Stowe with our teams enjoying success at all levels. We have an abundance of ex-internationals now in charge of the girls' teams and this, coupled with an enthusiasm that emanates from our senior captains, we are reaping the benefits of top class coaching and talented individuals choosing Stowe over and above other co-ed and single sex schools.

Under the efficient captaincy of Pippa Russell (1st team) and Anna Jackson (2nd team) our Senior hockey players started the term with an impressive win at the Pangbourne tournament, bringing the trophy to Stowe for the first time. At Senior level, Abby Webb, Sarah Worssam, Hannah Jackman and Laura Grossick have been regulars on the score sheet. Equally, our Juniors have lost only one game this term and regularly produce scores more akin to a lacrosse match than hockey. They have impressively scored 19 goals in their opening four matches and conceded just one with Zara Nicholls scoring 8 of these! The U14's have enjoyed an immensely successful season thus far and remain undefeated as the term draws to a close. The 'A' side have scored 14 goals with the most notable win being a 6-0 thrashing of Pangbourne. The 'B' side are a tenacious group and their boundless enthusiasm has helped them achieve some notable victories. Their 7-0 defeat of Marlborough in particular stands out. The County Cup beckons for all age groups and we have total confidence that they will feature at all levels in the rounds after Christmas.

County Representation:

U17: Abby Webb (England U16 Vice Captain, South U17); **U17:** Laura Grossick; **U16:** Zara Nicholls; **U15:** Jose Brake

The lacrosse teams have moved into the premier league this year. However, it is not always the case in sport that extreme effort will automatically bring you success in the form of tangible awards. The lacrosse 1st team narrowly missed out on a trophy at the Berkhamsted 8's and even closer at the Midlands Tournament. However, without exception, every team has produced some of the

best lacrosse seen at Stowe. Excellent victories over Malvern, Alice Ottley, St Helen's and St Katherine's, Wycombe, Bedford and Haileybury have moved the girls into an enviable spot. Our 2nd and U14 XI are so far unbeaten and our U15's and 1st team have lost only 3 games between them. They have been ably led by Chloe Crisp (1st XI), Jess Waddington (2nd XI) and Jose Brake for the Juniors. We move closer to National Schools and hope that a tour to Prague in the summer will be possible for our extremely talented juniors.

County Representation:

U18: Chloe Crisp, Kate Macnamara, Sophie Loyd, Vicky Elliott, Georgia Lowther, Lucy de Roeper

Despite the majority of our girls representing Stowe in our two key sports, the other sports still have their place in the timetable. Girls are competing in badminton, fives and swimming with netball entering the sports arena for the Seniors next term. The standard of girls swimming is high and numbers at training have been boosted by the addition of our new girls' House. As I write the girls are training for the Stowe Inter Schools Gala in which we have girls representing Stowe at Junior, Intermediate and Senior level. Tennis continues to happen throughout the winter with coaching taking place on Sundays.

As Head of Girls' Games, I am confident that we are moving in the right direction. We have enthusiastic, talented staff, motivated and well drilled Stoics and the 2nd astro will be in place next term to expand our facilities. There is still work to be done, but we can hold our heads up high and confidently state that we are a force to be reckoned with on the games field.

Jayne Duckett, Head of Girls' Games



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And so it all began... preparations for the Royal visit



Stoics, staff and many of our guests gathered on the North Front to say farewell as the sun was setting on what had been a truly memorable day.



Events diary:

We provide a selection of dates of interest to members of the Stowe Community, who are welcome to attend these and other events held at Stowe. Contacts for obtaining further information are given below.

28 January 08	Music Scholarship – Assessment / Audition
2 February 08	Campaign for Stowe Donors' Party at Stowe
3–6 February 08	Roxburgh Scholarship – An 'All Rounder' award
4 February 08	Sport Scholarship – Assessment Day
5 February 08	Prep School Choral Festival
25–27 February 08	ISEB Common Academic Scholarship
27 February 08	Art Scholarship – Portfolio & practical test
1 March 08	Open Morning – Lower School (13+ entry)
5–12 March 08	Prep School Art Exhibition (Opening Reception, 8 March 2008)
16 April 08	Old Stoics in Law Drinks Party at the House of Commons
19 April 08	40th Anniversary Dinner at Stowe – for those who left in 1968
19 April 08	AS Fair (for new L6 2008 pupils)
26 April 08	Yorkshire and Humberside Reunion
26 April 08	Open Morning – Upper School (16+ entry for 2009)
8 May 08	Old Stoic Dinner at BAFTA, London
17 May 08	Open Morning – Lower School (13+ entry)
24 May 08	Speech Day
14 June 08	Old Stoic Golf Tournament at Stowe
19 June 08	Prep School Instrumental Day
27 June 08	Roger Hodgson – the legendary voice of Supertramp – on the South Front at Stowe (tbc)
1 July 08	Roxburgh Society Lunch at Stowe
19–27 July 08	Templars Cricket Week at Stowe
17 Sept 08	50th Anniversary Lunch at Stowe, for those who left in 1958
27 Sept 08	Old Stoic Reunion, for those who left between 1975 and 1985
4 Oct 08	25th Anniversary Dinner, for those who left in 1983

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