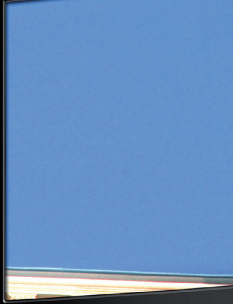


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7 June 2011

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Welcome to the first edition of *The Corinthian*, a publication dedicated to Old Stoics and their news.

As the Society goes from strength to strength, with more events, better organised sports clubs, increased support for recent leavers and improved communications, it is only fitting that we now have our very own members' magazine.

2010 was a very successful year for the Society. We organised 12 very popular events, improved the quality of our communications, increased the prize fund for the Old Stoic Gap Year Scholarships and increased our contributions to OS Sport. We completed the Data Census, which led us to begin the design phase of the new Business Network Forum – where, amongst a plethora of functions, Old Stoics will be able to browse and promote their businesses, advertise and look for job opportunities.

Although this publication is new, it has retained and improved on the more popular elements of its predecessor – *The Column*. Areas such as OS News, Births and Marriages still exist but with more pages we have been able to incorporate more of what you have sent in. We have also been able to include more in-depth obituaries than we have in the past. We have not, however, been able to include obituaries on all the deaths of which we have been made aware. The recent Data Census has sadly uncovered many more than we expected. However, I hope that the obituaries we have included show the diverse contributions Old Stoics have made to the world.

This magazine also includes a number of key feature articles which I hope you find interesting. Thank you to Kate Reardon (Nugent 87), recently appointed Editor of Tatler, for taking the time to interview Michael Grade (Grafton 61) and gain an interesting insight into his career in the world of television. Also, my thanks go to Hannah Durden for her article on OS Girls

and for chasing the various reports from the sporting societies, also the many other Old Stoics who have contributed to the content of this magazine. Caroline Whitlock, our super-efficient Events Co-ordinator, and the members of the OSS Committee have also been instrumental in managing this project and getting the final document on to the press – so my thanks go to them too.

I must also thank our advertisers for their support: Hugo Fay (Grenville 71) at Taylormade Investing Ltd, Caroline de Peyrecave (Nugent 04), Amanda Seymour (Nugent 88) at C-MAW, Hugh Beattie (Chandos 91), Kate Reardon at TopTips.com, Tom Wilson (Cobham 09) at Cuffmixture and Arthur Ward (Walpole 64).

2011 will see another busy year with events across the country. Do take a few moments to see if there are any you might be interested in on the inside back cover, or on our website [www.oldstoic.org](http://www.oldstoic.org) or even on Facebook. I would recommend that you put the new OS Summer Party at the Kensington Roof Gardens on 7th June in your diary. All Old Stoics and their guests are welcome to this informal evening, kicking off with a cocktail reception in the Spanish Gardens, followed by a BBQ and two live Old Stoic bands. Tickets are £35 and include food and drinks until 10.00pm when a cash bar will open until 12.30am!

Finally, I am always open to new ideas, so please do call in or send emails to [oldstoic@stowe.co.uk](mailto:oldstoic@stowe.co.uk) if you have any thoughts on new events or have any content that you would like to submit for next year's edition of *The Corinthian*.

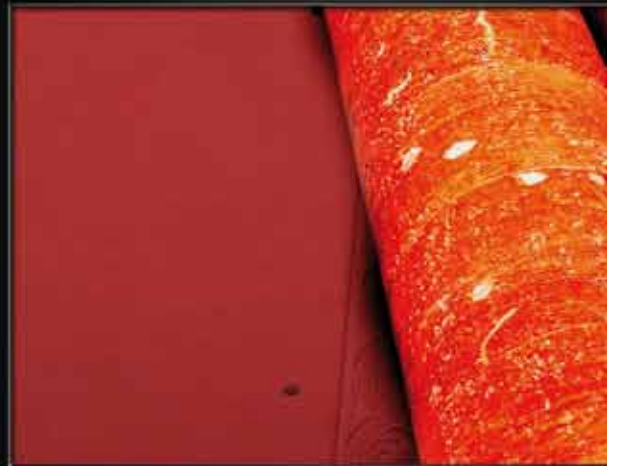
Just remember, if we don't have your contact details – and in particular, your email address – we can't notify you of all the great things we do...!

All the very best for the year ahead,

Tim Scarff (Grenville 91),  
Old Stoic Society, Director



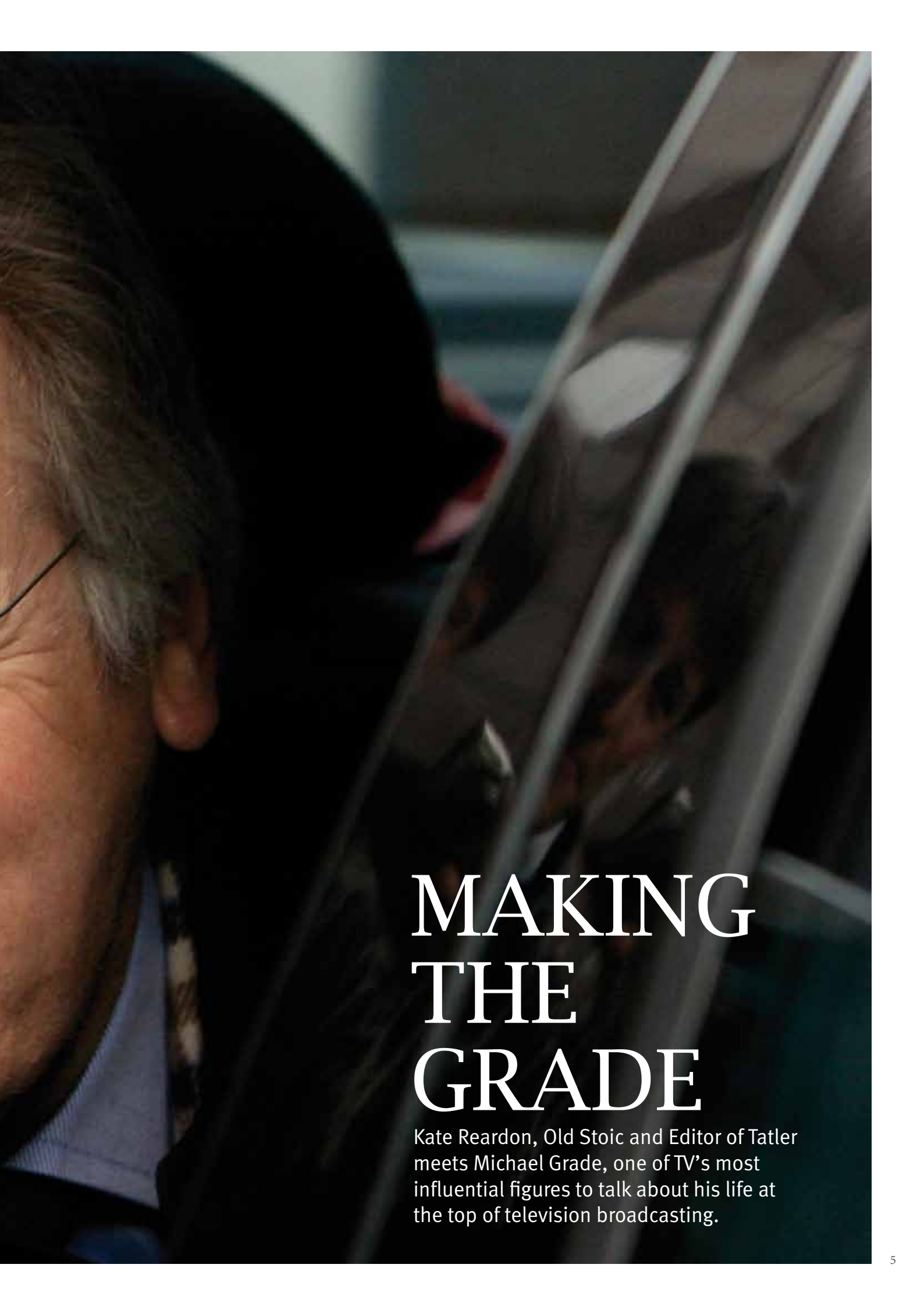












# MAKING THE GRADE

Kate Reardon, Old Stoic and Editor of Tatler meets Michael Grade, one of TV's most influential figures to talk about his life at the top of television broadcasting.



Michael Grade didn't go to Stowe for long. He spent just about a year in Grafton, but he's a pretty great role model for Old Stoics – charming, erudite, unconventional and phenomenally successful.

Grade, 67, didn't have much to do with the school until recently. In his capacity as Chairman of Pinewood Studios, he attended an event at Stowe and met Headmaster Anthony Wallersteiner. *"I thought he was terrific; he and I got on very well,"* says Grade. Having subsequently spoken at 2010 Speech Day he adds, *"You get a feeling that the place has revived, he's doing a fantastic job. I was hugely impressed."*

Michael comes from what is habitually referred to as the royal family of UK show business. His father, Leslie, was an agent who represented the likes of Bob Hope. Uncle Lew (Grade) was one of the founders of ITV, while Uncle Bernard (Delfont) was a theatre mogul and boss of the record business EMI.

But to contemporary ears and eyes Grade's own career is what resonates most powerfully. *"I left school at 17. I had no desire to go to university, I'd done enough exams. I wanted to go to work but I didn't want to go into the family business, I had no idea what I wanted to do. So I had a chat with my Dad, who was a great fixer, and one of his big shareholders in commercial television in the early days was the Daily Mirror Group, so he said, 'I'll get you a job on the Daily Mirror as a sports reporter.' Well, that sounded just the job. So off I went to the Daily Mirror for six years."*

When Grade was 23 his father had a stroke which meant Michael had to leave the Mirror to work for the family talent agency. His father's illness was 'a terrible blow to the family' but at least Grade didn't mind the career change. *"I knew that I had more expensive tastes than the Daily Mirror could manage to fund, so I left after six very happy years, with a fantastic training in journalism which has stood me in very good stead over the years – not because I've had good press but because you know how it all works."*

*"I never thought that I would end up in the family business, but they actually needed me. One of my uncles, Bernard Delfont, said to me, 'You've got to come into the business, your Dad's very sick,*



- ① Michael Grade (Grafton 61), has been one of the most influential figures in British television for the past 44 years, holding senior posts at London Weekend Television and the BBC. In 1988 he was appointed Chief Executive of the newly launched Channel 4. After 9 years he returned to the BBC as the Chairman of the Governors and recently relinquished the post of Executive Chairman of ITV.
- ② Michael Grade, the guest of Honour at Speech Day 2010, thanking the Headmaster for awarding him his Old Stoic tie which he is wearing in the photograph.

*we all think you ought to get serious now."* Grade continues, *"So I learned to be an agent with one of the great agents of all time, the great Billy Marsh. Billy taught me everything about the business, he was the agent who found Bruce Forsyth, Morecambe and Wise, Norman Wisdom, Frankie Vaughan, he was just awesome. We had a wonderful time, and in a very short space of time he and I ended up as partners."*



*short of money because you didn't earn very much at London Weekend in those days. I wasn't complaining, I got the rate for the job, but I couldn't earn any real money.")* received an offer to run Embassy TV and Films in Hollywood. *"I thought, It's now or never... it's not going to do me any harm, a few years in Hollywood."* He calls Embassy 'a sitcom factory' which was his specialty, but after three years he became increasingly bored

## "THE OTHER THING THEY TAUGHT ME WAS IF YOU NEED AN ANSWER NOW, THE ANSWER'S "NO."

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After running the agency for six years, Grade started to get involved in television. *"I represented quite a number of television directors and I started having quite good ideas, packaging shows and so on. In 1972 Cyril Bennett at London Weekend Television said to me, 'Why don't you save yourself the taxi fare and come and run the entertainment department?'"* It was a huge leap, it took me a long time to make up my mind, but in the end I thought, sod it, I'm going to do it. *Television's the future really."* Grade was at LWT for eight years, during which time Cyril Bennett died, *"and I became head of programming at London Weekend, to my amazement, in 1976."*

In 1982 the 39 year old, recently divorced and impoverished Grade, *"I was always*

*with Hollywood, 'It was just business, business, business, there was no creative excitement. I was used to news and documentaries and arts, and proper drama."*

With characteristically perfect timing Grade got a call from the BBC. *"They were in a mess, would I go back? So I took the biggest pay cut in history and went back to run BBC1, which I did for three years. By the end of it I was Director of Programmes, having oversight for BBC1 and BBC2 and I was going to succeed the Managing Director. But there was a political earthquake inside the BBC and I thought, Oh I can't cope with this, I don't want to spend the next few years of my life in a civil war inside the BBC playing politics, I want to make programmes."*





He continues blithely, *"And I was very lucky that the Chief Executive's job at Channel 4 was available, they were looking for a successor to Jeremy Isaacs so I got it."* Grade spent nine years at Channel 4 and *"Enjoyed every minute of it, we had a great time. We did all kinds of things... We took it to fully independent status selling its own airtime, we built that building in Horseferry Road. We did all kinds of exciting things, we made some wonderful programmes, I worked with some lovely people, it was a joy."* After nine years he began to see the same set of problems coming round over and again, and realised it was time to get out.

Grade's next career challenge was as the Executive Chairman of First Leisure, *"And then I started what one might call a plural existence, I did all kind of things; I was Chairman of Camelot, the National Lottery, Chairman of a publishing company, and then I did the buy out of Pinewood with my partner Ivan Dunleavy."* He applied for the chairmanship of the BBC and lost out to Gavin Davis. *"Tessa Jowell rang me with some trepidation to tell me I hadn't got the job and I said, 'If I'd been on the appointments panel I would have given it to Gavin Davis not me, so don't worry about it.' Then they had the Hutton Enquiry and all that. My wife and I went out to dinner, it was her birthday and, to my shame, I spent the whole dinner going on about how easy it was to sort the BBC out and what a mess they'd got*

*themselves into."* Although he'd been turned down last time, she told him to put up or shut up and apply for the job, and, *"To my absolute astonishment I got it and became Chairman of the BBC. Which was kind of, 'Blimey!'"*

*"I did three years of that and then ITV was in a muddle. I described myself as a sort of media paramedic at this point. If there's a mess to clear up they seemed to send for me. So I went to ITV for three years, not expecting the advertising market to collapse to the extent that it did, but we got through it. The business is in great shape and it looks like it's having a good year this year, so I'm pleased about that."*

Nowadays Grade is keeping his hand in, *"I do Pinewood, I'm Chairman of Ocado, Chairman of a business called James Grant Group which is a talent agency among other things, which I really enjoy, it keeps me in touch with the talent, my roots. And I'm presenting some documentaries for the BBC about the days of the music hall and variety which is great fun."* He is also in the late stages of a deal to buy four theatres from Andrew Lloyd-Webber. *"My wife said, 'When are you going to retire?' I said, 'When the phone stops ringing.'"*

*"I'm so lucky to be in a business that I absolutely adore. I get such a thrill still from seeing things that are really great, whether it's in the theatre or on TV. I just get a thrill watching something come right – watching an audience, feeling an audience."* Grade claims his remaining ambition is 'To stay alive.' As well as two grown up children he has a 12 year old son who's keeping him young.

And so the genes go on. How much of his good fortune does Grade lay at the door of his own genetic inheritance? *"I was very lucky, I had three fathers really... they were lovely, lovely people and very supportive of me."* Although Grade's father died tragically young, his uncles Lew and Bernie steered him wisely. *"I leaned a lot from them, not that they ever tried to teach me anything – they dropped little hints occasionally. 'Always be nice to people, you never know,' was one of the things Lew used to say to me all the time. No question it's one of the most important things you could ever learn. The other thing they taught me was 'If you need an answer now, the answer's 'no.''"* It doesn't matter what, never agree to anything under pressure. And probably the most important thing is reputation. *I'm hugely conscious of the enormous goodwill that the three of them left behind*

*– that's not to be squandered, I take that very seriously. That's more important to me than anything else, the family reputation for fair dealing and for integrity. They never went back on their word, you give your word very carefully and very thoughtfully and when you do it's got to mean something."*

Famous for his family, his career and his red socks, which were a sartorial trick to get himself noticed in Hollywood, who is Michael Grade? *"I am whoever I need to be that day. God knows. I have no idea who I am."* Push him, as he seems to have a very good sense of self and he answers simply, *"I know what I do."* So is that how he defines himself? *"Pretty much, yeah."*

*"I've had one rule really which is: Whatever you're doing, be the best if you can and something super will turn up as a result of it. Success breeds success. If you do well at something, someone will say, 'You'll know who we should get for that? He's done very well over there.' None of the things that happened to me I ever expected, each has been more surprising than the last. If you do something well other opportunities present themselves. Best piece of advice I could give anybody really."*

Kate Reardon (Nugent 87), Editor of Tatler

Since this interview took place, we were delighted to hear that Michael Grade has been appointed a life peer as Lord Grade of Yarmouth. He was introduced to the House of Lords on 27 January 2011.



🕒 Kate Reardon (Nugent 87) renowned journalist and founder of the internationally popular website Top Tips for Girls has spent twenty years at the cutting edge of women's publishing. She started at American Vogue, has been Fashion Editor of Tatler, contributed to most major British newspapers and written three columns in The Times – who named her one of Britain's best writers. She was a Contributing Editor at Vanity Fair and has recently been appointed Tatler's 17th Editor.



# FROM THE HEADMASTER

At the most recent Governors' meeting I presented a report on the key developments that have taken place at Stowe since my appointment as Headmaster in 2003. Only 6 of the 18 Governors present on 14 January were in post eight years ago and the exercise allowed me to explain to new Governors how policies that are reaching fruition in 2011 have their origins in strategy plans formulated and approved at the beginning of my headship.

The most radical change was the move to full co-education and the subsequent enlargement of the school roll from 590 to 760 Stoics. Many of the more striking building projects – Queen's and Stanhope – emerged from the Governors' ratification of my paper on co-education in November 2003. As the school changed and grew, facilities had to be adapted and improved: the servery was completely modernised and the Temple Room turned into a dining room; new playing fields were added to the Bourbon and a second all-weather astro-turf was installed in 2007; a superb athletics track was opened by Sebastian Coe in September 2009.

Extensive modernisation and rationalisation of the academic area has transformed teaching and learning as all classrooms are now equipped with projectors and smart-boards; Economics, Business Studies and Politics are now taught in the Leoni building, with History successfully relocated to the McElwee

classrooms (originally part of the Medical Centre, then Stanhope and latterly Skills Development). Last summer we embarked on a programme to enhance and re-equip laboratories in Science. Perhaps the most notable transformation has been the creation of a new courtyard with the demolition of the CCF building and disused squash courts (both CCF and squash have been successfully re-housed) and the triumphant re-emergence of the Art School as a cultural hub for Stoics and celebration of the architecture of 1930s international modernism.

Progress continues apace: seven architects have submitted designs for the long-awaited Music School and Governors will make the final selection on March 25. This £5m project allows us to renovate the Roxburgh Hall and rationalise its use exclusively for Drama and provides a first-rate facility for teaching and performing music at Stowe. With new classrooms for Design and Technology also in development, Stowe will have Britain's best facilities for music, art, drama and design.

While the School has been re-inventing itself, Stowe House Preservation Trust has carefully returned the Mansion to its eighteenth century splendour. The crumbling and dilapidated façades, porticos, colonnades and pavilions are a fading memory as the work of Adam, Leoni, Gibbs and Vanbrugh can now be appreciated in pristine condition. The

Marble Hall and the Library are resplendently restored at the heart of the House and, if you have not visited Stowe in recent years, prepare to be astonished.

None of this recognises the achievements of the teaching and support staff who have worked tirelessly to bring about the transformation of Stowe. Academic performance has improved steadily and we were delighted with last summer's record-breaking GCSE and A2 results. Over Christmas, Stoics received Oxbridge offers to read English, Chemistry, Law and Biological Sciences and healthy numbers continue to apply successfully to the Russell Group Universities.

I hope that you enjoy reading the first edition of *The Corinthian* and that all Old Stoics share our pride in seeing this great school flourishing in the twenty-first century.

*Dr Anthony Wallersteiner*



- 1 Lynn Chadwick's 'Sitting Couple' is the centrepiece of the courtyard outside the new Art School.
- 2 The suite of Apple Mac computers on the mezzanine level inside the Art School.
- 3 Queen's House, one of the new girls' boarding houses opened by HM The Queen in 2007.





# FROM STOWE TO UNIVERSITY

The transition from school to university can be very tough both academically and socially.

Stowe School has a fantastic system set up to help ease the transition; in the lower years your work is closely monitored to ensure you achieve your best and then by the time you reach your final year much more independent work is expected of you. However, your tutors and housemistress/master will always keep an eye on your progress to help you succeed.

I believe that one of the best aspects the school has to offer is the feedback, both in TWOs and termly reports. TWOs are grades given out twice a term with an attainment grade and an effort grade so you and your parents can see where you are in your studies. The termly reports give a more in depth review allowing you to know specifically what you've done

well and what needs to be done over the holidays, much like it is at university.

There is structured study time even in the sixth form which is key to keep you working but this almost certainly isn't enough for you to get all your work done therefore it encourages you to do more private study in the afternoons and weekends, again much like it is when you progress beyond school. In the Sixth Form there is a greater appreciation for balancing the extra-curricular activities such as the fantastic music and sporting facilities available with the class work that you are there to do. It is these skills, along with pure academics, that the School encourages you to learn for yourself.

Socially, I have found that students from boarding school backgrounds (even if they were day pupils) found it much easier to settle in to the busy university life. Many students haven't spent more than a couple of weeks away from their families and find an entire term in a new



Bridge of Sighs, Hertford College, Oxford.

environment difficult. Also the compact nature of halls of residence/colleges can be daunting with the feeling that there are so many people around all the time but again the boarding house system at Stowe eases you in to this atmosphere, which in the end is a comfort to know that some of your closest friends are nearby.

I can honestly say that for me Stowe was the perfect way to get me from school to university, teaching me enormously valuable skills and lessons.

*Natalie McDaid (Lyttelton 09)*



Dominic Gordon summits Kala Patthar (5650m) with Mt Everest in the background.



gruelling expedition. The journey was one of amazing highs and bitter lows, and witnessed exceptional demonstrations of endurance, resilience, teamwork and self sacrifice.

It has been an amazing experience that I will never forget and is hopefully a stepping stone to future more extreme expeditions. Nepal is a remarkable place with spectacular scenery and charming people. Spending 24 days trekking and camping through the Himalayas was emotionally and physically demanding. Coping with altitude sickness and temperatures dropping to -25°C on a daily basis was tough but the rewards of reaching the summit of Kala Patthar were well worth it. It was an incredible moment for me looking across the vast Khumbu Glacier and on to Everest, Nuptse and the other great mountains of the Himalayas and I could not have achieved this without the support of family and friends.

*Dominic Gordon (Bruce 02)* 9

## DOMINIC GORDON CONQUERS KALA PATTHAR

In 2008 it was conceived that Carnegie Great Outdoors and My Peak Potential would lead a selected team deep into the Himalayan region trekking from Lukla to Gorak Shep (Everest Base Camp) and from there propose a summit attempt on Kala Patthar at 5650m.

Training for the 24 day expedition began in January 2009 when the team of 19 was selected by Dave Bunting MBE, ex British Forces mountaineering specialist and former Chief Training Instructor of the Joint Services mountain training around the world.

The intensive training regime ranged from expeditions in Wales, arctic survival training in the Bavarian Alps and various challenges in the Yorkshire Dales, all of which were designed to prepare the team and enhance individual skills and augment fitness. The team flew to Kathmandu on 10 October 2009 where they undertook voluntary work with The Self Help Group for Cerebral Palsy (SGCP). There they helped with the final preparation of a new vocational workshop and presented a cheque for £10,000 before commencing the

# CLASSSSIC CARS AT STOWE

► Top, left to right:  
Alex McEwen (Chatham 91)  
MGB Roadster; Henry  
Mytton-Mills (Walpole 73)  
Triumph TR6; Mark Bailey  
(Chatham 72) Morgan Plus  
8; Oliver Croom-Johnson  
(Temple 69) Morgan 4/4  
Series 1; David Lees-Jones  
(Grenville 65) Rolls Royce  
Phantom II Continental;  
James Cridland (Temple 89)  
Morris Cowley Flatnose  
Tourer; John Blayney  
(Chandos 61) Bentley 4¼  
Ltr Sports Saloon; Peter  
Fisher (Cobham 52) Jaguar  
XJS; Durand Hotham  
(Cobham 62) Jensen  
Interceptor; Joe Gambarini  
(Cobham 72) Rolls Royce  
Mulliner Park Ward; Joseph  
Miro (Grafton 73) Triumph  
TR5; Sandy Doggart  
(Chatham 58) Aston Martin  
DB2/4; Ed West (Grafton  
02) NCF Blitz; John  
Arkwright (Cobham 69)  
Austin Healey 110/6 BN4;  
Martin Selby-Lowndes  
(Grenville 78) MGVA.



# Speech Day 2010

Old Stoics, parents and friends of Stowe were invited to display their Classic cars at Stowe on Saturday 29 May 2010, Speech Day and following a good response, some 45–50 cars were due from all over the country between 9 and 10am on the Saturday morning. The weather was atrocious and we feared that the pouring rain might deter owners of their cherished cars from making the journey to Stowe. There was no need for concern. At about 9am a stream of Classic cars, with their intrepid drivers, started to arrive.

The result was a tremendous display on the North Front ranging from the 1920s to the latest car, a kit car built by Stoics in the IT workshops. It was a magnificent sight enhanced by the beautiful surroundings of Stowe. The event was generously supported by Marcus Atkinson (Chatham 90) and his company Hagerty International, who

provided lunch in the Old Stoic marquee adjacent to the display. Caroline de Peyrecave (Nugent 04), an increasingly recognised portrait painter, added a fascinating dimension by displaying her artwork, including portraits of racing drivers in a marquee on site.

Despite the weather conditions, it was a most enjoyable gathering which we would like to repeat on Speech Day, Saturday 28 May 2011. All Old Stoics, parents and friends, particularly those with a connection with Stowe, will be most welcome. If you are interested in participating this year with any form of classic transportation – car or motorcycle, please contact the Old Stoic office on [oldstoic@stowe.co.uk](mailto:oldstoic@stowe.co.uk)

We look forward to seeing you there.

*John Arkwright (Cobham 69)*

## Caroline de Peyrecave (Nugent 04)

I recently painted the British Touring Car driver Tom Chilton and showed the painting with other work at the Classic Car Rally at Speech Day. The school website warned that *“the weather forecast suggests that there may be light rain at points throughout the day”*... As this photo shows, there was pretty much a deluge of heavy rain all day!! However my brand new little marquee stood up well and it is fortunate that much of my work is carried out in oil, which is rain proof!



Since then I have been privileged to paint amongst others Lieutenant Dougie Dalzell, 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards, who tragically lost his life in action in Afghanistan.



Caroline is available for commissions at:  
[www.carolinedepeyrecave.co.uk](http://www.carolinedepeyrecave.co.uk)



# WORLD OCEAN ROWING RECORD



📍 Boat launch in October 2010 on the River Dart, Totnes.

Captain James Kayll (Walpole 00) will depart Western Australia in April 2011 as part of a 4 man team rowing 3,100 miles across the Indian Ocean to Mauritius. James and his team are aiming to beat the 4 man record of 68 days, 19 hours and 40 minutes.

As if the challenge is not hard enough, the team will also be undertaking environmental research in conjunction with the National Oceanographic Centre. Micro sensors will measure water pH, salinity and temperature which will help researchers acquire new data which will contribute to the understanding of global climate change.

Concurrently, the team will also record physiological and cognitive measurements during training, the race and recovery, with the intent of demonstrating normal changes which occur in human beings when subjected to extreme conditions. This data will act as a tool within schools and generate interest in science and the human body and mind.

The team is raising funds and awareness for 4 different charities: The Light Dragoons Charitable Trust, The Mark Evison Foundation, Access Sport and Compassion UK. They have already raised over £40,000 for these charities but aim to reach £100,000 by the end of the campaign.

The team has already secured sponsorship from B&Q and Strutt & Parker. However, they still seek critical sponsorship for a number of items such as food and clothing!

For further information please look at their website: [www.indianocean3100.com](http://www.indianocean3100.com)

## TOTAL WIPEOUT

*The Corinthian* interviews Katie Lamb (Lyttelton 06), on her recent trip to Argentina to compete in the BBC's 'Total Wipeout'.



**Katie, what made you decide to take part?**

*I have watched the show a couple of times before and never understood why everyone makes it look so difficult? Five seconds into the qualifier I had answered my own question! I underestimated the distance between the take-off ramp and the pontoon and experienced my first wipeout! I'd like to think I 'trained' and reached a suitable level of fitness to stand any chance of proceeding through the qualifier but I genuinely believe you cannot prepare yourself for the obstacles they throw at you!*

**Total Wipeout is renowned for 'the big red balls' how did you do?**

*Hmmm...I gave it my best shot having tactically planned to take the speed over style approach. I think you will find I provide an interesting viewing on this obstacle!*

**So, there are 20 contestants – 10 males and 10 females? Didn't the idea of competing against men intimidate you?**

*Anyone that knows me will know I am a little bit competitive (ok VERY) so I was not about to be shown up without a fight! It's strange when you first meet your fellow contestants at the airport you find yourself looking around and weighing them up 'hmm I could beat her and perhaps him?' But looks can be deceiving, as I think people found out with me!!*

**Do you have any advice for anyone who has read this and is now about to apply?**

*I would definitely recommend going for it if you ever have the opportunity! It's the most surreal experience and I met such a variety of interesting people that I otherwise might never come across. Girls, I would recommend investing in a serious sports bra and boys watch out, the girls are usually a lot better than you might think!!*

**Finally Katie, for those who missed the show can you remind us how you did?**

*Following my shout of 'Prepare to be bowled over...!' I came 2nd in the Wipeout Zone. I will be making one final appearance very soon in a special 'Champion of Champions' show but don't blink, or you will definitely miss me on this one!*

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## STOP PRESS!

We are delighted to report that Henry Cavill (Grafton 01) is the latest in the line of distinguished Old Stoic actors, beginning with David Niven (Chandos/Grafton 28). Henry has just been cast as the new Superman in the next Hollywood blockbuster. Warner Bros have announced that Henry, 27, will take the lead role in the forthcoming 'Superman: Man of Steel' movie and was described by director, Jack Snyder, as *"the perfect choice to don the cap and S shield."* A release date in 2012 is anticipated.

☞ Henry Cavill at the Vanity Fair celebration for the 2009 Tribeca Film Festival.

# OS GAP YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS 2009/10

## Teaching in Gambia

I will never forget my first day at Bakau Upper Basic. I was asked to teach a grade eight class (14-16 year olds) English. With no idea what to expect I was given a piece of chalk and introduced to my class. Fifty lively faces stared back at me, no text books, no syllabus, no previous whole class teaching experience and two hours to fill.

Going to Gambia has certainly taught me the art of thinking on my feet. If the next teacher didn't turn up, I would have to carry on, Maths, Science, Social Studies; whatever the pupils asked for. After a week it became clear about half of my class were illiterate. They could all copy from the blackboard but reading and spelling the word 'cat' was impossible.

However pupils at Bakau were keen, particularly the girls (seven of whom in one class are called Binta!). Teaching them to read individually was tremendously satisfying. The Binta crowd frequently visited our team house for learning, fun and games – our unripe mangos being their favourite departing gift.

I had spent the first part of my year working as a 'gappy' at Beachborough

prep school. The contrast between schools and pupil ability was immeasurable. This and other aspects of Gambian life have contributed to my greater appreciation of England and in particular the education I was fortunate to receive at Stowe.

I went out to Gambia in a team of twelve. As well as teaching we were also engaged in Christian work. We ran the teaching for children at church conferences, helped at Sunday school and visited local schools to give talks.

However, it wasn't all work and no play. We made good friends with our neighbours and the Gamfees staff (the charity we were affiliated with out there). One of my favourite memories was attending a birthday lunch. We arrived at 12pm to a house with no electricity, water from a well and a rather unusual loo. On the menu was pork, lots of pork. We ate a whole pig, freshly slaughtered, which the boys spent the morning cutting up. The whole experience was fun because it was utterly alien and we were sharing our lives with our Gambian neighbours.

Charlotte Matthews (Lyttelton 09)



## Looking ahead – 2010/11

In February 2010 five very high calibre applications were short listed for the OS Gap Year Scholarship. The Old Stoic Society awarded three prizes to the Upper Sixth candidates: Robyn Dann and Isabella Cameron (Queen's) who are off to work in a children's hospital in Ecuador and then on to teach English in Chennai, India. Lucy Milburn (Stanhope) is travelling to Gambia with a Christian foundation called 'Smile' and will be helping with young children in local communities. Finally, Abigail Payne (Lyttelton) and Liberty Barrons (Nugent) will be working in an orphanage in Cambodia and then taking part in a Panda Conservation programme in China.

The OS Society Committee would like to thank Michael Righton for his continued efforts in preparing the candidates for interview and for the guidance he gives to those Stoics interested in making the most of their Gap Year.



☞ Charlotte Matthews teaching her first class at Bakuau Upper Basic in Gambia.



☞ Felix Stevenson (Grafton 09) teaches at the Dominican Convent High School.

## Charity in South Africa

Felix Stevenson (Grafton 09), the other scholarship winner, had to alter his plans due to a severe illness. However, he still managed to complete three months teaching at the Dominican Convent High School and three months voluntary work at the Warehouse, a charity established by St John's Parish to work with churches in their response to the poverty in South Africa.



The article on a prefect's career aspirations in last year's *Stoic* magazine prompted me

to see what Old Stoic women really have got up to.

Unfortunately the logistics of contacting all 1,377 female Old Stoics were beyond me, so a shorter list was compiled representing an eclectic mix of age, careers and backgrounds and a letter finally went out to about fifty women asking for some of their best (and worst) memories of Stowe and what they had been doing since. I've had the pleasure of collating a variety of CVs and memoirs and taking you back through the generations to 1974...

As Charles de Gaulle airport opened in Paris, Richard Nixon resigned as President of the USA after Watergate and Ceefax was launched by the BBC, Stowe School welcomed the first five girls into its midst. This included Joanna Goodwin (Stanhope 76) who provided the following account:

"While RQD [Bob Drayson] was on sabbatical during 1974, Brian Stephan [BSS], as Acting Headmaster, admitted five day girls. BSS was so enthusiastic that I found myself doing English A level instead of Mathematics and he insisted the two girls in his set sat at the front so he didn't have to look at the "horrible boys." He deplored our lack of classical education, set us stanzas of Pope and Dryden to learn by heart as a punishment but remained a stalwart advocate of "the girls"...We came to school on mopeds and were quickly dubbed "The Honda Brigade," later "The Hood"... but, on the whole, everyone was easy-going and there was certainly none of the ritual humiliation or bullying experienced by Rebecca Willis at Charterhouse. We babysat for the Masters and the boys invited us to tea and toast in their studies, and begged us to trim their hair when their housemasters threatened them with the school barber. We learned to walk and eat very fast in order not to be left behind."

Of those first five girls, strong bonds were formed and Joanna became godmother to Caitlin Livingstone's (née Mitchell) daughter. Keeping the Stowe theme running Joanna married John Goodwin (Chatham 62) in 1986.

Along the way she "spent time on the Oxford papers, still very unionised in the late 1970s" and "in the end...worked in magazine journalism – for most of the 1980s at *Vogue*." Another of those first five, Nicky James (née Hemsworth), who Joanna lodged with in Finmere, very sadly died in 2007 after a long battle with cancer. She married and had three boys after a career modelling and, with her husband, lived in Scotland catching and smoking salmon for a living. Her sister, Tessa Hemsworth (Stanhope 80), has two sons (both with OS Grandfathers) with another late OS, Dominic Colloredo (formerly Chetwynd, Walpole 77).

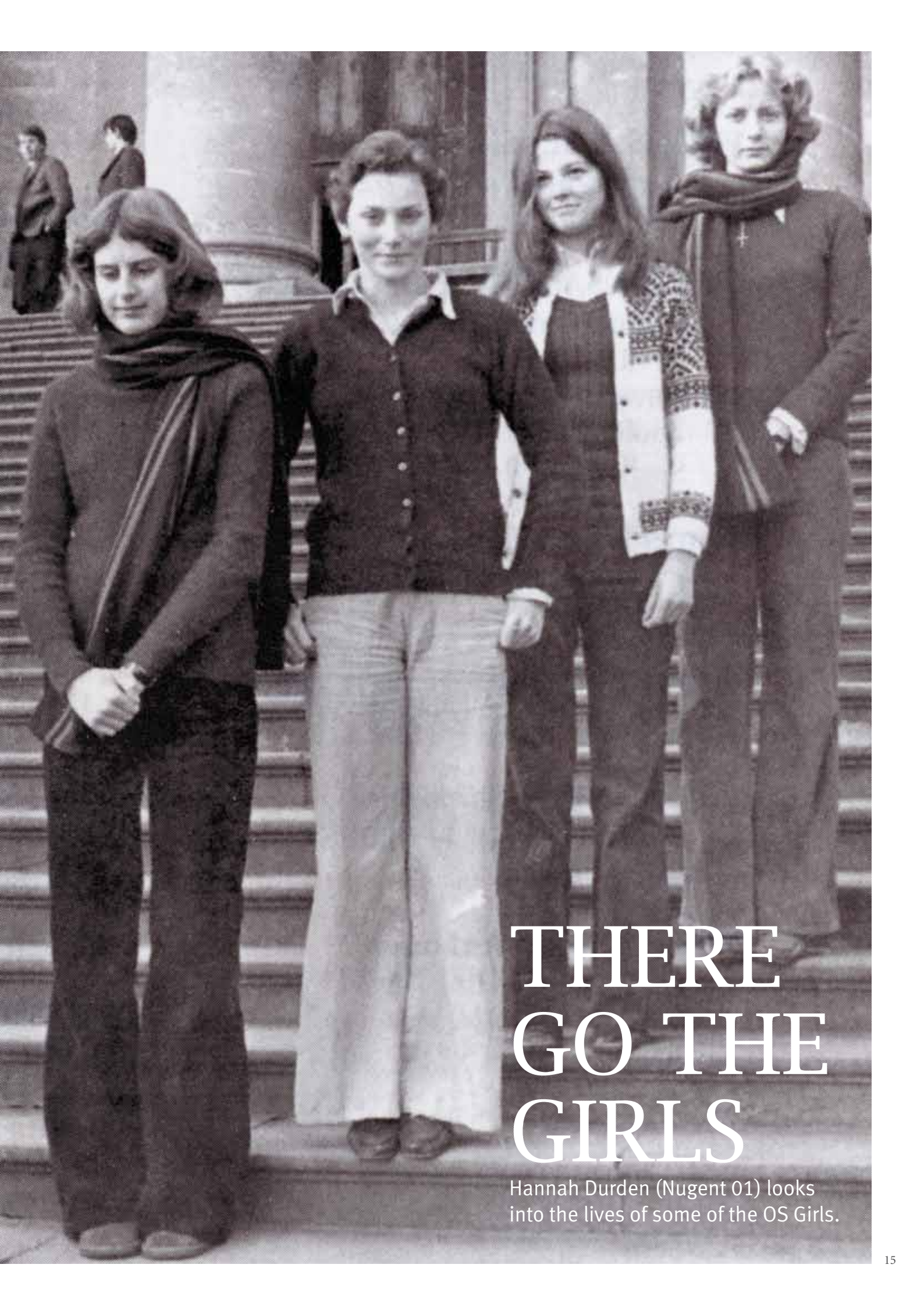
Shortly after the 'first five' left Stowe, Tina Stallard arrived in 1976 to study English, French, German and Art. Whilst listing a number of inspirational teachers at Stowe, including "a mad German teacher who used to throw tantrums in class", like many others it was the art school which was "a refuge where I could hide away among the easels." It wasn't all plain sailing mind you, one of her worst memories was "walking into the dining hall...and realising the boys were marking the girls out of ten for their looks." The beautiful gardens and grounds, along with the art studios and a love of languages launched Tina into a career with the BBC having studied modern languages at St Hugh's, Oxford. Tina showed early directorial flair winning a BBC competition in 1989 for first-time directors having made her short film "The Gipsy Worker" which received critical acclaim from the likes of *Time Out*. After 12 years as Staff Producer working on both the *One* and *Six O'Clock News* and *Panorama* she went freelance as a photographer, filmmaker and TV producer. Her work is now seen on a multitude of mainstream channels and her award winning photographic projects have featured in the likes of the *Sunday Times Magazine*. Most recently Tina wrote, filmed and produced "Manda's Prize" about solar cookers in Zambia which was shown at the FICA (Brazil) and Washington Environmental Film Festivals and she produced "Haiti Earthquake 6 Months On" which was used by the BBC, Sky and ITN in their coverage.

In amongst all this Tina has been married for 27 years and has an 18 year old son, and a 16 year old daughter. When asked what she wants to be doing in ten years it was a simple response of "keep doing what I do, which I love" and that Stowe



▲ The first five girls arriving in 1974.





# THERE GO THE GIRLS

Hannah Durden (Nugent 01) looks  
into the lives of some of the OS Girls.



definitely “opened up a new world of intellectual challenge for me, which has been – and still is – a constant source of excitement and delight”.

Carolyn (Minnie) Rosso (Stanhope 79) studied English, French and Art but admits to having “some trouble focusing on study”. That said Bertie Stephan was the teacher who most inspired her; “I think he had more faith in my ability in English than I did, God bless him.” She shared a study with Emma Williams and Avril Comery with whom she is still in touch but also lived at the Dobinsons’ house down by the main gate with Emma. This meant that a new generation of moped riders was born.

Carolyn wanted to be an interior designer, but did an art degree first and then moved to Turin having married an Italian, settling there for the next 22 years. At first she worked for an architect, but this became impractical as she had the opportunity to travel with her husband who worked in tourism. She did some teaching, worked alongside her husband and then had three children and so became a full-time mother. The children went on to attend the International School of Turin and Carolyn was elected to the Board of Governors, later becoming Chairman and spear-heading the raising of funds to build a new campus which finally opened during 2010.

The family moved to Lugano, Switzerland in 2007. Her eldest daughter, Christina, has just graduated from Exeter and is working in Milan, her second is due to attend the University of Kent next September, and Marco, the youngest, is



- Ⓐ Temple of British Worthies, now part of the National Trust Landscape Gardens.
- Ⓑ Tina Stallard (Stanhope 78), award winning freelance photographer.
- Ⓒ Avril Edwards (née Comery, Stanhope 79) and Carolyn (Minnie) Rosso (née Smith, Stanhope 79).

up new GP practices across the East of England. At the same time she is researching why women fail to get top jobs at Directorial and Board level. Penny married a hospital Chief Executive and has three daughters so has been both a housewife and worked part and full-time. Mix this with back packing, which she would love to do again with her grown up daughters, she also coaches in the East of England. This includes helping young

woodworking, metalwork and how to use a lathe” of which she still admits to being “freakishly proud”. Mr Carpenter gets a mention at this point for being “relentlessly enthusiastic and tolerant of [their] sometimes moronic attitudes”.

Incidentally from her days of fooling with fashion in the D&T labs, Kate followed her early dream to work in the “impossibly glamorous and fun” world of fashion and, after petitioning the top man at Condé Nast in New York, got her first job at the age of 19 as a Fashion Assistant – the youngest ever – at American Vogue which she describes as “very Devil Wears Prada”. At 21 she returned to London and was made Fashion Director at Tatler which catapulted her into the limelight and a role as Contributing Editor at Vanity Fair followed as well as writing columns for The Times and contributing to nearly every national newspaper along the way. When asked what would be in her obituary she was relieved to admit “That’s the one article I won’t have to write”. At the end of 2010 it was confirmed that Kate is to become the 17th Editor of Tatler since its re-launch in 1901 and she will be taking over from Catherine Ostler in January 2011.

And into the 90s with Pippa Heggie (née Thompson, Stanhope 90) who was part of the first year to sit GCSE exams over the

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applying to read hospitality management and follow in the footsteps of his father. Carolyn is positive that Stowe had an enormous influence on her life from every point of view, that it helped to open her mind, giving her “independence and an enormous amount of self confidence.”

Taking us into the 1980s Dr Penny Newman (Stanhope 80) said she found it easy to be invisible with so few girls in the Sixth Form and that students weren’t taken seriously unless they were going for Oxbridge, which she rebelled against at the time. Not that it has stopped her. Now a GP in Suffolk she advises on how to set

people make sense out of their jobs, in particular young women who she wants to see “achieve what they want out of life and get through this tricky decision making so heavily influenced by self esteem, work opportunities...career and family” which she freely admits to having little clue about when she left school.

On to the later eighties and Kate Reardon (Nugent 87) who studied English, Art, Design and Technology and Photography at Stowe. Coming from the “stiflingly strict and mono-sex Cheltenham Ladies’ College” Kate not only got to “fool about with fashion” but also “learned





traditional 'O' Levels. Despite ultimately attending Cambridge as a result of sitting her 'S' Level ("if it weren't for Foster deciding that I should...apply for Oxbridge I'd never have considered it so I owe him a lot") it would seem that a lot of fun was had in between: "within weeks of starting I auditioned for 'The Boyfriend' and had a hilarious first term skipping prep for rehearsals to play Maisie. [I] never forget being a bit shocked when Weston (who was choreographing) suggested that I wasn't really having to act when I had a number entitled 'There's Safety in Numbers' where I got to essentially flirt with a handful of boys whilst singing and dancing."

Pippa's lasting memories are of her time spent in the Stowe grounds which were opened to the public by the National Trust while she was there. She remembers "climbing up the Temple of [British] Worthies...soaking up the sun and reading a book in the empty space at the top". Having left her shoes on the ground, however, the attention of a passing tourist was grabbed who asked if she were Mercury (who we assume should have resided in said sunbathing nook). Pippa left Cambridge in 1994 and struggled initially to find a job, choosing instead to learn French. An idyllic month at the top of Ville Franche Sur Mer soon sorted the linguistic skills out and a role

at Société Générale on their International Programme soon followed. She went on to work in public relations including running an educational programme in 13 countries for the European Plastics industry ("not sexy PR") but it gave her a taste for environmental law. After a stint as field press officer for Raleigh International in Chile she moved to Allen & Overy as press officer to get her foot in the door and applied for law school as a result.

Working as an environmental lawyer in London, Pippa managed to fit in dog sledding in the Arctic, trekking to Everest base camp and participating in the infamous Fastnet race where she met her husband. Now located in New York as of February 2010 for his job, Pippa is a stay-at-home mum looking after her 18 month old and is expecting their next child in 2011. She was realistic about job prospects if she re-trained for a Masters and the New York bar so has put her career on hold for the time being.

Following in Pippa's footsteps was Hannah Wright, (née Baker, Nugent 91) who studied Chemistry, Biology and Geology which she went on to study at Bristol as a result of encouragement from Dr Mike Waldman, fondly known as "Doc Pot". No dry academic, however, outside the classroom Hannah got caught smoking by 'Clank' (the deputy head at the time), partied a lot but also got exposure to creative arts, photography, woodwork and metalwork – all skills which, she assures me, are still used today. She says Stowe taught her how to survive in a male environment. She now works for Cisco Systems, responsible for their Datacentre Virtualisation Go to Market channel partners across the globe.

Hannah married Dave on 9 October 2010 and since meeting her husband has been "learning to balance [her] work with [her] personal life" although freely admits that this was "tough to do in the beginning". Her two year old dog Digby is no doubt benefitting!

And on to the 'noughties' and Allegra Galvin (Nugent 02) who arrived with more A Levels than I was planning on taking that year when she started in Lower Sixth. She wanted "to be a diplomat, or a criminal lawyer [but] was drawn to theatre" even though she "didn't want to be an actress and...had no real purchase on how one might go about making a living from a creative career". Quite clearly this did not stop a motivated student from following her dream and, after studying History of Art at Peterhouse, Cambridge, went to train as a Theatre Director at R.A.D.A. which was the first opportunity to see

that it "was possible to turn something that was a pleasure and a passion...into a career". However, the academic interest still burned strong and she "did an MPhil in Architecture back at Cambridge to write about how theatres are built and how [they] will build them in the future".

In May 2010 Allegra moved to Cheltenham to run a new theatre called Parabola Arts Centre, built by Cheltenham Ladies' College which has been a huge challenge to be in charge of, but she assures me that "more often than not the excitement outweighs the fear!" To complement her experience she is also now doing a PhD in Performance Practice at Exeter University. Allegra got married in December 2010 to a producer whom she met working at Battersea Arts Centre three years ago and says "I am glad we met 'on the shop floor' as it were – we are passionate about the same things...and find a lot of ways to support each other". Looking forwards, Allegra would like to run a theatre in London and, whilst she would love to have children, she faces the age-old dilemma of balancing this with a passion for her career.

And finally Rosie Armitage (Lyttelton 03) who, at two years my junior, has pursued a varied career without the traditional university education that so many seem to think is the be all and end all. Instead she followed the vocational route and took a BTEC in Tailoring and a Costume Degree which were both at the London College of Fashion. Rosie is now working as a costume maker and has been at the Royal Shakespeare Company as a men's tailor for the last 18 months. Before this she was tailoring at Glyndebourne Opera and did a year freelancing in London working for the Royal Opera House, English National Opera and in the West End.

Rosie has greater aspirations to be trained as and promoted to a Cutter and, ultimately, gain "enough experience and contacts under my belt to work from home as a freelance cutter/maker for Theatre. That or a professional road cyclist which I am toying with at the moment [having] just signed up for L'Étape du Tour 2011..."

And so we come to the end of hearing some of what all these hugely inspirational OS women have got up to over the past 35 years. There was so much material that I received from people I am just sorry that we couldn't fit it all into the one article. The response was amazing and I thank everyone who took the time to contribute.

*Hannah Durden (Nugent 01)*

# THE STOWE BOMBING

Like the rest of Britain during WWII, Stowe was required to maintain a state of blackout to prevent German bombers targeting light sources.

While blackout curtains were used in some parts of the School, the vast number of windows in the Mansion and its surrounding buildings were washed with tar, a much more practical and affordable solution which left the windows stained dark and with tar filled corners once the war was over.

On 9 May 1941 the school had its closest brush with war. A German bomber on its way home lightened its load while over Stowe. A handful of bombs landed near the South Front Portico, missing the Rotunda, and ending at the edge of the Eleven Acre Lake. Had these been dropped any closer to the House, it would have resulted in many casualties and severe damage to the buildings.

Mr Capel Cure was on duty around 2:30am that night. Being a stickler for protocol he



donned the, often ignored, steel helmet which on this occasion almost certainly saved his life. As the stick of bombs fell, he threw himself on his chest and when he pulled himself up, he noticed that a block of masonry had fallen and left a large dent in his helmet. Fortunately, these were small bombs and only produced shallow craters but did cause over one hundred windows on the South Front to shatter. The only casualty was a pupil slightly cut by falling glass.

In total 1,918 Old Stoics served during WWII. Of these 264, or one in seven, were sadly killed. 242, or one in eight, were decorated, including 2 Victoria Crosses and 111 Military Crosses.

When summing up in The Stoic magazine at the end of the war, the Headmaster JF Roxburgh wrote: *"In considering these figures it is impossible not to feel pride in*

- ❶ Almost every Stoic was a member of the Officer Training Corps from 1923. They received weapons, survival and leadership training along with other skills needed to be a successful officer.

- ❷ Stoics hunting for Shrapnel.

Photographs by R Wilkinson (Walpole 39)



*the distinguished service which men from this school have rendered war."*

Daniel Capurro (Current Stoic, Chandos Lower Sixth)

# THE STOWE BEAGLES

Support for the Stowe Beagles from the pupils and those within our hunt country remains as strong as ever. Sadly, in July 2010, Bill Boswell, founding Chairman of the Supporters Club in 1972, died. It was a fitting tribute that, at a packed service, members of the Stowe Beagles acted as pall bearers, with Paul Burditt (Temple 79) giving the eulogy.

The 2010/2011 season, despite the weather, is going well, hounds continuing to go out on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. In October, during half-term, there was a very successful visit when hounds, pupils and supporters, including regular follower Chris Mullineux (Temple 52) travelled to Scotland and Northumberland. Hugh Leyland (Bruce 72) kennelled the hounds and pupils! Chris Leyland (Bruce 72), Simon Shirley-Bevan (Grenville 72) and Ian McKie MFH (current parent) hosted the meets. Rupert Gibson

MH (Temple 72) welcomed us into his hunt country.

We were very pleased to welcome over 400 followers at the traditional Boxing Day meet, on the North Front, in the snow. An invigorating day followed in minus temperatures.

**A number of fundraising and social events are planned for 2011, to which all Old Stoics are invited:**

**March 12th:** Hunt Ball in the Marble Hall and State Rooms at Stowe.

**March 18th:** Hunt Supper at the Saracen's Head, Towcester.

**May 15th:** The Stowe Beagles Hunter Trials at Primrose Hill Farm, Gawcott, Buckingham organised by Lawrie Strangman (Bruce 57) and his family. There is a class for current and Old Stoics and members of their family, for the Bill Boswell Trophy.



- ❶ From left to right: Alistair McGee (Lyttelton 73), Chairman, Harry Howard, Whip, Adda Birch-Reynardson MH, Henry South MH and Mrs Marie-France McGee, wife of the Chairman, taken at Gatehousecote, Bonchester Bridge, Nr Jedburgh, The Scottish Borders.

**June 11th:** Puppy Show on the South Front. Judging at 3pm.

**September 2012:** Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Stowe Beagles. A reunion dinner at Stowe.

Details of all the above events and meets are available from Phillip Kennedy  
**01280 813489, pkennedy@stowe.co.uk**

Alistair McGee (Lyttelton 73), Chairman



# VIRGIN GRAND PRIX WEEKEND



📍 The Russian supercar, Marussia.

## 9-11 July 2010

Stowe was delighted to host the very first Virgin Grand Prix weekend this summer. After a successful foray into the world of motor sports, sponsoring the Brawn car, Virgin launched their very own racing team 'Virgin Racing' at the end of 2009.

Virgin Racing decided they wanted to create a real Virgin Experience over the three days of the Grand Prix weekend, comprising a campsite with a social programme, a VIP experience in the Mansion for all their sponsors and a Park & Ride system for their key customers. The Bourbon playing fields were transformed into a fabulous campsite, complete with 'chill out zones', whilst the pavilion became a fully operational bar. A huge stage was built in the middle of the campsite where new Virgin bands played late into both nights.

Campers, VIPs and Virgin 'Park & Ride' customers were transported to and from Silverstone racecourse on modified tractor trailers called 'land trains', which followed a route along the edge of the fields up to Stowe Corner, without ever needing to use a main road.

Meanwhile the Mansion played host to two spectacular dinners attended by all the sponsors and drivers, and the North Front triangle was the setting for a series of amazing cars including the new Russian Supercar, the Marussia.

The whole site was alive with activity over the weekend – and although it was hard work for the Stowe teams involved, it was great fun!

Dommie Gill, Head of Events 19



## THE GROVES OF STOWE

### A Limited Edition Book of Prints by Ivan Green

Many Old Stoics will know the work of John Piper – a distinguished and prolific painter, printer, creator of stained glass, set designer, maker of fabrics, tapestries and memorable images of Stowe. Ivan Green has been inspired by Piper's neo-Romantic reveries of Stowe to produce a series of paintings of extraordinary tone, texture and taste. Drawing on traditional and contemporary techniques, Ivan juxtaposes the familiar and the unfamiliar, rearranging temples, lakes, columns and porticos into images of great originality and beauty. His work has been acquired by museums and galleries in the UK and the USA: from the V&A Museum to the Huntington Library in California – home to the Stowe archives.

Over the last couple of years, Ivan and I have discussed the idea of producing a collection of prints – in the form of a limited edition book that we could make available to those with an interest in and appreciation of the landscape of Stowe.

*Dr Anthony Wallersteiner, Headmaster*

The book will be limited to a production of 300 copies of which 200 only will be available for sale. The names of all those who subscribe before publication will appear in the book if they so wish. Each copy will be signed by the artist. The book measuring 315mm x 427mm will comprise 21 full colour, single page illustrations across 90 pages. In addition, each volume will be accompanied by two original, limited edition prints signed by the artist. The price, intended to cover the costs of production only, will be £395 (including UK P&P).

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# STOWE: THE NEW INN

I was recently privileged to attend a splendid dinner hosted by the National Trust in what is now the Music Room at Stowe, but which I have difficulty thinking of as anything other than the Bruce House Room (even though the boarding which covered the splendid wall paintings has now been removed and the room is restored to its original glory). The dinner followed a visit to the New Inn, which is close to and north east of the Corinthian Arch.

During my years at Stowe, I was unaware of this lovely old building, which lies outside the school grounds. However, I understand that later generations will have fond memories of going there for tea with their parents or of learning to ride at The Kennels, where Theodore and Mary Connor – now well into their 80s –

continue to look after horses. The Inn itself was built by Lord Cobham between 1717 and 1721 to serve visitors to the gardens he had recently begun to landscape. I first heard of the Inn and the exciting plans for its development into a Visitor Centre while at a National Trust event on the Isle of Wight during the summer of last year. Since then it has featured very briefly in the interesting article on ‘Partners in Heritage’ in the last issue of *The Stoic*; but my guess is that few Old Stoics will have picked up all the excitement of this project from the brief description given there.

Before our dinner we had a site visit to the New Inn, which reminded me of the route of the Junior Cross-Country course (did I really only run that race once?). The route from the Corinthian Arch ran along what I’m sure we called ‘the carriage drive’, eventually reaching the Bourbon Pavilions and on to the ‘home straight’ back to the North Front. I always understood that Lord Cobham had planned this as an impressive carriage route for his visitors, so that their first view of his magnificent home was the South Front seen across the lakes. Turning left, they would have lost sight of the house until, like the cross-country runners many years later, they wound their way past the Bourbon Pavilions to the North Front.

What never occurred to me at the time was that Lord Cobham also expected more ordinary visitors than his house guests, and that he had built a public hostelry (incorporating a working farm) for their benefit. Casual visitors staying at the New Inn would walk or ride down from the Inn to the garden gateway on the south axis between Vanbrugh’s Lake Pavilions, which are contemporary with the Inn. This acceptance, or expectation, of casual country house visitors puts a perspective on the school’s imaginative collaboration with the National Trust, which clearly follows a long tradition. As the Trust’s conservation plan for the New Inn



comments, “*The use of the complex as an hostelry declined in the first half of the C19. The Inn closed c.1850s ... and the estate kennels were introduced apparently for the 1st and 2nd Dukes’ carted deer hounds. Although no longer accommodated by the Inn, visitors still sought out the gardens and by the 1880s tickets for the gardens were being sold on the North Front of the house.*”

The New Inn was not included in the land purchased by the Governing Body of the school in 1922. By this time, the Inn was the farm house to a tenanted farm. The tenancy passed to James Tompkins in 1933, and he acquired the freehold of the farm in 1947. Two Tompkins brothers continued to occupy the house and farmed the land until the start of the present millennium. But the state of the building gradually deteriorated, indeed the farmyard barn collapsed at some time in the 70s. By the time it was acquired by the National Trust in 2005, the Inn was a







provide a complete range of visitor facilities for the garden.

I wanted to share the excitement and the imagination of the project with other Old Stoics, who may be as ignorant about it as I was just a few months ago. The NT was kind enough to send me a 98 page report about the project. This confirms my high opinion of the Trust's general approach to conservation and public access and also about this project in particular. Picture for yourselves the attractiveness for visitors to Stowe arriving along Buckingham Drive from Chackmore, and gaining access to the gardens via the Corinthian Arch. If this strikes a chord with you, as it does with me, you may like to support the project yourselves. There is still a shortfall of £200,000!

The splendid recent dinner I referred to at the beginning of this piece confirmed and extended my interest in this project. It gave me an opportunity to see their plans at first hand. But also I was able to learn much more about the way the school, the Stowe House Preservation Trust and the National Trust collaborate in a most productive way to preserve and enhance the buildings and grounds of Stowe for the benefit of the school (including, of course, the pupils) and the public. Back at the Isle of Wight last summer, I made a throw away remark to Laura Pepper, the National Trust Regional Fund Raising Manager for the area, that I would like to help to raise awareness of the New Inn project amongst Old Stoics. The launch of *The Corinthian* seems an ideal way to do this, and perhaps also to open the way to more thoughts and information about the work of the Stowe House Preservation Trust and the National Trust at Stowe.

If you are interested in this project, please feel free to contact me, or Laura Pepper at the National Trust. Laura can be contacted by email at [laura.pepper@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:laura.pepper@nationaltrust.org.uk), or by phone on 07920 546225.

*John Garratt (Cobham 53)*

- View from the south east corner with the Queen's Temple in the background.
- Refurbishing one of the many sash windows.
- The restoration of an 18th century dormer window on the north side. The whole structure is covered by a temporary protective roof which can be seen from the main Mansion.

crumbling ruin, though one of the brothers is said to have remained in residence during the winter months when his caravan was too cold! I won't repeat the tales about the tenants' occupancy that emerged during our evening; they were strangely redolent of 'Cold Comfort Farm'!

What has caught my imagination about the National Trust's major project to

magnificent palace. Now I have discovered that I had no need to dream of belonging to the aristocracy, since almost 150 years earlier ordinary people had their own grand entry to the gardens at Stowe.

The National Trust's interest in the New Inn goes back as far as 2001 when an unsuccessful proposal was put to the Trustees of the National Trust to purchase the New Inn in order to conserve this piece of the jigsaw of Stowe's history: funds were not available in view of the large financial commitment to the ongoing preservation of other buildings and monuments in the gardens. What changed this policy was the development of a business case to create a new Visitor Centre. The need for such a centre had long been recognised and in February

## THE NEW INN WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE LAND PURCHASED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE SCHOOL IN 1922. BY THIS TIME, THE INN WAS THE FARM HOUSE TO A TENANTED FARM.

restore the New Inn is the intention to recreate the original approach and access for visitors to Stowe. Even as an undistinguished cross-country runner I could imagine something of the grandeur and the romance of aristocrats riding in their carriages watching the South Front disappear behind the trees to reappear as the grand North Front entrance to a

2003, a study day was held at Stowe to review the options. The New Inn emerged as the preferred option, being the only location for facilities that met all the project objectives including improvement of the visitor's access route to the gardens and house. In May 2007 the Board sanctioned the spending of £8.4m on the site providing that the project could

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# NEWS

Many thanks to all those Old Stoics who submitted news items for this edition. Please accept the editor's apologies that some entries have had to be abridged and that some photographs have been omitted due to their print quality.

Please keep sending in your entries for the next issue of *The Corinthian* to [oldstoic@stowe.co.uk](mailto:oldstoic@stowe.co.uk) or post them to Old Stoic Office, Stowe School, Buckingham MK18 5EH.

## 1930s

### Major Charles Ashton (Chatham 35)



Charles and his wife, Cecil, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on 3 December 2010. They were married in the village church of Milton Lilbourne, where they have lived for 70 years. Charles remembers sharing a study with Leonard Cheshire. He was involved with the Angling Association and he still continues to support the Stowe Beagles.

### Doug Howell (Temple 38)

Doug writes "My memories go back to the 1930s. Sadly, many of my classmates are not with us any more. We had good Rugby teams with the likes of Ken Goldschmidt, Mallet, Spencer, 'Spuggins' and others. J.F gave lectures on the beautiful cathedrals of Europe. The Chapel rang with 800 voices singing in harmony. Snowdon, our organist was one of the finest in the country. Being an American, I left England in 1937 and joined the U.S. Army after Pearl Harbour. On the Memorial in the Chapel, I saw the names of several of my class who died in WWII. One of these was 'Dot' Beamish. He won the music prize, playing the French horn, while I accompanied him on the piano. I was fortunate and survived 4 years in the U.S. Army. Thanks to Dr Huggins we always had good music at the school. We once had the London Philharmonic playing for us. My study mate, George Le Bouvier, became a distinguished scientist. The other was Christopher Robin Milne. He was a soloist in the choir and quite good at cricket. My career was in the auto industry. I worked at Ford, responsible for estimating the cost of new models and had to explain to our President, Bob McNamara, when they turned out to be wrong! I later ran a manufacturing operation in Pittsburgh. I was back at Stowe two years ago. The grounds were beautiful as always and some wonderful new buildings have been added. I saw some students who were girls – a very nice addition! I have fond memories of Stowe and would love to hear from some of my class mates."

### Clive Foster-Barham (Cobham 39)



Clive was a member of the Stowe Rover Scouts, led by Maths master, Mr Freddie Archer. He was taught the piano and sang in the Stowe Choral Society under Dr Huggins and Mr Snowdon. He still cherishes his Huggins Prize for Music 'Haydn's Sonata in D Major' signed by Leslie Huggins and the adjudicator was Mr Ratcliffe, former Master. Now, he plays his Chappell baby grand piano daily and still sings in 2 choirs locally in Somerset. He also writes comic poetry and enjoys bird photography.

## 1940s

### David Palmer (Chatham 44)

David writes "In September 1939 the month the war began Alistair Home, Tony Quinton and I entered Stowe in Chandos, Temple and Chatham respectively. In June 2010 my wife Millie and I celebrated our Diamond Wedding. We marked the occasion with parties, one in London at the Cavalry & Guards Club and another at Burrow Farm, our home in Buckinghamshire. The toast at the London party was proposed by Tony – now Lord – Quinton, and at the country party by Alistair – now Sir Alistair Home. During 70 years, our paths crossed many times and we finished up living within a few miles of each other in the Thames Valley. We were flattered and delighted to have two such distinguished Old Stoic friends propose our health on these occasions. Sadly Tony Quinton died in July 2010."

### Ian Robertson (Chatham 44)



Ian has recently compiled 'An Atlas to the Peninsular War', published by Yale University Press. It is the first comprehensive modern atlas to cover in detail that series of campaigns in Portugal, Spain and South-West France where, between 1808 and 1814, almost all the fighting took place between British troops – commanded by the future Duke of Wellington – and those of Napoleon

France. The battles of Talavera, Salamanca, Vitoria, in the Pyrenees and beyond to Toulouse, and the sieges of Ciudad Rodrigo, and Badajoz, among numerous minor actions, are all succinctly described and depicted in some 77 maps and plans in full colour.

## 1950s

### Michael Deeley (Bruce 50)



Michael's very successful memoir 'Blade Runners, Deer Hunters and Blowing The Bloody Doors Off – my life in cult movies' was published in paperback by Faber & Faber on 4 March 2010.

### Rupert Chetwynd (Walpole 51)

Rupert has written a book on Afghanistan entitled 'Yesterday's Enemy – Freedom Fighters or Terrorists?' It currently enjoys a five star Amazon rating and sells like hot naan bread! Rupert has helped to make three documentary films on Afghanistan, one for the History Channel called 'Afghanistan – war without end'.

### Michael Gregory (Chandos 51)



Michael has an interest in the restoration of the Locomotive '928 Stowe', originally built in 1934 for Southern Railway Schools' Class and only one of 3 remaining. More information can be found at The Maunsell Locomotive Society on [www.maunsell.org.uk](http://www.maunsell.org.uk)

### Nicholas Boulton (Grenville 52)

Nicholas was appointed Chairman Regattas by the Guelph Rowing Club in addition to being the Club's Safety Officer.

### James Catty (Walpole 52)

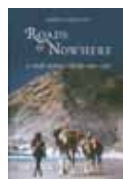
Jim, who has never worked in the travel industry, wishes to report his 305th crossing of the Atlantic in

mid October 2010 (an early one of which was to go to Stowe) and that his second book 'Guide to Fair Value under IFRS' was published in April 2010 by John Wiley and Sons, New York.

### Jeremy Gibson (Walpole 52)

Jeremy is co-author and editor of 'Turnpike Roads to Banbury (Banbury Historical Society 31, 2010)'. Its Buckinghamshire and Northamptonshire chapters cover the history of roads around Buckingham and Stowe familiar to generations of bicycling Stoics.

### John Harding (Chatham 52)



John has recently completed his book, 'Roads to Nowhere', which was published last November. The book has been well reviewed in military and Middle East publications and he has already presented a copy to the Stowe Library. The book has some contemporary relevance as it describes the Yemen, now a hotbed of Al-Qaeda activity, mainly as it was in the past, but with something of the present.

### George Kent (Cobham 52)



George has been involved with charitable work with destitute children in South India. After raising a million pounds he retired. A few years later he came out of retirement to save two of the homes in Andhra Pradesh from closing. The Reverend Christopher Turner (former Headmaster at Stowe 1979-89) and Pauline Stanton-Saringer both became trustees of Children's Homes in India Trust, supporting Chairman, George. The photo shows the three of them at Heathrow on their return from Bapatla, Andhra Pradesh. It was a happy combination of skills and experience. Essentially his message is that education is the key weapon in breaking the cycle of poverty in the developing world. Any Old Stoic interested in helping with this work is welcome to contact George at [agkentsilver@btinternet.com](mailto:agkentsilver@btinternet.com) The website describing the Christian work being done by this small charity is [www.chitonline.co.uk](http://www.chitonline.co.uk)

### Nigel Ostrer (Cobham 52)

Nigel has fond memories of the years he spent in Cobham House, including the last two terms of Roxburgh. Recently he wrote and





published a book, 'The Ostrers and Gaumont British', about his uncle who created and ran the Gaumont British Picture Corporation in 1927, which was the largest movie company in the UK in the 1930s, employing 16,000 people, including directors like Hitchcock (who started as a script writer in the GB subsidiary Gainsborough Pictures), and 1,274 actors including his mother and James Mason (married to his cousin). More details are on his website: [www.gaumontbritish.com](http://www.gaumontbritish.com)

### John Garratt (Cobham 53)

John retired in 2000 from the Chemistry Department at the University of York where he started as a Junior Lecturer in 1965, and progressed to a Readership. He was elected an Emeritus Fellow on retirement. He and his wife Pat retired to her family farm in Sussex, with the fond notion that they would relax in a corner of it with a small herd of Dexter cattle and a few Portland sheep. They have ended up managing the whole farm, and their cattle numbers have increased to about 100 (half of which are the local Sussex breed) and the sheep flock to about 300 (mostly of the Romney breed, though they still have a handful of Portlands). It is a beautiful spot, with woodland and a lake as well as pasture. They welcome visits from Old Stoics. Their interest in the work of the National Trust has led them to become Patrons.

### Sir Michael Craig-Cooper (Temple 54)



Sir Michael, former President of the Old Stoic Society and a former Master of the Drapers' Company, has just become The Pilgrims' new Honorary Secretary. The Pilgrims' is the most pre-eminent Anglo-American friendship society in the country. Sir Michael completes his term as Vice Lord-Lieutenant for Greater London in January 2011. He is a Director of the National Bank of Kuwait (International) PLC, a member of the Court of the Drapers' Company and is active with many other bodies, including the Royal Hospital Chelsea.

### Michael Ferrier (Temple 54) Peter Fenwick (Cobham 54)



Mike, to the left in the photo and Peter Fenwick (Cobham 54) right, met in Monaco having not seen each other for 35 years! They both left Stowe in 1954, shared an apartment in London and then went their various ways. Peter became

a well-known expert on near death experiences, lecturing on CNN, BBC and other media. Mike became Regional Director (Latin America, then Europe, then the Far East) for the world's largest advertising agency, McCann Erickson. He moved countries 15 times during a 40 year career! At Stowe they together produced a transposition of Animal Farm to the school with the students removing the tyrannical Masters only to become more tyrannical themselves. The film grossed a glorious £36 at Sports Day in the old Gymnasium, more money than either of us had ever seen! Mike has also lectured at Stowe on careers in the Advertising industry and what it is like working abroad. He retired to Monaco when he became tired of paying taxes! Peter refuses to retire – his wife won't let him!

### Richard Day (Temple 55)



'Artful Tales' is the unlikely and implausible Journal of an Art dealer from 1957-1997. They are stories of the quirks and amusements of life in the Art world, first at Sotheby's and later as a dealer in Bond Street. They are interspersed with stories which touch on the connoisseurship of drawings, and are – more often than not – tales of merry times, manic egos and mischievous malice.'

### Colin Maher (Chatham 55)

Colin continues to teach English in Zelenograd. He writes "Today, for my Russian hooligan teenage students, the topic from 'English File' was: What was boarding school like back in the 1950s? For me, I told them, I would always remember the long tables. How at Chatham House, we would do evening homework at long tables in total silence for two hours under the stern gaze of the house prefect, ready to record the slightest infringement of that silence. At the end of two hours, we would quickly put up nets on the long tables and noisily get on with our ping-pong matches. Next morning it was long tables again at which we would breakfast in the main dining room. The procedure for eating a boiled egg in those days was to execute it so that its 'head' landed on the plate of an adjoining breakfaster."

### Nick Clayton (Grafton 56)



Nick cornering in the hobby-horse world championship race at Knutsford on 5 Sept 2010. The fifth Knutsford Great Race will take place in 2020.

### Ralph Cobham (Grenville 56)



Ralph and Richard Squires (Cobham 56), both Founder Trustees of the Betjeman Millennium Park, Wantage, Oxon, have organised the unveiling of three large exhibits by an Oxford Professor of Fine Art and The Minister for Culture, commemorating the life and works of John Betjeman on Saturday, 26 March 2011 at 11.30am. Buffet lunch. For details, email: [rci@talk21.com](mailto:rci@talk21.com)

### Michael Hill (Walpole 57)

Michael was awarded an MBE for voluntary service to St John Ambulance in Bath in the Queen's Birthday Honours in June 2010.

### Colin McIntosh (Temple 57)

Colin writes from Calcutta where he is resting after rather a hard trip to remote parts of Upper Burma after 'his' birds. He managed to see one of the rarest birds in the world, the Spoon Billed Sandpiper!

### Robin Hunter-Coddington (Chandos 59)

Robin continues with his love of the seas. Having resurrected the Old Stoic Sailing Society a few years ago he has recently turned his attentions to a slower form of movement on the sea – swimming – indeed he used to be quite competitive in his school days holding a school record for a very brief period. He swims regularly in the Serpentine Lake in Hyde Park, London, both winter and summer, and 18 months ago decided with a few of his fellow swimmers to swim the Channel from England to France. Not only to do so, but to do it with the oldest team ever to attempt it and to land in France on the day of his 70th birthday. As he said before the attempt, he much preferred the thought of drinking sea water rather than champagne to celebrate. On 21 September the 7 man team, with an average age of 57, landed in France at 22h09 after swimming for 15h 12m 03s, much quicker than they had anticipated, hence poor Robin arrived in France a day earlier than planned and had to drink champagne to celebrate, not seawater!! As Robin has commented on his Twitter site, this was a real toughie and he is now going to continue to swim, but slowly, in short races, and in warm water.

### David Ridley (Cobham 59)

In September 2009 David attended the 50th Anniversary Reunion lunch for those who left Stowe in 1959. He

writes "There must have been 50 of us and I had seen hardly any of them since we were teenagers. Some I recognised, others I didn't. I have studied the list of attendees and scanned the group photo but there are still many whom I cannot place. I was approached by one whom I immediately knew, David Manzi-Fe (Cobham 59), although we hadn't seen each other since shortly after leaving school. Since the lunch we have corresponded with the odd email. In August 2010 we met for lunch in Zurich and we were invited to visit him in Arosa later that week. It is a beautiful train ride to Arosa where it snowed! We had an extensive dinner when the teenage topics of cars and careers were replaced by blood pressure counts and herbal remedies for prostate."

## 1960s

### John Wates (Bruce 60)



John christened his own granddaughter, Petra Wates, on 20 December 2009. In the photo, her father, Luke Wates

(Walpole 90) is on the left. He christened her in the font that he was baptised in himself, in 1943.

### Michael Chapman (Chatham 62)

Michael writes "I have been pretty busy this year – first as a Quality Assurance expert on a World Bank project in Jakarta, then as water resource/supply specialist for Hue Province in Vietnam (a very pleasant place for that work!), and now in Astana (-5 to -10°C) where I am writing a Final Completion Report for an ADB water supply and sanitation project for 3 Oblasts. Apart from that I am trying to publish a paper on earthquake prediction – shortly, when I return to Manila for Christmas where I have a 10-year old son attending the British School."

### Guy Vowles (Cobham 62)



Guy is about to publish a new long distance walking book called 'The Palladian Way'. It covers the 125 mile route from Buckingham (Stowe) to Prior Park outside Bath where another Palladian bridge is in the UK. The book will be available in April 2011 and will be published by Reardon Publishing. Further details can be found on [www.guysrambles.co.uk](http://www.guysrambles.co.uk)

# NEWS

## 1960s cont...

### David Lemonius (Chandos 63)

Having been out of touch since he left Stowe in 1962 David's life has been varied and enjoyable. Having trained in engineering his first job was with WJ Cooper and Sons, Agricultural Engineers in Buckingham! He recalls being sent up to Stowe to repair a lawn mower and hoping he wouldn't meet up with any of his former 'inmates'! He then followed a career in farming and agricultural engineering until the early 80s when he switched to running a boatyard on the Isle of Wight until he retired from the business about two years ago. Since then he has been 'driving' a pleasure boat in his son's business taking tourists for trips around the world famous Needles Rocks from the equally famous Alum Bay Coloured Sands. He is married with two grown-up boys and two grandchildren.

### Peter Goodwin (Cobham 65)

Peter remarried for the 2nd time aged 63 on 2 October 2010. He now lives near Haslemere, Surrey and is currently Chairman of the South Leicestershire Conservative Association but will soon be moving his allegiances to Jeremy Hunt MP in SW Surrey. He recently attended the opening of the new Art School and said "it was good to see that the plaque to my Uncle, in whose name the original Art School was given by my Grandfather, is displayed in the new entrance hall."

### Barry Olorenshaw (Chandos 66)

Barry has resigned as Chairman of commercial property investment group, Priam, and has also stepped down from the chair of the New Forest Business Partnership in order to devote more time to family business interests. He will continue to be actively involved in a number of charitable and community related organisations and would welcome hearing from any Old Stoics seeking business start-up or expansion assistance in Hampshire where he may be contacted on [barry@olorenshaw.com](mailto:barry@olorenshaw.com)

### Charles McDonald (Chatham 68)

Charles is now the senior partner at Hallett and Co, lawyers in Ashford, Kent.

## 1970s

### John Naumann (Cobham 70)

John went to Brazil as a trainee on a 2 year contract and stayed for 20 years! His last job was with Midland Bank; he left in 1985 to start his own business and married his wife in Dec 1991 in Barcelona. From there they went to Germany, and then postings in Dakar, Guinea, Brasilia and now Islamabad. They are due to leave mid 2011 but don't know their destination, as yet.

### Philip Yerburgh (Bruce 70)

Having spent 10 years with Land Securities Trillium, Philip took redundancy in 2008, probably the worst time for people in property. However, the gods of Stowe were clearly smiling on him as he almost immediately found a post as a Project Manager for an organisation founded by a very famous OS, Leonard Cheshire. The organisation has been 're-branded' Leonard Cheshire Disability. He wasn't sure whether it was his experience of project management or his OS socks that made the difference! However since then, as a result of re-organisation, he has been promoted to National Asset Manager with responsibility, amongst other things, for all the Care Homes. Every one he visits has some memorabilia of Leonard Cheshire, often a photo of him in hard hat with a builder's trowel in his hand laying the foundation for an extension to one of the large houses that form the core of our estate. Anyone wishing to contact him can do so on [phil.yerburgh@LCDisability.org](mailto:phil.yerburgh@LCDisability.org) – he is always looking for local volunteers!

### Hugo Fay (Grenville 71)



Hugo writes "After a couple of degrees from University College London and McGill University, I embarked on a varied career in journalism, screenwriting and property investing and consultancy. I try not to look back too much because I don't like turning my back on the future! But I always regard the high point of my life so far in literal terms – trekking to 18,000 feet in the middle of February in a pair of old sneakers and summer flannel trousers arrogantly looking down on Everest Base Camp as if I ruled the place! But that was 26 years ago and that high point could easily have turned nasty as later

returning from base camp, I got lost in the Khumbu Glacier just before dusk with only a can of sardines and no sleeping bag! After several years as a news correspondent for United Press International in Canada (where I reported on Quebec's first referendum on independence and spent many hours on Pierre Trudeau's election plane criss-crossing Canada), I cycled across America to take up more reporting assignments in Sydney, Australia. I returned to the UK (via Everest) for a 10-year stint as editor and broadcaster of the BBC World Service's main current affairs programme Newshour. Itchy feet and a decision taken with careful consideration to leave before 'management' called, I lived in the Amazon for a year and a half to freelance for the BBC and write screenplays. Cut to 2011 and I now run a property consultancy specialising in high-yielding Caribbean investments. Quite a leap even for my 6'1" frame and certainly a very stimulating and rewarding career change! The recession has been very good to me. Home is with my family of two children in Teddington, Middlesex."

### Bret Johnson (Walpole 71)

Bret lives in Suffolk and has now retired from the Law, after 30 years as a solicitor. He teaches law and business studies part-time at Colchester Institute and remains active as an organist and choir director.

### Michael Platt (Chatham 71)

After some time out following the sale of his company Solicitors Own Software, and slightly astonished at now having a 30 year old daughter, Michael has recently launched [www.billpaid.net](http://www.billpaid.net) an online service to help businesses get their invoices paid sooner.

### Alexander Ando (Grenville 73)

Alex retired from the European Investment Bank in October and is now a pensioner in Rome.

### Dr Alan Sidi (Grafton 73)



Alan writes "It is a very long time since I left Stowe early one morning to catch the train to London to go for an interview at Guy's Hospital to apply to study Dentistry. What pulled me through the interview and gained me the offer of a place was that fact that my Biology

teacher at Stowe had kindly organised for me to spend a day with his dentist. My undergraduate degree was followed by a Masters degree obtained with Distinction and then a PhD. My specialist clinical practice is dedicated exclusively to the treatment of Gum Disease and Dental Implants [www.dralansidi.co.uk](http://www.dralansidi.co.uk) I feel a real sense of gratitude to Stowe and my teachers and who encouraged me and set me up on my career."

### Simon Greenley (Walpole 74)

Simon is married to Vicky and lives in London with their two children, James - who will be sitting common entrance for Stowe in June this year - and Ella. Simon is an Insurance litigation partner with city law firm Reynolds Porter Chamberlain, one of the country's leading Professional Liability and Insurance practices. Simon is at present representing Lloyd's and London insurance underwriters in relation to the BP Deepwater Horizon loss and the collapse of Madoff Securities and has previously acted for underwriters on the World Trade Centre loss, the Enron insolvency and other catastrophes. Simon has been ranked for several years by Chambers directory in the top 5 Insurance and Professional Liability solicitors in London. Simon plays tennis, squash (in which he is on the verge of defeat by James) and golf - all of which he played at Stowe whilst taking time off for fishing, swimming (in the lake pre the indoor pool) and playing fives.

### Mark Samuelson (Chatham 74)

After leaving Stowe Mark hitch-hiked the length and breadth of the USA and returned to UEA, Norwich for 3 years of American Studies B.A. He worked in London selling media (Haymarket Publishing & ORACLE Teletext) from 1979-1988 and then travelled extensively for 2 years; He went to South America by container ship, retracing the footsteps of Admiral Cochrane (1775-1860) for an intended TV Documentary. Thereafter, he travelled onwards to the South Pacific for six months cooking and helping run a Dive School in the Cook Islands, NZ, Australia, China, Nepal, India, Kenya and South Africa returning to England in 1990. He attempted to set up Travel Radio but went back to AdSales working for Sky Media & The History Channel until 2005. He is currently involved with cheese making, media consulting, picture dealing and doing Post Grad M.A. Degree at Leicester University in the 'History of the English Country House'. He writes "Busy times; hardly remunerative but enthusiastic, fascinating and fun all the same; something which I feel Stowe enabled me to cultivate all those years ago."



## David Scowsill (Temple 74)



David was appointed President & CEO of The World Travel & Tourism Council in November 2010. He will continue

the organisation's work to raise awareness of the importance of Travel & Tourism and its US\$5.8 trillion value to the global economy. He will lead the organisation in addressing the political, environmental, social and technological factors facing the industry, and encouraging the public and private sector partnerships necessary to build strategies and policies for future growth and prosperity. David has been CEO of Opodo; Vice Chairman, Worldhotels; Senior VP Sales, Marketing & IT at Hilton International; Managing Director EMEA at American Airlines; Regional General Manager Asia/Pacific at British Airways and Sales & Marketing Director at easyJet airlines.

## The Rt Hon the Earl Attlee (Chatham 75)

Earl Attlee was appointed to be a Government Whip, Lord in Waiting and Government Spokesman on all transport matters in the House of Lords, by the Prime Minister. He also has a supporting role in the DCLG (Department for Communities & Local Government) and the Home Office.

## Christopher Drake (Walpole 75)



Chris has lived and worked in Asia for over twenty-five years and is currently a Director of Samena Capital

Hong Kong Limited, an Asian-focused asset management company. A solicitor, he is also the Chairman of the Association for Living Values Education, a Council Member of the Hong Kong International Institute of Educational Leadership, a founding member and Treasurer of the Asia-Pacific Network for Moral Education and a founding trustee of the Values Education Trust in the UK. He has been active with a number of charity or non-profit organisations for many years, mostly in relation to education and values and is also a Founding Trustee of The Mother and Child Health and Education Trust, Deputy-Chairman of the Association for International Business Ethics, a member of the Advisory Group of Oxford University's China Office and a Mentor with Hong Kong University.

## Jonty Crosse (Walpole 76)

This photo is of the first Old Stoic Reunion to be held in Bahrain on 21 October 2009. From left to right: Back Row, Richard Fossett (father of George and Max Fossett), Will Kenyon (Chandos 04), James Tedder



(Grenville 04), Edward Jackson (Bruce 05), Chris Wightman (Chatham 76). Front Row, Darren Haskell-Thomas (Grenville 04), Catesby Langer-Paget (Walpole 00), Jonty Crosse (Walpole 76). Missing because at the time, I did not realise he was an OS living in Bahrain was Douglas Hansen-Luke. A good time was had by all and plans are to make this a regular event.

## Prof Paul Nelson (Temple 76)



Paul has been appointed Professor in Immunology. He is a national and international speaker

on viruses and immunity and continues to encourage pupils and students who wish to embark on a scientific career. He can be contacted on [p.n.nelson@wlv.ac.uk](mailto:p.n.nelson@wlv.ac.uk) A blip in his life occurred in 2007/8 following a diagnosis of amyloidosis. With much prayer and care from all, the miracle is that he survived and is continuing to regain strength again. With his wife Mary and three children, the family now live in an old Post Office (circa 1830) in the Shropshire countryside. The violin (learnt at Stowe) still gets played at a local church band and with a group that helps at a local drug rehabilitation centre.

## Andrew Clarke (Bruce 77)



Andrew is still working in a legal capacity after qualifying at the Bar in 1982 – currently working as General Counsel of

ExxonMobil International Limited in Surrey, after a total of 23 years with the company (16 of which have been spent in overseas assignments in Indonesia, Turkey, America, Singapore and Qatar). In addition to legal support for ExxonMobil, he has various external appointments – as a Benchler of Middle Temple (2009), a member of the Court and Board of Directors of the London Court of International Arbitration, as Chair of the Corporate Counsels International Arbitration Group; and as a member of the Advisory Counsel to Queen Mary University of London. Outside interests include golf (Wentworth GC) and membership of the Honourable Society of Knights of the Round Table (1720), an ancient dining club with charitable purposes. Andrew is married to Ece Clarke (née Ustun – from Istanbul), a successful artist with a studio in London (website: [www.ececlarke.com](http://www.ececlarke.com)) and a string of successful exhibitions to her name. Children consist of a 24 year old stepson (Ekin Gecergil), recently graduated from Glamorgan University and a 15 year old daughter (Clare Alev Clarke) studying at City of London Freemans School in Ashted. Time is spent at homes in London, Surrey and Istanbul.

## Oliver Colville (Bruce 77)

Oliver was elected as the Conservative Member of Parliament for Plymouth Sutton & Devonport on Thursday 6 May 2010.

## Frank Egerton (Temple 77)



Frank was Chair of Writers in Oxford. In 2009 he became a supervisor on the University of Oxford MST in Creative

Writing and also became Librarian and Subject Consultant at the Bodleian Latin American Centre Library. In October 2010 a new edition of his second novel 'Invisible' was officially published by his own imprint, StreetBooks ([www.streetbooks.co.uk](http://www.streetbooks.co.uk)). Throughout 2010 he has been on the editorial panel of Initiate, an anthology of writing published by Blackwell and Kellogg College in November.

## Prof James Cameron (Lytelton 79)

James has just been appointed to the Prime Minister's Business Advisory Group. Other recent Board positions include – Oxfam Development Board, Pepsico UK Advisory Board, GE Advisory Board, Worldwatch International, China Dialogue, and World Economic Forum Global Agenda Council on Climate Change (Chairman). He remains Trustee of the Carbon Disclosure Project and his main enterprise is the one he founded 7 years ago, which is Climate Change Capital, a specialist investment house.

## Marc Hope (Cobham 79)



After 10 years at Fasttrack, Marc has joined the sports marketing agency SMAM to spearhead

sponsors/partners for the XXth Commonwealth Games in Glasgow 2014. Marc has also been appointed to three non-executive directorships – Sport Taekwondo UK (responsible for the GB Olympic Team), Pro-Active East London (the body responsible for Sport and Physical Activity in the 10 East London Boroughs) and London Youth Games.

## Sir Richard Kleinwort (Grenville 79)

Sir Richard has recently been appointed Vice Chairman of Cubitt Consulting, the independent corporate and investor communications consultancy.

## 1980s

## Crispin Jackson (Grenville 81)

Crispin, after four years in the Book Department of Christie's Auctioneers, is working as a freelance book valuer, advising on the disposal of private and public libraries and book collections. Based in North London, he can be contacted at [crispinackson@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:crispinackson@yahoo.co.uk)

## Sonya Martin (née Nightingale, Stanhope 81)

Sonya is married with two children and several animals. She currently works as both a human and veterinary physiotherapist in North Wiltshire. Along with her husband Steve, they run a busy physiotherapy practice in Highworth. In addition, she chairs ACPAT (The Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Animal Therapy), teaches veterinary physios at the Royal Veterinary College and lectures both GPs and vets.

## Chris Boxall (Lytelton 82)

Christopher is Chief Executive of Fundamental Asset Management, a fund management boutique focusing on smaller quoted companies. He has launched a free web based research service called Investor's Champion ([www.investorschampion.com](http://www.investorschampion.com)), which offers independent and objective research commentaries on quoted companies and pulls no punches in giving its subscribers the blunt low-down.

## Marcus Cotton (Chatham 82)

Marcus is CEO of Tiger Mountain Nepal with fellow OS Kristjan Edwards, Chairman (Grenville 90). He has started Mahseer fishing in Nepal ([www.fishingnepal.com](http://www.fishingnepal.com)). The Golden Mahseer (Barbus tor putitora) is the 'salmon' of South Asia and is found in few rivers in far-West Nepal – remote and unspoiled, this is a unique fishing experience. After fishing, a visit to Kamali Lodge & Camp in one of Nepal's finest national parks is a fine option to explore for tiger, rhinoceros, leopard or the rare Gangetic Dolphin. Marcus can be contacted at [marcus.cotton@tigermountain.com](mailto:marcus.cotton@tigermountain.com) or you could try Kristjan at [kristjan.edwards@tigermountain.com](mailto:kristjan.edwards@tigermountain.com) GAP Year/work experience – they welcome applications from Stoics and Old Stoics to come and experience life in the jungle as part of a well established, responsible conservation tourism venture – educating guests, serving local communities, engaging in conservation research. [www.tigermountain.com](http://www.tigermountain.com)

## 1980s

### Charles Hopkinson-Woolley (Temple 82)

Charles is a partner of Tyrus Capital LLP which was the largest hedge fund launch globally in 2009 and now has assets under management of \$1.7bn. He is married, with three children, and lives in Oxfordshire.

### Charles Birtles (Temple 83)



Charlie has successfully completed his third year of trading as an independent property search agent covering Hampshire, West Berkshire & South West Wiltshire – his best year to date. As a family friend who is also Chairman and Founder of a FTSE 100 company said to him, shortly after he launched his business in November 2007, *"I am a great admirer of people who forge their businesses on the anvil of adversity"*. These words gave him huge encouragement, when embarking on a fairly daunting challenge, bearing in mind market conditions at the time. Whilst riding the storm, his business is going from strength to strength and he is 'loving every minute of it!' Charlie lives in Hampshire with his wife and two sons and would be delighted to assist any Old Stoics with their property searches. [www.cbpropertysearch.co.uk](http://www.cbpropertysearch.co.uk)

### Christian Castell (Grenville 83)



Christian writes "I have followed a few doors that opened after I fractured my Calcaneus (heel bone). A friend gave me a guitar to strum whilst I spent the first 3 months with my foot in the air. I have written a number of songs which the producer of the Dave Mathews Band heard and he has offered to produce my music for no charge. I have performed before 150 people at a local venue for charity and subsequently appeared on live radio for an interview for an hour which included performing 3 of my songs live, with just an acoustic guitar. I now perform regularly at a couple of local venues. I had never picked up a guitar before, let alone stand up sober and sing as well. ALL IN 18 MONTHS!! I hope this inspires some people. Good things happen from bad situations.

### Toby Priestly (Grenville 83)

Toby and his wife have recently returned from taking their 4 girls (13, 11, 9 and 7) out of school to go backpacking 'on a shoestring' in

South East Asia for 3 months. He is now temporarily back out in Singapore starting up a Digital Media Company while he awaits finalisation of an agreement with a major Containerised Shipping Company on an invention of his.

### Alison Cooper (née Nightingale, Stanhope 84)

Alison has just planted a vineyard in Sussex.

### Sarah Heaton (née Mounsey, Stanhope 84)

Sarah currently works part-time for Dean Associates, a specialist educational consultancy which helps families find the best schooling, university and childcare options available. She was recently appointed a parent governor at a primary school in Hammersmith. After a career in public relations in London and Hong Kong, she now lives in Shepherds Bush and is married to Nick Heaton, to whom she was introduced by Nick Dalton (Grenville 82), and has three children, Lucy (11), Cecily (9) and Oliver (5). She has a keen interest in gardening, an allotment and introduced various gardening projects to local schools.

### Mark Kitto (Grenville 85)



Mark's first book 'China Cuckoo' (Constable and Robinson, 2009) has been republished in the United States (as 'Chasing China') and Australia under its original title. He is still living on a mountain in China, keeping his family in noodles, thanks to a small coffee shop and bar business ([www.moganshanlodge.com](http://www.moganshanlodge.com)) and is working on what he hopes will be his second book. He also writes a regular column for Prospect Magazine about life in rural China.

### Julie Jaques (née Hamilton-Russell, Stanhope/Nugent 86)

Julia now lives in France having moved from New York and she and her husband, Victor, have three children.

### Richard Hopkinson-Woolley (Chandos 87)



Richard is now head of one of the Real Estate groups at City law firm, Berwin Leighton Paisner and advised Oxford

Properties, the subsidiary of Canadian pension fund OMERS, last year on the letting of the 540,000 sq ft Watermark Place in the City to Japanese investment bank, Nomura. The transaction is thought to be the largest ever non pre-let office leasing deal in the UK. His son, Edward, started in Chatham in September 2010.

### Chris Allerton (Walpole 88)



After leaving the army in 2001 (The Life Guards, Household Cavalry) Chris worked at

Photographic Records at the Lichfield Studios in London. In 2003 he set up his own business Allerton Photography specialising in portrait, corporate & social photography. He lives between London and Wiltshire and travels the UK and abroad following a wide scope of photographic commissions ranging from royal portraits through to books on rare Chinese porcelain. He is married to Amanda and has two children, Freddie (8) and Imogen (5). [www.chrisallerton.com](http://www.chrisallerton.com)

### James Cridland (Temple 89)

James is starting a property consultancy and estate agency covering Oxfordshire and the surrounding areas in Spring 2011, building on his many successful years in the business. James promises all Old Stoics will receive an immediate discount and highly favourable treatment! Contact initially: [info@crilands.co.uk](mailto:info@crilands.co.uk) or 07780 705329.

### Alexander Talbot Rice (Cobham 89)



Last year Alex rode a horse across Afghanistan to draw and paint the human face of that country, and has written a book about it called 'A Horse With No Name'. This year he founded Kabul RFC as part of his UK based NGO called 'Being There Foundation', and is organising an international tournament including several British Lions, in the Spring of 2011. [www.alextalbotrice.com](http://www.alextalbotrice.com)

## 1990s

### Ralph Hazell (Lytelton 90)

Ralph set up a business in 2010 called The Real Asset Company. It enables individuals to buy Gold, Silver, Fine Wine and other commodities at very competitive prices. The middle man is cut out as

you set the buy and sell price with other users. You directly own the asset and The Real Asset Company looks after the storage and insurance. [www.therealassetcompany.com](http://www.therealassetcompany.com)

### Dominic Hyman (Temple 90)

Dominic has won an Emmy award in 2010 as Supervising Art Director for 'The Pacific' for outstanding Art Direction for a miniseries or movie. It was directed by Steven Spielberg.

### Sebastian Cunard (Chatham 91)

At present, Seb runs a Garden Design and Build Practice with his wife Kate, based in central London working on projects all over London. They are currently re-landscaping Haberdasher's School in South East London. Their company is called 'Newleaf', soon to be changed to 'Landscape Design' and have one son, Theo aged six.

### Mark Flower (Chatham 91)

Mark has just moved to Bangkok from Tokyo with InterContinental Hotels Group, looking after Sales and Marketing for all hotels in Thailand, IndoChina and Maldives. He will be busy with quite a few hotel openings in Thailand and Vietnam over the next 2/3 years.

### Archduchess Elyssa von Habsburg (née Edmonstone, Nugent 91)

Elyssa together with her husband Sigismund and children Amedeo (9), Tatyana (7) and Max (6) have moved to Switzerland, just outside Geneva. They are very much enjoying their new life there and the better climate! The children are settling into their new international school and making the most of the numerous activities available. They hope to bump into some Old Stoics on the ski slopes!

### Alex Saary (Bruce 91)



Alex has spent the last 16 years dedicating his time to becoming one of the most highly skilled and highly qualified golf coaches in the UK. He is currently a PGA Advanced level golf coach with an additional degree in Golf Stroke Engineering from the USA – one of only 15 in the UK. He is also the England Regional Coach for the Thames Valley area helping many of the Elite players with their development programmes. Alex's expertise in golf performance coaching is being used by the British Olympic Coaching Programme to



pilot their new training models. He has worked closely with Sir Clive Woodward (Performance Director at the BOA) for the last 2 years developing this programme. Alex is also the first sports coach in the UK to be using the new and emerging field of 3D neuro-mechanics screenings and training programmes to enhance and measure power output and coordination in his students' golf swings. To contact Alex please email him on [aleksaary@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:aleksaary@hotmail.co.uk)

### James Dare (Grenville 92)

James, having left the banking world in 2001, has been living in Cape Town and is currently Global Sales and Marketing Manager for Warwick Wine Estate. Warwick is one of South Africa's leading Wine Estates. He was married 5 years ago to Annabelle and has two wonderful children, Jemima and Sebastian. Any Old Stoic visitors to the Cape are more than welcome to call into the Estate, which is 40 minutes outside Cape Town. Please contact him at [james@warwickwine.com](mailto:james@warwickwine.com) to arrange a visit.

### Sam Pelly (Grenville 92)

Sam works as a photographer between his studios in Notting Hill and Wiltshire, shooting portraits, fashion and fine art photography for private commission and editorial. He portrays children too and will give a discount to any Old Stoic parent who contacts him via [www.sampelly.com](http://www.sampelly.com)

### Damian Rayne (Lyttelton 92)

Damian launched 'The Muse at 269' 7 years ago. It was established to support arts in the community and narrow the divide between university and the professional world. It is essentially a combination of commercial and creative environments in an arranged marriage designed to alleviate the constraints faced by emerging artists. Visit [www.themuseat269.com](http://www.themuseat269.com)

### Rupert Alexander (Chatham 93)



Rupert had a portrait he painted in May 2010, of HM The Queen unveiled. He was thankful it received positive and widespread press coverage.

### D'Arcy Wyvill (Temple 93)

D'Arcy is now living back in North Yorkshire and involved in the family sporting business organising Grouse, Pheasant and Partridge shooting across the Yorkshire Dales. [www.constableburton.com](http://www.constableburton.com)

### Simon Reid (Former Staff 88-93)

Simon, former member of the English Department, is currently the Deputy Headmaster at Worksop College, Nottinghamshire. He has recently been appointed Principal of Gordonstoun School, Moray, Scotland commencing Easter 2011.

### Robert Bush (Bruce 94)

Rob now works at HM Treasury in London on Emerging Market economies as part of the Ministry's Global Economics Team. He still returns to Stowe occasionally to hack his way around the golf course (in many more strokes than it took him as a pupil!).

### Daniel Scott (Chandos 94)

Daniel finished his Yatchmaster Offshore exams in April and successfully sailed his boat, the 100yr Dutch sailing barge – 'The Half Moon' from Barcelona to Ibiza and back (despite the odd hiccup). He is now settled back in BCN and running life drawing classes and painting courses from his great new studio in the Gotico. [www.danielscottart.com](http://www.danielscottart.com)

### Sophia E Chambré (née Calvert, Lyttelton 95)

Sophia and Tom Chambré (Grafton 95) are working together in their own business called Chambré Property Management which manages and lets properties in central London providing a high quality service at very competitive rates. The website is [www.chambrepropertymanagement.com](http://www.chambrepropertymanagement.com)

### James Furse-Roberts (Grafton 95)



James has recently started his own practice, FRLA, which provides landscape architecture and interpretation design services. He specialises in designing spaces that are functional and convey stories, such as heritage visitor centres and botanic gardens. In November, his design for a sustainable education pavilion that stores rainwater for hand-washing won the BD/Dyson Airblade Design Competition.

### Kate Stephens (Nugent 96)

Kate is engaged to Michael Papadimitriou.

### James Craven (Bruce 97)

James is engaged to Katherine O'Neill of Perth in Australia.

### Alexander Heath (Grafton 97)



AJ left Stowe in 1997 and after a number of years as a surveyor decided to become a freelance photographer ([www.ajheathphotography.com](http://www.ajheathphotography.com)). During a trip to Helmand Province in the spring of 2010, he had the pleasure of being looked after by Captain Nick Wills, who it turned out was an Old Stoic (Grenville 02). Whilst he was with him, he received some post from the UK and, totally by chance, one of the bits of post happened to be the Old Stoic Column magazine. Nick is a Platoon commander of 7 Platoon, Number 2 Company, 1st Bn Coldstream Guards. He was heading up a Police Mentoring Team (PMT) working in Nad-e Ali with Afghan National Police. He arrived back safely in April 2010. AJ studied photography at the London School of Printing and has since photographed a huge range of subjects from weddings, family portraits, through to fashion shows and now war photography.

### Tom Stables (Walpole 97)

Until recently Tom was the Design Director of menswear with John Richmond of London and Bologna. He has now been appointed senior head menswear designer with Pringle at Sloane Square, London and would be pleased to hear from and meet up with any other Old Stoics in the area.

### Ben Bloomfield (Temple 98)

Ben has launched a property search website. If you are looking for a new home, his website does all the hard work for you. [www.thepropertyscout.com](http://www.thepropertyscout.com)

### Durga Talukdar (née Gohel, Lyttelton 97)



Durga was featured in Vogue India – a feature about illustrators. She did a scroll painting based on the Babumama for Babur restaurant in London, which was over three metres long. For examples of illustrations, please take a look at [www.durgii.com](http://www.durgii.com) In December 2010, she and her family moved to Singapore for 2-4 years.

### Mark Bowman (Cobham 98)

Mark has just moved into a lovely home in Hildenborough, Kent, with his girlfriend. They bought the house from Hugh Brooking (Cobham 68).

### Laura Marshall (née Humber, Lyttelton 98)

Laura has started a new role as Sales Manager for Seahawk Marine Foods.

### Toby Barnett (Grafton 99)

Toby is on the final leg of a 10 month, self-funded Film and Photography project driving overland from the UK through Southern Europe, Russia, Central Asia and the Middle East. He hopes to make it back to the UK in time for his 30th Birthday in April, preferably without any more run-ins with any former KGB.

### Michael De Butts (Grenville 99)



Mike is a director of Pirate Technics, makers of sculpted bonfires, pyrotechnic displays and floating dance stages. They have built and co-ordinated the epic destruction of centre-pieces for The Secret Garden Party, Green Man and Shambala Festival in the UK, and are the only UK fire troupe to be invited to Burning Man, USA. They also create installations and bespoke shows for smaller celebrations on private land. The picture above is this year's installation at The Secret Garden, surrounded by 120 fire performers, leaking glowing balloons, fire lanterns, fireworks and flames into the sky. More footage can be viewed at [www.burningart.co.uk](http://www.burningart.co.uk)

### Laura McMaster (Nugent 99)

Laura was made a partner at actuarial consultancy Lane Clark and Peacock in October 2010. She works in their insurance consulting department advising a range of UK based London market and overseas insurers.

### Frances Morley-Fletcher (Nugent 99)

Fran is engaged to David Watts and will be married near Buckingham, in August 2011.

### Dan Webster (Cobham 99)

Dan is a Chartered Surveyor and has relocated to Turner and Townsend's Singapore office, where he is looking to grow the Project Management arm of the business, in particular, its corporate end user and commercial fit out team. Dan would welcome contact from any Old Stoics currently living in Singapore and can be contacted on [daniel.webster@turntown.com](mailto:daniel.webster@turntown.com)

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**Nik Brandram**  
(Chandos 00)



Nicholas came back in September 2010 from working with the Afghan National Security Forces in sunny Helmand Province for most of the year. Although he is only a Captain, he spent the first four months as an acting Major commanding a team of twelve British and US soldiers fully embedded with about two hundred Afghans, ranging from regular Army and Police, to counter-terrorism, intelligence and narcotics officers. He then spent the last two and half months back with his Regiment, the Scots Guards.

**Will Dudley**  
(Walpole 00)



Will 'The Walpole Warrior' stepped into the boxing ring on 21 October 2010 to raise money for The Mark Evison Foundation – a charity set up in memory of Lieutenant Mark Evison, a university friend of William's, who was killed in Afghanistan in 2009. With 3 months of boxing training under his belt, William took part in the charity evening at The Troxy, East London, in front of a 1,000 strong crowd. The bout went well and William's opponent took a standing count in the 2nd round. Due to the charitable nature of the evening, the organisers were not judging the bouts, but William clearly came out on top. The evening was a huge success raising a lot of money for various charities. William is still undecided on whether or not he will continue his boxing career. There were 16 Old Stoics in attendance. Anyone wishing to learn more about The Mark Evison Foundation and the funds it awards to young people with a dream should visit [www.markevisonfoundation.org](http://www.markevisonfoundation.org)

**Gee Whitlock**  
(Lyttelton 00)



Gee has recently started her own business, based in central London, called 'Plan Gee'. The services she

provides include cooking, party planning, dog walking, house sitting, temp work and research. She will be happy to add a few Old Stoics to her growing list of clients. For more information visit [www.plangee.com](http://www.plangee.com)

**Elke-Christine Gust**  
(née Schwind, Nugent 00)

Elke married Johannes Gust in June 2008 and in September 2009 had a son, Laurenz Alexander. She hopes to go back to teaching.

**Moritz Schumpelick**  
(Temple 00)

Moritz has successfully passed his exams in Dusseldorf to become a solicitor.

**Zeno Trapp**  
(Temple 00)

Zeno has recently moved to Berlin and has founded a film production company there called Colorstorm Films.

**Jacquetta Robertson**  
(Lyttelton 01)

Jacquetta has been living in Shanghai since June 2009, teaching English initially, but is now working as a PA. She is hoping to start a miniscale cashmere business this year!

**Greg Cushing**  
(Cobham 02)



Greg scored a try for Cambridge in the Varsity match on 4 March 2010.

**Thomas Kirk**  
(Cobham 02)

Thomas is a researcher with Global Governance and PhD candidate at the London School of Economics and Political Science. Thomas' work investigates the role of civil society in creating the conditions for peace in contemporary conflict with particular reference to Afghanistan and Pakistan.

**Katrina Varian**  
(Nugent 02)

Katrina lives and works as an artist and architect in Barcelona. An online portfolio of her work can be seen at [kat-varian.com](http://kat-varian.com). She graduated in Masters in Architecture from The Bartlett School of Architecture at UCL last June 2009, and spent 8 months in South America between November 2009 and June 2010, researching vernacular architectures of Panama and Colombia, and teaching English to children in Colombia and Ecuador. She is currently working up designs for several international architectural projects in the residential, restaurant

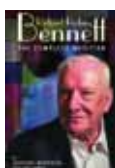
and hotel sectors. She also continues to create artworks and is hoping to organise an exhibition in either Barcelona or London in 2011.

**Thomas Greenaway**  
(Grafton 03)



Thomas, having trained in Florence for nearly 4 years, has set up a workshop near Stowe, inlaying semi-precious stones into marble. He is engaged in the traditional Florentine art of Commoesso di Pietre Dure or Pietra Dura. He receives commissions for tabletops, boxes, panels and less costly paper weights suitable for wedding presents using stones such as agate, chalcedony, jasper, lapis lazuli, malachite, onyx and a wide range of marbles. [www.greenawaymosaics.com](http://www.greenawaymosaics.com)

**Tony Meredith** (Former staff and Chatham Housemaster)



Tony Meredith has been writing full-time since retiring in 2003 after 30 years of teaching at Stowe (where his wife Heather, of course, is still working). In November 2010 Omnibus Press published 'Richard Rodney Bennett: The Complete Musician', a 600-page biography, the third of Tony's highly successful collaborations with Paul Harris (another former long-serving Stowe master). Tony's writing has been widely published in recent years, particularly in various arts magazines (not least Dancing Times), and he also worked with David Nixon (of Northern Ballet) and David Drew (of the Royal Ballet) in creating The Three Musketeers, a full-length dance piece using music by Malcolm Arnold, which played at Sadler's Wells, toured nationally with Northern Ballet in 2006-07, and has now even reached the repertoire of the Estonian national company! Tony, who still lives locally and is on the PCC at Stowe Church, is currently working on several very different projects, his half-completed book on the school and its cultural heritage still patiently awaiting completion.

**Caroline de Peyrecave**  
(Nugent 04)



Caroline has been made a member of the Society of Women Artists and at their annual exhibition was awarded the portraiture award presented by HRH Princess Michael of Kent for her work 'Sindy', pictured above. [www.carolinedepeyrecave.co.uk](http://www.carolinedepeyrecave.co.uk)

**Eliza Ferguson**  
(Nugent 04)

Eliza completed her degree at Bristol University and went onto live in New York working as an assistant art curator. She returned in May 2009 and has since been working at Kingsdale Foundation School in Dulwich, teaching in the Ethnic Minorities Department (EMA), teaching English to children from 11 to 16. She hopes to get her PGCE later this year.

**James Whaley**  
(Grafton 04)



James has been working and living in Whistler, British Columbia, Canada as a Children's Snowboard Instructor for 3 years, working both on Blackcomb and Whistler Mountains. Whilst out there, he worked for VANOC at the Whistler Olympic Park during the Vancouver Winter Olympics 2010. He also embarked on a new career in photography, shooting landscapes and portraiture with the aim of trying to show what life is like in a ski town.

**Eleni Mezulanik**  
(Nugent 05)

Eleni was called to the Bar of England and Wales in October 2009 after graduating from the University of Kent. She has been a member of the Bar of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas since April 2010. She was awarded an LLM in Intellectual Property from Queen Mary's University, London and is pursuing a legal career in London focusing on Intellectual Property in the fields of fashion and media.

**Keith Leon**  
(Temple 06)

Keith graduated in 2009 with BSc. Degree in Management from Royal Holloway, University of London. Also, in 2010, he completed two half marathons (Silverstone and The Royal Oaks) raising over £1,000 for two charities. He is currently working for the NSPCC.

**Emily Ansell**  
(Nugent 07)



Emily is engaged to Jonathan Elfer (Grafton 07). They hope to marry in

2012. Jonathan proposed at the top of the Eiffel Tower in Paris.

**Thomas Stanton**  
(Bruce 07)

Having completed the three year Land Economy course at St John's College, Cambridge, Tom is now



undertaking an additional year reading Management Studies at the Judge Business School, Cambridge. He also represented Cambridge in the annual Varsity Match on 9 December 2010.

### James Musgrave (Grenville 08)



Since leaving school in 2008 James has been pursuing an acting career. During the last 12 months, his credits include

'The Browning Version' directed by Sir Peter Hall and 'Any Human Heart' a Channel 4 drama directed by Michael Samuels. His most recent, 'Wanderlust', (which finished on 9 October) is a new play at the Royal Court Theatre in London written by

Nick Payne and directed by Simon Godwin. He has done other bits and pieces for television in between. 'Any Human Heart' by William Boyd was broadcast in November. He played the young Ben Leeping and Old Stoic Ed Stoppard (Walpole 92) played the older Ben Leeping.

### Laura Paine (Queen's 09)



Since deferring her place at Goldsmiths after a year of Politics, Laura has taken to modelling full-time with Select Model

Management. An eventful few months have seen her working editorially, on the catwalk and commercially. Destinations have been varied; including Paris, New York, Cape Town, and even Norwich!

# MARRIAGES

## 1980s

### Christina Thevan (née Sivapiragasam, Nugent 88)



(Rani) Christina married Paramarguru Thevan in March 2004. Christina has been practising as an advocate and

solicitor in Malaysia since 1992 and has had her own firm since 2000.

### Chester King (Chandos 89)



Chester married Tessa Rose Mills on Saturday 7 August 2010 at St Giles' Church, Stoke Poges, Bucks. The reception afterwards took place at Stoke Park and Best Man was Nic Gorey (Temple 89). Old Stoics in attendance at his wedding from left to right in the photo are Pete Saville, Nic Gorey, Bimbo Hart, Sebastian Pearson, Alistair MacIntosh, Stacey Prewitt, Chester King, Carlos Perez, Edward Hopley, Hertford King, and Witney King.

## 1990s

### Angus Marshall-Andrew (Bruce 90)

Angus married Nicky Murray on 12 June 2010 in Palma de Mallorca. Old Stoics present were (left to right) Jason Kumar, Julian Keirle, James Marshall-Andrew, Simon Craig (non



OS), Marcus Atkinson, Angus Marshall-Andrew, Philip Would, Ben Ridley, Tristan McEwen (Best Man), Stacey Prewitt.

### Hannah Wright (née Baker, Nugent 91)



Hannah married David Wright on 9 October 2010. The wedding was held in Windsor, the reception in Ascot and the honeymoon tracking gorillas in Rwanda! Old Stoics and former staff attending, left to right are: Hazel Waldman, Toby Baker, Sam Wolcough (née Hoare), David Wright (Groom), Hannah Baker, Alex Wolcough, Bryn Hesketh, Charles Burkinshaw and Mike Waldman (aka Doc Pot!).

### Rupert Alexander (Chatham 93)



Rupert was married to Naomi Rutter at Berkhamsted Town Hall on

11 September 2010. In attendance were a number of other Old Stoics: his father, Anthony Atkinson (Chatham 60) his uncle, Chris Atkinson (Chatham 59), President of the Old Stoic Society, Adam Atkinson (Grenville 85) cousin, James McNeill (Chatham 93) best man, Oliver Bengough, Mark Alexiou and David Lewis (all Chatham 93).

### Ed Saper (Chandos 93)



Ed married Sarah Brown on 17 July 2010. Old Stoics in attendance, left to right are Richard Plumridge, Michael Champness, Olivia Coy, Gordon Bird (hidden), Sarah Brown (Bride) Ed Saper, Matt Steggles, Paul Saper, Duncan Atherton and Giles Thompson.

### Robert Bush (Bruce 94)

Robert married Marielle Sack on 22 May 2010 in a ceremony at St Paul's Chapel at Columbia University in New York. A reception was held at the Water Club on the East River. Marielle and Robert met at Columbia Business School where both were taking their MBAs in October 2005.

### Caroline Lindsay (née Shasha, Nugent 95)



Caroline Shasha (Nugent 85) married Oliver Lindsay at The Connaught on 3 November 2010. Her brother,

Justin Shasha (Chatham 93), was present at the wedding, and the photographer was Chris Allerton Photography (Walpole 88).

### Charlie Blake (Grafton 96)

Charlie and Alexandra Williams (Nugent 97) were married in London on 17 April 2010.

### Peter Horrell (Grenville 96)

Peter Horrell married Victoria Read on 30 July 2010. Old Stoics present were Richard Horrell (Grenville 65) and William Horrell (Grenville 67).

### Charlotte Southwell (née Lee, Nugent 97)

Charlotte married James Southwell on 25 April 2009. Old Stoic Edward Dobbin (Chatham 97) attended.

### Susannah Theophilus (née Toynbee, Nugent 98)



Susannah married Luke Theophilus on 4 September 2010.

## 2000 >

### Hugh Arbuthnott (Cobham 00)

Hugh married Clare (née Hilton) on 12 December 2009 in Nottinghamshire. Other Old Stoics present were Alex Berry, Charlie Hustler, Edward Gambarini, Ian Grant-Peterkin, Richard Worrall (all Cobham 00) Milly Skene, (Nugent 00) Arabella Connell, (née Arbuthnott, Nugent 98) and Edouard Lake (Chandos 00). All of them behaved impeccably as could only be expected from Old Stoics!

### Harry Trelawny (Grafton 01)



Harry married Hannah Tozer (Lyttelton 01) on Saturday 29 May 2010 at St Mary's, Redbourn, Herts. Nick Oldridge (Grafton 01) was Best Man. The honeymoon was spent in the Maldives. Photo from left to right: Amelia Annfield, Hannah Durden, Nick Oldridge (Best Man), Natalie Tkachuk, Will Trelawny-Vernon (ex Chatham Housemaster), Harry Trelawny, Edward Clark (Usher), Hannah Trelawny (née Tozer), Hugo Rebbeck, William Dudley, Sam Vallis, Antonia Ford and Ian Winsley's wife, Michaela Winsley (Ian was an usher but was absent for the photo). Holly Middleditch was also in attendance.

### Libbit Osborne (née Forde, Lyttelton 02)



Libbit married Simon Osborne in Burnham Thorpe, Norfolk on 7 August 2010. Old Stoics in attendance included

her father Ivo, current Chairman of the Old Stoic Society, her brother Thomas, currently in Chatham, Daisy Gibbs (née Russell), Rory MacNamara, Sophie Narizzano, Camilla Pemberton, Nick Reed-Clarke, Ralph Carmichael, Lucian Tarnowski, James Carnegie-Arbuthnott. His wife Tor Swayne (current staff) and his Henry Twayne were also present. Libbit is currently working as a teacher in London.

### Ed West (Grafton 02)



Edward married Alice Pearson-James on 31 July 2010 at St Mary's Church, Wargrave. Old Stoics in attendance were (left to right) Lucy Keenan, Laura Duncombe (cousin), George Percy (usher), Alex de Rivaz, Nicholas Wills, Sir Philip Duncombe (grandfather), Harry Duncombe (cousin), Edward West, the bride Alice West, James Keenan (best man), Nick James (godfather), Edward Black (usher), Gee Whitlock (cousin) and Sam Stafford Allen (usher).

# BIRTHS

## 1980s

### John Buchanan (Chandos 82)

To John and Sheridan, a daughter on 26 January 2009.

### Duncan Boardman (Grenville 84)

Duncan and Charlotte are pleased to announce the birth of Charles Rufus Duncan on 6 June 2010, a brother to Daniel and Freddie and a nephew to Colin Boardman (Grenville 87).

### Richard Searby (Cobham 86)

Richard and Helen were delighted by the arrival of their third child, a son, Benjamin, on 12 July 2010, born in London. He is a brother for Alex (6) and Lucy (2).

### Christina Thevan (née Sivapiragasam, Nugent 88)



Christina and her husband Paramarguru had a daughter, Joanna Thevan, on 2 March 2007.

### Mark Stiebel (Grafton 89)

Mark and his wife, Karis, had a son on 16 December 2009, a brother for Amelia.

## 1990s

### Tristan McEwen (Chatham 90)

Tristan and his wife, Paula, had a son Toby on 4 November 2009.

### Alison Arnott (née Howard, Nugent 91)

Alison and her husband, Keith, are pleased to announce the birth of Rory in June 2010.

### Fletcher Morgan (Bruce 91)

Fletcher and Barbara Broughton had a son, Fletcher Beaumont Broughton Morgan, in October 2009. They now live in Vancouver.

### Rafic Barrage (Lyttelton 92)



Rafic and his wife Alexandra are pleased to announce the birth of their second son, Ashar Pierre Rafic Barrage, on 5 January 2010 in Washington DC. Rafic, Alexandra, Amir and Ashar live in Arlington, Virginia, USA.

### Sam Pelly (Grenville 92)

Our daughter Mirella was born on 21 February 2010, a sister for Melo. Orlando Seale (Lyttelton 91) was one of the guests present at her christening.

### Peter Straker (Cobham 93)

Peter and Daisy Straker had a daughter, Flora, born on 20 March 2010.

### D'Arcy Wyvill (Temple 93)

D'Arcy and his wife, Imogen, have had a son, Marmaduke Alexander William Wyvill on 12 April 2010 at the Friarage Hospital, Northallerton, North Yorkshire.

### Richard Lloyd (Grenville 94)

Richard and his wife, Heidi, are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Louisa Alethea on 28 September 2010 in Stoke Mandeville.

### Sophia E Chambré (née Calvert, Lyttelton 95)

Sophia and Tom Chambré (Grafton 95) had a baby boy, Robin Chambré born on 4 October 2010, a brother for Johnny.

### Genevieve Ford (née Choo, Nugent 95)

Genevieve and Ray, are pleased to announce the birth of their son Alexander, on 30 October 2009, a brother for Gabriella.

### Katie Garvão de Carvalho (née Mallett, Lyttelton 96)



Katie and Miguel are delighted to announce the birth of Lawrence on 23 August 2010.

### Lizzy Peacock (née Davies, Lyttelton 96)

Lizzy and her husband, Nick, are pleased to announce the birth of Joshua William Peacock born on 13 October 2009, a brother for Anna.

### Charlotte Southwell (née Lee, Nugent 97)

Charlotte and her husband James are delighted to announce the birth of Olivia May Southwell on 24 May 2010.

### Durga Devi Talukdar (née Gohel, Lyttelton 97)



Durga and Ranjit had a daughter Maya Devi Talukdar on 15 October 2008.

### Armand David (Chatham 98)

Armand and his wife, Amanda, had a baby girl, Emily Maya Kingsmill David on 10 October 2010. Emily weighed in at 7lbs 11oz at birth and we're all doing well.

### Laura Marshall (née Humber, Lyttelton 98)

Laura and her husband, Robert, are pleased to announce the birth of their baby girl, Sophia Jane on 13 June 2010.

## 2000 >

### Robert McKinnon (Temple 02)

Robert and his fiancée, Csilla Batta, are pleased to announce the birth of Bradley McKinnon, born on 10 December 2010.

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# OBITUARIES

We have provided information about the lives and careers of eight particular Old Stoics. In so doing, we realise that there are many other Old Stoics who will have made no less a contribution to society, the country and the lives of others. We hope, though, that in reflecting upon these eight lives and their achievements in the world of academe, politics, the arts, the services and business, we are able to demonstrate the enormously diverse contribution of Old Stoics to the world.

Those deaths marked with an asterisk have an obituary on our website; [www.oldstoic.org/obituaries](http://www.oldstoic.org/obituaries)

## Mr Tom Eaton OBE TD DL

(Cobham 37)

October 1918 – January 2010

As a civic leader, Tom was the third youngest Lord Mayor, and was regarded as “Mr Norwich” for his contribution to the life of the city and county over seven decades.



His family has been involved in the city for more than 200 years and he was also an hereditary Freeman of Norwich. It was no surprise when the young solicitor, who had spent more than three years as a Japanese prisoner of war in the notorious Changi Jail, joined the family firm of Overbury, Steward & Eaton where he was senior partner for almost 30 years.

He became Lord Mayor in 1957 at the age of 39. His themes in his mayoral year included support for a centre for the physically handicapped and promoting Norwich by encouraging travel grants for students.

In 1962, he was made an OBE; in the same year, as Chairman of the Libraries' Committee, he opened Norwich Central Library. He was also a Deputy Lieutenant of Norfolk.

His legacy also includes the Royal Norfolk Regimental Museum. And his plan in 1988 to re-open the tunnel between Shirehall, once the Assizes Court, and the Castle Museum, the former jail, was also successful.

Tom joined the Territorial Army in 1936 and served with the 4th Battalion Royal Norfolk Regiment during WWII. He was wounded and mentioned in dispatches and was demobbed with the rank of Major. He later received the Territorial Decoration.

## 1920s

\*Mr Dudley Steynor AFC  
(Grenville 28) on 5 December 2009

Mr Marcus Chambers (Chandos 29)  
on 5 August 2009

Lt Colonel Jock Sprot MBE TD  
(Chandos 29) on 27 May 2010

Mr Geoffrey Wolfe  
(Bruce/Grafton 29) in 2008

## 1930s

Mr Adam Dawson (Temple 31)  
on 29 January 2010

Mr Geoffrey Wright (Grafton 31)  
on 5 September 2010

\*Major Gen David Egerton CB OBE  
MC (Chandos 32) on 17 November 2010

Mr Derek Chidell MBE  
(Grafton 34) on 17 October 2009

Dr Derek Wraith (Grafton 34)  
on 8 April 2009

\*Mr Lance Burra-Robinson DFC  
(Bruce 35) in June 2010

Mr Robert Lloyd (Chatham 35)  
on 14 March 2010

Mr Bryan Maude-Roxby (Bruce 35)  
in October 2007

Mr Antony Carr-Gomm (Cobham 36)  
on 10 February 2010

Mr Tom Eaton OBE TD DL  
(Cobham 37) on 19 January 2010

Major Charles Hamilton  
(Chandos 36) in June 2005

\*Mr John Kempe CVO (Bruce 36)  
on 10 May 2010

Mr Patrick Keyes (Grafton 36)  
on 26 July 2010

Mr Harold Vickers (Cobham 36)  
on 1 April 2010

Mr Peter Frankenburg (Cobham 37)  
on 22 April 2007

Mr Bryan Henry TD (Chatham 37)  
on 27 February 2010

Mr George Pirie (Grenville 37)  
on 20 January 2010

Mr Kyrle Simond MBE (Temple 37)  
on 11 April 2010

Dr Steven Smith (Grenville 37)  
on 4 February 2010

Mr Antony Dodwell (Grafton 38)  
on 19 February 2010

Lt. Commander David Foster DSO  
DSC (Cobham 38) on 4 June 2010

\*Mr Paddy Davies (Bruce 39)  
on 3 September 2010

Mr John Glenney (Cobham 39)  
died some years ago

\*Dr Robert Marten (Grafton 39)  
on 13 October 2010

Mr Hamilton Rowan DFC  
(Chatham 39) on 12 April 2010

Mr Robert Russell CBE  
(Grafton 39) on 18 August 2010

\*Major Gen David Toler OBE MC DL  
(Grenville 39) on 19 November 2009

Mr Stephen Whitwell CMG MC  
(Chatham 39) on 6 October 2010

## 1940s

Dr John Ferguson-Smith  
(Grenville 40) on 12 February 2010

Mr Geoffrey Moy (Walpole 40)  
on 13 November 2009

Dr Philip Clay (Grafton 41)  
on 3 October 2009

\*The Jonkheer Frederik Groeninx  
van Zoelen MC (Chandos 41)  
on 1 January 2010

Richmond Harding (Bruce 41)  
on 21 October 2010.

Dr Christopher Lewis (Chatham 41)  
on 9 September 2010

Mr Ian Macdonald (Walpole 41)  
on 8 June 2010

Mr Bingham Dore (Cobham 42)  
on 28 February 2009

The Venerable Derek Hayward  
OBE (Grenville 42) on 26 April 2010

Mr Donald Hodge OBE  
(Grenville 42) on 19 January 2010

Mr James Kingsland (Bruce 42)  
on 12 September 2010

\*Sir Henry Lawson-Tancred Bt.  
(Chandos 42) on 28 March 2010

Mr George Lees (Temple 42)  
in September 2009

Lt Col John Lloyd-Williams  
(Temple 42) on 22 April 2010

Mr Gavin Perceval Maxwell  
(Bruce 42) on 30 July 2009

The Rt Hon the Lord Quinton  
of Holywell (Temple 42)  
on 19 June 2010

Mr Simon Spicer (Bruce 42)  
on 19 December 2009

Mr Michael Turner (Cobham 42)  
died some years ago

Mr Dennis Johnson (Cobham 43)  
on 28 April 2010

Major Peter Pearson (Chandos 43)  
on 12 May 2010

Mr John Shepherd-Barron OBE  
(Walpole 43) on 15 May 2010

Mr Alexander Mackenzie Smith  
(Chandos 44) on 14 July 2010

Mr Andrew Marsden-Smedley  
(Walpole 44) on 13 January 2010

Mr Godfrey Wright (Chandos 44)  
on 18 August 2008

Dr John Yerburch (Bruce 44)  
on 1 September 2010

Mr Christopher Cooper  
(Grenville 45) on 31 October 2009

Mr Henry Marten (Temple 45)  
on 15 November 2009

Mr Patrick Murphy (Grafton 45)  
on 25 October 2009

Mr Timothy Thackrah (Bruce 45)  
on 28 July 2010

Mr Julian More (Chandos 46)  
on 15 January 2010

Mr Nicholas Turquand-Young  
(Cobham 46) on 5 September 2010

Baron Whitby of Ballycown  
(Grenville 46) on 19 November 2009

Mr Peter Stewart (Grafton 47)  
on 15 March 2010

Mr Charles Wauchope  
(Chandos 47) on 23 May 2010

\*Mr Alasdair MacGregor (Bruce 48)  
on 16 March 2010

Mr Trevor Potts (Bruce 48)  
on 20 July 2010

Brigadier Geoffrey Duckworth CBE  
(Chatham 49) on 6 March 2010

Mr Ian Gornall (Bruce 49)  
on 2 September 2010

Mr Timothy Lambert (Grafton 49)  
on 29 December 2008

Sir Robin Maxwell-Hyslop  
(Chatham 49) on 13 January 2010

## 1950s

Mr James Newton (Chandos 50)  
on 17 December 2009

Mr Graham Sewrey (Grafton 50)  
on 8 March 2010

Mr Simon Digby (Walpole 51)  
on 10 January 2010

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## 1950s cont...

**Mr James Pearman (Walpole 51)**  
on 23 December 2005

**Mr Ronald Robinson (Chandos 51)**  
on 31 October 2009

**Mr David Campbell (Grenville 52)**  
on 28 January 2009

**Mr David Llowarch (Walpole 52)**  
in December 2009

**Mr Anthony Lumsden-Cook (Bruce 53)** on 21 November 2009

**The Rt Hon the Lord Bernstein of Craigweil (Chatham 54)**  
on 12 April 2010

**Mr Rodney Crombie (Chatham 54)**  
in 2008

**Mr Robin Fennell (Temple 54)**  
on 14 May 2008

**Mr Nigel Lacey (Temple 54)**  
on 16 May 2010

**Mr Simon Logie (Walpole 54)**  
on 24 November 2009

**Mr John Renshaw (Grenville 54)**  
on 24 October 2009

**\*Mr Guy Renwick (Chatham 54)**  
on 30 January 2010

**Mr William Mells (Chandos 55)**  
on 9 October 2009

**Mr Victor Pope (Grenville 55)**  
on 19 January 2007

**Mr Peter Catchpole (Grafton 56)**  
on 9 November 2010.

**Mr John Cameron (Temple 57)**  
on 2 December 2009

**The Rt Hon the Lord Lyell of Markyate QC (Grafton 57)**  
on 30 August 2010

**Mr Jarda Svejdar (Walpole 58)**  
on 4 June 2010

**Mr David Fanshawe (Chandos 59)**  
on 5 July 2010

**The Rt Revd Colin C W James MA (Former staff 1955-59)**  
on 9 December 2009

**\*Mr Jeremy Lewis (Bruce 59)**  
on 3 June 2010

**Mr Peter Sadler (Grafton 59)**  
on 19 December 2009



## Lt. Commander David Foster DSO DSC (Cobham 38)

May 1920 – June 2010

Lieutenant-Commander David Foster was one of the most highly decorated pilots of the Fleet Air Arm in the Second World War.

On 24 January 1945, Foster commanded 849 Naval Air Squadron of Grumman Avenger dive-bombers during Operation Meridian, the largest ever undertaken by the Fleet Air Arm. Some 140 aircraft flying from the carriers Indomitable, Illustrious, Indefatigable and Foster's ship Victorious attacked oil refineries at Palembang in Indonesia which were supplying the Japanese war machine. Foster and his pilots delivered a pinpoint attack, all returning safely, though many of the aircraft were peppered with shrapnel.

Five days later Foster was asked to repeat the operation, against an enemy which was now thoroughly alerted and had had the opportunity to reinforce its defences. This time Japanese fighters met Foster and his squadron 100 miles from the target and fought them continuously, using cloud cover to achieve surprise. Foster had just given the order to dive on the target when two Japanese Zeros burst from the cloud and shot down both his wingmen. Foster himself dived steeply, hoping to shake off his pursuers as he passed through the wires of the barrage balloons, and was followed closely by the remaining flights of 849 NAS. They delivered a second successful attack.

Four of the 12 aircraft were lost – one crew being rescued by the destroyer Whelp, whose first officer was Philip Mountbatten, now the Duke of Edinburgh. Six more were damaged. Foster was awarded a DSO, and four of his aircrew were also decorated for their bravery.

Subsequently Victorious and her aircraft were involved in Operation Iceberg, air strikes on the Sakashima Gunto islands and Formosa, before the ship withdrew to Australia in June 1945. Foster was awarded a Bar to an earlier DSC.

David Ramsey Foster was born in London to American parents and was educated at Stowe and Gonville and Caius, Cambridge. He volunteered in 1939, but was not called to HMS St Vincent, as a naval airman 2nd Class, until the spring of 1940.

After the war Foster joined the Colgate-Palmolive business, in which his father had also held leading roles, and steadily rose through the company. By 1957 he was managing director of UK operations; four years later he was vice-president and general manager of the European division; in 1965 he took charge of the American household products division; and in 1970 he became president and then chief executive officer. He was elected chairman in 1975, and retired in 1979.

During his tenure as CEO, Colgate's sales grew from \$1.2 billion to \$5 billion, and the company launched innovative new products such as Colgate toothpaste with MFP fluoride and Palmolive dishwashing liquid.

## The Rt Hon the Lord Quinton of Holywell (Temple 42)

March 1925 – June 2010

Lord Quinton, the former President of Trinity College, Oxford, was a highly unusual academic philosopher, as much at home on mass-audience radio and in administrative committee rooms as he was in the college tutorial.

Anthony Meredith Quinton, the son of a surgeon captain in the Royal Navy, was born on 25 March 1925 and educated at Stowe. During the war, he served as a flying officer and navigator in the RAF.

Quinton went up as a scholar to Christ Church, Oxford, graduating with a brilliant First in PPE, after which he became a Fellow of All Souls. In 1955 he was appointed Fellow and Tutor of New College.

After becoming President of Trinity, Oxford, in 1978, succeeding AG Ogston, Quinton became increasingly involved in public affairs, serving during the 1980s as a member of the Arts Council, of the Peacock Committee on the financing of the BBC and as vice-president of the British Academy in 1985-86.

Appointed Chairman of the Board of the British Library in 1985, in succession to Lord Dainton, with the specific task of seeing the new library built, Quinton applied himself with enthusiasm, brushing aside criticism of the design.

He served as a Governor of Stowe School from 1959 to 1984, chairing the board from 1969 to 1975. He was, at various times, a delegate of the Oxford University Press, curator of the University Theatre and president of the Aristotelian Society, the Society for Applied Philosophy, the Royal Institute of Philosophy, the Association of Independent Libraries and the Friends of the Wellcome Trust. He was a fellow of Winchester College from 1970 to 1985, was elected Fellow of the British Academy in 1977 and created a life peer in 1982.

Quinton's notably lucid books on philosophy and the history of philosophy include *The Nature of Things* (1973); *The Politics of Imperfection: The Religious and Secular Traditions of Conservative Thought in England from Hooker to Oakeshott* (1978); *Thoughts and Thinkers* (1982); and *Utilitarian Ethics* (1973), a classic study acknowledged to be the most reliable introduction to its subject. He also wrote acclaimed studies of thinkers such as Francis Bacon and David Hume, edited the anthology *Political Philosophy* (1967) and wrote *From Wodehouse To Wittgenstein* (1998), a collection of essays applying philosophy to political and social questions.





## Mr John Shepherd-Barron OBE (Walpole 43)

June 1925 – May 2010

John Shepherd-Barron OBE was credited with inventing the world's first automated teller machine (ATM). He once explained that he came up with the idea of cash dispensers in 1965 while lying in his bath after finding his bank closed. It was then his habit to withdraw money on a Saturday, but on this particular weekend he had arrived one minute late and found the bank doors locked against him.



Later that year, he bumped into the chief general manager of Barclays Bank who was about to have lunch. Over a pink gin, John asked him for 90 seconds to pitch his idea for a cash machine.

*"I told him I had an idea that if you put your standard Barclays cheque through a slot in the side of the bank, it will deliver standard amounts of money around the clock." He said, "Come and see me on Monday morning."*

Barclays commissioned him to build six cash dispensers, the first of which was installed at a branch in the north London suburb of Enfield on 27 June 1967.

According to the ATM Industry Association, there are now more than 1.7 million ATMs around the world. In Britain alone, a total of £10 billion a month was withdrawn from ATMs last year, with an average of a million transactions per hour.

John was born in the Indian province of Assam. Educated at Stowe, the University of Edinburgh and Trinity College Cambridge where he studied History and Economics. John's university work was interrupted by war service in India, Burma and the Middle East, in 159 Parachute Light Regiment, the 6th Airborne Division and as a Captain in the 2nd Indian Airborne Division, where he taught Gurkhas to parachute.



## Sir Robin Maxwell-Hyslop

(Chatham 49)

June 1931 – January 2010

Robert (known as Robin) Maxwell-Hyslop was born in Ivybridge, the son of Captain A. H. Maxwell-Hyslop, whose bravery was

said to have saved HMS Devonshire in 1929 from explosions and who later became Captain of HMS Cumberland. It was always Sir Robin's sadness that slightly defective eyesight prevented him from following his father. In July 1940 he was sent to relatives in Canada, where he attended Upper Canada College. Returning to Britain in 1943 he went to Stowe, where he was taken under the wing of the great headmaster, J. F. Roxburgh. He served his National Service with the Royal Artillery – in the Commons he frequently wore his gunner's tie to make the point of his interest in servicemen.

After reading PPE at Christ Church, Oxford, he went to work for Rolls-Royce as a graduate apprentice and was chosen in 1958 as personal assistant to Sir David Huddie, Director and General Manager of the sales and service department.

In the 1959 General Election, working in Derby for Rolls-Royce, Sir Robin had the chance to contest Derby North, which he lost to the Labour MP, Group Captain Clifford Wilcock, by 22,673 votes to 20,266. But he was thought to have done so well that he won the safe Conservative seat at Tiverton in Devon in 1960.

Throughout his time in Parliament Sir Robin specialised in trade and industry affairs. He was the longest-serving member ever of the Trade and Industry Select Committee, serving for 21 years between 1971 and 1992.

Sir Robin's heaven was the Standing Orders committee of the House of Commons, on which he served from 1977 to 1992, and the Procedure Committee, on which he served from 1978 to 1992.

## 1960s

**Mr David Bate** (Grenville 60)

on 30 September 2009

**Mr Nicholas Wheatley** (Cobham 60)

in July 2010

**\*Major Christopher Felton**

(Bruce 61) on 20 December 2009

**Mr Lindsay Thomas** (Bruce 61)

on 23 March 2010

**Mr Gordon Arbib** (Temple 62)

on 9 April 2010

**Mr Adrian Crosthwaite**

(Chandos 62) date unknown

**\*Lt Commander Colin de Mowbray**

**MBE** (Chandos 63) on 12 July 2010

**Mr Adrian Ireland** (Chatham 63)

on 15 June 2010

**Mr Andrew Brodie** (Chatham 67)

in March 2010

**\*Mr Henry Straker MBE** (Temple 67)

on 30 April 2010

## 1970s

**Mr Neal Tubbs** (Walpole 71)

in July 2008

**\*Mr Andrew Beazley** (Grenville 72)

on 13 October 2010

**Mr Bryan Smart** (Cobham 73)

on 4 December 2010

**Peter Guest** (Chandos 76)

on 5 January 2011

## 1980s

**Mr James Pearman** (Walpole 82)

on 16 June 2009

**Miss B M Scott**

(Former staff 1957-83) on 9 May 2010

**Mr Peter Freeland** (Grenville 84)

on Friday 30 July 2010

**\*Commander Malcolm Burley**

**MBE RN** (Former staff 1973-86)

on 23 August 2010

**Mr Stuart Oldcorn** (Lyttelton 87)

on 13 February 2009

## 1990s

**Dr Anthony Selby** (Former staff

1967-93) on 11 October 2010

**Mr Samuel Morley** (Chatham 98)

on 18 September 2010

## The Rt Hon the Lord Bernstein of Craigweil

(Chatham 54)

March 1936 – April 2010

Lord Bernstein of Craigweil was the last of the founding dynasty to run the Granada media group.

Alexander Bernstein was educated at Stowe and St John's College, Cambridge, where he read Economics. Alfred Hitchcock was a family friend, and one of Alex's youthful memories was of watching a preview of Psycho with him in a private cinema, the great director 'giggling and laughing' at his own skill.

Lord Bernstein joined the family business in 1959 and started as assistant manager of the Granada cinema at Brixton. He moved on to be a production trainee at Granada Television in 1961, becoming Managing Director of the group's television rental business from 1964, and of 'entertainments and motorways' from 1968.

In 2000, he received a life peerage as Lord Bernstein of Craigweil (the village on the outskirts of Bognor Regis where he was brought up). He was chairman of the Royal Exchange Theatre in Manchester and the Old Vic in London, where he led a major renovation appeal. He was also a trustee of the Theatres Trust and the Civic Trust for the North-West, and a member of the courts of Manchester and Salford universities. He founded his own charity, Quercus Trust, which gives awards for young theatre directors at the National Theatre Studio and the West Yorkshire Playhouse, and supports dancers and visual artists.

A shrewd connoisseur of contemporary art, Lord Bernstein became a director and co-owner of the Waddington Galleries in Cork Street in 1966. For his private collection, and for Granada's offices, he acquired works by the likes of Roy Lichtenstein, Jasper Johns and Kenneth Noland. He was also a keen gardener and a lifelong skier (for many years he owned a chalet in Klosters), having raced for Cambridge and for the Army during National Service.



# OBITUARIES

## The Rt Hon the Lord Lyell of Markyate QC (Grafton 57)

December 1938 – August 2010

Nicholas Walter Lyell attended Stowe in Grafton House from 1952-1957 followed by two years National Service, then Christ Church, Oxford where he read Modern History. After working for two years in Newcastle in shipbuilding, he was called to the Bar in 1965 and developed a good commercial practice, alongside his interest and involvement in politics. He was the Conservative MP for 3 different constituencies: Hemel Hempstead, Mid-Bedfordshire and North East Bedfordshire between 1979 and 2001. In 1987 Margaret Thatcher appointed him Solicitor General and following the 1992 election John Major made him Attorney-General for England, Wales and Northern Ireland, with the longest continuous service of any law officer for more than a century. He was created a life peer in 2005, chaired the Society of Conservative Lawyers, was a former Chairman of the Parliamentary British Field Sports Committee and chairman of the Federation of British Artists at the Mall Galleries.

He was appointed as a Governor of Stowe in 1990 and Chairman of the Governors from June 2001 to 2007. He was a Trustee of the Stowe House Preservation Trust, as well as the Stowe School Foundation. As Chairman, he was instrumental in appointing the current Headmaster, Stowe going fully co-ed and expanding the size of the school – building two new boarding houses. In addition to this, he used all his diplomatic skills to broker an asset exchange with the National Trust, which will leave Stowe on a much more secure footing for future generations.

Lord Lyell was a valued Trustee of the SHPT when it was successful in securing two lots of Heritage Lottery Funding which enabled the restoration of the North Front, South Front and Marble Saloon. It would not be an exaggeration to say that the renaissance Stowe is currently enjoying owes its inspiration to Lord Lyell's imaginative and creative leadership as Chairman of the Governors. None of this captures his warmth, humanity and generosity of spirit.

All those who knew Lord Lyell well, will remember him with affection for his intelligence, wit and connoisseurship of fine wine and paintings. He enjoyed drawing, capturing likenesses with a single line, often sketching little portraits and caricatures during meetings – even in Cabinet. He also wrote poetry, starting while a boy at Stowe and he has donated a copy of his book of Poems to the Stowe Library. He will be much missed by so many and everyone in the Stowe community. He is survived by his wife, Susanna and their four children (two of whom are Old Stoics) and eight grandchildren.

*Dr Anthony Wallersteiner*



My father passed away suddenly in 1964 and after I left Stowe in 1967 with a bunch of athletics cups, and records, I turned into a bit of a wild man.

My life revolved around drumming (I backed Roger Hodgson in bands at Stowe), running a mobile psychedelic discotheque and training to become an international athlete, but after a six month debilitating illness in 1968 I was told I would never run again.

So we moved from Surrey to Dunkeld in Perthshire, Scotland and took over Dunkeld House Hotel and I recuperated living in the beautiful place where we would remain for seventeen years.

I did manage to run 10.7secs. for 100 metres eventually and confounded everyone who knew about my illness, however the snap sprint I had enjoyed at Stowe was gone.

I became heavily involved in fishing for Atlantic salmon on Scotland's river Tay as I recuperated. Wading in the strong currents, fishing through all weathers and river conditions and the various highs and lows endemic in the sport taught me a lot about myself and my capabilities. I travelled full circle from wanting to catch fish to preserving salmon stocks and was part of the effort on the Tay that raised £1million to buy off the seventeen netting stations in the estuary.

I owned and ran various businesses during this period including hotels, a restaurant, a trout fishery, a retail clothing business in London and so on. In 1995 I left Britain and placed a small game fishing boat in Madeira and spent two seasons tagging and releasing the biggest Blue Marlin in the world. Shortly after arriving there my crew and I won the Blue Marlin World Cup with a 953 pounder, which put us out of favour not only with the professional American crews, but also with the locals.

So later in 1996 I sold my boat and moved to the South African Cape where I had become involved in financing the salvage of an ancient wreck. In early 1997, realising I was involved in a scam, I demanded my money back whereupon an attempt was made on my life and I was left for dead with virtually no money.

Between 1997 and 2002 I would go through some extremely daunting and unnerving experiences as I battled to stay alive and it would only be my existing knowledge and experience of life, in which my time at Stowe had played its full part, that would get me through. Many would not have made it.

## David Fanshawe (Chandos 59)

April 1942 – July 2010

David's first ambition was to be an explorer but when he attended school he discovered a love of music. At Stowe he spent much of his spare time learning to play the piano, and when he was 17 he was discovered by the mother of a school friend, a French baroness, who tutored him in the piano.

In 1965 David won a scholarship to the Royal College of Music, where he studied composition under John Lambert. On completing his studies in 1969 David travelled up the Nile from the Mediterranean Sea, visiting Egypt, Sudan, Uganda and Kenya over a three year period before finally reaching Lake Victoria. Returning to the UK in 1972 with several hundreds of hours of recordings made during his travels, David used the material to compose what became his best known work, African Sanctus. He also composed the score for more than 50 films and TV productions, including the BBC's When the Boat Comes In, ITV's Flambards and Rank's Tarka the Otter.

David was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Music by the University of the West of England in 2007 in recognition of his outstanding contribution to bringing music from around the world into the lives of people who neither read nor write music and to his pursuit of musical excellence. He was the recipient of a Churchill Fellowship and received a nomination for an Ivor Novello Award for the recording of African Sanctus.





# THE LONG AND WINDING ROAD TO WISDOM



The sudden freefall from having money to having none was devastating enough without the effects of the attempt to end my life, but when I was at my worst, almost skeletal through weight loss, I was told I was also in depression.

With perhaps only days left, as my doctor told me some years afterwards, a lady I had met just once called me and begged me to help her. Driving into Cape Town the following morning and seeing the state she was in, only able to shake and cry, triggered me to spend some hours talking to her about the therapies I had been using and try to help her as best I could.

On my way home I began kicking myself because if athletics had taught me anything it was that whenever you think your tank is empty there is always more there you can give.

That lady today is a scuba diving mum who amalgamated her kids with those of her new partner, who had also suffered depression, and is as right as rain and enjoying life to the full.

I decided to begin helping people, wrote a self help book 'We're All In This Together' that helps people get themselves through stressful and depressive times and started giving talks on the subject that were extremely well received. When one reader told me my book had stopped them committing suicide I felt that everything I had been through had been worth it and slowly my health began to improve as I made my way back towards the light, assisted through my helping others.

Since then I've had an alcoholic go away and cure himself after talking with me for just one hour and I've helped many people make the jump from a dark, unhappy road

in life onto a new and better one where they become far stronger, happier and more fulfilled beings living a beneficial experience for themselves, those around them and those they have yet to meet.

Returning to the UK in 2002, broke and still coming out of depression, I found words pouring out of me in the early hours of each morning and I began hammering them into my computer day and night, resulting in the first two books of my 'How to Beat the Energy Thieves and Make Your Life Better' series that help people understand so much about their energy and how easy it is for the things they innocently reach out to such as alcohol, drugs and tobacco to seriously damage them or steal all of their energy and end their existence.

These are extremely easy to read books, written for everyone from those struggling at the bottom of the pyramid of life upwards so that people of all ages and education can understand and get real help from them and make their lives better.

I have proved the power the message in my books carries time and again when helping people one on one and I am truly glad that

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the wisdom about life I learned throughout my time at Stowe and thereafter has resulted in my helping others and has set me on this course for the rest of my time here.

Jess's books will be available through his **EnergyThieves.com** website, on the net and via bookshops by April 2011 if not before. Corporate book sponsorship and endorsement opportunities are available.

Contact Jess by email:  
**contactingjm@gmail.com** or mobile:  
**07813 908999**

*Jess Miller (Cobham 67)*

## A TRAGIC REUNION

For the past six years I have lived on a remote Chinese mountain. It's rare enough for China-based friends to visit. So, to have my Grenville study mate drop in from a business trip to our nearest city was a wonderful surprise. Better yet, the business trips became regular.

On his last visit however, in July 2010, Peter Freeland (Grenville 84) didn't call ahead as usual. One of his colleagues did. Peter was in intensive care in the local hospital with acute pancreatitis. His family were rushing from England but he might not make it through the night. Could I be there? I barely heard the question.

Peter was unconscious. The doctor told me I could stay for a few minutes and that Peter couldn't hear me. I sat and talked through the night, about school, our old friends, his family whom I once knew well. I made bad jokes and rash promises. When I ran out of ideas I started again. Peter's family arrived the next day. They thanked me. In my exhaustion I blurted out, "*It's a pleasure*" and felt a complete fool. Nothing could have been less of a pleasure. But I was glad to be there.

Friend in need is one thing. Friend who shared your study is another. We'd shared our most 'formative' years thanks to chance. Now cruel fate had thrown us together again in the most unlikely place, in tragic circumstances.

After a week long fight, Peter died. He never regained consciousness. He was 43 and single. No words can describe his family's grief. And I lost one of my oldest, closest friends just after he'd tracked me down. It was one of the saddest weeks of my life. But I am so damn glad I was there.

*Mark Kitto (Grenville 85)*





# PINEAPPLES

## STOWE'S FAVOURITE FRUIT!!!

Say the word 'Pineapple' and it will spark many memories among Old Stoics. But not, of course, for reasons connected with healthy eating!

In the late 19th century, most of the leading public schools set up clubs in London for young working boys, who were largely uneducated and employed as cheap labour. The clubs became a safe haven where they could take part in various sports and leisure activities.

When Stowe opened in 1923, JF was keen to establish a Stowe club and he and three other masters personally paid to hire a room above a pub in Paddington once a week.

The Stowe Club opened in 1927, with a small team of masters and the very first Old Stoics, who between them ran the Club and its activities every week.

The pub in Paddington was called 'The Pineapple', so naturally the boys' club was soon known at Stowe as the Pineapple Club. From that, its main fundraising event became a huge annual charity ball, the Pineapple Ball, which ran until 1982 when, with 3000 guests, it simply became too big for Stowe to cope with. Many Old Stoics will have fond memories of the Pineapple Ball, where the South Front was filled with marquees and lavish cabarets combined with big-name entertainment, military bands, fireworks, pipers, and a funfair. This was Buckinghamshire's major social event of the year, and it placed Stowe and the Pineapple very firmly on the map.

During World War II the Pineapple pub was destroyed in an air raid and the club had to move elsewhere in the Harrow Road area. In 1966 the Stowe community raised funds to build a new Club on the present site in the Harrow Road, beside the Westway and next to several tower block housing estates. Then, in 2005, Westminster Council offered to finance a massive new youth centre costing several million pounds, with a fantastic range of sports, music, arts and leisure facilities spread across four floors.

Today's Stowe Centre is in fact now the UK's showcase youth centre. Opened by Prince Edward, it attracts international visitors who have been hosted by Tony Blair, Gordon Brown and other leading figures. More importantly, it is the main youth facility in a deprived inner-city area that desperately needs facilities like this. And the Pineapple has achieved results: England football captain John Barnes started life as a Stowe player and was talent spotted at a match in Regent's Park, the club has produced a number of national champion boxers, and many thousands of other young people have gained skills or taken part in valuable and worthwhile activities in the club. A typical day will see perhaps 500 young people using the centre. Stowe parents and Old Stoics are always welcome to visit too – so please do!

Behind the scenes, three Old Stoics carried much of the burden of running the Club for many years, a colossal and generally thankless task, and were responsible for negotiating the 'dream deal' with Westminster Council that



▲ Prince Edward opens the new Stowe Centre in Harrow Road.

transformed everything. They are Simon Shneerson (Temple 72), involved for almost 40 years since he visited as a Stoic; and Julian Walker and Robert Freeman (both Lyttelton 82), both of whom have been Trustees for 25 years. Today the new Centre is operated under contract by Paddington Development Trust, using local authority grants as well as EU regeneration funding. Meanwhile the Stowe charity is called Stowe Youth Trust and gives financial support both to the Club and to other deserving youth activities around the area.

For the future, there are hopes that Stowe School may once again become actively associated with the club that bears its name. It can do Stoics no harm to see how the other half live and – perhaps surprisingly – they have much in common with today's young people in Westminster. And across the road from the Club, a sparkling new Academy has facilities that even Stowe can only dream of, with highly motivated teachers who are keen to build partnerships with Stowe Youth Trust support.

Even more excitingly, there are plans to re-activate the Pineapple Ball and to restore it to its place on the London and Home Counties social calendar. Watch *The Corinthian* for more news, and meanwhile offers of help are more than welcome!

*Simon Shneerson (Temple 72)*



# A SLICE OF STOWE'S RICH HISTORY

We would like to make this a regular feature in this magazine, drawing on the extensive knowledge of those who have studied the history of our great School and the buildings that we know so well. Michael Bevington is one of those individuals. He arrived at Stowe in 1981, is Head of Classics and is the 'official' Stowe Archivist.

## Plug Street: Its history and origins

Perhaps Plug Street's best known feature is the Headmaster's Gothic Library. It was JF Roxburgh's living quarters which he took over from the last Master of Kinloss. The original family had moved to this warm and sunny area on the south side below stairs in the 1750s. In fact the name of 'Plug Street' may have come from the Master of Kinloss who was killed at Ploegsteert in December 1914, although Major Howarth, the first Housemaster of Chandos, had been stationed near this village.

On the north side of Plug Street is the Egyptian Hall, which gave its name to the boys' lavatories nearby – 'going to Egypt'. They used to be flushed with water pumped from the Eleven Acre Lake and the Clerk of Works sometimes had to clear out the weed. Nearby was the



Watercolours of Stowe by Jean Claude Nattes courtesy of the Buckinghamshire County Museum. Plug Street, looking West from near the Egyptian Hall.

original 'pay' telephone, reputedly used by Richard Branson to start his business.

On the south side were changing rooms for Bruce, Temple, Grenville and Chandos houses, occupying the old Servants' Hall and the Butler's Pantry. Only Temple's survives, and this will soon give way to improved visitor facilities. The Cellar Bar below the Marble Hall, for several decades the school's Sixth Form club, is being replaced by the new visitors' centre.

Perhaps the most curious survival in Plug Street, apart from the uneven flagstones and heating pipes, are the gun racks on each side wall. Frank Hudson reckoned they held 14 Baker flintlock rifles, introduced in 1800, and 80 Brown Bess smoothbore musket, issued to Militia regiments from 1803. Until 1921 there were still 320 'used at Waterloo'. The government supposedly



Plug Street, looking East towards the Gothic staircase.

stopped their sale in 1848 'to prevent a large quantity of arms getting into the hands of improper persons'.

The housekeeper who used to answer the bells in pre-school days by cycling along Plug Street would not recognise its bright and cheerful look, with Art School paintings, Design exhibitions and display boards. And she might find the automatic fire-doors a challenge as well.

*Michael Bevington, Stowe Archivist*

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# BEST EMERGING ARTIST

Dham Srifuengfung, Immy Overton (both current Stoics) and I attended the private view of Clemmie McGaw's (Nugent 06) latest work.

She left Stowe in 2006 having achieved an outstanding Art A level. The exhibition was at Westminster Reference Library, next door to the National Gallery. Amongst a lively crowd, including many Old Stoics, was Prince Michael of Kent (who spoke fondly of his visit to Stowe last year).

Clemmie had made 10 large canvases under the theme, 'Suffering through Conflict'. The work reminds us of some of the images in the press of prisoners in 'stress positions' in the aftermath of 11 September 2001. It is a brave Artist that takes on such politically sensitive material, however, the approach to painting, the soft touches and the inventive handling of paint put the haunting imagery into a different context for us. The quality of paint itself can be moving and Clemmie uses her technique very cleverly. She uses gravity as a tool to pour, drip and spread both oil and gloss paint. Sometimes the canvas is laid bare, or with thin washes marbling into one another. In contrast there are very gestured swipes of thick, glutinous oil paint. The colours are neutral and subtle.

Apart from enjoying these paintings for the pure delight of the processes, the subject matter begins to demand your attention. They are frightening images with faces hidden by masks and figures protecting themselves. They ask questions about trust and guilt. The work is perhaps not about specific events, instead they seem to ask us to look at the way we treat each other universally. Clemmie was awarded the title of 'Best Emerging Artist' by Kate Stanners of Saatchi & Saatchi last year. This exhibition seems to be further concrete evidence of a serious, professional Artist emerging.

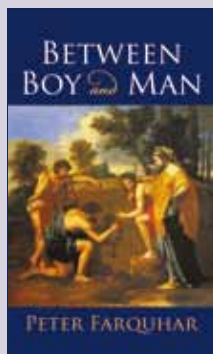
*George Irvine (Grenville 90), Art Master at Stowe*

## Book Review

# BETWEEN BOY AND MAN

by Peter Farquhar [Available through Amazon: ISBN: 978-1-4520-3931-2(sc)]

This novel, by a former head of English at Stowe School (1983-2003), presents a gripping story and dynamic exploration of serious themes. Events take place primarily in the buildings and grounds of a rural boarding school not much unlike Stowe. Primarily but not exclusively: the novel opens dramatically with a suicidal leap in



🔔 Clemmie McGaw's (Nugent 06) – awarded 'Best Emerging Artist' by Saatchi & Saatchi in 2010. More of her work can be seen at [www.clementinemcgaw.com](http://www.clementinemcgaw.com)



# TRAVEL WITH A PURPOSE

The McElwee Travel awards were created back in the 1970s in honour of a distinguished former Stowe History Tutor, noted author and an icon of 1930s to 1950s style – Bill McElwee. Bill's former pupils, from almost every generation he had taught at Stowe, felt that a memorial should be created to the way in which he had so influenced their lives. Bill's greatest gift – for so many historians at Stowe – was his ability to inspire in his pupils a love of 'culture'. His rather raffish tours to Italy, France, Germany and elsewhere during the summer holidays opened eyes, hearts and minds to a wider world. It was decided to create a fund which would allow future Stoics to enjoy something of that same feeling.

In 2011, in the era of low cost flights, mass travel, easy access across borders anywhere, no school really has any pressing need to 'encourage its pupils to travel and broaden the mind', as in Bill



George Eatwell and Teddy Kealey in Italy.

McElwee's era. Yet it is an irony of this very same cheap flight/Gap Year travel generation, that however well hundreds of past and present Stoics may know the beaches of Thailand or the après-ski at Klosters, far too few know their way around Paris, or care much about the contents of the Uffizi, nor have they marvelled at the Parthenon, nor wandered in awe around the Vatican City.... what to do – to continue to do – about that?

So the purpose of the current committee, which includes many Old Stoics who themselves were once 'McElwee scholars' and which includes Bill's daughter Harriet Hall, is to manage the McElwee Travel Scholarships, working in conjunction with Dr David Smith, Head of History, and so to award up to 5 £1,000 + travel scholarships annually for worthwhile cultural travel projects, to pairs of Stoics in the Lower Sixth. The same Committee also authorises shorter, UK only, cultural visits in term time, to destinations such as distant art galleries, historic buildings and other sites of relevance.

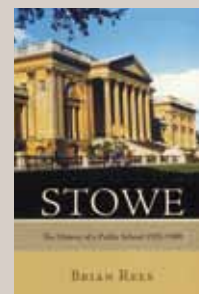
In 2010, 5 groups of Stoics travelled through Italy, Ukraine, France, Portugal and Belgium with their awards, and then in September presented their stories to a large audience back at Stowe.

*Christopher Tate (Walpole 71),  
Chairman, McElwee Awards Advisory Board*

## Book Review

# STOWE

The History of a Public School  
1923-1989



This is the story of how, within seven decades of its foundation in 1923, the fledgling Stowe School established itself among

the group of leading public schools. It covers not only the early years, when Stowe's ambitions had to contend with shortage of resources and make-shift facilities, and the heroism and losses of World War II, when every Old Stoic was of military age, but also the post-war changes in education and society which threatened old-style public school attitudes and the resolute march into the modern age of co-education, building programmes and technology.

Such a History will be of great interest to all Stoics, old and new, and also to all who are likely to be fascinated by the daily workings of a great public school, and the interaction of Headmasters, Housemasters, Senior Common Rooms and students.

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front of the Manchester-London express. This person's identity invites speculation as one reads about the preceding events. One of these is the novel's second episode: a nocturnal chase in the College grounds following a sexual escapade by a Sixth Form boy and girl.

The central character is John Donaldson, the College's middle-aged bachelor-Chaplain, teacher of Religious Studies and coach of the soccer 1st XI, a distinguished, sympathetic figure for the pupils and most – not all – of the staff. John is devout, dedicated to both his vocations, and gay. This last fact is only launched out of his private consciousness into public exposure

following an act of malice and his own naivete. There is a well worked-out tangle of ambivalent feelings, private agendas and fortuitous circumstance. The inter-linking motives and actions of several characters are described and dramatised. John's tending the cut shin of one of his footballers – also one of the star students – later makes him subject to a criminal charge following the accusations of the student and his mother, whose resentments really lie elsewhere. At the same time John's conscience is troubled by the warmth of his transgressive feelings towards some of the boys. His ordeal of consciousness is an engrossing feature of the narrative.

The reader is also entertained by the presentation of boys and girls on the cusp of adulthood, by their friendships, rivalries, dilemmas, spite or idealism. Much good humour and comedy arises from the portrayal of staff friendships, alliances, ambitions, schemes, and by senior management manoeuvring. Furthermore: 'There is no more efficient rumour-factory than an English boarding school.' The novel's scope, however, is much greater than its particular setting owing to its moral focus and energetic examination of the age-old fault-line running between the individual and society. Between Boy and Man is warmly recommended.

*Steven Thompson, (Former staff 85-09)*

# STOWE LODGE

The Stowe Lodge, founded in 1981, now has almost 50 members, many in their 30s and 40s, and meets three times a year in London, dining afterwards at the Oxford & Cambridge Club, and once each year at Stowe. To mark its 25th anniversary in 2006, the Lodge funded five interactive whiteboards in the Modern Languages Block and it continues to provide bursarial assistance for Stoics whose families have fallen into difficulty and can no longer afford to pay full fees. Freemasonry is a fraternal society based on companionship, charity and morality, and has much to offer its members, but the Stowe Lodge also provides a way for Old Stoics to keep in touch with each other and with the School. Anyone interested in learning more should contact the Lodge Secretary via the Old Stoic Office.



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# THE ROXBURGH SOCIETY

## a message from the President



you to reveal how much you will be leaving the school and you can specify where you want the money to be spent. You can leave the money anonymously or you can join the Roxburgh Society and enjoy our annual Luncheon and other events held at Stowe and at other situations outside the school.

Dear *Old Stoic*,

If like me, you have visited Stowe within the last five years, you will have witnessed the huge transformation that has taken place to the grounds and buildings alike. To the outsider, there is a tremendous sense of momentum and confidence about the school; a wonderful atmosphere has emerged between pupils and teachers working together to create an exciting place to be, with superb achievements both at the school and in the outside world.

All of this requires a great deal of money to function properly and I appeal to you, even if you are already a donor, to consider leaving The Stowe School Foundation a legacy in your will. No one will ask

If you are thinking of leaving a legacy to Stowe, please contact Mrs Janet King on **01280 818320** or email [jking@stowe.co.uk](mailto:jking@stowe.co.uk) who will be delighted to send you some information or you may like to use the services of an Old Stoic lawyer, Richard Clapham (Temple 99) who is a private client solicitor. Richard specialises in Will and Trust drafting; [rc@monro-fisher.com](mailto:rc@monro-fisher.com)

Hopefully, it will be a long time before we receive any legacy that you decide to leave us, but the long term effect of these legacies will ensure the continuation of this great School.

*Kit Clucas*

Kit Clucas (Walpole 60), President,  
The Roxburgh Society

## THE CORKSCREW SOCIETY REMEMBERS... CAPTAIN JOHN STEWART OBE FRAGS RM (RETD)

Past members of the Corkscrew Society will be saddened by the death in December 2009 of John Stewart for so long an active supporter of Stowe's wine tasting club.

The Society was the inspiration of Zair Berry (Chandos 72) no doubt using his influence as Head of School with a somewhat reluctant Headmaster.

There was indeed some resistance amongst the staff to the idea of Stoics being allowed to take part in formal wine tastings on school premises. Antony Lloyd, at that time under housemaster of Temple, was easily persuaded to take the Society under his wing and never regretted having done so. Zair was encouraged by his



# 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE CORKSCREW SOCIETY

The Corkscrew Society will reach its 40th birthday in 2012 and we are delighted to hear that it is still going strong.

On a recent visit to Stowe, we found out there are still two tastings held every term for the Society's membership of 24 Upper Sixth formers, along with a grand black tie dinner in the summer. Splendid news indeed!

The suggestion has been made that this auspicious event must be worth marking. A Ruby anniversary would seem an appropriate occasion for a wine tasting society to celebrate. The format of such an event will depend on the interest it produces amongst those who have enjoyed their membership over these

years. Hopefully it will take place in one of the State Rooms at Stowe and take the form of either a lunch or dinner, with an OS speaker from the world of wine (of which there are many notable examples). Hotel or B&B accommodation can be arranged in the nearby area for those who would like to stay over. Precise timing will depend on Stowe's busy calendar but it would be lovely to be able to use the summer or early autumn. We think we should include all who have been members of Corkscrew and other Old Stoics who are interested in the world of wine, along with their wives/husbands/partners.

Records are somewhat threadbare. For the first 20 years or so of its existence the Society maintained a careful record of members and activities in a smart leather-bound minute book. Sadly, this

has disappeared. If any past members have any information of its whereabouts we would love to hear from you. Research through past issues of the *Stoic* has produced some information but we would like to build up more. Have you any amusing/interesting memories of the Society or did you serve as Chair or Secretary? Do let us know. We might even publish something in time for the anniversary.

If you would like to hear more about this suggested 40th anniversary celebration as plans develop please do let us know, perhaps by email to Colin Dudgeon (the Society's current Chairman) at Stowe – [cdudgeon@stowe.co.uk](mailto:cdudgeon@stowe.co.uk)

*Zair Berry (Chandos 72) Founding Chairman, Antony Lloyd (Former Staff 67 to 94) Founding Master in Charge, Michael Waldman (Former Staff 70 to 02), Master in Charge from 99 to 02*

uncle, Claude Morny (Bruce 32), at the time a senior official of the International Wine and Food Society, who was able to persuade some well-known figures in the world of wine to speak to the Society and from that time it never looked back.



One of the early speakers was John Stewart, himself an enthusiastic member of the IWFS, a farmer at Weston Underwood with a lovely home in the Mill House at Olney. When Claude Morny sadly died a few years later, John had promised him he would ensure that the Society was never lacking in support outside the school. This he did with great enthusiasm for many years.

He gave the Society's first meeting of each academic year as an introduction to the new membership on the art of wine tasting. He always provided the wines himself with little if any contribution from

the Society. Always instructive and idiosyncratic, these evenings could be further enlivened by malfunctions of his hearing aids, necessitated by injuries sustained when his vehicle was blown up during the Cyprus insurgency of the 1950s. John's contribution to the Society over many years was considerable, and many Old Stoics will have benefited from his knowledge, enthusiasm and great hospitality.

*Antony Lloyd (Former staff 67-94)*

## A PAST CELEBRATION



The excellent idea for *The Corinthian* magazine reminds me of an auspicious time for the Old Stoics when the OSGS captured the prestigious Halford-Hewitt Cup for old boys' golf after 44 years of endeavour in 1979.

At the end of 1978 I was asked by the captain of the society, Lorne Williamson, if I would consider taking over as Hon Sec of the society. He explained that it wasn't a particularly onerous position but amongst other duties it would be helpful if I could travel down to Kent for the HH tournament where apart from supporting the society I could be on hand with the cheque book for any unseen exigencies!

Six members of the team were vastly experienced, having taken part in the 1962 final when Stowe lost in a close match to our old rival Oundle. The two youngest members of the team were Greg Choyce and David Lucas whose fathers had both been in the 1950 final where we were beaten by Rossall. However we had once again reached the final in 1978, also captained by Lorne Williamson but had been beaten quite easily by Harrow, so the team was quite determined.

We had the ex English international Bob Durrant playing top with Bruce Marshall-Andrew and setting a great example as we annihilated school after school until on a balmy Sunday afternoon we triumphed against Marlborough. Three of our five pairs were unbeaten throughout the whole tournament.

The relevance of this 'trip down memory lane' is that after our great success we wondered how to commemorate it and it so happened that there was a foursome competition at our spring meeting for which we had no trophies. I came up with the rather inadequate title of The Celebration Tankards for which the members subscribed and the Hinds family kindly organised the silverware.

I later received a letter from that most famous of Old Stoic golfers Laddie Lucas, who said "Couldn't we come up with a better name" and suggested rather tongue in cheek that they could be called "The Corinthian Pair" but on hindsight he said "maybe not, since people might think of alternative connotations!"

I raise my own tankard "Here's to the new Corinthian Magazine."

Guy Vowles (Cobham 61)

## COLIN SHILLINGTON AWARD



Increase in Stoics selected to play for England at Schools or Under 18 level

My brother Colin (Chatham 57) pictured above, died from cancer on 3 May 2003. He was 64 and still held the Stowe School record for the 1500 metres and the mile. He competed for Northern Ireland in the Commonwealth Games in 1958.

I was delighted when the Headmaster agreed to the donation of a cup in his memory, to be awarded on Speech Day each year, starting in 2004 – The Colin Shillington Award for Sporting Achievement. I decided to give each winner a framed certificate to keep.

What I had never expected was that in almost every year it would be won by someone who not only led outstanding Stowe teams but also was on an English international squad, usually for a major sport.

In 2009, the School decided that in view of the popularity of this award, it would provide a second cup, so that there could be separate Colin Shillington Awards for boys and for girls, and so I now give two framed certificates per year.



▲ The 2009 winners on Speech Day, Victoria Elliott (Nugent 09) and David Devlin-Jones (Chatham 09).

### The award winners (with part of their citation):-

#### 2004: Tom Laws

(Stowe's first ever member of the England Under 18 Rugby XV...)

#### 2005: Graeme White

(England Under 18 Cricket XI...)

#### 2006: Ben Howgego

(England Under 18 Cricket XI...)

#### 2007: Tom Stanton

(Midlands Schools Rugby XV...)

#### 2008: Abby Webb

(England Schools Hockey trialist...)

#### 2009 (girls): Victoria Elliott

(England Under 21 Lacrosse trialist...)

#### 2009 (boys): David Devlin-Jones

(Public Schools Barbarians Rugby XV...)

#### 2010 (girls): Daniella Allard

(England Under 19 Lacrosse 2011 World Cup Squad contender...)

#### 2010 (boys): William Richardson

(Schoolboy Player of the Month Award in 'Rugby World'...)

Colin Shillington went on to compete for Great Britain and to become a leading figure in Northern Ireland life, in three principal areas – business, sport and the community – for which he was awarded the CBE in 1997.

Anthony Shillington (Chatham 61)

## FOOTBALL TEAM



▲ Back Row (L-R): Roo Corbishley; Archie Leon; James Robson; Lester Smart; Ed Hoy; Rupert Rowling. Front Row (L-R): George Ashby; Rory Lyon; Nick Oldridge; William Dudley; David Parker; Jonnie Howorth.



# OLD STOICS PLAY FOR CAMBRIDGE

Two Old Stoics Play for Cambridge in the 129th Varsity Match at Twickenham.

Going into the game we had had the better season and had put some really good performances in, especially against Northampton Saints which was a close game. All in all though, the Varsity match is a one off game with no second chances and form counts for nothing on the day. The game was the fastest, most intense I have ever been involved in and we just struggled to get our momentum. A 10 minute lapse in concentration in the first half where we let in 2 tries proved to be critical and it was uphill from there. At 15-0 down, we managed to get a penalty before half time to bring us back into the match. In a spirited second half performance, the boys really pulled together as we tried to fight our way back into the game – eventually scoring a try through our superior scrum. Ultimately though, it was too big a deficit to come back from and with a few mistakes at crucial times, we couldn't get back on top, eventually losing 21-10. Sadly, this was my last chance to play in the Varsity Match as I move on next year and so I will never get the chance to put the loss right again. I'm sure I will be there in the stands for years to come though. The rugby club is a special thing to be part of at Cambridge and I would encourage any sporting Stoic to gain a place at Cambridge to be part of it.

*Tom Stanton (Bruce 07)*

It has been a great privilege taking part in the world's oldest amateur rugby match, and I know many old blues still show huge loyalty to their respective universities. To that end, so much rides on the match, and the build up is phenomenal. It means that as a squad you see each other pretty much every day for a term, and personally it meant that a fondness for Cambridge developed as I felt much more a part of the university, all of its colleges and their shared history. It was fun playing with Tom too, and great to think how far I've come since Stowe days, it was a shame I couldn't put him through a hole in the Oxford defence.

*Greg Cushing (Cobham 02)*

- ▶ Greg Cushing, Daily Mail Vase 2001.
- ▶ Greg Cushing, George Hunter (Cobham 09) Under 21s and Tom Stanton in their Cambridge Strips.



## ETON FIVES

This season EFA membership has become compulsory for those who have played three league matches or more.

The fee is small and provides access to a superb league while supporting growth of the sport. Very few members who join renew their membership for many years – which is a good sign. Another Old Stoic player who has joined the EFA is Karl Wagner (Bruce 92). Karl has become a regular player for us (and post-match social drinker). We have also recruited

some fresh blood – Jonty Irving (Bruce 09) who has played a couple of games for us this season while studying in London.

On the subject of social events, we most recently held our Christmas dinner at Brinkley's in London's Little Chelsea. Old Stoics present were myself, Mike Skjøtt (Lyttelton 90) and Charlie Robinson (Walpole 99). Dinner was prefaced by an enjoyable game of Fives at the Westway Sports Centre, allowing us to build up a decent appetite. Ronald Pattison (EFA Director and Secretary of the Old Carthusians Club) was honorary guest, and has provided long-standing support to the Old Stoics Eton Fives ever since the Club re-entered the league in 2002.

It is encouraging to see players like Jonty playing Eton Fives after school and university; however we need many more

as we currently have just 4 regular old boy Eton Fives players in the club – so if anyone is interested in playing or finding out more, please contact me:

**Jurgen.Hutter@ge.com** or on **07766421338**

*Jürgen Hutter (Lyttelton 90)*



- ⌚ Clockwise from left: Sam Basu, Sec of the Old Reptonians; Michael Skjøtt (Lyttelton 90); Ronald Pattison, EFA board member and Sec of the Old Carthusians; William Skjøtt; Charlie Robinson (Walpole 99); Karl Wagner (Bruce 92); Simon Warren-Thomas; Jürgen Hutter (Lyttelton 90).



## STOWE TEMPLARS

2010 was another hugely enjoyable season for the Stowe Templars, full of good fun and (mostly) good cricket.

The one disappointment was that we came up 30 runs short chasing a big total of 280 against a strong Wellington team in the Cricketer Cup. The highlights for the Templars were some excellent bowling figures from Harry Wolrige Gordon (Chatham 08) and Rory Lyon (Walpole 07), and a typically classy and robust innings of 89 by Richard Harris. The Templars are pursuing a development policy, fielding a young side in the competition under a new captain in Rory Lyon, and we are confident that when the team has a bit more experience we will be very

competitive in the tournament. In the meantime, we have to gird our loins for another tough encounter against Wellington in the first round in 2011.

The main focus of the season was, as ever, the Cricket Week. The pitches were far too good (if you are a suffering bowler) and scores of around 300 tended to be the norm. We came out narrow winners on the results board, with 3 wins, 2 losses and 2 draws. The peak achievement was chasing down a total of 305 in 44 overs against Woodhouse Eaves CC courtesy of Rupert Rowling's not out 94.

Outside the Week, we suffered several early season cancellations to a mixture of weather and opposition inadequacies, but recorded a good win against Hurlingham, and then another against the Hottentots, with the Bowman brothers both scoring well.

The club is in good heart at the moment, and we would encourage any Old Stoics of any vintage who would like to be involved to get in contact with either Rupert Rowling (07833 694 336) or Oliver Croom-Johnson (07909 962 076).

*Nigel Grice (Temple 85)*



► The Clown Team: fancy dress night at The Queen's Head in Chackmore during the Templars Cricket Week.

## CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING



Speech Day 2010 was a wet affair and, after a convincing win in 2009, the Old Stoics arrived with great expectations – despite the earlier than usual 9.30am start!

Peter Staples (Master in Charge, pictured seated) was in confident mood and guarded the cups expectantly, but it was not to be the School's day.

Despite wild and wet weather conditions, the Old Stoic teams won the day with a score of 94 to the School's 72.

Top scoring OS team comprised John Blayney (Chandos 61), currently the longest standing member, Nick Hawkings-Byass (Cobham 72), who was also runner up in the Father and Sons with his son Charlie, and Michael Hardman (Walpole 72) who returned to the fold after some 20 years' absence! The other great score came from Richard Hay (Grafton 09), who is the newest member.

This year saw Chris Lockwood leaving after 20 years running Stoic clay pigeon shooting and we all wish him well; Bob Spademan will continue to run the shooting and train the Stoics.

We need more good shots to contact us and represent the Old Stoics, particularly more recent leavers who have been so well trained by Chris Lockwood and Bob Spademan!

With recently increased support from Stowe and the Old Stoic Society for Old Stoic sport, we would like to hold more competitions during 2011, both with the School and also with other schools' 'Oldies'; we already have an open invitation for a match against the Old Oundelians and would like to extend this series. Please contact David Pickavance with ideas ([david\\_pickavance@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:david_pickavance@yahoo.co.uk)).

*David Pickavance (Walpole 72)*



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# 2011 EVENTS

CALENDAR

We have endeavoured to organise a wide range of events in 2011 that will appeal to Old Stoics of all ages. To make enquiries or to book any of the events below please call the Old Stoic Office on 01280 818349 or E-mail [oldstoic@stowe.co.uk](mailto:oldstoic@stowe.co.uk)



**1 March 2011**

## **Old Stoics and Stowe Parents in the City Networking Reception**

Green's Restaurant,  
London EC3V 3ND

All Old Stoics, their guests and current parents are invited to this networking drinks reception at Green's Restaurant and Oyster Bar in the heart of the City. Tickets include drinks and canapés and are £25 each.

**11 May 2011**

## **Stowe Golf Course Roxburgh Society Golf Day**

Stowe Golf Course

For members and guests of the Roxburgh Society on Stowe Golf Course.

**14 May 2011**

## **40th Anniversary Reunion Dinner**

Stowe

For those who left Stowe in 1970, 1971 and 1972. Afternoon tours of the House and landscape gardens followed by drinks in the Marble Saloon and dinner in the Music Room.

**28 May 2011**

## **Speech Day and the Old Stoic Classic Car Meeting**

Stowe

A chance to see Stowe in all its glory on one of the busiest days of the School calendar. Old Stoics and Stowe parents are invited to join a classic car meeting and lunch on the North Front.

**7 June 2011**

## **Old Stoic Summer Party**

Kensington Roof Gardens,  
London W8 5SA

Join us at this new and exciting fixture. All Old Stoics and guests are welcome to this informal evening at the Kensington Roof Gardens. A cocktail reception, BBQ and two live bands. Tickets include food and drinks until 10.00pm when a cash bar will open until 12.30am. Tickets are £35 each.

**11 June 2011**

## **The OS Open Golf Tournament for the Bill Edgerley Memorial Cup**

Stowe Golf Course

**18/19 June 2011**

## **David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation Art Exhibition**

Stowe

**18 June 2011**

## **David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation Dinner**

Stowe

**29 June 2011**

## **Roxburgh Society Lunch**

Stowe

**W/c 16 July 2011**

## **Templars' Cricket Week**

Stowe

**10 September 2011**

## **Old Stoic Reunion Day**

Stowe

Open to all Old Stoics. A short Chapel service will be followed by boarding house tours, drinks in the Marble Saloon, welcome by the Headmaster and Lunch. Afternoon options include watching rugby on the North Front, landscape garden and House tours finishing with afternoon tea.

**21 September 2011**

## **50th Anniversary Reunion Lunch**

Stowe

For those who left Stowe in 1960 or 1961. Drinks in the Marble Saloon with lunch in the Music Room. Guided House or landscape garden tours, followed by afternoon tea.

**3 November 2011**

## **Old Stoic Annual Dinner & AGM**

Green's Restaurant,  
London EC3V 3ND

This year, the formal Old Stoic Black Tie dinner will be held in the main hall of Green's Restaurant and Oyster Bar in the City of London. Places are £55 each and will include a Champagne reception, a three course dinner, with wine and a professionally run casino to entertain you after dinner. Old Stoics leaving in 2003 or later are entitled to a discounted ticket price of £30.

❶ Old Stoic Reunion Day on 11 September 2010, for those who left before 1960. With a huge turnout of over 300 a great day was enjoyed by all.



**"YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT AN AWFUL LOT OF FUN IT IS TO RELIVE ONE'S YOUTH OF 60 YEARS AGO. CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING US WITH SUCH A MEMORABLE DAY."**

JULIAN RICHARDSON (TEMPLE 49)

## Old Stoic Society Committee

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