

THE Column

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Speech Day



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It was a pleasure to welcome so many parents and guests to Speech Day at Stowe on Saturday 24 May, on what transpired to be the only dry day of a Bank Holiday weekend, to join with us in celebrating the achievements of Stoics over the past year.

Excerpt from the Headmaster's speech:

This last year has fair claim to go down in the chronicles as one of the more exceptional years in the development and success of Stowe. On the academic front, our successes in public examinations – which are only part of the totality of things – was very pleasing last summer. At A-Level our excellent Upper 6th Formers of last year achieved a 100% pass rate with 70% of them achieving A and B grades. This is a significant increase on 60% in 2006, building on a steady success from just 48% in 2004. One Stoic, Calvin Ho, achieved a remarkable six A grades last summer while 32 others achieved at least three A grades. GCSE results improved this year with the A* and A pass rate rising to 34% with Harry Burke achieving our first clean sweep of 10 A*s. My thanks to the members of staff for their commitment, dedication, love of teaching and superb efforts to raise academic and intellectual standards across the

whole school. In the words of a press release from the newly re launched Department for Children, Schools and Families: *“as leading knowledge navigators you are mission critical to achieving robust and effective discharge pathways from the secondary phase of the intensive learning scenario.”*

Other schools may boast of better facilities, but what matters most is people as individuals – each a person in his or her own right, unique and unrepeatable, every one with an innate potential for goodness and greatness. Stowe strives to be the seed-bed for the individual, nurturing pupils to aim for high standards of service, care and compassion in an atmosphere of friendliness, openness and acceptance. This is not just idealistic wishful thinking.

A good school will offer many opportunities for personal enterprise and creative development which constitutes the broad education of

the rounded individual. Our sportsmen and sportswomen combine high levels of participation with substantial success in rugby, hockey, lacrosse, netball, squash, tennis, swimming, basketball, golf, rowing, athletics, cross-country, fencing and fives. Stowe ended the last cricket season at the top of the Schools' League Table and the lacrosse team had a magnificent run of victories which culminated in a stunning win over Wycombe Abbey in the last match of the term. Stoics have routinely taken part in county, regional and national competitions and we find ourselves in the happy position of accepting transfers from other schools which cannot match the breadth and depth of our sporting excellence. Special mention this term should go to the swimmers who have enjoyed their best season for many years with seconds being knocked off many long-established school records.

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Stowe continues to inspire creativity and innovation in the arts as could be seen in the exhibitions of paintings, design projects and creative textiles. It was heartening to see the Arts Festival expand into the Arts and Science Festival with lectures on sharks, plants, global warming and genetic engineering balancing the more familiar diet of plays, dance workshops, concerts and musical master-classes. There will be a further and final metamorphosis this autumn as we have now settled on the Stowe Festival which means that we can celebrate art, science and even bring sport into the mix.

This year's talented Senior Congreve cast staged a memorable double bill of 'Six Characters Looking for an Author' and 'The Real Inspector Hound.' It was nice to hear that even Tom Stoppard, a former parent, wrote in to say that this was an unusual and imaginative coupling of two very different but nevertheless complementary plays.

The musicians have continued to flourish with fine performances given in the morning's orchestral concert. Add the constantly high quality of singing from the Chapel Choir, marvellous jazz and wind bands, a weekly showcase of talent in the Music Room on Wednesday afternoons, the countless rock bands that form and then dissolve – citing artistic differences – and you have all the elements of a seriously musical school.

The highlight of the year was of course the opening of the new girls' boarding house by Her Majesty The Queen on 29 November, a glorious golden day



and an inspiring occasion when something very valuable and central was stated or re-stated about the Stowe community. The Stoics were magnificent and one could not mistake the strong sense of shared pride as The Queen and Prince Philip spent the afternoon sampling the astonishing diversity of Stowe. They were charmed by the friendliness, warmth and openness of the Stoics who were in turn charmed by the royal couple's graciousness, dignity and good humour. Queen's House is a superb building, and it works: the quality is such that we have almost forgotten the difficult months of stress and uncertainty caused by the contractor going into administration.

It is not just the big eye-catching projects like new boarding houses and all-weather pitches that should be celebrated. There are the newly restored chimes of the school bells above the North Front entrance, in the Chapel there is the quiet space for contemplation which has been forged out of the ante-chapel. At the swimming pool there is the state-of-the-art timing system and electronic notice boards. A newly restored lantern and weather vane in Cobham Court and the re-rendered stucco on Nugent. Because of the scale of the work that is going on at Stowe we sometimes forget to notice the small, almost indiscernible improvements that are transforming our environment. Thank you to all those who have contributed so generously to the Campaign for Stowe making the changes – both large and small – possible.

Dr Anthony Wallersteiner, Headmaster

Marathon Triumph for Charity

After a restful Easter Holiday while most were enjoying the last Sunday morning of the holiday, I made my way along to Greenwich along with the many thousands to one of the starts of the London marathon. Not my first and certainly not to be my fastest, I set off along the 26.2 mile course with a spring in my step and isotonic drinks in my stomach!

Having just been given a new GPS watch for my birthday, I used it to pace myself very effectively and ran to a steady pace to record 3 hours 42 mins. It was my most enjoyable race to date and my huge thanks go to my family, Jude, George and Lucy who supported me throughout the training and the day itself. Thanks also go to all my family, colleagues and friends that sponsored me and contributed to the fantastic total of £5,400 raised for the Juvenile Diabetes Research foundation. Looking forward to next year already!

Mr J Ing, Chatham Housemaster



Design and Technology Competition – Advanced Class win

On Monday 3 March the Design Department, 16 pupils with two members of staff (Mr Eve and Mr Ardley) entered the 2008 Design and Technology Tournament held at Aylesbury College. 12 schools were represented across three categories: Basic, Intermediate and Advanced. Stowe entered four teams of four students (three A-Level and one 3rd Year group). There was stiff competition, and all teams worked very hard. Stowe did very well, winning 1st and 2nd places overall in the Advanced class, with the 2nd placed team also receiving the award for Best Design Portfolio. The actual challenge 'task' and design portfolios are on display in the Design centre for visitors to see. Teams were:

Overall Winners

Emma-Claire Bailey, Luke Davison, Henry Longton, Joshua Low

Second Overall and Best Design Portfolio

James Hale, Rowley Barclay, Natalie McDaid, George Beaty, Henry Pilleau, Mark Goodenough, Kit Dickinson, Will Childs, David Akam, Anna Carter, Molly Davison, Ben Hackett

A greener Stowe

Our appeal for redundant mobile phones to be collected for recycling has been very well supported. So far over 250 phones have been sent for recycling to CarbonNeutral Company. As a direct result 250 trees are being planted as part of their forestry project at Donkleywood, a large native woodland recreation project in the Northumberland National Park. This project will plant a mixture of species including birch and aspen. It will offset some 20,000t of CO₂ over 100 years. Donkleywood was once home to a native woodland called Duncan's Wood which was made up of ancient oaks. This was cleared at the end of the 18th century for sheep farming. Remnant pockets of original woodland remain onsite and the project will link these pockets together to create the largest native woodland scheme in the Northumberland National Park. This will make an important contribution towards the National Park's plan to increase the area of native woodland cover in the park to 4%. Public access is provided by three public footpaths and a bridleway. Border County Ride and Reivers Cycle Route, part of the National Cycle Network, run along the planting scheme's northern boundary.



Oliver!

Stoics, staff and members of their family (children and partners – and anyone else willing to be roped in!) worked hard together on rehearsals and set designs, culminating in three evenings of a wonderful performance to a full house in the Roxburgh Hall on 28, 29 February and 1 March. The show lends itself very appropriately to a joint production and worked extremely well, we were delighted with the enthusiasm with which our junior pupils came forward to join the cast. Staff and pupils produced some fine individual and ensemble performances. Our cast also included some members too young for Stowe (just yet!) which helped to make it a truly inclusive production. Stowe's Music Director conducted a quality band who were able to combine very sympathetically with the range and power of voices on stage and the well known and memorable songs of Lionel Bart were delivered with gusto and energy throughout.

For parents, an extensive photo gallery of the production is available at: www.royottaway.com/stowe



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THE CAST

Oliver.....Charlie Winton (3rd Form)
 Mr Bumble.....Peter Last (Head of Geography)
 Widow Corney.....Ro Masters (Deputy Head, Pastoral)
 Noah Claypole.....Sam Halpert (Stowe Harvard Fellow)
 Mr Sowerberry.....Ed McLean (Theatre Technician)
 Mrs Sowerberry.....Francine Smith (Head of Politics)
 Charlotte.....Vicki Edwards (English Teacher)
 Artful Dodger.....James Musgrave (Upper 6th)
 Fagin.....Chris Walters (Drama Teacher)
 Nancy.....Kate Greaves (Headmaster's PA)
 Bet.....Harriet Easdale (3rd Form)
 Bill Sykes.....Steve Hirst (Director of Staff Performance and Development)
 Mrs Bedwin.....Ann Payne (Admissions Assistant)
 Mr Brownlow.....Nick Bayley (Head of Drama)
 Dr Grimwig.....Colin Dudgeon (Campaign Director)
 Old Sally.....Cathy Day (Matron)

Fagin's Gang:

Ned Rodger (3rd Form), Jack Clubb (3rd Form), Henry Rudd (3rd Form), Geordie Wilkes (4th Form), Tom Wood (4th Form), Emma Curley (3rd Form), Anna Carter (3rd Form), Lucinda Sewell (3rd Form), Hannah Maxwell (3rd Form)

Workhouse Gang:

Oliver Plunket (3rd Form), Ed Robinson (3rd Form), Oscar Cole (3rd Form), Max Smith (3rd Form), Leo Gauvain (3rd Form), Gareth Browne (son of Mrs Browne, Teacher), Madeleine Webb (3rd Form), Lucy Ing (daughter of Mr Ing, Housemaster), Caspar Wallersteiner (Headmaster's son), Molly Davison (3rd Form), Eliot Bayley (Head of Drama's son)

Chorus:

Paul Miller (Head of English), Alan Longworth (Head of EAL), Matthew Pitteway (Business Studies Teacher), Alex Eve (Design Teacher), Stewart Cowie (Swimming Coach), Roland Johnson (Chemistry Teacher), Liz Capurro (Exams Officer), Hazel Browne (Modern Languages Teacher), Carol Miller (Librarian), Augusta Pitteway (wife of Mr Pitteway)

Behind the scenes were the combined forces of staff and pupils:

Director:Mr L Weston
 Musical Director:.....Mr H Jones
 Stage Manager:.....Jack Merrill (Upper 6th)
 Lighting Designer:.....Richard Hay (Lower 6th)
 Sound Technician:.....Mr B Weston assisted by Philip Pitcher (Lower 6th)

Set Design and Construction:

Mr L Weston, Mr G Irvine and members of 3A, Mr S Grimble

Costumes:

Mrs Weston, Mrs A Cammish

Makeup:

Ms C Fletcher, Ms T Galati, Ms F Moody, Ms H Caterson, Rachael Millard (Lower 6th), Bobby Staden (Lower 6th), Taisie Grant (Lower 6th)

Musical Combo:

Violin:.....Beth Georgiou (Upper 6th)
 Cello:.....Ms A Frazer
 Bass:.....Mr O Ridge
 Flute/Piccolo:.....Mr H Nelson
 Oboe/Cor Anglais:.....Ms K Keeble
 Clarinet:.....Mrs J Nelson
 Bassoon:.....Ms S Watts
 Horn:.....Gus Perkins Ray (5th Form), Mrs D Arscott
 Trombone:.....Mr A Balkwill
 Percussion:.....James Larter (3rd Form), Alex Bodian (5th Form), Ms J Carlton
 Keyboard:.....Ms H Ford

Front of House:

Mrs P Bennett

Backstage Crew:

Emma Bailey, Felix Edelsten (4th Form), John Graham (5th Form), Sam Tracy (Lower 6th), Rupert Leyland (4th Form)

Our thanks to:

Mr S Coldstream, Housestaff, Physics Department, Chemistry Department, Design Department, Eloise Rix (4th Form), Mrs S Moran, Mrs F Orger, Mr C Harrison



Art goes to New York

Having had our spirits dampened by a 2 1/2 hour wait in immigration we were all soon lifted by the awe inspiring skyline emerging out of the darkness. The first day was sunny, bright sharp (very cold) and New York looked at its best. All 30 of us jumped on the bus up to the Metropolitan Museum. The Museum is vast, everyone put a lot of energy into covering relevant and, in our view, the best areas. Mr Young was seen in his element in front of a 30 foot Jackson Pollock painting waxing lyrically about space to 15 Stoics. One of Damien Hirst's sharks had swum across the Atlantic and was on display. The highlight though was walking into the Jasper Johns 'Grey Paintings' exhibition within the Met. We were all tired because good Art drains your emotions and the size of the Met drains you physically. The work had an energy that was catching. Jasper Johns was playing around with the crossover between sculpture and painting. Objects such as a brush floated in front of canvas painted with expressive but fluid brush strokes. A coat hanger cast a delicate, beautiful shadow across the surface of the painting. In another work there were two canvases joined but with a wooden ball squashed between them. We loved it. The Stoics were talking about concepts to do with tension, balance, surface, structure. It was extraordinary how, with colour put aside, these paintings doubled ones focus on some of the principles of what painting actually is.

Day two was a visit to the Frick Collection, which was home from home for some of the Stoics. The museum was donated to New Yorkers by the fabulously successful Mr Henry Frick (1849-1919), a Pittsburgh coke and steel industrialist. His own house, left pretty much as it was, has echoes of what a place like Stowe would have been like in its prime, certainly in terms of craftsmanship and furniture. The collection is absolutely astonishing; there are some of the best examples of most of the highest of fliers of European Art. That night we had a really good dinner at 'Le Zie', an Italian restaurant. We had our own room upstairs. Great atmosphere and lots of lively conversation.

Day three was monumental. We walked up to the Museum of Modern Art. A vast building that could afford breathing space to some of the most important works of Art in the world. Our guide helped to get everyone engaged. The Stoics really got themselves involved and made the most of this extraordinary museum. After some 5th Avenue jaw dropping shop hopping we made our way down to meet Brian Hecht. Brian was the second Harvard Fellow at Stowe and has remained a close friend and associate of the School. Brian is the link between Stowe and our friends in America. Brian and his partner provided the most delicious take away from a famous New York restaurant that specialises in Southern style barbeque food. A really generous evening.

On our final morning we took the Stoics to the Chelsea area and let them have some time to explore. This left time for "the teachers" to pop into the Richard Diebenkorn exhibition. Our last fix of great Art. What a painter! What a trip!

Mr G Irvine, Art Department



Stoics in Madrid

We took a small group of Upper 6th A-Level Spanish students to Madrid for five days in the run up to Easter to complement their A-Level studies of the Spanish Civil War and to experience Spanish culture more generally. 'Semana Santa' (Holy Week) is certainly an interesting time to visit, with the build up to the rather (to our Anglo Saxon eyes) sinister processions of Good Friday. Spain certainly has changed, as many shops and some sights were open on the Friday, something that would have been unthinkable in Franco's time. We spent a morning at the Prado seeing the art of Velazquez and Goya – everybody always enjoys the latter's 'dark' paintings, and also visited the Reina Sofia Gallery which houses the national collection of modern art, including Picasso's Guernica. We spent a day in Toledo, a walled mediaeval city

which was also the scene of important events in the Civil war, although the highlight of our day was the unexpectedly informative tourist train from which we could look back at the marvellous views. The strangest sight that we saw was the infamous 'Valle de los Caídos' (Valley of the Fallen), the monument which Franco had built (mostly by Republican prisoners) to commemorate the Nationalist dead of the Civil War. The scale of the project is breathtaking, and the views from the base of the cross even more so. We all enjoyed experiencing the culture of Spain and really appreciated the wise choice of this trip relaxing in the sunshine at 23°C in the Retiro park whilst thinking of our colleagues camping on the snowy hillsides on the D of E trip!

Mrs C Lawrence-Thorne, Modern Languages Teacher

McElwee Travel Scholarships, 2007-8

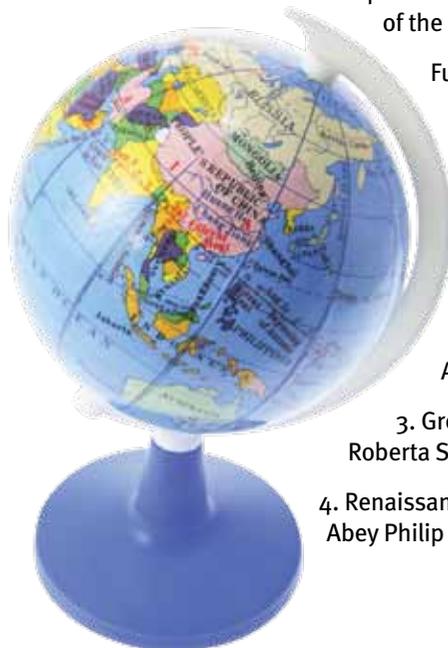
Born 101 years ago, Bill McElwee was an inspiring History teacher and tutor at Stowe. In his memory, many of his pupils and tutees donated funds sufficient to award four or five travel scholarships for pairs of Stoics each year. These awards enable Stoics to travel around Europe and the Mediterranean basin in order to discover our rich cultural heritage – the history, art, buildings, music and diverse societies that Bill McElwee wanted his Stoics to see and experience for themselves and in which he believed so passionately.

The Trustees met recently and decided to award four pairs of travel scholarships worth £1,000 each pair. They also wished to say that they were truly impressed with all the entries and were gratified at the positive response of Stoics to a valuable opportunity to travel and experience more of the world.

Furthermore, the Trustees wish to announce further travel scholarships to be awarded to current L6 for brief visits to UK cities and cultural sites. Further details will be available from Mr C Robinson next term.

Awards:

1. The Roman Empire and Italian Fascism
Charlotte Mathews (Lyttelton) and Helena Kealey (Lyttelton)
2. Castles and Churches of Portugal
Alexey Grabarnik (Grenville) and George Gvilava (Bruce)
3. Greece and the Cyclades
Roberta Staden (Lyttelton) and Tasie Grant (Nugent)
4. Renaissance Tuscany
Abey Philip (Grenville) and Edwin Maganjo (Chandos)





What to do on a Gap Year?

We were delighted to hear from Mia Hulla (Nugent '07) as she approaches the end of her Gap year:

My decision to take a gap year had many reasons. Coming to Stowe halfway through Lower 6th, my tutor recommended that I apply post A-Level and use the extra year to reconsider the courses and universities I chose. Indeed I now realise that knowing my grades improved my choices and helped me to apply with confidence. Writing a personal statement became easier, having the time to look back on the academic challenges I enjoyed and the school activities that qualified me, many of which I could not have included, had I applied a year earlier.

But getting a place at a good university was only one of the reasons for my gap year. What also attracted me was the chance to have once-in-a-lifetime experiences, to see the working world and to have a break between the intense studies at school and university. At Stowe I had access to a fully equipped gap year research hub: A room dedicated to displaying the endless opportunities, popular gap year destinations and advice from existing "gappers", combined with teachers and tutors to guide and help. It was thus a delight to plan a year that balanced experience and qualifications for the years to come with travel and fun. After a summer spent in the Austrian countryside and travelling to Rome for an Italian course with a friend from Stowe, my first internship started in Berlin. At Deutsche Bank I spent two months learning about office administration, how to represent a company and interact with clients. Stationed at a branch of Deutsche Bank, I was soon selling accounts and telling customers about vein flow screenings replacing four digit codes as security measures for banking access.

My next stop was Vienna, my home town, where I worked for the Economist Intelligence Unit (part of The Economist Group). I have always greatly enjoyed reading the Economist, so it was an honour to work with such brilliant people and see how the company functions. It was also wonderful to spend some time at home and see my friends and relatives who I had missed in my time at school.

A very kind friend from Stowe invited me to Jamaica for the New Year, where I spent the celebrations for the first time in my life by the sea and had lots of fun before returning to London for another internship, at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. I learnt a great deal about the operation of international financial institutions and got to know

the London working routine. I am pleased with the insights that my internships have given me and believe they will help me choose a career that suits me as well as helping my CV references. In March 2008, the really exciting part of my gap year kicked off. An organisation recommended during the gap year safety course I attended at Stowe, Realgap, had a place at a Chinese Shaolin Kungfu Martial Arts Academy. Living in this fascinating but strange country and being trained by unbelievably able and admirable Shaolin Monks was my most intensive experience so far. Sore muscles for two weeks and pains in my joints that I thought I would not have until I am 80 were followed by some progress and gradual enjoyment of martial arts ("no ying without yang" as the Chinese would say). After only three days I got used to the spartan accommodation and food – thanks to the welcoming atmosphere among the students – and in the end I did not want to leave! My interest in Chinese culture has so greatly increased after my stay, that I am now seriously considering learning Mandarin.

Back in Europe I celebrated my 18th birthday, just before setting off to New York (where I am now). While my free time gives me a chance to explore this eclectic and colourful city, I am working as a volunteer for Common Ground, an organisation that provides housing and re-integration opportunities for homeless people. It is making me aware of the huge inequalities that exist in this world, a lesson from my gap year which I sincerely hope will stay with me so that I will never forget to try to change that.

My immediate future plans are to attend a Summer School in Jerusalem for Middle Eastern Studies, a topic I look forward to learning more about. Then I will spend a month in the south of France on a French course. I will take some time to digest all these impressions before starting at the LSE in October to study Philosophy and Economics.

I recommend a gap year to anyone who has the time and financial means. I now appreciate different cultures more, know the reality of working life, having learnt so much more than can be taught at school and made some wonderful friends. The gap year truly afforded me to think about what I want to do with my life instead of rushing into the next chapter. I am extremely grateful I had the opportunity and hope that this short insight will encourage others to explore and experience!

Mia Hulla (OS – Nugent '07)



Stoics support Pembroke House's work in Gilgil, Kenya

In recent years Stowe has developed strong links with Pembroke House, a Prep School in Gilgil, Kenya, with some of their pupils coming to Stowe. Following the turmoil in Kenya earlier this year, their Headmaster, Alistair (Sam) Cooke, appealed to their UK friends for help: "As always it is the poor with least to lose that have ended up losing everything they have: loved ones, houses, food stores and all their belongings. Gilgil is a small town and we have about 2000 displaced people in the army camp about a mile from the school. It is a dire situation and one which really does demand that we at Pembroke offer as much assistance as possible, as it seems the Red Cross and UN are concentrating, understandably, on the camps with tens of thousands of displaced people in them. The issue in Gilgil is the purchasing of the food and the transport. We are coordinating relief with the local Rotary Club and the Salvation Army."

In response to this a collection was taken in Chapel, when our Chaplain invited Stoics: "to think seriously about this and, hopefully, decide to give some money to help those on the ground in Gilgal to bring practical aid to the 2000 individuals who are in so much need. You won't get anything out of this, no wrist band, no permission to wear your non-uniform for a day, but you will be directly helping some desperate people."

Over £1,000 was raised and passed on to Pembroke House. We have received this update from Sam Cooke: "The violence and disturbances seem to have stopped and thankfully the IAPS schools have returned to an almost normal state. Whilst we no longer have the images of violence on our television screens, we do have a major humanitarian problem developing throughout the Rift Valley and into Western Kenya. Even our little town of Gilgil alone has had a major influx of displaced people and estimates put the numbers as high as 10,000 people, mainly women and children living in rough and bleak conditions within a 5 mile radius of Pembroke. The schools in the UK have responded extremely well, for this we at Pembroke and the displaced people of Gilgil are extremely grateful. We have managed to provide a substantial amount of food and clothing for the people and have been discussing various other long-term ways in which we can help using these funds. As I write this two of our teaching staff are at the camp at Kikopy Village helping distribute food, water and eating utensils and bowls. Our kind donors in the UK schools will have no idea just how far even a small amount of money will go towards easing the plight of the displaced people."

Please visit www.pembrokehouse.sc.ke to see some of the work that Pembroke House is doing on behalf of all the IAPS schools.

From the Chairman



As many of you will know, Tim Scarff (Grenville 91) has been appointed as Director of the Old Stoic Society as of February this year.

On behalf of all of us, I am delighted to welcome Tim to his new role. Tim has already

firmly established himself and since his arrival we have already held a number of events including a most successful reception for Old Stoics in Law, held at The House of Commons on 16 April, hosted by Lord Lyell of Markyate PC QC (Grafton 57) and David Cheyne (Chandos 67), Senior Partner of Linklaters.

The 40th Anniversary Reunion Dinner for 1968 leavers was held at Stowe on 19 April and the Annual Dinner was held for the second year at BAFTA on 8 May 2008. The dinner was very well attended again this year and it was very pleasing to see a good range of age groups represented. Our thanks go to the Headmaster for updating us on the School's progress and, as always, for providing us with a most amusing and interesting speech.

We have decided to move on from BAFTA next year and we are researching suitable and attractive venues for the Dinner.

On 27 June 2008 there is a major event being held at Stowe – a concert being given by Old Stoic, Roger Hodgson (Grenville 67) known to many of us as the songwriter and lead singer of Supertramp. This promises to be a tremendous evening with well over 2,000 people attending with a significant number of Old Stoics returning to see Roger in concert.

We continue to pursue a range of new initiatives for the Society and I am delighted to confirm that we are now looking to recruit Old Stoics to join the Old Stoic Choir. Their first meeting is being planned and anyone interested should contact the Old Stoic office for more details.

The Old Stoic Society is in great heart with a full events calendar planned for next year. If you have any ideas or suggestions for the Society, please do not hesitate to contact Tim Scarff or me.

With best wishes for the summer.

John Arkwright (Cobham 69)
(john.arkwright@jarkwright.co.uk)

Old Stoic email list

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

Obituaries

It is with regret that we also have to announce the deaths of three former members of staff:

Adams R.V.P. (Ronnie) in March 2008
OS Walpole 32-37. Master at Stowe 48-78;
Housemaster of Walpole 60-72;
Second Master 72-78.

Oakes C. (Charlie) in September 2007
Cricket Coach 58-77.

Walsh Lt Col E.G.W.T. (Ted) in January 2008
OS Temple 30-35. Estate Bursar, Stowe 62-67.

Please note that their obituaries are due to appear in the next issue of The Column. If you would care to contribute some thoughts, please send suitable tributes / anecdotes to: Chris Atkinson, c/o Old Stoic Office, Stowe School, Buckingham MK18 5EH before the end of July.



Charity Calendar

A group of Stoics has come together this summer to plan the production of a charity calendar. Whilst there is a Stowe theme running throughout the pages, this can be interpreted broadly, and submissions are

welcomed from all. Two Old Stoics who have built considerable reputations for their photography have already agreed to take a month each: Alex Mustard, one of the world's leading underwater photographers, has been in the Octagon lake preparing his piece, whilst Igor Tolstoy, a veteran of several highly successfully London exhibitions, is also on the case. Harry Soames who is beginning to make a name for himself in London is keen too to contribute. The School photographer Roy Ottaway has been up at the end of the Hangar Straight, taking pictures of cars haring round that most iconic of racing bends – Stowe Corner. There are a number of works from current Stoics in the offing, and we are very confident that the finished item will make a perfect Christmas present. The calendar will be sold for £10 with all surplus being given to one of three charities currently being short listed. Further information will soon be published on the School website. www.stowe.co.uk

Launching the Old Stoic Choir

From its earliest days, Stowe has had a strong musical tradition, and we have been very pleased to hear the idea (from one of the Music staff at Stowe in fact) that an Old Stoic Choir should be formed: whether you haven't sung since your days in the Chapel Choir, or you have continued in some way since you left Stowe, what an excellent way of bringing Old Stoics together.

Plans are still at a formative stage, but we are particularly fortunate that Roderick Swanston (Bruce '66) has already very kindly agreed to conduct the Choir. Roderick's musical career has been an extraordinarily distinguished one. Most recently, he was been appointed President of the Incorporated Society of Musicians for 2008/9, following in the footsteps of Sir Thomas Beecham, Yehudi Menuhin and Malcolm Sargent. He has been a frequent broadcaster, a Professor at the Royal College of Music and is much in demand as a guest lecturer. Roderick is delighted with the idea of the choir and we will be honoured to benefit from his leadership.

It is hoped that the Choir will attract the widest participation – Old Stoics of all vintages; male and female. Our repertoire will naturally be determined by the balance of the choir, its combined level of talent, and the wishes of

members. The aim is to take it sufficiently seriously, but primarily to have fun. We may set our targets on a performance at the Speech Day concert perhaps, or at another Old Stoic event in London. Perhaps our ambitions will become grander still – we'll see as it goes.

Rehearsals will be in central London, at a venue yet to be determined. We would aim for a first rehearsal in the early autumn – giving us time to attract a good number of potential members. Rehearsals won't be unduly frequent and will probably be steered by the dates of any performances that we plan.

At this early stage, we are looking for the names of all those who might be tempted to come along, even if just to try it out. Please email, phone or write to the Old Stoic Office (all the details are below), letting us know if you would be interested in principle, and what voice you have (or at least had whilst you were at Stowe!). If you know of others who could be persuaded, please let them know, and get them to make contact too. Everyone will hear back in due course with further information about the first meeting.

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Old Stoic Fives Tournament at Stowe

A mini tournament was held at Stowe on 16 March in which seven Old Stoics played: Charles Robinson (Walpole 99), Helen Corner (Stanhope 88), Jurgen Hütter (Lyttelton 90), Mike Skjott (Lyttelton 90), Russell Hallam (Chandos 66), Sebastian Russell-Smith (Lyttelton 90) and Barclay Lawrence (Chandos 66). There were six Stowe boys: Jonty Irving, Isi Madojemu, Arthur

Hobhouse, Theo Gregson, Robert Hyam and James Saunders plus two Old Berkhamstedians (Gordon and Derek Whitehead). Everyone played a minimum of three games, and it was encouraging to see that there are some useful and committed players in the school which bodes very well for the future.

If there are any OS living or working in London wishing to play fives there on a weekly basis, or less often, please contact Jurgen Hütter on 01273505303 or email Jurgen.Hutter@ge.com for more details.



Old Stoic Sailing Club

Final sailing results are not yet available but, for the first time for 5 years, the Stowe boat managed to complete all five races on day 1 without any mishap. Actually not strictly true as this year we did manage to run aground briefly (on a falling tide) coming out of Portsmouth Harbour. We also had a small rip in the spinnaker but by judicious use of the first aid kit (we had a qualified doctor on board) a repair was effected.

The crew this year consisted of Geoff Brown, Robin Hunter-Coddington (Commodore), Ian Keith, George Percy, Stephen Spencer, Jeremy Spencer Cooper, Bill Tyser and non

OS "ringer" Dominic Bolongaro who, at the very last minute, stood in for usual crew member, Nigel Rossiter.

In addition to competing, this year Stowe offered the OSSC Upset Trophy to the Arrow Committee to be awarded to the boat that suffered the worst upset. Robin Hunter-Coddington was asked to make the presentation and made a very unplanned and impromptu speech. To thunderous applause, the award was made to Dulwich who had managed to ram a large naval mooring buoy coming out of Portsmouth Harbour, thereby forcing them to return to Sunsail for a replacement boat. Obviously a good strategy as they then went on to win the whole series.

If any Old Stoics or "just about to be leavers" would like to join the Club, please contact the Commodore through the OS web site

Ian Keith (Chandos 81)



Old Stoic Golfing Society

Stowe had drawn Rossal in the first round of the Halford Hewitt Cup at Royal Cinque Ports GC in April. Rossal have always been quite strong, so a good match was in prospect and we were delighted to win by 4 1/2 to a 1/2. It was also Bob Durrant's 100th match, so like Whitgift's Peter Hedges, an ex-Walker Cup player, Bob has joined the elite band of Hewitt centurions. After winning all 5 of our matches in the next round against Glenalmond, we then came up against Tonbridge, the tournament favourites – who boasted a total handicap of 5. We lost by a much closer margin than

the 4-1 result suggested, to a team that went on to win the trophy. Our team for the Halford Hewitt Cup (many of whom are pictured alongside): Tony Edgerley (Captain), Charlie Rotheroe, Paul Marshall, Sean Morris, Haydn Brooks, Neil Gray, Peter Jarvis, Martyn Palmer, Bob Durrant, and Rob Samuel.

The Society has also qualified for the Grafton Morrish finals in Norfolk this autumn. The match against the School at Speech Day resulted in a win for the Society and Parents, although Nickleby Evans playing for the school holed in one at the 9th in his match against Jean Michel Hall. Congratulations. We have also qualified for the finals of the Old Boys Putting competition at Royal Wimbledon on 12 June, any supporters are welcome. Do please contact Charles Dimpfl if you want to play in the Matches.

Charles R.Dimpfl (Chatham 66),
Hon: Secretary O.S.G.S June 08



Introducing the new Old Stoic Society Director, Tim Scarff

Leaving Year: 1991
Headmaster: Christopher Turner/
Jeremy Nichols
House: Grenville
Housemaster: Roger Potter/
Mike Smith
Tutor: Peter Farquhar

Career since you left Stowe?

After graduating I worked for a time with British Airways in their UK and Ireland Sales and Marketing offices in London promoting new routes to travel agents – a great job that sent me all over the world. From there I spent seven years or so with Virgin working for a number of the Group companies specialising in corporate incentives. Then last year I received news about a job in the OS office – and here I am, delighted to be back.

Plans for the Society?

Good question. My predecessor, John Bridgwood (Cobham 79) did a terrific job in recent years, engaging those Old Stoics who otherwise would not have reconnected with the School. I aim to build upon his success and find

new ways to bring Old Stoics back in touch with each other and the School. In the pipe-line we're working on an Old Stoic Census which will update our current OS records; we currently have around 9,500 living members (at least we believe so!) of which we have contacts details for nearly 7,000. The immediate goal is to get that up to 8000 within the next 12-18 months.

Events will play an important part in our calendar. From next year, we will be introducing a series of new opportunities for Old Stoics to reunite and connect: for young and old; at Stowe and more widely afield; for year-group cohorts, professional networks, sports and other interest groups; and with partners, families and guests too.

Fostering the spirit of entrepreneurialism, at some point I would like to set up an area on the website where Old Stoics who own a business can post their company details. There, they will be able to contact other Old Stoics in the same line of business and also take the opportunity to present their business to the OS community as a whole – one thought might be that if an Old Stoic owned and ran a hotel somewhere in the world, for example, they might want to offer a favourable rate to passing Old Stoics, and so on. The general idea is to unite the wider community – at the end of the day, we all have at least one thing in common.

If you have any ideas or comments, or need help in contacting any other Old Stoic, please contact me directly on 01280 818 252 or on email tscarff@stowe.co.uk

Old Stoics in Law

On Wednesday 16 April 2008, through the kind auspices of the former Attorney General, Lord Lyell of Markyate PC QC (Grafton 57) and David Cheyne (Chandos 67), Senior Partner of Linklaters, the OS society hosted an inaugural reception for Old Stoics in Law at the Terrace Pavilion of the Houses of Parliament.

On the day some 74 Old Stoics, some with their partners, braved a chill wind to present their invitations at St Stephen's Gate and followed a tortuous but interesting route through Westminster Hall to the venue.

Although the Terrace itself was cold, the welcome from Lord Lyell and David Cheyne was warm and the update from the Headmaster, Dr Wallersteiner on Stowe itself, very well received.

The evening however was really about renewing acquaintances and meeting other Old Stoics with a common interest in law and it passed all too quickly. The thanks of all the guests must go not only to both hosts but also to the organisers from Stowe and the Old Stoic Society for the smooth running of the occasion and it is hoped it will become a regular fixture in the future.

Struan Robertson (Bruce 62),
Head of Legal Services, Clarksons PLC

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

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

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

Sir Nicholas Winton (Grenville 27) The government of the Czech Republic has nominated Sir Nicholas Winton for the Nobel peace prize.

Mr Peter Sichel (Cobham 41) Peter appeared last year in four German historical documentaries, which were broadcast by German TV as well as Arte.



Mr James Sutherland (Walpole 41) James is retired and spends much of his time studying and writing about engineering history and is currently engaged with others on a biographical dictionary of civil engineers.

Mr John Cullis (Walpole 44) John was recently elected Vice-President of the British-Italian Society.

Mr Jock Asbury-Bailey (Walpole 47) Jock, who spent all his teaching career at St Edmund's School Canterbury, published the history of St Edmund's, entitled 'Foundation on a Hill.'

Mr David Shepherd (Chatham 49) The David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation hosts its second Three Generations Exhibition at the Mall Galleries – featuring original paintings for sale by David, his daughter Mandy and eldest grand-daughter Emily – all profit will help save wildlife. See www.davidsshepherd.org

Mr Michael Deeley (Bruce 50) Michael Deeley has produced a number of films including Blade Runner, The Deer Hunter (for which he won an Oscar) and The Italian Job. Now, on October 2 2008 Faber & Faber are publishing his book on his adventures in the movie business in England and Hollywood.



Mr Robert Hichens (Chandos 50) Robert and his wife have retired and have moved back to the family home in Flushing. He has been a County Councillor for the past 16 years.

Colonel Oliver Warman (Chandos 50) Colonel Oliver Warman celebrated, this spring, the 12 anniversary of founding Normandybattlefields.com and warhistory1944.co.uk. This year Oliver has been elected a senior member of the Royal Institute of Oil Painters (ROI) and the Royal Society of British Artists (RBA) and last year published 'Omaha Beach 1944.'

Mr Timothy Bladon (Grenville 51) Timothy has just completed 8 years as Chairman of the Bourne Branch of the Royal British Legion.

Dr Colin Davies (Temple 51) Colin is on the Hertfordshire Branch committee of Institution of Electrical Engineers. For the last few years he has been teaching Finnish to adults in St Albans.

Mr Nicholas Boulton (Grenville 52) Nicholas is on the executive board of a rowing club. He is the Guelph Rowing Club's Safety Officer.

Mr Bill Filmer (Temple 52) Bill spends most of his time in retirement, cruising around the world.

Major Malcolm Henderson (Walpole 52) Malcolm has a self-published book, 'Don't Kill the Cow too Quick' which tells the story of his first 6 years of living in the jungles of Panama and building an organic farm.

Mr Nick Hordern (Walpole 52) Nick is a Photo-journalist, broadcaster and author in the UK, Australia and the US. He is a BBC World Service freelance reporter; Special Correspondent for New African Magazine, former Chair Books Committee, UK Writer's Guild and author of 'God, Gold & Glory' on Spanish conquistadors. Current Book Project: Pre-colonial African History.

Mr Jeremy Gibson (Walpole 52) On 7 June 2008 Jeremy received a Personal Achievement Award from the Association for Local History for his work to support and encourage local history in Banbury and for his publications.

Mr Christoph von Eberan-Eberhorst (Chatham 54) Christoph has started a consultancy with special emphasis on automotive technology, combustion and lubrication. Christoph is married, has two daughters and four grandsons and lives in Hamburg.

Mr Howard Judd (Walpole 55) Howard is just finishing up a project, a Self-fuelling Power Generator that requires no fossil fuel to generate electricity.

Mr Colin Maher (Chatham 55) Colin is still busy teaching English to Russians in Zelenograd and travelling every few months to exotic places with his Russian fiancée.

Mr Bill Shand Kydd (Cobham 55) Every year Bill contests the Great North Run, the photo shows Bill crossing the finish line pushed by his son, Caspar (Walpole 85). They completed with the assistance of a few other friends in 2 hours and 3 minutes and raised a considerable sum for Spinal Research.

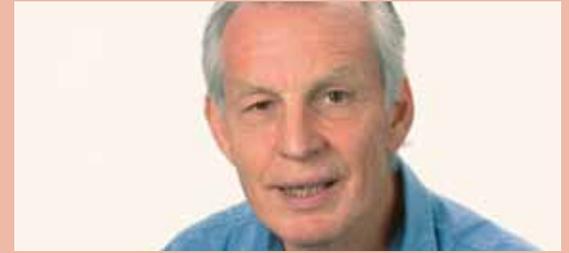


Mr Christopher Sleigh (Grafton 55) After 45 years Christopher runs his own Law Practice in Manchester specialising in residential property, Probate and Trusts.

Mr Ralph Cobham (Grenville 56) Ralph is one of the co-authors of the Blenheim Palace World Heritage Site Management Plan and an independent advisor on the Thames Gateway Bridge Scheme covering visual and landscape issues.

Mr Piers Plowright (Temple 56) Since retiring from the BBC in 1997, Piers has been teaching and lecturing on 'Sound' at the Universities of Bournemouth, Aberystwyth, Westminster, Southampton, and Christ Church, Canterbury. He was made a Fellow of The Royal Society of Literature in 1999, given an Hon D.Litt by the

University of Bournemouth in 2005, and made an Audio Luminary at the 2006 Chicago Third Coast International Audio Festival. In 2001, he presented an hour long programme on BBC4 called 'Ways of Hearing' and regularly appears on BBC Radio 4's 'Saturday Review'.



Mr Thomas Shearer (Chatham 56) Thomas is a Chartered Surveyor and works from home as a Sole Practitioner. He specialises in the sale of more expensive Country Houses.

Mr Robert Skepper (Temple 56) Robert's book called 'Munich the Price of Appeasement by Serendipity' has recently been published.

Mr Bryan Toye (Grafton 56) Relinquished the position of Hon. Ordnance Officer The Tower of London 1994-2008, Council Member of The Defence Manufacturers Association Chairman of Cling, Deputy Chairman The Defence Manufacturers Commercial Committee, Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths' – Liveryman 1985 – Court of Assistants 1992 – Warden 2001 – Prime Warden 2004-2005.

Dr Robert Whitaker (Cobham 57) Robert teaches anatomy at Cambridge University and is now in his 18th year. He has a book 'Instant Anatomy' and a website www.instantanatomy.net, which have proved popular with trainee medical students and doctors.

Mr Colin Alexander (Temple 58) McGraw-Hill in New York have just published 'Timing Techniques for Commodity Futures Markets.' This is Colin's third book for them about technical analysis for financial markets.

Mr Michael Goodwin (Cobham 58) Michael is a volunteer with the National Trust for Scotland and the Leith Sea Cadet Unit.

Mr Richard Hankinson (Walpole 58) In retirement Richard has 'retooled' himself as a squash coach, and helped coach the Princeton University's women's squash team to back-to-back national championships in 2007 and 2008.

Mr Richard Miall (Bruce 59) One of Richard's Companies, Fiji Island Tours is a Travel Company that specialise in arranging Private Travel, Wedding groups, Corporate meetings and sporting groups. www.fijinet.com

Mr John Perriss (Chandos 59) John has expanded his Tour Operation from dealing mainly with Portugal, Madeira and the Azores, to major on the Cape Verde Islands as a year round holiday destination – see www.destination-capeverde.com

Mr David Cowper (Grafton 60) David is preparing his boat, 'Polar Bound' for another season in the ice and hopes in June to set off from Scotland up into the Arctic to transit the North West Passage for the third time and then continuing if successful down to Australia and across to Durban and Cape Town and back to England.

Mr John Pasmore (Chatham 60) John is a photographer – his photographs are available to view and buy at www.marlboroughfineart.com

Mr John Blayney (Chandos 61) John is imminently about to launch a new electronic interactive biomass trading platform called BioXchange (Bx) based in London serving the needs of the emerging global biofuel markets.

Mr Lloyd Lakin (Grenville 61) Lloyd is now semi retired and lives in Atlanta Ga USA involved in e-commerce.

Mr Anthony Shillington (Chatham 61) Anthony has, since 2005, been Development Director of The Trinity Foundation for Christianity and Culture, and Chairman of a Buckingham-based charity, BACAB.

Dr David Aikman (Temple 62) David is a professor of history and writer in residence at Patrick Henry College, Virginia, USA. He has recently published his ninth and tenth books, respectively, 'Billy Graham: His Life and Influence', and 'The Delusion of Disbelief: How the New Atheism is a Threat to Your Life, Liberty, and Pursuit of Happiness.'

Mr James Cartwright (Chatham 62) James Cartwright took a team of Barristers to India in January, 2008, for the first Lawyers Cricket World Cup. Although they played with gusto, they failed to win a single game although much fun was had by all.

Mr Struan Robertson (Bruce 62) Struan is taking up the newly created appointment of Head of Legal Services of Clarksons PLC the world's leading provider of shipping services, with effect from 1 May 2008 and will be based in their Head Office in the City of London.

Mr Christopher Scholfield (Cobham 62) Brothers Christopher Scholfield (Cobham 62) and Brian Scholfield (Grenville 70) have purchased The Atlantic House Hotel in surfing mecca Polzeath, North Cornwall. Enquiries from Old Stoics will be especially welcome through www.thedoombar.com or theatlantichouse@gmail.com

Mr Christopher Wintle (Chatham 62) Chris is Head of Theory and Analysis in the Music Department at King's College London, General Editor of the Hans Keller Archive and a regular contributor to the programmes of the Royal Opera House. He also runs a small, award-winning academic press, 'Plumbago Books and Arts', www.plumbago.co.uk

Mr Ian Macdonald (Grafton 64) Ian organises Astanga Yoga workshops in Oxford. Anyone interested please visit www.oxfordyoga.co.uk

Mr Richard Waterbury (Chatham 64) Earlier this year Richard was appointed the Chairman of Akzo Nobel Pensions Ltd in the UK. Meanwhile Richard's daughter Verity, currently in her last year in Nugent, won a gap year scholarship from the Old Stoic Society.

Mr David Lees-Jones (Grenville 65) David retired after 20 years of boarding Prep School Headmastering last August. He helps govern St Aubyns and Bilton Grange and remains interested in motor cars.

Mr Peter Rapelye (Bruce 66) Peter is Headmaster of the Princeton Junior School.

Mr Richard Stormont (Grenville 66) Richard is Chairman and Managing Director of Electroglass Ltd, suppliers of electric melting technology and equipment to the glass making industry worldwide.

Mr Edward Clarke (Grenville 67) Edward is working as partner in Genedon Asset Management S.A. in Geneva, Switzerland, where they run a family office for high net worth clients and friends.

Mr Charles Goldingham (Cobham 67) Sadly Charles' wife died from cancer age 47 in February, which has made life somewhat less easy. He has two children both doing exams this year, Anna 18 and John who is in Cobham (3rd Generation Stoic), age 16 later this month.

Mr Gratian Yatsevitch (Chatham 67) Gratian married Monica Lee Morrill on 18 October, 2007 and is expecting the arrival of a baby boy in early July. He will be their first child. They are presently living in Washington, DC.



Mr John Cahill (Grafton 68) John, MD of BH&M Architects of Barnes, London, has now moved onto the final phase of the refurbishment of White Lodge for the Royal Ballet School in Richmond Park. His Practice has also just won the competition to build the Hammersmith City Academy for the Mercers' and Information Technologists' Livery Companies which they hope to start on site in 2009.

Mr Tim Cheshire (Walpole 68) In May Tim and a friend (not an Old Stoic) will be biking from Avignon to Rome, crossing the Alps at the Col de Larche (1948m) which is on this year's Tour de France to raise money for Help for Heroes, www.justgiving.com/avignonrome2008

Mr Robert Cooper (Cobham 68) Robert is a presenter for the Sky Racing Channel – At The Races. In 2006 he was voted Racing Broadcaster of the Year by the Horserace Writers and Photographers Association and received his award from Sir Peter O'Sullivan. Robert also reports on Horse Racing for Radio 5 Live.



Mr Philip Douglas (Grafton 68) Philip, and his wife Margaret, are both solicitors and senior civil servants, specialising in tax. Their daughter, Philippa, is down for the 6th Form at Stowe starting in Autumn 2008.

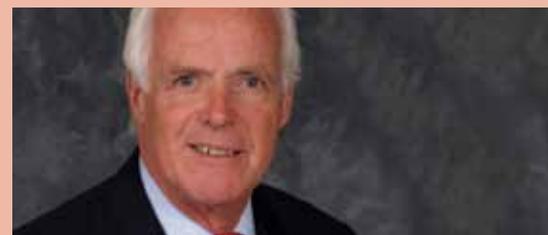
Mr Francis Elvins (Bruce 68) Francis has retired as chief engineer of an axle manufacturing company, after a career in the truck and bus manufacturing industry.

Mr Jeremy Priestley (Chandos 68) Jeremy has started a new estate agency www.youhome.co.uk, operating in Bournemouth, Poole, Christchurch and London after leaving Hamptons International as MD. He is also an investor in the restoration of a village near Lucca, in Tuscany.

Mr Neil Wallace (Chandos 68) Neil is living in Williamsburg, Virginia with his wife, Michele and his son, Michael.

Mr Murray Kayll (Walpole 69) Murray continues to run his farm in Dorset and is expanding his holiday cottage business, from the current 25 beds up to 50 beds along with the provision of a conference facility. www.luccombeholidays.co.uk. He would love to hear from Old Stoics wanting a holiday!

Mr David Stileman (Cobham 69) At the beginning of 2008 David became CEO of Standard Chartered Bank's businesses in North and South America.



Mr Robert Carter (Bruce/Lyttelton 70) Robert is with the Air Accidents Investigation Branch at Farnborough, in Hampshire, and has been involved in the management of the investigations of the British Airways 777 accident at London Heathrow in January 2008 and the Cessna Citation business jet which crashed at Farnborough (Kent!) on 30 March.

Mr Anthony Jenkinson (Chandos 70) Anthony is living in the Innu community of Sheshatshiu, Labrador, Canada and together with Innu colleagues runs The Tshikapisk Foundation, a non profit organisation devoted to the promotion and celebration of the Innu hunting way of life, www.tshikapisk.ca. He has five children Robert, Leah, Naomi, James and Tshetshukus.

Mr Charles Allen (Bruce 71) Charles has been appointed Chief Executive Officer for Heritage Insurance Management Ltd which is the largest independent captive insurance manager in the Channel Islands and indeed in Europe. In addition he has joined the board of Heritage Group the ultimate holding company for Heritage Insurance Management.

Mr Julian Boles (Chandos 72) Julian has become the Director-General of the British Gemmological Institute (BGI) Diamond & Gem Laboratory in London and recently valued a large flawless ruby and a colour-change Chameleon diamond. Julian also patented the world's first RFID anti-fraud tag system able to reduce theft and hopes to see it used globally.

Mr Michael Boyadjiew (Chandos 72) 36 years after 'A-Levels' Michael has just become a father. He travels between the States, Barcelona and Ibiza as a freelance web developer. Yvo was born in March.



Mr Michael Wright (Chandos 72) Michael is married to Ursula and they have four children. He is a Director of Rathbone Investment Management, working in London looking after private investors, their pensions and charitable trusts. He is also a Trustee of Stewardship, the largest Christian Financial Support Services Charity in the UK.

Dr Richard Halvorsen (Grenville 73) Richard has launched Babyjabs, the UK's first alternative children's immunisation service, based in central London. Babyjabs offers parents the opportunity to choose an individualised immunisation schedule for their child from a comprehensive choice of single and small combination vaccines.

Mr Dominic Cole (Lyttelton 74) As a Landscape Architect Dominic has been working with Rick Mather on the design of the Queens House at Stowe. Part of the

achievement was restoration of the alignment of an historical path and replanting an avenue on what used to be called 'The Cinder Track' – the path between the Chapel and Roxburgh Hall.

Mr Simon Fields (Grenville 74) Simon is currently President of Jennifer Lopez Enterprises. They produce film and television projects and will embark on 'Love and Impossible Pursuits' starring Jennifer Lopez and Laura Linney in the spring.

Mr Paul Salmon (Grafton 74) Paul has just opened his own Commercial and Business Finance firm. www.salmonfinance.co.uk

Mr David Scowsill (Temple 74) David is currently on the board of four Private Equity and Venture Capital backed businesses: Vice Chairman World Hotels AG (KP Capital), Chairman of Yuuguu Limited (Enterprise Ventures/Merseyside Special Investment Fund). Director of VenerNet SpA (Advent International) and Director of On the Beach Holidays (ISIS Equity Partners).

Mr Christopher Drake (Walpole 75) Christopher is a solicitor, he presently works in Hong Kong as a consultant with a local firm and part-time with a hedge fund and a venture capital company set up by the family of a local tycoon.

Mr Daniel Kinahan (Temple 75) Danny is a councillor in Antrim Borough Council, as a member of the Ulster Unionist Party. He runs his own Fine Art and Valuing business, and also runs an art gallery and he and his wife organise weddings in their house. They have a small herd of 50 chittal deer. They have four children, all aimed at going to Stowe over the next four years! He plays golf and second division tennis.

Mr Rory Knight-Bruce (Chandos 75) Rory has written his memoirs 'Red Letter Days-Hunting across the British Isle.' It includes an affectionate chapter on Stowe and the brilliant if idiosyncratic English lessons of BS Stephan.

Mr Thomas Outerbridge (Chatham 75) Thomas has lived 24 years as a quadriplegic after breaking his neck. He married his physio-therapist, Angela, in 1987 and had a son named Robert in 1992.

Mr Christopher Boardman (Bruce 76) Christopher is the CEO of Cresta Homes Plc. He lives in London and was a member of an exploration team in 2004 led by Colonel John Blashford Snell to the Panamanian/Columbian border within the Darien Gap to undertake a 6 week Archaeological and Mapping survey of the area.

Mr Howard Goodall (Lyttelton 76) Howard's new commission for Julian Lloyd Webber and the Chipping Campden Music Festival 'And the Bridge is Love' is to be premiered in May. He is presently putting the finishing touches to his new Requiem for soloists, choir, keyboards and strings commissioned by London Musici, recorded in April and published in the Autumn. Howard continues his work as Ambassador for Singing in England, following the launch of the Sing Up initiative in November 2007.

Mr Rick Inglessis (Walpole 76) Rick is in the insurance market, specialising in the Music and Entertainment industry. His clients include Robbie Williams, Radiohead, Iron Maiden and French & Saunders. He has two sons, one aged 11, the other aged 8.

Mr Mark Richards (Walpole 76) Mark has been commissioned to make life-size bronze sculptures of The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh.

Mr James Roxburgh (Temple 76) James has been appointed President of the Cardiothoracic Section of the Royal Society of Medicine.

Mr Peter Vyvyan-Robinson (Grenville 76) Peter celebrated his 50th birthday in April. He has three children – Harry 6, Alice 4 and Olivia 2 and lives in London running a company with operations in 40

countries. In March he was elected Treasurer to the Court of the Honourable Artillery Company, Britain's oldest fighting regiment.



Mr Robin Allan (Chatham 77) Robin is now a Director of Premier Oil plc. He and his wife have four children. His oldest brother Malcolm (Chatham 67) is still working as a geologist in California and other brother Stuart (Chatham 72) is in Calgary, Canada, owning and running a restaurant and pub.

Mr Simon Alper (Grafton 77) Simon has taken over The Lord Nelson pub at Burnham Thorpe in Norfolk, birthplace of Horatio Nelson who used the pub.

Mr Ben Few-Brown (Grafton 77) Ben completed the British Heart Foundation London to Brighton bike ride last year and raised the most sponsorship for an individual rider.

Mr Anthony Rossdale (Lyttelton 77) Anthony is Head of Finance and Compliance at Dimensional Fund Advisors Ltd.

Mr Andrew Yeoman (Chatham 77) Andrew is director of T151-GI limited in Zagreb, Croatia, a multi disciplined office of Architects. Andrew writes: "We have just finished building our own house in Zagreb, we being, Diana my wife, Yasmin and Ema, and as is typical for Architects have moved in without all the loos working..."

Mr Simon Appleton (Grenville 78) Simon teaches at Highgate School, London, where he has been made liaison officer for the alumni (known as 'Cholmeleians'). He also co-edits the School/alumni joint magazine, 'The Cholmeleian.'

Dr Theo Fenton (Grenville 78) Theo was elected President of the Royal Society of Medicine's Section of Paediatrics & Child Health in September 2007.

Mr Edward Hall (Walpole 78) Edward is living outside Newbury, Berkshire. He is running the country house team for Strutt and Parker in Newbury. He has a son at Stowe (Walpole) and two girls at Marlborough.



Mr Simon Hayward (Grenville 78) The boutique hotel in South Goa owned and managed by Simon and his sister Charlotte has just completed its second successful season of operations.

Mr Nicholas Loup (Lyttelton 78) Currently managing director of Grosvenor's Asian business. The business covers mostly China and Japan in property investment, development and fund management. He is also on the boards of Asia Standard, a Hong Kong listed property company, PDP China, a department store business in

China and on the advisory board of Bridge Capital, a private equity business in India. He is a member of the general committee of the British Chamber of commerce in HK and a director of the Spinal Chord Injury fund, HK.

Mrs Caroline Marr (nee Cowper, Stanhope 78) Caroline is married to a farmer and lives near Cambridge with two teenage sons Alex and Jim. After Stowe, Caroline went to Westminster Hospital and trained as an SRN. In 1983 she moved to Spain for a while and on her return to Cambridge retrained and has been working in various capacities at the Bell Educational Trust for the last 22 years!

Mr Mark Berger (Grafton 79) Mark is CEO of Iraq-centric contracting and support services business, Alfagates.

Mr John Bridgwood (Cobham 79) John has been appointed Director of Operations (Penang) for Edit English Asia Ltd. EEA provides English editing, copy writing, corporate training and translation services throughout Asia. John is also Vice-Chairman of the PTA at the International School of Penang (Uplands), with particular responsibility for fundraising.

Mrs Avril Edwards (nee Comery, Stanhope 79) Avril has moved back to London with her family after 10 years living outside Paris. She now has one son at Stowe, Titus Edwards and is hoping to send two more boys there in the next couple of years.

Mrs Emma Harbord-Hamond (nee Williams, Stanhope 79) Emma co-founded a new members' agency at Lloyd's in September 2007 called Alpha Insurance Analysts Ltd.

Mr Marc Hope (Cobham 79) Marc heads up the Rights Marketing Team at the UK's leading sports Marketing agency, Fasttrack, part of Chime PLC. Marc brought in Balfour Beatty as Title sponsor for The London Youth Games in a 6 year deal, injecting 1.7 million pounds into London youth sport.

Sir Richard Kleinwort (Grenville 79) Sir Richard became High Sheriff of West Sussex on April 2 after having made the traditional High Court Declaration (Lewes). He also joined the Board of an AIM listed IT Specialist, The RDF Group Plc in February. They have four offices around the UK.

Lt Col Jim McComas (Grenville 79) Jim is a Lieutenant Colonel in the 131 Fighter Wing (Missouri Air National Guard – a component of the USAF) flying F-15C's, presently Commander of the 131 Operations Support Flight. He is on military leave from United Airlines where he is a Flight Officer (i.e. pilot). He, his wife, Lea, and three kids from an earlier marriage: Ian 16; Maya 14 and Daniel 12 all live outside of Boulder, Colorado.

Mr Peter Neufeld (Chandos 79) Peter has been appointed the principal lighting designer for the largest urban renewal project in Australia, Green Square, several blocks and parks in the heart of Sydney. He is also lighting the David Hare play 'The Vertical Hour' at the Opera House for the Sydney Theatre Company.

Mr Charles Peacock (Lyttelton 79) Charles has moved to Landsbanki Securities, London, as a Director of Equity Research, covering the media sector.

Mr Chris Rideout (Grenville 79) Chris is in Toronto, operating his own management and operations consulting business that focuses on increasing operational effectiveness and aligning efforts, processes and systems for SMEs with a strong core in operations or manufacturing.

Mrs Belinda Paul (nee Roberts, Stanhope 90) Belinda is living in Clapham with husband, James and son, Henry. She runs her own Interior Design company.

The Hon Edmund Butler (Grenville 80) Edmund lives in British Columbia and manages a craft furniture studio and some property.

Mr Richard Humphreys (Walpole 80) Richard was called to the Bar (Inner Temple) in 1986 and was appointed one of Her Majesty's Counsel in 2006. He specialises in planning and local government law. He married in 1988, has three children and lives in Northamptonshire.

Mr Abbas Lakha (Cobham 80) Abbas was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2003 and has recently been invited to be a Master of the Bench of the Inner Temple (December 2007).

Mr Christopher Powles (Grafton 80) Christopher has been very busy with the flotation on AIM of Adili, the internet ethical fashion company he co-founded, and the completion of stage 1 of the major re-building of the old house he bought in Oxfordshire.

Lt Col Alistair Roxburgh (Walpole 80) Alistair's eldest daughter, Genevieve Roxburgh, has been awarded a top music scholarship to Stowe and joins Lyttelton in September 2008, the first female Roxburgh to go to Stowe.

Mr Bruce Rylie (Grafton 80) Bruce is in Kenya developing local ebay equivalent www.uzanunua.com which has become the leading Kenyan e-market. Splits time between Kenya and Auckland, New Zealand where he has a financial services broking business.

Mr Jack Scott (Lyttelton 80) Jack has two sons, Horatio 10 and Hector 8, who are at Caldicott Prep School and are down to join Stowe in their father and grandfather's footsteps.

Mr Storm Smith (Grafton 80) After having spent the last 2 years based in Shanghai running a UK subsidiary Storm has come home – bought an Airfield and set up a Flying School in Northumberland called Purple Aviation.

Mr Jamie Dewhurst (Cobham 81) Jamie is married to Alison with two children Emma 11 and Archie 8. He lives in Warwickshire and set up a company in 2002 supplying trees and hedging plants to the wholesale nursery market throughout Europe, which is now the largest in the UK supplying in excess of 11 million plants annually.

Miss Annabel Heseltine (Stanhope 81) Having spent sixteen years as a feature journalist working all over the world with a special emphasis on war, wildlife and the environment in Africa and other places, Annabel met and married plastic surgeon Peter Butler in 1998. She has four children, twins Mungo and Isabella 5, Rafferty 4 and Monty 2 and completed a master degree at Reading University in Wildlife Management and Conservation.

Mr Christopher Krabbe (Bruce 81) Christopher and Alice have 3 children: Polly, Amelia and Charlie. After 9 years in Executive Search, he transitioned into HR and currently works for Experian as Head of HR for their Decision Analytics division in EMEA, (Europe, Middle East and Africa).

Sir Thomas Lowe (Temple 81) Tom has been appointed a QC in 2008. He is with Wilberforce Chambers, Lincoln's Inn.

Mrs Kate Measham (nee Cunningham, Stanhope 81) Kate lives in Hampshire and runs a variety of art courses for adults just outside Stockbridge.

Mr Matthew Streeton (Grafton 81) In March 2008 Matthew was appointed Head of Specialist Resourcing for The Standard Chartered Private Bank. He is based in Singapore.

Mr Rob Adam (Grenville 82) Rob is still in Cheshire, as Publican of 'The Swan at Marbury', and due to be married to Miss Clarissa Edge in August this year. His pub was featured in The Good Pub Guide 2008.

Mr Mark Cazalet (Grenville 82) Mark has just completed the new glass engraved door for the Stowe chapel prayer space. It has been a busy year as The Old Stile Press has recently published a book of Thomas Hardy's late poetry called 'Greenblades.' Mark's lino and woodcut prints accompany the poems.

Mr Marcus Cotton (Chatham 82) Marcus continues to run Tiger Mountain Pokhara Lodge near Pokhara and advises the Tiger Mountain Group, Nepal on the environment and sustainable tourism. He has been made an Honorary Member of the British Gurkhas Khane Khola Mess, Pokhara.

Mr Charles Crawford (Grenville 82) Charles is running the UK Partnerships insurance business of Royal Bank of Scotland and has recently assumed responsibility for the Direct Line businesses in Spain, Italy and Germany.

Mr Toufic Farah (Chatham 82) Toufic is married to Lucia and has two daughters, Veronica 11 and Francesca 4; both attend the British School in Abu Dhabi.

Dr John Mills (Grafton 82) John and Andrew Hine (Walpole 82) are co-hosting a reunion for all Old Stoics living in Australia. The reunion will be held in Melbourne on Saturday 15 November 2008 (time and venue are to be arranged). Old Stoics interested in attending should contact John F Mills on john.mills@mac.com

Mr Jonathan Ross (Bruce 82) Jonathan retired from the Royal Marines in 2006 and is now running Ernest G Hart Ltd, manufacturing and hiring marquees.

Mr Robert Wicks (Lyttelton 82) Robert left his job in investment banking in Jan 2004 to start the Westerham Brewery in Kent. 4 years and 500 brews later the brewery supplies Waitrose with one of the only Fairtrade beers in the UK, William Wilberforce Freedom Ale and has a supply agreement with the National Trust.

Mr Guy Adams (Walpole 83) Guy is settled with a young family in Bristol. He is deputy head of the Commercial and Chancery Department of St John's Chambers, which is one of the leading sets of barrister's chambers in the South West.

Mr Charles Birtles (Temple 83) Charles and Liza live in Hampshire and have two boys, Freddie 8 and Archie 5. He has his own business as a property search agent covering Hampshire, Berkshire, Oxfordshire and South Wiltshire and would be delighted to help any old Stoics needing help to find a property in the country.

Mr Christian Castell (Grenville 83) Christian has purchased an 80 hectare farm in the Perdeberg Valley, South Africa after selling his existing company. He will be farming Tahiti Limes, Figs, Almonds, Table Olives and a selection of livestock.

Mr Stephen Booth (Temple 84) Stephen lives in Northern California and is married with two children, Hannah 6 and Sebastian 4. He is an Accountant/Customer Trainer/Program Developer for a Software Company that develops accounting software for the Health Industry.

Mr Richard Carruthers (Grenville 84) Richard organises free classical concerts at St John's Church, Notting Hill. www.music-chamber.com

Mr Jamie Woodward (Grafton 84) James is managing director and country head for UBS Thailand, and is also overseeing Vietnam. He is married to Patamas with two children: Jilly 6 and Tom 4.

Mr Fergus Wylie (Chandos 84) Fergus is Executive Chairman, Europe, of global communications consultancy Gavin Anderson & Company. When not in London or travelling, he lives near the Rye coast in Kent with his wife, three children and an ever growing menagerie of animals.

Dr Rod Fuerst (Cobham 85) Effective 1 January 2008 Rod is a Marketing Manager for Roche Applied Science, based in Bangkok with responsibility for Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia and Philippines.

Mr Simon Kyte (Chatham 85) Simon is still working as an economist for GLA Economics at City Hall in London, focusing on environment and transport issues.

Mr Jason Raikes (Walpole 85) Jason lives in Somerset. For work he finds himself commuting to whichever client is currently paying the fees – currently that's a weekly flight to Brussels.

Mr Charlie Rotheroe (Walpole 85) Charlie won the Presidents Putter at Rye for the third time.



Mr Algy Smith-Maxwell (Cobham 85) Algy is married with two children. He lives with his family in Leicestershire and his current ambition is to see the Stowe athletics track (including the water jump) restored to its former glory.

Mr Simon Billington (Chandos 86) Simon has recently launched a new corporate incentive event. The Riviera Experience is a high-octane mix of supercars, yachts and helicopters, based in Monaco. www.therivieraexperience.com

Mr Nick Fincham (Cobham 86) Nick has been appointed on a pro bono basis as Manager – Team Programs for Canadian Cricket. Nick is also Chair, Cricket Section of Toronto Cricket Skating and Curling Club, Vice President of Toronto and District Cricket Association.

Mr Justin Nelson (Lyttelton 86) Justin works for Microsoft as Senior Marketing Manager in Seattle.

Mr Dalton Philips (Grafton 86) Dalton is COO for Loblaw Companies Ltd in Toronto. In September 2007 Dalton and Penny welcomed Ruairi, their third child into the world, to join Isaac 8, Ilana 4 and Jingle the dog!

Mr Justin Phillips (Chandos 86) Justin has two little girls, Becci 4 and Freya 1. He made Commercial Financial Director of the largest exhibition contracting group in UK called Opex.

Mr Mark Saw (Bruce 86) Mark and Janet have two daughters, eldest Elizabeth born 3 December 2005 and Katia born 3 October 2007.

Mr Ben Curwin (Grenville 87) Ben has set up an independent strategic marketing and brand consultancy. He is married to Francesca Amfitheatrof and they have one son, Nikolai.

Mr Charles Fuller (Grafton 87) In April 2008 Charles was appointed Chief Legal Counsel for Franklin Templeton Investments – Europe and Middle East.

Mrs Alex Lewis (Stanhope 87) Alex is the Director of Marketing and Communications for Sky Networks. She has been at Sky for 2 years looking after the marketing, publicity and programme information for all non-Sport channels.

Mr Sean Morris (Walpole 87) Sean has been appointed Chief Executive of the PCA – Professional Cricketers' Association.

Miss Kate Reardon (Nugent 87) 'Top Tips for Girls' the book of the website www.toptipsforgirls.com founded by Kate was published by Headline in January. In June she will launch another four Top Tips sites via www.toptips.com

Mr Carleton Royds (Bruce 87) Carleton is a designer and musician living in Los Angeles, California. He is currently studying classical Indian Sitar with a disciple of Pandit Ravi Shankar.

Mr Nick Smith (Walpole 87) Nick lives in Knutsford, Cheshire with his wife and three children. His business celebrates its 10th anniversary this summer, Oil Recruitment Ltd.

Miss Kate Spicer (Nugent 87) Kate is working as a freelance journalist and broadcaster in London and New York.

Mr Marc Farah (Chatham 88) After 10 years as an osteopath, Marc has moved into Private Banking and has three sons Nicolas, Inigo and Maximilian.

Miss Melanie Harris (Stanhope 88) Melanie is the National President of JCI Scotland. Her company, The Training Tree, is successfully entering its second year of business, providing strategic learning solutions for companies and developing programmes promoting corporate social responsibility alongside Scottish Business in the Community and SENSOCOT.

Mrs Jane Lazzeri (Stanhope 88) Jane is living between Lucca and Pisa in Italy with her Italian husband and their daughter. She works as a photojournalist for Italian clients and UK publications such as the Guardian newspaper.

Ms Gay Longworth (Nugent 88) New novel 'The Stepmother' – follow up to 'The Godmother' – was published in 2006. Gay now writes under the name Carrie Adams and is married with three daughters.

Mr Dicken Weatherby (Chandos 88) Dicken and Lucinda have two children, Kevin 12 and Jasper 10. He is a Naturopathic Physician, a published author of 7 books in the field of Alternative Medicine, lectures and teaches internationally and runs a number of successful health related websites.

Mr Gareth Amdor (Walpole 89) Gareth is a partner at City law firm SJ Berwin LLP. He specialises in corporate tax and employee incentivisation. He and Deborah have three children – Lauren 5, Sam 3 and Caitlin 6 months.

Mr Christopher Carpenter (Chatham 89) Christopher is currently undertaking an MBA at Cranfield University. He trained for the London Marathon, where the MBA team ran in a fabric sausage-dog supporting Hearing Dogs for Deaf people – www.justgiving.com/cjcarpenter.

Mr Chester King (Chandos 89) Chester's family owns and runs Stoke Park Club which is celebrating its Centenary this year and after the success of running the Corinthian Club at Wembley is now selling debenture seats at Lord's for the M.C.C.

Mr Vinay Melwani (Chandos 89) Vinay moved back to Hong Kong in October due to the Asian expansion of his fashion sales and distribution business. He and his wife Claire welcomed a second son, Roan in April 2007. Taragh his elder boy turns 4 this year.

Mr Mark Smith (Cobham 89) Mark has two children, Sebastian 4 and Dominic 2. He is a fund manager at JO Hambro Investment Management.

Ms Emma Smith (nee Singleton, Stanhope 89) Emma and Barry have two daughters, Hannah 6 and Polly 4. She teaches at Ipswich Prep School.

Mr Marc Boyd (Temple 91) Marc works at Ashford School in Kent as the Rugby coach and trainee PE

teacher. He was married in Spain in May with Keith Reed (Cobham 91) as his Best Man. Luc Agostini (Grafton 91) attended the reception in England in June.

Mr Mark Flower (Chatham 91) Mark Flower has moved to Tokyo, Japan, in January 2008 with IHG (InterContinental Hotels Group) to be Regional Director of Sales for the Joint Venture with ANA Hotels, called IHG ANA Hotels Group Japan.

Mr Ben Holloway (Chatham 91) Ben and Sarah have two children, William and Sam, and last year moved to Chicago where he is sitting for a BA in Theology at The Moody Bible Institute.

Mr Justin Murray (Walpole 91) Justin and his wife Rhi are expecting their first child on 17 August. He now works for a property fund called Ascent Funds, managing the sales, marketing and distribution of the Funds.

Mr Orlando Seale (Lyttelton 91) Orlando's highlights have been: his first film as a director, 'North American Dragon Camp'; performing Ed Larrikin's new play 'Camouflage Crodial' at both the London Word Festival and the Laugharne weekend in Wales; and playing music gigs in America and Spain with his band.

Mr Alexander Thomson (Cobham 91) Alexander is Head of Client Service and Business Development, Wood Creek Capital Management, LLC. He got married to Kate Shields in November of 2007 and is expecting his first child in June.

Mr Charlie Trietline (Grenville 91) Charlie and Victoria had their first child Archie on 4 March 2008. Charlie works for EDS in its Central Government Consulting Group.

Miss Emma Deeks (Nugent 92) Emma is halfway through her medical degree at St Georges Medical School.

Mr Mark Godman (Grenville 92) Mark has set up Gentleman and A Van, an upmarket removals business based in London, www.gentlemanandavan.co.uk. He got married to Katie Cripp in September 2007. James Dare (Grenville 92) was Best Man. Rupert Godman (Grenville 90), Toby Crosthwaite (Grenville 91), Sebastian Marr (Walpole 92), Hugo Bain (Walpole 92), Henry Titley (Chandos 96) and Mark Robertson (Lyttelton 92) were ushers.

Mr Timothy Hart (Chandos 92) Timothy just completed producing his first feature film 'Sisterhood' a quirky low budget comedy which has been entered into film festivals and has already attracted some distributors to the table.

Mr David Linker (Chandos 92) David and his wife are travelling across the Gobi desert in June as part of Racing The Planet. They are walking in aid of CNCF.

Mr Max Macintosh (Bruce 92) Max currently lives in London with his girlfriend and 11 month old son. He recently left Yahoo to join Google UK in London as Agency Manager, responsible for developing and closing new business with Advertising agencies.

Mr Naresh Sakhrani (Chatham 92) Naresh lives in London, where he works as a corporate lawyer for Davies Arnold Cooper.

Mr John Samuelson (Chandos 92) John lives in Switzerland with his wife Julia and children Eloise and Piers, managing the family trust and investment company, and overseeing different projects in Russia, the Middle East and Africa.

Mr Paul Drayton (Former Staff 72-93) Paul Drayton has published a book designed to help non-specialist listeners enhance their enjoyment of classical music. Unheard Melodies or Trampolining in the Vatican is available from bookshops worldwide.

Mrs Kate Belton (nee Houghton, Nugent 93) Kate runs ICNet Limited which provides software for monitoring "super bugs" in Hospitals. The company is rapidly expanding worldwide.

Mr Brocas Burrows (Grenville 93) Brocus has just set up business in Dubai doing Home Automation.

Mr Arvind David (Chatham 93) Arvind's third feature film, 'Fainheart' made in association with MySpace, will premier at the Edinburgh Film Festival 2008.

Mr William Evelyn (Chandos 93) William is married to Carolina and has two young children called Thomas and Laura. They run a lodge in the mountains of central Chile called Tumuñan Lodge, www.tumunanlodge.com

Mr Iain Hall (Grenville 93) Iain Hall has recently been promoted to a Principal Consultant position within the Dutch engineering firm Grontmij.

Miss Virginia Holmes (Stanhope 93) Virginia Holmes with Old Stoic Rachel Fabb (Stanhope 93) working on location in Udaipur, Rajasthan in February 2008. They were shooting 'The Cheetah Girls' Movie – One World for Disney.



Dr Alexander Mustard (Grafton 93) Alexander is now an award winning marine biologist and has published a book on sharks entitled 'Reefs Revealed.'

Mr Nicholas Strunck (Lyttelton 93) Nicholas has moved to Brussels to work for Dexia Asset Management in the Request For Proposal (RFP) and Institutional Sales department.

Mrs Jane Syrett-Garden (nee Syrett, Nugent 93) Jane is currently a Vice President at Goldman Sachs Investment Bank in the city. She married Scott Garden in 2005 and has a 9 month old son Edward (Born 2 May 2007).

Mr Merton Croisdale-Appleby (Bruce 94) Merton is opening a new sales office for John D Wood & Co (estate agents). He is to be married to Tabitha Lake at St Luke's Chelsea on 13 December 2008, with a number of Old Stoics hopefully in attendance including his Best Man Tony Randall (Temple 94).

Mr Nino Gebhard (Temple 94) Since January 2007 Nino has been in charge of the expansion of Dr Rettler Service GmbH from Munich/Germany to Vienna/Austria as general manager to the Austrian subsidiary.

Ms Elisabeth Kern-Mulckey (nee Kern, Nugent 94) Elizabeth lives in Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia with her partner Roger and their 2 year old daughter Anneliese. They own and run an aviation company hiring planes to Skydiving operations and are just setting up a Tandem Skydiving Operation in Byron Bay, New South Wales.



Mr Masroor Hassan (Bruce 95) Masroor is working in a Human Resource Consulting firm in Karachi, Pakistan as a Relationship Manager.

Ms Claudia Nelmes (nee Rooney, Lyttelton 95) Claudia is currently working as an assistant in the Employment Team at the firm of solicitors, Farrer & Co. She was married last year to Jonathan on 30 June 2007.

Mr Rupert Bowen-Jones (Grenville 96) Rupert has just moved to Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates to work for CBRE as a Senior Surveyor dealing with development and leasing across the GCC.

Mr Will Kemble-Clarkson (Bruce 96) Currently living in Prague where he is working as HSBC's Regional Marketing Director for Central and Eastern Europe.

Mr Will Bathurst (Walpole 97) Will works in the city and is now responsible for global crude oil tanker freight assessments at Platts.

Mr Alexis Marcq (Temple 97) Alexis works in Hong Kong for Wallem as a dry cargo shipbroker.

Mr Edward Bowring (Grenville 98) Edward is currently working for the Trust, a Christian charity working on the World's End Estate in Chelsea, London.

Mr Denis Redzepagic (Grenville 98) Denis is currently a research assistant at the Institute of Economics, Zagreb, finishing a PhD course in Economics.

Miss Melissa Katto (Lyttelton 99) Melissa is employed by National Institute of Clinical Excellence as part of the NHS HR Management Trainee Scheme, due to graduate August 2008. She is engaged and to be married to Emeka Onyia on 8 August 2008.

Mr Jerome Starkey (Chandos 99) Jerome is working as a foreign correspondent in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Miss Diana Bojilova (Lyttelton 00) Diana's first book, 'Bulgaria's Quest for EU Membership' will be out this summer. She has further published a series of articles at the Journal of Common Market Studies and the European Journal of Law Reform.

Mr Stephen Davis (Chandos 00) Stephen and his partner Alexis had a daughter on 24 October 2007, Amelie Isobella Scott Davis. He starts a new job in June, working in Marketing for a Cuban Cigar importer in London called Hunters & Frankau.

Mr Edward Webb (Grenville 00) Ed is a Development Surveyor at Grosvenor working on the 42 acre city centre development Liverpool ONE, which opens in September 2008. He also ran in the London Marathon this April to raise money for The Mulberry Bush school.

Mr James Elwes (Chandos 01) James works for HSBC in Hong Kong on one of their graduate programs called the International Management Program.

Miss Kimberley Harries (Lyttelton 01) Kimberley works for LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) in Nairobi. She facilitates speech and drama workshops in 7 different schools in Nairobi working with students from the ages 5-18.

Mr Jackson Kaphuka (Chandos 01) Jackson is finishing his Masters Degree at the University of East London.

Mr Nick Verney (Temple 01) Nick works in London at Sotheby's. He has recently been admitted to the Freedom of The City of London and become a Liveryman of The Worshipful Company of Dyers.

Mr Henry Watson (Bruce 01) Henry has switched from a Masters in Architecture to a Masters property course in Estate Management at London South Bank University finishing in July 2008. After this he will start his APC programme at a chartered surveying company in West End London.

Mr Oliver Webb (Grenville 01) Oliver has successfully designed and built a 7 bedroom boutique hotel with two restaurants and two bars. www.hibiscushousegambia.com. The hotel is now run within the family. He has also set up a separate Building Contracting business and currently has several residential and commercial projects on the go.

Mr James Bowkett (Grenville 02) James starts a new job, as a Geologist, in mid May with an Oil Company and will be working in Central Asia, Kazakhstan/Tajikistan.

Mr Greg Cushing (Cobham 02) Greg works at Emmanuel Church, Wimbledon where he tells people the good news about Jesus. He also plays for Wimbledon Rugby Club.

Miss Philippa Murray (Lyttelton 02) Philippa has just won a postgraduate place at Guildhall School of Music and Drama to study singing.

Mr Malcolm Riley (Bruce 02) Malcolm has just started working for a church in Oxford. Running courses for Oxford university students helping them to understand who Jesus is.

Miss Laura Koster (Lyttelton 03) Joni Teiser (Lyttelton 03) and Laura travelled through parts of the middle east and are now starting their last year of university in Germany.



Mr Harry Darby (Temple 04) Artist and filmmaker, shown works such as '3 Days at Brogdar' at the National Film Theatre. Assistant curator for 'figuring landscapes' touring show. Venues inc. Tate Modern/Melbourne 2009. Currently showing work at Candid Arts Centre, London, Angel.

Miss Caroline de Peyrecave (Nugent 04) Caroline is completing her final term in Florence at the Charles H. Cecil studios.

Mr Henry Kimbell (Chandos 04) Henry is in his second year studying Business at Exeter University. This summer he has a mini internship lined up at Warwick Racecourse as he would like to enter the horse racing industry once graduating. He is in the process of organising an Organ Donation Awareness Talk at Exeter, as a result of his own transplant, which he intends to hold sometime this year.

Miss Chloe Marquart (Nugent 04) Chloe has accepted a 3 year salaried bursary for research, teaching and Phd Programme in Paleobiology at Cambridge University. She will enter after completing of her Masters in Paleobiology at University of Bristol. She achieved a first in her Bachelor of Science Geology at the University of Durham in 2007.

Mr Rupert Rowling (Cobham 05) Rupert is in South America as part of his 4 year degree in Spanish and Portuguese at Manchester.

Guy D Bonsall (Chatham 06) During his gap year Guy became a Canadian Ski instructor and a sailing instructor with the RYA. He is now in his first year at Plymouth University studying Tourism Management.

James L Harvey (Chandos 06) James is just finishing his first year at Nottingham Trent studying Spanish, Italian and European Business Studies.

Keith Leon (Temple 06) Keith has recently performed with 'The Savoy Opera' Society in 'The Merry Widow' as Kromov and he is also involved with 'The Drama Society'.

Births

Mr Andrew Briant (Bruce 84) Andrew is very pleased to announce the birth of his son, Philip James Christian Briant, on the 17 February 2008.

Mr Andrew Hinds (Temple 84) Andrew's second child Charlie was born 20 March 2007.

Mr David Roques (Chatham 84) David's second son Edward was born on 8 March 2008.

Mr James Gartside (Chandos 87) James' wife Katie gave birth to their first child Phoebe Christina on 3 January 2008.

Mrs Amanda Ransom (nee Wyatt, Stanhope 87) Amanda and Julian had a daughter, Imogen Florence on the 19 December 2007, a sister for Thea Isobel now 20 months.

Mrs Victoria Aylward (nee Sayers, Stanhope 89) Victoria and Stuart have added a daughter to their family, called Ruby, born 18 December 2007 – a sister to Maximilian, aged 2.

Mr Ed Hopley (Grenville 89) Ed and Carla celebrated the birth of their son Arno Douglas, younger brother to Rhéa, on the 23 January 2008 in Bourg St Maurice. Since he arrived earlier than expected, Ed is forgiven for having attended the birth still in his ski gear!

Mr Alex van Moppes (Cobham 89) Alex and Clare (nee Kirton, Nugent 89) had a daughter on 21 February 2008 a sister for Millie and Alice.

Mrs Sarah Faure (nee Pollard, Stanhope 90) Sarah and Simon had a baby boy Dougal Tiger Henry Faure on 12 July 2007.

Mr Jonathan Bush (Bruce 91) To Jonathan and Annabel, a third son, James Lester Fraser, born on 25 June 2007, a brother for Harry and Edward.

Mrs Angela Christodoulou (nee Klat, Nugent 91) A daughter, Ariadne, born to Angela and Stelios. A sister to Athos 4 and Sophia 2.

Mrs Laura Jack (nee Farr, Nugent 91) Laura and her husband James had a baby daughter, Annie Rose on 30 January 2007, a sister for their son Robert Cameron.

Mr Oli Wilson (Cobham 92) Lucian Oliver James Wilson was born on 23 March 2008 to Charlotte and Oliver in Cambridge.

Mrs Jane Syrett-Garden (nee Syrett, Nugent 93) Jane and Scott have a son Edward, born 2 May 2007.

Mr Henry Stanton (Walpole 94) On the 16 of April 2008, Maggie was born, a sister for Jacob.

Mrs Annette Roelz (Lyttelton 95) Annette and Peter are very happy to inform us that their daughter Kaja Franziska was born on 5 April 2008.

Ms Emma Mills (nee Thomspn, Lyttelton 97) A son Jack Peter William Mills was born on 11 May 2007 to Robert (Grafton 93) and Emma.

Mr Stephen Davis (Chandos 00) Stephen and his partner Alexis would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Amelie Isobella Scott Davis, born on the 24 of October 2007.

Deaths

Mrs B Wiggins (Former Staff) on 17 March 2008.

G M Cavendish (Cobham 29) on 27 May 2007.

F H F Banbury (Cobham 30) on 14 May 2008.

Sir Richard Temple (Temple 31) on 5 December 2007.

Lt Col Ted Walsh (Temple 35, Staff 62-67) on 20 January 2008.

R V P Adams (Walpole 37) on 13 March 2008.

J B Andrews (Grenville 39) on 24 December 2007.

G T Hugill (Cobham 39) in 2006.

A A Vickers (Cobham 39) on 17 March 2008.

A J R Davenport (Cobham 40) in January 2008.

Captain Michael Forsyth-Forest (Temple 40) on 12 July 2007.

H E McCready (Grafton 42) in March 2007.

His Honour James Irvine (Temple 43) on 29 December 2007.

P N Briggs (Cobham 46) in October 2007.

F Cator (Chatham 46) on 1 December 2007.

I Scott-Elliott (Walpole 46) on 14 March 2007.

F J Hawkins (Grafton 48) in May.

H W Henry Burke (Grafton 49) on 31 October 2007.

D D Kitching (Grafton 49) on 30 January 2008.

D H Livermore (Chandos 50) on 3 December 2007.

I K Cameron-Swan (Temple 52) on 7 February 2008.

R N Allan-Smith (Temple 57) on 6 December 2007.

C Oakes (Former Staff 58-77) in September 2007.

P J Barclay (Chandos 64) in March 2008.

S J Branch (Chatham 95) on 25 May 2008.

Marriages

The editor is very sorry that due to space constraints, it is simply not possible to include pictures in the Marriages section this time. We are looking at ways, perhaps online, in which these photographs can be published in the future.

Mr Chris Manson (Cobham 68) Chris was married to Countess Fiona Sanecka on 17 May 2008 at Monflaquin Church in Dordogne, France. Best Man was Tim Smith (Cobham 84) and guests invited include Simon Walker (Chandos 84), Peter England (Chandos 54), William White (Grafton 84) and Chris Walker (Walpole 67). Pages were Freddy and Oliver Smith who will be able to call themselves Old Stoics in 12 years time.

Mr Jonathon Hall (Bruce 79) Jonathon married Catriona Russell on 8 March 2008 at St Nicholas Church in Studland Bay. In attendance was photographer Charlie Best (Bruce 79). Jonathon and Catriona honeymooned in Rwanda, Tanzania and Zanzibar.

Ms Sophie James (nee Fox, Nugent 93) Sophie recently got married to Adrian James (Cobham 93) and have a baby daughter, Amelie.

Mr Jaime Ferreira (Chandos 93) On March 17 2007, Jaime Ferreira Moreno was married to Victoria Mascaray Martí, in Barcelona.

Mr D'Arcy Wywill (Temple 93) D'Arcy was married on 12 April 2008 to Imogen Garner. They were married at St Margaret of Antioch in Hemingford Abbots near Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire. Old Stoic ushers were: Jack Utley (Chandos 93), Charlie Howie (Cobham 93), Jeremy Ward (Cobham 93), Matthew Bell (Cobham 93) and Charlie Noton (Bruce 93).

Ms Victoria Webber (nee, Strachwitz, Nugent 96) Victoria married Felix Weber on 1 September 2007 in Andechs, Bavaria, Germany. Old Stoics Alexa v. Künsberg (Nugent 96) and Virginie Pässler (Nugent 96) attended the wedding. Victoria is a journalist, working for a daily paper in Munich, Germany.

Mr Luke Woods (Walpole 97) Luke married Kate Grimmer at St Peter's Church in Empingham, Rutland. The marriage took place on 25 August 2007. Old Stoics in attendance were; Simon Maude-Roxby, Best Man (Cobham 97), Mark Worrall (Cobham 97), Edward Wainwright-Lee (Cobham 97), Edward Dobbin (Chatham 97), Charlotte Lee (Nugent 97), Hannah James (Nugent 97).

Ms Victoria Davies (nee Keegan, Nugent 98) VJ Keegan married Benjamin Davies on 30 June 2007. She is exhibiting her first solo show at The Sladmore from 15th-31st Oct 2008 – www.sladmore.com

Mr Tom Sleater (Chatham 98) Tom married Sara Woolgar on 25 August 2007. There were 16 Old Stoics in attendance: Charles Saunders, Best Man (Cobham 98), Alistair Rykens (Cobham 98), James Defty (Temple 99), William Waddell-Dudley (Walpole 00), Nick Oldridge (Grafton '00), Mark Bowman (Cobham 98), Richard Worrall (Cobham 00), Ben Pattinson (Chatham 98), Johny Legge (Bruce 98), Mark Pearson (Grafton 98), James Lane (Walpole 96), Sophie Sutcliffe (Nugent 98), Tim Pearce (Walpole 98), James Sleater (Chatham 99), Ant Stocker (Nugent 98) and Ashley Smatt (Temple 98).

Miss Bella Butler (nee Lloyd Owen, Nugent 99) Bella was married on 24 May 2008 in the Dordogne. Old Stoics in attendance were Lucy Keenan, Maid of Honor (Nugent 99), Charlotte Gray (nee Holloway, Lyttelton 99), Louise Chandler (nee Macdonald, Lyttelton 99), Amy Gillam (Lyttelton 99), Gemma Coles (Lyttelton 99), Holly Anstey (Lyttelton 99), Louisa Jones (Lyttelton 99), Katherine Rankin (Nugent 99), Katie Connell (Nugent99), Fran Morley-Fletcher (Nugent 99), Harriet Davis (Nugent 99), Iona Graham (Nugent 99), Robin Jones (Grenville 99), James Jones (Walpole 99), Charlie Duffin (Cobham 99), Alex Prideaux (Grenville 99), Charles Randall (Cobham 99) and brother Tom Lloyd Owen (Grafton 97).

Ms Caroline Hughesdon (nee Tovey, Lyttelton 01) Caroline married James Hughesdon on 19 May 2007. Also present were Edward Hacket-Jones (Temple 01), Nicholas Verney (Temple 01), Mark Mackay-Lewis (Chandos 01) and Peter Birt-Llewellyn (Cobham 01).



Boys' Sport – spread of success

The 1st team tennis with their coach

Rowing continues to flourish with wins at Cambridge in the Senior Double Sculls and in the premier event at the Eton Ball with the Senior Quad of Conor Curtis, Hugh Gallie, Matthew Williamson and Jonathan Wale. Junior numbers have increased and James Rudkin in the 3rd Form has been selected to row for the Inter-Regional Double Sculls this summer.

Fives continues to grow in numbers lower down the School enabling Stowe to enter Jonty Irving and Isi Madojemu into the National Schools Championships.

In hockey, our key sport after Christmas, the 1st team had a mixed season with some excellent skills resulting in a 4-2 win at Stamford after going two goals down. Harry Wolrige Gordon was Captain and picked up the Player of the Season award. By keeping the U16's together for another season reaped dividends in terms of their results and several players justified their selection for the 1st team towards the end of the term.

In basketball the 1st team recorded 7 wins from 10 defeating the likes of Haileybury, Rugby, Uppingham and Oakham along the way.

Stowe entered the Chiltern Cross-country League where 18 clubs participate with anything up to 100 runners per event and this year the boys finished a creditable 4th.

Squash is seeing a mini revival with several youngsters flourishing giving rise to much optimism for the future and helping to achieve 4 wins out of 7 this season.

In rugby the Development XV won 5 of their 6 fixtures which bodes well for next year. The Senior 7's made it through to the Plate final at Windsor and were denied a crack at the Nationals due to bad weather. The U16's retained the Newark title, playing some superb 7's but were unable to overturn Sedburgh at Rosslyn Park. The Yearlings finished their season on a high, reversing the result with Uppingham from earlier in the term.

Tennis players have enjoyed the arrival of Tennis Pro Richard Walters, a former Jamaican Davis Cup player, benefiting from his own brand of charisma and infectious enthusiasm. The Senior boys have had a very successful season with convincing wins over Oundle, St Edwards, MCS Oxford and Bloxham.

After last year's table topping success for the 1st XI cricket team this year's side have got off to a terrific start and currently lie 7th in the National Schools table. Jamie Hirst, a member of the Northants County U17 Squad has had a good year with the bat scoring just short of 500 so far and Harry Wolrige Gordon has taken 18 wickets. The U16's have been undefeated this season and our U14's have reached the Semi-Final of the County Cup. This suggests another promising crop of youngsters to come through and hopefully emulate the achievements of those who have recently left the School, who are now playing 1st class County cricket against International touring sides.

A very satisfying spread of results, boding well for the future.

Mr A Hughes, Head of Boys' Games



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Girls' Sport – best season ever

The Lent term was packed with excitement as the Games Department continued to offer a variety of sports to the girls; netball, hockey and lacrosse teams enjoyed top class coaching and a competitive fixtures list on Wednesdays and Saturdays throughout the term. Stowe is fortunate that so many of our girls opt to play competitive sport and thanks must surely go to our many coaches.

The lacrosse teams have enjoyed their best season ever with all age groups recording a winning season. The 1st team ended the term

with a successful National Schools Tournament where they played some excellent lacrosse and were the only team to get a draw in their match against Berkhamstead. Most memorable though was the defeat of Wycombe Abbey by 5 goals to 3 in front of our own home crowd on the South Front! The 2nd team had a season of which they can be truly proud and their final statistic of 13 wins, 2 draws and 3 losses makes great reading! Our Juniors have also been outstanding, 15 wins and 2 losses augers well for next year as these girls move into Senior lacrosse.

Girls' hockey enjoyed a successful Development term with Seniors and Juniors training together. An 8-1 win over Wycombe Abbey was the highlight of the term, but special note must go to our top hockey scholar, Abby Webb. Abby has shown incredible commitment to her hockey this term by juggling boarding school life and competing at a high level. She has recently been invited to England U18 trials, which if selected will allow her to represent her country in a number of matches over the summer.

We ran a 1st and 2nd team in netball and our 1st team recorded wins against Pangbourne, Akeley Wood, Tudor Hall and Waddesdon. Quite a few of the Senior girls were playing both hockey and netball and so were kept very busy as they attempted to juggle

coaching time and fixtures. However the standard of play improved immensely as the term progressed and as many of the players are in the Lower 6th, this bodes well for next year.

The summer term has seen girls playing tennis (4 Senior and 5 Junior sides), competing in athletics and, of course, swimming. The introduction of a tennis pro, Richard Walters, has helped improve the technical standards and, as can be seen by the success of our 4th Senior team against Bloxham and Uppingham, we are managing to maintain an impressive standard throughout. Girls' athletics has been expertly captained by Monika Jurcic and there has been a strong group of 6th Formers who have competed well for Stowe in a number of different events.

The following have been selected to represent the District: Yasmin Hughes, Yemurai Soper-Gwatidzo, Hannah Maxwell, Georgina Sladen, Octavia Trevor, Eloise Melville, Lara de Keyser, Pippa Farr, Annabel Duthie, Lottie Phillips and Imogen Voorspuy.

Sports Day saw a fantastic number of girls competing for their Houses with Junior and Senior competitions happening for the first time. Lyttelton beat Nugent by 1 point in the Senior Competition and Queen's took the Junior trophy.

Mrs J Duckett, Head of Girls' Games



Clay Pigeon Shooting – triumphant again

On Saturday 8 March, we took a team to the Warwick Schools Challenge. This is an annual competition which Stowe has won twice, once in the 80's and last year in 2007. Twelve teams took part, from schools across England. I am delighted to say that we won it this year, bringing the Shield away again just a few hours after having handed it back! We scored 184 out of 250, beating the second-placed team by nearly twenty points.

The five members of our team were: Ed Cutting (Captain), Dominic Woods, Jamie Robson, Nick Ugland, Richard Hay.

Mr P Staples, Master-in-charge CPS

Gawcott Inter-Schools Cross-country Competition

Held at Primrose Hill Farm, Gawcott on Monday 5 May, 31 teams competed in the open competition. Stowe was entering for the first time, with the owner of the course, Mr Strangman (who is an Old Stoic) being thrilled to see us there. We had four riders, who all rode extremely well: Taisie Grant (L6, Nugent), Jess White and Filly Wadlow (both L6, Queen's, Filly was Captain) and Charlotte Cook (3rd Form, Lyttelton). The course consisted of 24 cross-country jumps (the hedge shown in the photo was one of the biggest drops in the whole course). Many jumps had a bonus option and points were scored for jumping these bonus fences – three of our girls jumped all of the bonus fences and scored full marks. Jess White jumped all but one of the bonus fences and had a very unlucky fall after one of them, but got straight back on and finished the course. There was also a timed gate – Charlotte Cook was the 5th fastest in this section getting through in under 14 seconds – this and her full marks gave her 5th overall in the individual competition. The top three scores in each team count – we had full marks with Filly, Taisie and Charlotte each scoring 170, and the 3rd fastest gate time. We came 3rd, only narrowly losing out to the 1st and 2nd places.

The top five teams qualify for the National Schools Equestrian Final to be held in the autumn.

Ski Report

On 25 January Georgina Breitmeyer, Chloe Crisp and Natasha Trevor represented Stowe at the British School Girls' Ski Championships, in Flaine. It involved 140 teams from different schools and ski clubs from all over the UK. On the first day we took part in Giant Slalom races, later on in the afternoon there was a Parallel Slalom race. On the second day there were Slalom races.

Overall we came in the top 12 individually, while as a team we managed to achieve 4th place out of the unregistered schools. This was a great achievement for only our second year of participation, we hope that there will be many more.



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Swimming – cups galore

The Swimming team has had a great season winning 12 matches, only faltering to Harrow earlier in the term. The jewel in the Stowe swimming crown has been the U16 boys' team. The extremely generous donation of the electronic score board touch pads, new blocks, and relay platforms has refuelled the team, encouraging them to do well and train at a higher level.

The Stowe Swimming Relays of 2008 undoubtedly belong to the swimmers from Stowe as they recorded their best ever results and for the first time ensured that some of the trophies stayed at

the School. The Junior girls picked up a Bronze in the Freestyle Relay and the Senior girls went one better by capturing the Silver. The Junior boys received Silver and a Bronze in the Freestyle and Medley Relays respectively.

The Intermediate boys' team, who have been without peers all season, proved yet again to be in unbeatable form as they broke two School Relay records. The Freestyle team of Anders Palm, Sam Strutt, Edwin Fitzroy and Harry Hawks convincingly won the Burrell Cup. In the Medley Relay, James Blackham replaced Edwin and the team raced home again in 1st position to add the Clucus Cup to their haul.

The Senior boys' team of Sam Morris, Jonathon Wale, Alexis Grabarnik and Josh Hunter was not to be outdone. In the Freestyle Relay they touched in 1st place but with the advent of new technology they were unfortunately disqualified due to a double movement on the blocks. The team however responded magnificently to convincingly win the Medley Relay and to lift the Cooper Shield for the first time.

All in all, not a bad day at the office and with a team who are proud to be Stoics.

Mr S Cowie, Swimming Coach

The Campaign for Stowe – An Update

Before taking this opportune moment to report on Campaign progress, I must first and foremost repeat the Headmaster's thanks to all those parents, Old Stoics and other friends of Stowe who have so kindly made contributions to the Campaign this year. Despite the prevailing economic uncertainty, you have pledged and provided more funding in a single year than ever before – a considerable testament to supporters' confidence in Stowe's current progress and our ambition for the future.

Detailed analysis will appear in the annual report in December but, in the meantime, I am pleased to report that the Stowe School Foundation has received over £2 million in donations and pledges since August. This has enabled us to make good headway with the Foundation's current principle projects:

- New sports pitches (in the north-east corner of the Bourbon Field) – with the aid of one particularly generous gift, the necessary funding now exists for this project to go ahead.
- New Athletics Track – our next sports related project which has already attracted some valuable support.
- New Music School – almost half the funding has already been promised in major private donations and pledges, and when we have reached 70% a public appeal will be launched to raise the remainder.
- Scholarships and Bursaries continue to be well supported. Of particular interest is the Branson Scholars at Stowe Scheme – so kindly funded by one of our parents – which will be launched in September and we will provide news of it in the next issue of the Column.

At the same time, a number of 'minor' projects have been completed. The Swimming Pool now benefits from a fantastic new electronic scoreboard, relay blocks and timing pads (see page 15). The North Front Bells have been refurbished and reinstalled, with chimes heard again for the first time on Speech Day. And, a new prayer room in the Ante-Chapel has been opened – generously funded by one Old Stoic.



Refurbished North Front Bells being hoisted into place.

Inevitably, despite this very encouraging progress, much, much more remains to be achieved – both for the School and House. For the latter, work to raise the necessary funding for the further restoration (the remaining State Rooms most immediately) continues, and we have an important few months ahead with our

next submission to the Heritage Lottery Fund. We will provide news as soon as we have it.

Stowe really does rely on its own community and friends to help sustain this momentum and secure the School and House for future generations. If you feel you would be able to help, or perhaps even help again, please do get in touch with me – I would be delighted to discuss our plans in more detail with you.

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Events diary:

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

27 June 08	Roger Hodgson, the legendary voice of Supertramp, on the South Front at Stowe
1 July 08	Roxburgh Society Lunch at Stowe
19-27 July 08	Templars Cricket Week at Stowe
21 August 08	IAPS Golf Tournament: Stowe Putter and Junior Putter Competition
13 September 08	Open Morning – Upper School (16+ entry) (for entry in 2009 only)
17 September 08	50th Anniversary Lunch at Stowe, for those who left in 1958 or were part of that year group
27 September 08	Old Stoic Reunion at Stowe, for those who left between 1975 and 1985 or were part of those year groups
4 October 08	Open Morning – Lower School (13+ entry)
4 October 08	25th Anniversary Dinner at Stowe, for those who left in 1983 or were part of that year group
11 October 08	10th Anniversary Party in London, venue tbc
7 November 08	6th Form Sports and Roxburgh Scholarships Examinations (for 2009 entry)
8 November 08	6th Form Entry Examinations Day (for 2009 entry)
17 January 09	Open Morning – Lower School (13+ entry)
22-25 February 09	ISEB Common Academic Scholarships – 3rd Form
23 February 09	Academic (Stephan) Scholarships (for day pupils) – 3rd Form
4 February 09	Art Scholarships – Portfolio and practical test – 3rd Form
26 January 09	Music Scholarships – Assessment and audition – 3rd Form
1-3 February 09	Roxburgh Scholarships – An 'all rounder' award – Assessment and examinations – 3rd Form
2 February 09	Sport Scholarships – Assessment and examinations – 3rd Form

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Stowe Autumn Gift Fair

supporting
Ataxia UK

Stowe is pleased to support this new charitable event, which has Stowe parents on the organising committee, to raise funds for Ataxia UK. The Fair will be held in the State Rooms at Stowe on 19 September, 9.30am to 4.30pm – the start of the first exeat.

It will be a rare opportunity to browse and purchase a carefully selected and unusual collection of exciting and highly desirable gifts for yourself, family and friends. A great chance for successful early Christmas shopping!

Over 60 high quality exhibitors will be present, many of them well known names.

All proceeds from the event will go to Ataxia UK, a charity which supports the 10,000 people in the UK with the various forms of debilitating and degenerative neurological conditions.

Darren Gough is the ambassador for the event, and will be present on the day, cricket commitments permitting.

Further details will be available on the Stowe website during the summer.

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