



Please can I be an OW...?

As we now boast royalty among our alumni, and a former world snooker champion among our parents, is it any surprise that we find imposters pretending they too attended Wellingborough? Last October *The Sunday Telegraph* ran an interview with Italian lawyer and entrepreneur Giovanni de Stefano, who at the time was attempting to buy Northampton Town Football Club. A colourful figure (describing Saddam Hussein as a "smashing bloke" and Slobodan Milosevic as "an absolutely bloody lovely man"), Stefano told the *Telegraph* that he had won a scholarship to Wellingborough, where a fellow pupil was Tony Blair's right hand man Alastair Campbell.

All very interesting, you might think, except that neither Campbell nor Stefano have ever set foot here! Will people stop at nothing nowadays to boast that they are an OW?

I hope you enjoy this latest edition of *The Old Wellingburian*. With a readership now approaching 2500, aged 18 to 98, it is always a challenge to put together items which might have wide appeal. I make no apology for always rabbiting on in each edition so much about the School's past, because a knowledge of our rich history gives all of us a useful sense of perspective. In these pages, for example, you can read of OWs who have served with distinction in Iraq – not just this Spring but as long ago as 1916.

We can also report of more and more OW gatherings – from OW weddings to reunions as far away as Toronto and Bangkok.

And for OWs returning to the School, the Archives Room is proving to be a focal point. It serves as a unique resource, hosting visits in the same month from an OW Battle of Britain ace and then from a class of four year olds in the Pre-Prep!

I am now in a position to reveal that the opening of the Archives Room in November 2000 was due largely to a



generous donation I was able to procure from the late Sir Paul Getty. Typical of the man, it was a condition of the gift that it should be anonymous in his lifetime. There can be few more rewarding ways of using your money than supporting a registered charity like Wellingborough School, either through Gift Aid or through legacies, confident in the knowledge that your generosity will benefit so many in the years ahead.

Neil Lyon (80-85, W)
Editor & Hon. Secretary ■



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dates for your diary

Friday 23rd May 2003:

Chapel Service (3.30pm) and Upper Sixth Prize Giving – *Distinguished Guest*: Roger Shelton CBE (54-65, St)

Saturday 5th July 2003:

OW Summer Day / School Open Day

Friday 3rd October 2003:

Senior School Prize Giving – *Distinguished Guest*: Sir Stephen Lander KCB (Director of M15, 1996-2002)

8th-9th November 2003:

OW Autumn Weekend

8th Nov: football, shooting & hockey matches;

Club AGM; tea at 4.00pm

Annual Dinner & Sports Evening at Rushden & Diamonds

9th Nov: Service of Remembrance in Chapel (10.15am)

Letter from the president

This year's President is David Hawkes (46-57, G). After Wellingborough he gained a triple Blue in Swimming at Oxford (Balliol, 1959-62) and was an Olympic triallist in 1960. He then worked in the shoe industry, serving finally on the board of Clarks Shoes. He lives in Lancashire. His father Wilfred was a pupil here 1915-23, a master 1943-45, a governor 1948-89, and President in 1954-55.



David Hawkes

As one of the most infrequent visitors to the School since leaving in 1957, it was a signal act of faith when your Committee invited me to serve as your President. It has given me a great opportunity to rediscover the School and renew acquaintances with much valued friends.

To mention just a few names, I think of Garnet Scott (31-42, Pa; staff 1949-57) who taught me to swim, Nora Oughton who demonstrated the art of common sense to so many, and my old colleagues like Mumtaz Iqbal (54-57, G). I hope to enlarge the list during the year.

The changes at the School since the 1950s have been staggering. Full co-education arrived in 1979, alongside new buildings and refurbishment of much of the old. Enlarged playing fields, much higher academic standards and results, and recently the change to being exclusively a day school. Pupil numbers have more than doubled, and I sense among today's pupils a far broader and more outward view of life and the world.

So what of the OW Club? We remain determined to offer activities which appeal to all generations and to both sexes. We asked a group of younger OWs to propose a different format for the November Dinner – reported elsewhere. It may be a great success, it may flop, the key point is that we are trying new ideas. We must keep experimenting with change.

From those palmy and frankly quite lazy days of the 1950s, the School has come a very long way. It needs a vibrant OW Club too, to ensure its development and ongoing success. That means all of us.

David Hawkes ■

November Dinner and Sports Evening

On Saturday 8th November we shall be holding a special Club Dinner and Sports Evening at the Kimberley Suite, Rushden & Diamonds, Irthlingborough. All the OW Sports Clubs will have tables, and we are hoping for a large turnout from OWs of all generations, as well as staff past and present. Former world snooker champion Peter Ebdon (a parent of three children at the School) is being invited as a guest of honour and to present some of the sports club trophies.

If you have not been to an OW function before, why not make this the evening to get a group of your old contemporaries together?

Booking forms will be circulated with the September Newsletter.

Remembrance Day 2003

When did you last attend the School's Remembrance Day service? It is a superb occasion nowadays, with the full Chapel Choir (described by the clergy of St Paul's Cathedral as the finest choir of any day school they had heard), and a full congregation of staff, parents, pupils and OWs. We remember all who have served their country, including the 270 OWs killed in both World Wars.

This year's service will be on Sunday 9th November, beginning at 10.15am. You are warmly invited to attend the service.

As a new feature, we are thinking of holding a drinks party and buffet lunch after the service for OWs and their families. We hope many of you may like this idea: details will follow in the September Newsletter.

Head's Report



Headmaster: Ralph Ullmann

Avisiting OW last term might have been forgiven for thinking that the thought uppermost in our minds was inspection week! In a sense it was since all the staff knew that every aspect of the School's provision for pupils of all ages from teaching and pastoral care to the quality of catering, accommodation and sports' facilities would be subject to the closest scrutiny. And indeed that is what a team of 16 inspectors did in the second week of March. Initial impressions of their findings are encouraging and we expect the final report during June. It will be available in full on the School's website following its reconstruction during the summer.

The inspectors were favourably impressed with the School's performance in public examinations and with the extent and quality of extracurricular activities. In February the Department for Education published its first value added tables which showed that the School added easily most value in Northamptonshire between the ages of 11 and 14 and its score placed it in the top 50 or so schools nationally. (The scores were arrived at by comparing performance at Key Stage 3 against Key Stage 2 three years earlier). This was welcome confirmation of what we have long believed, but could not prove, that considerable progress is made during these three years covering the transition between the Junior and Senior Schools.

During the autumn and winter there were Senior School productions of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and

The *Threepenny Opera*, the choir sang at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle (where they were informally described as the visiting choir of the year) and our musicians won several first and runners' up places in the Wellingborough Junior Music Festival. The Art Competition again proved rewarding for our entrants (this year's chairman of the judges was Martin Gayford, Art Editor of *The Spectator*) and our Young Enterprise teams made an impressive start to this year's competition by winning four awards in the district event.

In sport it has generally been the U14/U15/U16 teams that have enjoyed greatest success, with soccer and rugby equally buoyant. For the first time the U14-XV reached the county rugby final. The joint rugby/hockey tour to Canada in October not only was enjoyed immensely but gave girls and boys the invaluable experience of playing several matches in a short space of time against tough opposition. This certainly showed dividends when the 1st XV was able to play in the Lent term. By the end of the winter 23 girls had played in county hockey, and one for the Midlands region and five boys had played rugby for the county, three of whom also played for East Midlands schools. The girls' U14 and U16 teams became county champions. Perhaps as pleasing as any achievement were those of the netball and cross-country teams, each of which enjoyed their best ever season. Three girls played for Northamptonshire netball while for the first time three pupils competed in the All England Cross Country

championships; Sophie Warren had produced an outstanding performance earlier by comfortably winning the independent Midlands and Northern Schools race.

Readers of Neil Lyon's History of the School will remember that in 1940 Junior House was renamed the Junior School. In September of this year it will in turn be renamed Wellingborough Preparatory School. This is partly to avoid confusion with Northamptonshire's restructuring of the maintained school system in which junior schools will reflect transfer to secondary schools at 11 and will of course offer very little outside the classroom. The Junior School has for many years now catered for the 8-13 age range like any Preparatory School and with numbers likely to exceed 300 it seemed to the Governors a good moment to recognise the substance and nature of what it offers under the leadership of Graeme Lowe.

It was pleasing that at last the School's and OW's first teams were able to meet on the 1st X1 football pitch in March after the cancellation of all the matches in November – and what a good and skilful game it was. It was also pleasing to see new faces at the London dinner and at the Oxford and Cambridge dinner – I hope we may see more OWs of all ages at these events and I look forward to doing so at Irthlingborough in November.

Ralph Ullmann ■

The OW Oxbridge Dinner

Sam Webster (89-98, F) organised a superb dinner at Trinity College, Cambridge on 22nd March. Oxbridge graduates and undergraduates included Jessica Ablitt (91-98, M), David Baldry (89-98, PS), Ben Hopson (90-98, PS), Brooke Morriswood (91-98, F), Richard Owen (88-98, PS), Peter Phillips (54-65, Pa) and Ben Roe (88-98, PS). Guests included James Hasler (staff 57-90), Neil Lyon (OW Club Secretary), Alison McFarquhar (néé Clark; 82-89, N) now Cambridge University's chief press officer, Mrs Mary Phillips, Roger Shelton CBE (the OW Club's President-Elect) and Mrs Vivienne Shelton, and the Headmaster.

Apologies were received from Julian Amey (57-67, G), James Browne (79-86, W), Peter Croft (staff 51-91), Sonia Damlé (89-94, W), Maria Datsopoulos (94-01, W), Ian Ferguson (staff 55-85), Basil Fox (41-44, G), Andrew Gamble (staff), Graham Garrett (Headmaster 73-93), Philip Gordon (staff 51-87), David Hawkes (46-57, G), John Hughes (staff), Jessica Leckey (97-01, W), Charles Linfield (staff 73-01), Jonathan Maddox (staff 95-01), Robin Mann (85-92, F), Dr James McNicholas (81-88, G), Roger Pentelow (35-43, Pa), Daniel Pollock (75-85, C), Bill Reed (63-70, Pa), Warwick Reid (40-43, W), Emma Ritson (néé Hulmes; 80-87, N), John Rylands (33-38, F), Garnet Scott

(31-42, Pa), Paul Stevens (69-76, St), John Sugden (Headmaster 65-73), Michael Thompson (staff), Rev Martin Walker (staff), Guy Wallington (32-40, Pl), Graham Watson (82-92, G), John Watson-Wemys (37-44, Pa) & Norma Webb (staff).

We are delighted to acknowledge donations to the OW Club totalling £110 from several of those who were unable to attend – much appreciated. We plan to alternate future dinners between Oxford and Cambridge. If you want help in organising a similar reunion at your old university, just let us know.

Missing Members: we are missing addresses for the following Oxbridge graduates –



One drink too many!

please contact us if you can help: PJ Bates (61-71, St), JJ Bolton (74-84, Pa), JD Britten (53-57, W), CW Callis (58-68, Pa), PE Curtis (89-96, C), IP Dowling (71-80, St), PL Gibbons (92-94, N), WM Goffe (60-69, Pa), WM Grimwade (52-62, St), I Hewett (70-75, Pl), JEB Horrell (35-43, Pl), JK Horton (41-45, Pl), SM Hwang (59-62, F), MS Irani (76-77, G), AW Jepps (79-85, Pa), TJ Johnson (88-90, G), SR Melnik (64-71, St), AJ Payne (60-69, Pa), T Pentelow (43-50, Pa), CF Poole (84-91, C), AP Sewell (41-51, F), JD Smith (45-51, Pa), SR Smith (67-76, W), NA Spina (85-90, M), RCD Staughton (52-62, W), RG Turner (40-46, Pa), IW Walker (70-74, Pa), AJF Webster (51-57, G) and BG Zotiades (77-80, Pl)

The London Dinner

This year's London Dinner at the Oxford & Cambridge Club in Pall Mall exceeded all expectations. 65 OWs and guests enjoyed a champagne reception, an excellent meal, wines and port, and all in a fine setting.

For some it is a chance to renew old acquaintances, for others it is an excuse to attend perhaps their first OW occasion ever. We are particularly pleased that the London Dinner is attracting more and more younger OWs, most of whom work in the City, and we aim to build on this.

Among those attending were: Graham Bell (55-58, Pa), Professor Robin Basker OBE (47-55, W), Paul Blunt (51-59, Pa), James Browne (79-86, W), Major Nigel Clark (60-70, F), David Coles (ex-JS), Nick Cole (78-87, Pl), Peter Cook (75-86, G), Peter Cordrey (61-65, W), Leo Eadon (41-49, Pa), Philip Gordon (staff 51-87), Garth Halestrap (56-60, St), Luke Halestrap (84-89, F), James Hasler (staff 57-90), David Hawkes (46-57, G), John Heeley (54-58, F), Tony Heeley (52-56, F), Dominic Hein (83-93, G), Jerry Higgins (57-66, St), Marcus Horrell (65-75, Pl), Brian Huckle (41-50, Pa), Prisdha Jumsai (89-94, G), Dr Sumet



Luke Halestrap, Milan Shah, Simon Lowin, Sanjeev Ramrakha, Dominic Hein, Nick Cole, Prisdha Jumsai, Clare Shayler, Sophie Timms, Shireen McKenzie, Amelia King

Jumsai (54-57, G), Amelia King (86-92, W), Brian Leadsom (53-58, F), Malcolm Ledger (61-64, W), David Lindsay (49-53, G), Simon Lowin (82-89, W), Neil Lyon (80-85, W), John Marriott (55-65, St), Shireen McKenzie (82-87, JS), David Peck (49-58, G), Richard Peck CB (47-55, G), Peter Phillips (54-65, Pa), Sanjeev Ramrakha (87-89, G), Colin Rowe (47-56, F), Keith Rowe (45-53, F), Clare Shayler (82-92, W), John Shrive (49-54, F), Roger Shelton CBE (54-65, St), Milan Shah (79-89, Pa), Richard Swindall (41-48, Pa), Sophie Timms (82-92, W), Ralph Ullmann (Headmaster) and Sir Ray Whitney OBE (41-48, Pa)

November Dinner 2002

The 2002 Annual Dinner was held in November at Great Harrowden Hall. Sir Ray Whitney OBE presided. Guests included the joint heads of School, Tom Moxham and Ruth Wheatley, together with the Headmaster.

Among those present were: Mike Askham (staff), Philip Bell, Alison Caton, Peter Cook, Leo Eadon, John Eady, Duncan Ellison (staff), Philip Gordon, James Hasler, David Hawkes, Jerry Higgins, Brian Huckle, Richard Jackson, Tom Jeffries, Harry Johnson, Charles Linfield, Neil Lyon, John Marriott, Simon Marriott, Davina Millwood, Alison Mitchell, Jim Perkins, David Pilgrim, Roger Shelton, Joe Tinston, John Shrive, Mrs Bev Stott, Richard Swindall, Alan Warwick and Andrew Wingate.

Nick Elbourne



We were sorry to say farewell in December to Nick Elbourne (staff 1976-2002), who has taken up a position at a prep school in Dorset to be nearer to his family.

Former colleague Charles Linfield writes: "Nick rapidly established himself as an asset at the School. As resident tutor in Platt's he assisted me greatly, not least in the maintenance of house spirit. One of his favourite mantras was *when the going gets tough, the tough get going* – never truer than, in 1981, when Nick entered the loft of the Gully dormitory late one evening to save the ceiling from collapsing under the weight of snow coming through the skylight!

"As housemaster of Cripps' from 1994, NJE was in his element. The silverware in

abundance on the shelf is testimony to that. My abiding memory of him joining his house for a hearty rendering of *We are the Champions* in the House Music Competition encapsulated his approach. He had great impact in many areas, whether as head of the Maths department 1988-94, or on the games field.

"But Nick would above all wish to be remembered for his work with the CCF. Over 25 years Elbourne's Army, Elbourne's Navy, Elbourne's Commandos, and ultimately Elbourne's Contingent did Wellingborough proud. No school of comparable size can have such an outstanding contingent; it has proved an immense asset, and Nick can take great credit for it".

NJE was a real character, and will be fondly remembered. As a mark of respect, we shall omit any reference to Weeble jokes in this edition.

Come back on Open Day!

You will be very welcome to visit the School on Saturday 5th July. This is the School's Open Day, with many parents and pupils about, and a vast range of events. Come and see the School in action! There will be complimentary drinks on the Headmaster's Lawn from Noon, and a buffet lunch at 1.00pm (see enclosed proforma for tickets, or ring the School on 01933 222427).

If you would like to play cricket on the day please contact Simon Marriott (01536 726761); Old Girls' tennis is being organised by Alison Mitchell [alison.mitchell@bbc.co.uk].

At Noon Mrs Nora Oughton will be planting a monkey puzzle tree in the Chapel gardens, in memory of her late husband John (staff 38-40 and 46-79): if you have fond memories of JHO, we hope you will be able to attend.

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NEWS OF OLD WELLINGBURIANS

We start with news of the first ever OW North American Dinner, held last October at Pappa's Grill in Toronto (as featured in the film *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*). Those attending were **James Hasler** (staff 57-90), **Mumtaz Iqbal** (54-57, G), **Phillip Nutt** (51-60, Pa), **Michael Hasler** (62-71, St) and **Chris Robinson** (67-74, G). Many thanks go to Phillip for organising this happy occasion.



The OW North American Dinner

Dr Mazhar Ajaz, BM, BSc, MRCP (81-91, F) [mazhar_ajaz@hotmail.com] reports his change of address. He and his wife Rebecca live in Banstead, Surrey.

Paul Austen (staff 1972-75) was mentioned in last year's edition of the English Heritage magazine, as co-ordinator of the Hadrian's Wall management plan.

Neil Bailey (32-40, F) reports his change of address. He and his wife Shirley have left London for West Bergholt, Essex. Brother **Rae** (31-42, F) lives still in London.

Stan Bayes (head groundsman 46-80) has accepted our offer of honorary membership of the Club in recognition of his outstanding service to the School. He lives in retirement in Wellingborough.

Eric Chan (80-85, W) [ericck8@yahoo.com] has renewed contact. He is a marketing and e-business strategies visiting lecturer, and freelance business development consultant, currently based in the UK.



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NEWS OF OLD WELLINGBURIANS

Tim Cosford (73-82, F) [tpc@atrepton.org.uk] has completed seven years as a housemaster at Repton and is now i/c marketing and admissions there. He would be delighted to hear from any of his contemporaries. He suggests we organise a 1973-82 era reunion at the School soon. What do you think? Please email us at editor@oldwellingburian.org with your comments.

Major Jonathan Cox (79-86, C) and **Major James McNicholas** (81-88, G), both serving as army doctors in the Gulf with the Royal Army Medical Corps, together with Flt Lt **Lee Mansell** (82-89, PI) are among several OWs who have been on active service in Iraq in recent months. We extend our best wishes.

Sonia Damle (89-94, W) [sonia.damle1@btopenworld.com] was unable to attend the recent OW Oxbridge Dinner. Having graduated from Wadham College, Oxford, she became a freelance journalist in London. Assignments range from reporting of court cases (such as the air rage charges brought against Peter Buck of REM) to coverage of speeding transvestites for the *Daily Star*.

A trio of OW Dentists was in evidence at this year's London Dinner, spanning the generations: **Sanjeev Ramrakha** (87-89, G) practises in Bracknell; **Nigel Clark** (60-70, F) serves in the Army dental service; and **Robin Basker** OBE is the recently retired Professor of Dentistry at Leeds University.

Anthony Hawkins (36-44, Pa) has rejoined the Club. He is a retired accountant, living in Tanworth-in-Arden, near Solihull.

Fred Hepburn (65-72, C) [hepburnf@cheltladiescollege.org] advises us of the death of his old classmate **David Berrill** (65-72, C) - reported elsewhere. FCH has taught Classics at Cheltenham Ladies College for more than twenty years, and pays tribute to those who inspired him in the classroom at Wellingborough - Messrs **Hickling** and **Ferguson** in the JS, and then **Mrs Ellis** and **Mr Croft**. He keeps in touch with

Michael Jones (61-71, St), an eminent Egyptian archaeologist, who has been involved in conserving the 13th century wall paintings at the monastery of St Michael near the Red Sea.

Congratulations to Major **Ralph Holah** (84-89, G) on his recent engagement to Alison Clare McDonald; to **Haydn James** (90-95, St) (brother of **Kathryn**; 83-85, N; and son of **JEGJ**; 47-52, Pa) on his engagement to Claire Smith; and to **James Haddon** (76-85, W) (brother of **Rachel**; 81-88, N) on his engagement to Kathryn Archbold.

Sarah McAllister (née **Ashworth**; 83-84, M) [Sarah.McAllister@tesco.net] has had her second child, Hamish, a brother for Charlotte. Sarah is now a health visitor, living in Catterick; her husband Pete is the Army's forensic psychiatrist, currently serving in the Gulf.

Andy Osborne (68-76, C) is an intelligence officer with the Immigration Department of the Canadian federal government. A keen athlete, in September he won a gold, a silver and two bronzes in the Can-Am Police-Fire games in Washington. He lives in Vancouver with his wife and twin sons. Thanks to **Roy Marson** (staff, 49-87) for passing this news on.

Caroline Page (née **Mills**; 80-86, N) [Caroline.Page@nationwide.co.uk] is a personnel consultant for the Nationwide Building Society in Northampton. She married in January 2001, and lives on a farm near Rugby.

Niki Palmer (82-88, M) [Niki.Palmer@t-c-a.com] married **Will Chamberlain** (ex-JS) last September. Guests included former JS Headmaster **Richard Dyson** and his wife Margie, and old contemporaries **Andrew MacGovern**, **Gavin Bonner**, **Tim** and **Rebecca Poole** (née York), **Chris Archibald**, **Andrew Carne**, **Caroline Page** (née Mills), **Simon** and **Kirsten Knight** (née Maddocks); sister **Sally** with husband **Ian Bird**, and younger sister **Caroline**. Four sets of OW husbands and wives; a strong recommendation for coeducation!

Professor **Brendon Parker** (52-60, Pa/St) [Brendon.Parker@unsw.edu.au] emails from Australia. He is Dean of Engineering at the University of New South Wales, and presides over the largest Engineering faculty in Australia (8500 students). He is also president of the Australian Council of Engineering Deans. After Wellingborough (where Messrs **Marson & Ogilvy** were particularly influential) he gained first class honours in Metallurgy and a PhD at Imperial College, and worked for some years at Stewarts & Lloyds in Corby, before travelling to Australia.

James Parker (90-95, G) has qualified recently as a solicitor with City law firm Macfarlanes, and specialises in corporate work; he lives in Putney.

Steve Pateman (74-79, Pa) was profiled recently in the local business press. Now the MD of WJ Brookes in Earls Barton, he has developed a niche market in producing erotic footwear, dubbed Kinky Boots.



Dinner in Bangkok

Richard Peck CB (47-55, G) [RLandLPeck@aol.com] was the guest of **Dr Sumet Jumsai** (54-57, G) at a dinner in Bangkok last November. **Sumet** is a noted architect, and has been a Fellow Commoner of St John's College, Cambridge in Lent 2003. Also at the dinner were Dr **Suckum Rasmidatta** (54-58, W), formerly Thailand's Ambassador to the European Union, and **Ayupoon Karnasuta** (53-56, G), a former four star general in the Thai Army. On the following day **RLP** met up with **Kriengkrai Karnasuta** (50-53, G), AK's older brother, who retired in 1994 with the rank of Police Major General after four years' service as head of Thailand's immigration service.

In the last edition we referred to *As Sheep among Wolves* by Revd. **Maurice Pettitt** (staff 49-62) as a book of verse. It is in fact a series of excerpts from the fictitious diary



of a fictitious vicar. The succeeding volume, *The Gospel according to Mr Demos*, is also available, at £8 inclusive of P&P, from the Writers' Co-operative, 6 Chaplin Grove, Crownhill, Milton Keynes MK8 0DQ.

Mickey Prall (staff, 1964-2002) has accepted the Club's offer of honorary membership in recognition of his 38 years' service to the Junior School. He continues to live in Wellingborough.

Lokman Razak (80-83, PI) [lokmanr3@yahoo.co.uk] visited the School in January for the first time in 19 years. He was amused to find one of the old dormitory beds in the Archives Room, and impressed by the transformation of Platt's. He has fond memories of the School – from **Mike Askham's** English lessons to the care shown by **Mrs Brook**, the School House matron. Lokman is legal counsel to AmMerchant Bank Berhad, in Kuala Lumpur.

Ian Ross (52-57, F) [iross@hermanus.co.za] emails to say he is living now in Hermanus, South Africa, and would love to hear from his contemporaries. Phone & fax are 0027 28 313 2555.

Malcolm Rowe (75-83, W) [malc_rowe@hotmail.com] is working in Singapore, as reported in the May 2002 Newsletter. He has met another OW out there – **Ken Holden** (73-79, PI) [kenholden@mckennajames.org.sg] who runs a recruitment agency. Both enjoyed reading the Mr Chips tribute to **Mickey Prall** in the last edition.

Basil Savage (35-37, G) sends his regards to all who remember him. He writes from his home near Gloucester: "now aged 83 and, like Johnny Walker, still going strong!" He greatly enjoyed returning to the School for the Pre-1950 Reunion in July 2001.

John Saxby (46-52, JS) has announced his retirement from the School's governing body, after 12 years' service. Other OWs on the Governing Body are: **Richard Swindall** (42-48, Pa; Chairman), **Bill Clifton** (38-45, Pa), **Jerry Higgins** (57-66, St), **Derek Hooton** (39-45, Pa), **Brian Huckle** (41-50, Pa), **Neil Lyon** (80-85, W), **Clive Odell** (64-71, St), **Peter Phillips** (54-65, Pa), **Alan Warwick** (41-47, Pa) and **Clive Westley** (59-64, F)

We send our good wishes to two of our oldest members - **John St Clair** (26-30, PI) and **John Whatley** (22-26, PI). Both live near each other in Caversham, and both continue to enjoy good health.

René Tasker (61-68, Pa) [rennyt@lineone.net] is now living in Suffolk and working with the elderly in the community. He was pleased to see **John Elwick** (staff 60-65) featured in the last Newsletter.

Steve Thomas (74-83, PI) [stevethms@inet.net.au] emails from Western Australia, where he is a gaming inspector at the Burswood Resort Casino, as is brother **Chris** (74-83, PI). The website is www.burswood.com.au. Recently they hosted the Hopman Cup international tennis tournament; guests included Lleyton Hewitt. Steve looks forward to hearing from any contemporaries.



We are very proud to report that **Andrew Tompson** (78-85, G) will be in the England Shooting Squad for the national match against Ireland in May. Last year he was a member of the Great Britain Rifle Team touring the West Indies. Likewise, **Toby Coleridge** (89-96, G) took part in the Barbarians Rifle Club tour to Jersey in 2002, and we believe has been selected for the England tour to South Africa next year. We congratulate them both.

David Wingate (65-69, G) [david.wingate@greens-flour.co.uk] has renewed contact. He lives in Essex, and recently met his old chum Tengku Sulaiman Shah (65-67, G), a relative of the OW King of Malaysia.

Richard Wingate (68-72, G) [rjw@dircon.co.uk] is the new chief executive of Milton Keynes Theatre. He looks forward to hearing from any contemporaries.

Changes of address / updated addresses are reported by: **Peter Baker** (71-79, St) in

West Sussex; Revd **Robert Bates** (63-68, St) [bates.parkcrescent@virgin.net] is in Peterborough; **James Bent** (80-88, Pa) [JBatBCS@aol.com] in Stonehouse; **Tim Burkitt** (46-50, Pa) in Frome; **Alison Caton** (née **Wilgress**; 81-88, N) near Bristol; **David Clarke** (87-92, St) in Woking; **James Copson** (74-84, W) in Fulham; **Tim Cosford** (73-82, F) at Repton; **Bruce Dickerson** (83-89, W) in Kings Langley; **Godfrey Eaton** (50-53, W) in East Lothian; **Kevin Goodey** (60-69, G) in Chipping Norton; **Jonathan Grove** (80-85, Pa) [jj@atgrove.nu] in Northampton; **Andy Hants** (73-82, C) in New Zealand; **Paul Headland** (81-85, PI) [paulheadland@hotmail.com] in Maryland, USA; **Colin Hill** (65-74, PI) [Chill2001@tesco.net] in Wooburn Green; **RHM Leavesley** (55-59, PI) in Leicestershire; **Dan Lord** (87-92, G) [dan_lord@dsl.pipex.com] in Surrey; **Dave Lovell-Butt** (70-75, G) [dave.lovell@anadigm.com] in Lincoln; **Yu-Lap Man** (89-92, G) and **Yu-Wing Man** (90-2000, M) in London; Dr **James McNicholas** (81-88, G) in Fareham; **AGS Pattinson** (40-49, G) in Wellingborough; **Alan Peck** (53-58, PI) in West Clandon; **Nick Pratt** (67-77, C) [HolidaySpirit@moodmusic.freemove.co.uk] in Rothwell; **Ian Sharman** (88-98, F) [sharmanian@hotmail.com] in Scaldwell; **AD Simpson** (75-79, G) in Ilkley; **MMW Smith** (64-72, St) in Rushden; **Amy Stephens** (93-98, W) in Lymington; Mrs **Sarah Tall** (née Joseph; 82-89, N) in Winchester; **John Tweedy Smith**, FCA (52-56, PI) in Snettisham; (Mrs **Diana Wright** (née **Joseph**; 82-87, N) in Blandford Forum

The following OWs have gone **missing** since the last Newsletter. Can you email us if you know their addresses?

DC Allerton-Baldwin (80-87, PI); J Beaty (45-51, Pa); S Chandarana (84-86, M); MRG Davies (75-81, C); Canon APA Gaze (28-33, PI); TA Graham (78-83, G); TRP Hall (63-66, F); BH Hamilton (96-01, G); CG Leleux (81-86, Pa); TJ Leleux (81-85, Pa); MR Mallock (95-99, PS); HDS McConnell (86-93, G); RJ Morrissey (92-97, Pa); SK Padget (60-68, Pa); SR Parker (90-98, PS); DC Phillips (82-92, G); SJ Rabey (87-96, C); RI Steele (88-91, Pa); JR Thompson (85-89, PI); AB Turnbull (85-92, F); P Vrkljan (91-95, W); L-J Weal (97-99, M).

OBITUARIES

We offer our sincere condolences to the families and friends of all whose deaths are reported below:

Charles (Ted) Adams (22-28, Pa) of The Promenade, Wellingborough, died in October, aged 89. His son CRCA was a pupil here 1952-59.

George Nigel Adams (23-30, G) died in 2002. He was a farmer near Faringdon in Oxfordshire, and the sixth member of his family to attend the School. His father was a pupil here 1897-1901; his younger brother CRA was a pupil 1925-31, and died in 1996.



Mary Till, Joyce Allsopp and Nora Oughton, 1989

Joyce Allsopp (widow of Harry Allsopp, master 1922-49) died in February, aged 93. She had arrived in Wellingborough in September 1933, as secretary to the new Headmaster Mr Tollemache, and married HLA two years later. In 1938 HLA succeeded Jerry Porter as housemaster of Garne's. Over the next 11 years Joyce played a key role in running Garne's, as well as raising three daughters. Whilst HLA ran the JTC and the local Home Guard (for which he was awarded the OBE), Joyce worked for the WVS.

In 1949 the family moved to London to start a new enterprise. From 1952 to 1959 they founded and ran Stafford House Tutorial College in Kensington. After HLA's early death in 1959, Joyce took over as principal, and ran the college until her retirement in 1992. She then moved to Bedford to be near her family, and remained active and independent almost until the end, not least as an active member of the Bedford Art Society.

She always enjoyed her contacts with the School, and was a principal guest at the opening of the Archives Room in November 2000. Her legacy to the Archives will be the hoard of HLA's 1933 cine films which she uncovered, and which have since been transferred on to video film for posterity.

David Berrill (65-72, C) died suddenly in May 2002. He had moved to Dallas, in the USA, where he worked for Texas Instruments. He leaves a widow and a son.

We mentioned the death of **Julian Blundell** (82-87, PI) in the last Newsletter. Sister Jennie (84-90, M) says Julian had many happy memories of his time at the School, and made many lifelong friends.

Mike Cottingham (36-46, Pa) died suddenly in February, in Market Deeping. On leaving he joined the RAF, but resigned his commission to enter the world of business. He and his wife Shirley spent much time in Portugal. His father Leslie will be remembered by many as a great friend of the School, chairing the Dining Hall Appeal in 1959-61.

Mike was for many years a valued member of the OW Lodge, serving as Worshipful Master in 1962. His funeral was attended by several OWs.

Douglas Eden (34-40, Pa) died in July 2001. He had various OW relatives here: his uncle Revd FC Eden (14-16); and brothers NAE (41-49, Pa) and RAE (45-51, Pa). Douglas had been an active member of the business and charity world in Peterborough.

John Gaster (1940, W) died in May 2002, aged 80. An Exhibitioner at Weymouth College from 1936, he was among the 33 boys who came to Wellingborough with Tom Nevill in May 1940. He was the first House Captain of Weymouth, and represented the School at cricket. He then went up to St Peter's College, Oxford, and played cricket against Cambridge (Blues were not awarded during the war). On joining up he saw action in North Africa and Italy, and was mentioned in despatches. He subsequently spent 25 years in Kenya in the dairy industry, before emigrating to Australia in the 1970s.

RD Lee (31-38, G) died in September, aged 80. He was a retired accountant, living in Norwich. His elder brothers had also been here: AFEL (20-28, G), also an accountant, died in 1985; and GPL (27-34, G), a chemist with ICI, died in 1999.

Douglas Longmate (36-42, F) of King's Lynn died in October 2002. After a very distinguished career here (Head Prefect and Captain of Cricket in 1942), he worked in the agricultural supplies industry in Norfolk. Elder brothers REL (24-28, PI) and JWL (27-30, PI) died in 1993 and 1994 respectively. We are grateful to Peter Dunn (37-39, F) for advising us of this.



Parker's Housemasters, JH, MHA, FAM, GWF

Alan Massie (master 1955-66) died in March, aged 75. Educated at Pocklington School and St John's College, Cambridge, he was appointed by Tom Nevill in 1955 to run the Biology department. Over the next 11 years he worked closely with the two other principal science masters, Jock Ogilvy and Roy Marson, and oversaw the building of the Biology laboratories in 1957.

FAM served as housemaster of Parker's 1959-66, and as honorary secretary of the OW Club 1960-66. He gave of his best at all times, both inside and outside the classroom, and will be remembered for his histrionic ability displayed in various dramatic productions. As the stubborn Creon in Sophocles' *Antigone* he and Gordon Flex, revelling in their splendid costumes originally worn by Richard Burton in the film of



A tribute to John Oughton

Saturday 5th July is Open Day. At Noon Mrs Nora Oughton will be planting a monkey puzzle tree in the Chapel gardens, in memory of her late husband John (staff 38-40 and 46-79), who passed away 16 years ago in 1987. If you have fond memories of JHO, we hope you will be able to attend this special occasion, and that you will then join the OW Club Committee for complimentary drinks on the Headmaster's lawn.

Alexander The Great, set off in all their finery to prop up the bar in the Hind Hotel, assuring the horrified producer they had just been giving the play some first-class publicity.

In 1966 he left to join former Headmaster Humphrey Bashord at Hessle High School in Hull. In retirement he worked tirelessly as a licensed lay reader, for both Anglican churches and Methodist chapels in his home area near Malton in Yorkshire. He leaves a widow Lissa, daughters Anna and Elizabeth, and son William (a Roman Catholic priest).

John Reddy (30-37, G) died last year. One of the finest sportsmen here in the 1930s, he dominated every game - as Captain of Soccer in 1936 and 1937, and as Captain of Cricket in 1937. His younger brother RDHR (30-38, G) died in 1966; his nephew DJHR was here 1962-67.

The death of **John Walker-Hey** (27-30, F) in 2001 has been reported previously. His father had been killed in action in World War One, and he came to Wellingborough as a boarder in Fryer's. He spent his career in the City, apart from wartime service with the Tank Corps in North Africa, from which he was invalided out. His nephew Richard Pearson would be delighted to hear from any contemporaries who remember JW-H (the Editor will happily pass on any letters).

TJB Wright (32-37, F) died in Shropshire in November, after a long illness. After war service in the Royal Engineers he qualified as a civil engineer and went on to run his own business in the building industry. We are grateful to **Bill Harris** (28-38, Pa) and to TJBW's brother **EBW** (36-40, F) for advising us; their father **THW** (05-06) was the brother of **AJ Wright** DSO, MC (master 1911-14; 21-51).

footnotes



The CCF Band in the Senior Quad, c.1957

History has a strange way of repeating itself. A search on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website for WW1 OWs reveals that **GT Carter** (Head Prefect and Captain of Soccer in 1914) is commemorated on the Basra Memorial in Iraq, which bears the names of more than 40,000 Commonwealth soldiers who died in Mesopotamia 1914-21 and whose graves are not known. ■

We have received a fascinating collection of photos from the family of the late **GN Adams** (1923-30, G). They show many informal views of the School in the 1920s, including previously unseen interior shots of what is now the Archives Room (then the Prefects' study). GNA was the sixth member of the Adams family – farmers in Oxfordshire – to attend the School. ■

Many thanks go to Mrs Doris Austin, widow of **John Austin** (29-32, Pa) for presenting her husband's OW blazer to the archives. ■



A young Prince Phillip

Some **Tom Nevill** memorabilia has been received from his family, including his international hockey cap when he played for Wales in 1927. In 1933 (the year before he joined the staff of Weymouth College) TSN had taught at Kurt Hahn's Schloss Schule Salem in Germany – where pupils included

Philip Mountbatten. When Prince Philip married our future Queen in 1947, TSN sent a letter of congratulations – and Prince Philip replied with a signed photo of himself as a schoolboy. These make splendid additions to the Archives. ■

Thanks to **Gerald Waterworth** (63-71, St) of Scarborough for passing on a delightful ciné film of the Chapel Choir's trip to France in 1968, under the guidance of Director of Music **Derek Clare** and former **Chaplain Basil Pitt**. It conjures up a different era. ■

A letter comes from **Michael Sewell** (34-40, F) in Cumbria: "My grandson Michael recently took the part of *Just William* in his school play. Whilst looking out a suitable school cap I came across my prefects' cap and a Shooting Eight cap. I had the honour to be Captain of Shooting during my last term, but since the Army had withdrawn our ammunition for more serious purposes it was a somewhat hollow title. I enclose the two caps, which you may either put in the museum or the nearest dustbin". MWS's three sons were pupils here: Rev **JWS** (74-79, F), **PTS** (74-81, F) and **RFAS** (67-71, F). ■

We have been emailed a copy of the 1940 OTC Band photo by the son of **DA Nissen** (36-40, PI). DAN served in the Royal Artillery, and was one of the youngest captains to land on D Day + one. DAN died in 1959, when his son was eight months old. ■

Were you a member of the School's RAF Section? Founded in 1937, it is one of the very oldest RAF sections of any school, and had the honour of being inspected by Air Marshal Lord Trenchard in 1938. Led over the years by Messrs **Witham, Ogilvy, Marson, Gordon, Maddox** and other devotees, its current boss **Martin Walker** (School Chaplain) is seeking funds to restore its Link Trainer, which is the only

one in the UK still working (even the one at Duxford is no longer operative). If you can help, or have any particular memories of the RAF Section, please email Martin at revmjwalker@yahoo.com or contact the Editor. ■

Roy Hawkes (54-59, G) has kindly passed on colour photos of the CCF Band parading in the Quad in the 1950s (before the Parker's wing was built). Let us know if you recognise yourself in the photo. ■

A visitor to the School in October was **Pat Hall** (33-36, JS) [Pathallald@aol.com], making his first visit since he left. He recalled the pre-war Junior House scout unit – grey shorts, grey shirts, a maroon scarf, and Baden-Powell hats. He keeps in contact with **Mike Swann** (34-43, Pa). ■

From *The Wellingburian*, May 1910: "the subject was women's suffrage, and the fair sex found many gallant champions. J Martin half-heartedly opened the debate with his modest motion that women who pay income tax should have the vote". The motion was defeated! ■



CCF Band of Drums, 1952

Peter Clementson (51-56, G) has donated two photos – of the CCF Band in 1952 (featuring **RF Young, AJF Webster, PJ Chambers, DJ Hawkes, MJF Scott, AJ Fells, PBW Casling, MEJ Holmes, JC Grace, BJ Meadows, NA Miles, RC Button, CM Ross, T Wootton, PBA Harris, MJ Harkin, I Grocock, W Barker, JD Grant, J Stuckey, KR Tristram, JC Verity, JI Lattaway & JC Branson**); and the 1956 Rugger XV. ■

War Heroes

"It was the triumph of the few over the many, one of the truly decisive battles in history, and the first campaign fought solely in the air". Of the 2950 airmen who fought with the RAF in the Battle of Britain in the summer and autumn of 1940, almost half had been killed in action by 1945.

Among the Few were two OW brothers – Group Captain Philip Barwell DFC (20-24, G) and Wing Commander Eric Barwell DFC (23-29, G). PRB had been Captain of Shooting in his final year, before joining the RAF in 1925. On one occasion he flew over



Philip Barwell
and Air Marshal
Lord Trenchard

the School and dropped a message bag with a message for younger brother EGB, who was the talk of all the pupils. Promoted to the rank of Squadron Leader aged just 29, PRB had a distinguished flying career.

In October 1939, while leading six Hurricanes on convoy patrol, his group encountered nine Heinkels and shot down six of them: for this he was awarded the DFC, one of the first fighter pilots to be so honoured. In the Battle of Britain in the following year, he flew Hurricanes of 242 Squadron.

In June 1941 PRB was appointed Group Captain at the age of 33, and appointed to command Biggin Hill, but he continued to fly operationally as well. In the following year he was shot down mistakenly by a Spitfire pilot over the English Channel. His body was later washed up on the French coast. He left a young widow (the daughter of Dr Hay, the Dean of Peterborough) and two young sons.



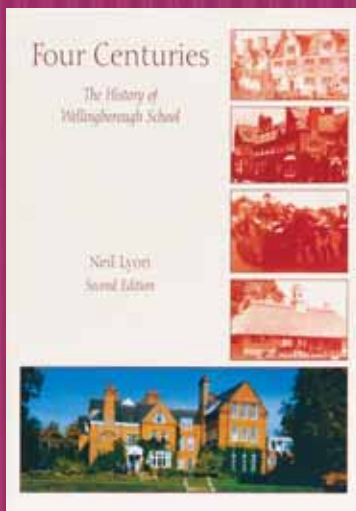
Eric Barwell

PRB has been hailed as one of the finest RAF officers of the War. Air Vice Marshal Leigh Mallory said he had been on the verge of recommending him for the DSO.

Younger brother EGB was luckier. Having been awarded his Wings in July 1939, he flew Defiants with 264 Squadron from Duxford each day during Dunkirk, and on 29th May 1940 his squadron of 12 was credited with the destruction of 37 enemy aircraft. He then saw regular action during the Battle of Britain, helping to protect London during the Blitz. He was awarded the DFC in February 1941 (and a Bar in July 1944). EGB later flew a number of patrols against the V1 flying rocket, and destroyed one over Dover in August 1944. After the war he returned to the family business near Cambridge, and we were delighted to welcome him back to the School in March – his first visit in over 60 years!

The Barwells' sister married Oscar Johnson (1910-18; OW Club President 1932-33): OEJ's elder brother Alec (Head Prefect in 1915 and a Cambridge Exhibitioner) is named on the Great War Memorial in Chapel.

It is fitting that we should remember our war heroes.



four centuries

Copies of the new second edition of the School history, *Four Centuries*, are now available from the School Office (01933 222427) priced £15.00 plus £3.50 P&P.

A few copies of the first edition (published in 1988) are still available, priced at just £5.00 per copy.



Items of OW clothing are available from
Warwicks of Wellingborough (01933 224981)

Having had girls at the School for 32 years, we have decided it's about time we offered some OW clothing for the Old Girls! Never one to rush things, the Club would like YOUR views what we should produce. Weymouth House girls, for example, can now wear a Pin - featured above, which costs £5.25 each. Would you be interested in buying a similar shaped pin with the School Coat of arms in colour?

Before we go ahead and make an order, please email us at OldGirls@oldwellingburian.org to express your interest/let us have your comments. The deadline for replies is 1st July; if we do not have sufficient interest by then we shall go back to the drawing board.

A view from the Playing Fields

Most of us take the School's playing fields for granted, but they are the result of the hard work of several generations, laid out in the 1880s and 1890s, and nurtured ever since by men like Stan Bayes. Last Autumn the Club awarded Stan honorary membership in honour of his 36 years' service to the School as Head Groundsman 1946-80. This is his story.

Stan was born in Wellingborough in 1918. After leaving school at the age of 14, he had various jobs locally before joining the groundstaff here in April 1939. Joining up in October 1939, he was to serve with the Cavalry in Palestine, Iraq and Syria (fighting the Vichy French). He fought at El Alamein under Montgomery in 1942, and then at the second battle of Monte Casino.

He was demobbed in 1945 and returned to the groundstaff. In the following year he succeeded Charlie Sawford as head groundsman. Sawford had held the position since about 1917, and it seemed most of the equipment dated from the Great War too.

Until the 1950s the playing field were cut by mowers drawn by the School's two horses. There was one small petrol mower for the cricket squares, petrol rationing permitting. The squares were maintained by teams of boys pulling rollers, a punishment which dated from the 1880s. In the 1939-45 War the fields had been maintained by Sawford and an army land girl.

Stan's duties were varied. He would feed the horses (stabled where the Squash Courts are now), bring down the food scraps from the kitchens to feed the School pigs, stoke the coke boiler for the old Tin Pavilion, and wind the Chapel Clock each Monday. One morning half the winding mechanism collapsed, missing his feet by inches and cracking the concrete floor up the tower.

He learnt many tips from PA Fryer (Headmaster 1907-33), himself a fine cricketer, who said one must never import foreign soil on to the wickets: instead, when reseeding any patches, Stan was to collect and sift soil from the ditches around the fields.

A highlight was preparing The Grove for the county cricket tournament each summer, from 1946 onwards. He recalls the great Len Hutton scoring over 200. The square itself hid various artefacts, from Frank Bowman's dog to a brick from Borley Rectory ("the most



Stan Bayes meets The Queen 1965

haunted house in England"), and the bottles buried during the annual Hallowe'en Ceremony.

Stan witnessed many changes in his 36 years here. Until about 1960 there were three acres given over to the supply of vegetables for the School's three separate dining rooms – in the JS, Garne's, and School House. The 1960s heralded the arrival of tractors and then the Royal Visit in July 1965; the 1970s the arrival of metric measurements for the athletics track and the loss of the great elm trees alongside The Grove.

In July 2000 Stan gave a recorded interview to James Hasler on the steps of the Thatched Pavilion. The memories flooded back. He recalled, as a 20 year old, seeing an 80 year old man walk to and fro across the fields to the Dog & Duck each morning. Nobody dared challenge the man – who claimed he had walked to and fro across the land since when it had been just a meadow in the 1870s. In one corner of the fields is an oak tree more than 200 years old. In another corner one once saw the gasometer across the London Road. What had become of the patch of grass in the Quad that Murray Witham had pinched from WG Grace's front garden? And what about the footprints near the old Range which Stan had made in honour of the great CB Fry's visit to the School in 1946?

It is fascinating to hear a different perspective on life at the School. We are so lucky to be served by such a dedicated support staff, and the quality of the grounds is a credit to Stan, to his predecessors and to his successors.

Two's Company



In June of this year, four Wellingborough School old boys will be embarking on a ten day tandem ride from the Spanish border, through France and all the way back to Northampton, covering a distance of well over 500 miles.

Henry Austin (1978 – 88), Will Dicks (1978 – 88), Tom Dicks (1976 – 86) and Will Westley (1990-95) will join a group of eight cyclists on this expedition which hopes to raise several thousand pounds for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust, a British Charity funding research into CF, the UK's most common, inherited life-threatening disease. Cystic Fibrosis is a disease for which scientists believe a cure is only a few years away, given adequate research funding.

Of the group, only Tom Dicks, who completed a charity cycle ride across Canada in 1994, has any experience of a cycle ride on such a scale. To add interest to the challenge, the group will share the pedalling on two tandems when the going gets tough.

"We're hoping the tandems will add an element of fun to our gruelling schedule, especially as none of us have ridden one for any distance before!" said Henry Austin, organiser of the event.

So far the group have managed to raise in excess of £5,000, but are on the look out for much more. If anyone can help in any way with corporate support, donations or sponsorship, please contact Sara Austin at 27 Northampton Road, Yardley Hastings, Northants NN7 1EX. Tel: 01604 696134. Email: henryandsara@bopenworld.com. For further information on the work of the CF Trust, go to CFTrust.org.

For further information contact Sara Austin on 01604 696134.

Old Wellingburian Sports Clubs

golf

The Autumn meeting was held at the Worcestershire Golf Club, Great Malvern. On a fine autumn day, the competition for the OW Cup (which took the form of a singles stableford) was particularly fierce, and three players tied with 35 points. After two countbacks Ben Ward was declared the winner, with Brian Leadsom second and Garnet Scott third.

Garnet also won the Wright Cup for the best combined scores in the Spring and Autumn meetings, with 67 points.

The afternoon foursomes were played over a shortened course of 15 holes, with two pairs returning scores of 29.

shooting

The Rifle Club had a highly successful small-bore season in 2002. In the NRSA national small-bore league we were narrowly beaten in to second place in Division 1 by Colchester, while in the Leeds Leagues our A team won Division 1 with 3891 ex 4000 and our B team won Division 5. In the Northants Leagues our A team was third in Division 1, and our B team came third in Division 2.

We held our AGM on OW Day in November. This was followed by the Clay Disc shoot in the School Range, won this year by pupil Charles Asquith.

Our annual dinner was held in December at Wellingborough Golf Club, with 25 members and guests present.

In February we entertained the School team to lunch at the Merry Miller, and then dominated in the Country Life match which followed, 691 to 571.

The Northants winter leagues have recently finished. Our A team won Division 1 with

tennis

We shall again be putting out a girls' team for matches against the School on Open Day, Saturday 8th July. If you feel like a game call Ali Mitchell on 07818 093725 or email

The "in form" pairing of Garnet and Ben Ward again emerged victorious, after a countback from Barry Greaves and Robert Hart.

The Long Johns Meeting at Wellingborough Golf Club completed the season, and the competition for the Hugh Denton Salver was well contested. Richard Jackson returned 37. Two players tied for second place with 35 each, and after a countback Arthur Wright was placed second and John Panter third.

At the AGM which followed, Brian Leadsom (53-58, F) was elected captain for 2003.

Michael Port ■

18 points, and our B team were fifth in Division 2. In the Individual Competitions Leo Eadon won Division A (again), with 15 points. Seven club members are shooting for the county team.

The full-bore season has now started. We shall be shooting the Newbery Bowl at Bisley on Sunday 11th May, and the Long Competition on Sunday 14th September. The Ashburton and the Veterans are scheduled for Thursday 10th July.

We would be delighted to welcome any OWs interested in taking part at Bisley, or joining us in the Range on Monday or Thursday evenings throughout the year.

As ever, we thank the School for the continued use of the Range, and Leo Eadon for his dedication to the running of the Range.

Philip Gordon ■

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Alison Mitchell ■

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