



A New Era

This September marks the beginning of an exciting new era at Wellingborough, with the appointment of Garry Bowe as Headmaster.



Garry Bowe

Garry Bowe has served as Deputy Headmaster since the start of 2001, so he already knows the School inside and out. His aim will be to build on the achievements of his predecessor Ralph Ullmann, and help the School realise its full potential.

Education is all about helping the pupils too realise their potential, in a happy environment. According to the 2003 report of the Independent Schools Inspectorate, that is exactly what we are achieving.

Wellingborough may be a very different place compared with your era and some may mourn the ending of boarding, but without doubt it is a happier and more friendly place for youngsters to be educated. I remember a few

years ago, showing an OW from Kettering around the School. It was the first time he had been back. He hated his time here so much that, 40 years on, he could find nothing positive to say, and actually broke into a sweat when a visit to an old dormitory stirred up some unhappy recollection. Periodically I unearth other OWs who prefer to erase the School from their memories. For some, the past was not always idyllic.

It is hard to believe any pupil nowadays will be eaten up in the same way. A few may feel indifference when they leave; the reaction of some on their last day may be "Yeah, whatever!" as they speed out of the gates, vowing never to return but, because this is now a day school, most of their friends are likely to have been pupils here too. This makes the School central to the lives of so many.

In their eleven years here Ralph & Alison Ullmann built successfully on the work of Graham & Jill Garrett, moulding the School for the modern age. The School's position as the area's leading independent co-educational day school has been consolidated - not just because it produces good results, but because it is a happy school.

On Saturday 13th November you are warmly welcome to meet the Headmaster for a buffet lunch in the School hall, followed by organised tours around the School. The booking form accompanies this newsletter.

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dates for your diary

13th/14th November:

OW Autumn Weekend

13th November:

Football, Shooting and Hockey Matches
Club AGM at 11am; Buffet lunch at 1pm
and School Tours. Tea at 4pm.
Annual Dinner and Sports Evening at the
Rushden & Diamond Centre,
Irthlingborough

Sunday 14th November:

Service of Remembrance in Chapel (10.15 am)

Sunday 12th December:

Carol Service in Chapel (6.30 pm); to obtain
tickets, please contact the School Reception
on 01933 222427 by 1 November

Friday 18th March:

OW London Dinner at the Carlton Club

Letter from the President



Roger Shelton

My year as OW Club President is already almost over and in November I shall be passing the baton into the very capable hands of Brian Leadsom (53-58, F).

There are many hard working members of your Committee to thank for their support and advice over the past year. Both David Hawkes (49-57, G), immediate Past President and Brian Leadsom as President-Elect, have kindly stood in for me on the odd occasions I have been unable to attend events. Leo Eadon, who retires in November as Treasurer after 16 years, also warrants our special thanks for not letting the rest of us spend the Club's money!

I have enjoyed attending many School and OW events during the year. The London Dinner in March is a very special black-tie occasion and this year 70 OWs and guests enjoyed a superb evening at the East India Club.

The School Upper Sixth Prize Giving was an excellent opportunity to meet the leavers who, I very much hope, will continue their association with the School via the OW Club.

The Newmarket Race Day in June was enjoyed by some 30 guests along with special guest Bob Champion, former Grand National winning jockey. We were delighted to raise £250 for the Bob Champion Cancer Trust.

The School Open Day / OW Day is a wonderful chance to meet up with old friends and former staff. This year we said goodbye to Ralph and Allison Ullmann who have contributed so much to the School's continued success over the past eleven years.

We are now looking forward to the next OW Day and Dinner on Saturday 13th November. Following last year's success the dinner will again be held at the Rushden & Diamond Centre, and a booking form is included with this Newsletter.

We have held five committee meetings of the Club during the year and are very pleased to welcome a new member Amy de Vries (91- 01W) to the committee. We are always keen to embrace new ideas and attract new faces. Although some of our sporting clubs (notably golf and shooting) are flourishing at present our soccer and cricket teams are struggling to find players. This is an issue your committee is trying to address for the future, but please feel free to contact me at roger@shelton14.freemove.co.uk if you have any ideas for boosting the sporting clubs.

It has been both a privilege and a great pleasure to serve as your President. As the School enters another new era under the headmastership of Garry Bowe, my observations are that the School is in good shape and will continue the excellent progress of recent years. We in the OW Club look forward to working ever more closely with the School along the way for the benefit of current and future generations.

Roger Shelton ■

DEADLINE: Please ensure that all material for the next edition of *The Old Wellingburian* reaches Neil Lyon c/o The School by 31st March 2005.

Head's Report



Headmaster: Garry Bowe

This is the first report from our new Headmaster, Garry Bowe. A History graduate from the University of Kent, Garry came to Wellingborough as Deputy Headmaster in January 2001 and was appointed Headmaster as from August 2004. He is married to Ruth, and their two children attend the School.

Each year, as a key element of our Shell History course, we study the history of the School based on material in the School Archives. Alongside our Battlefield Trips to the Somme and to Flanders, when we trace the heroism of OWs who fought and died in the First World War, our pupils indulge themselves in the great characters of the School's past.

Today's pupils derive immense enjoyment from both research exercises, and they develop an appreciation of the ways in which the School has evolved. They love to compare "Then and Now". They see how education has, in so many ways, changed both inside and out of the classroom. Above all, however, one would like to think

that they feel that education is fun and rewarding in terms of the rich variety of experiences and the people whom they meet.

As an Old Boy of Barnard Castle School in County Durham myself, and as an active member of the Academical Club of The Edinburgh Academy (where I taught prior to Wellingborough), I certainly appreciate the value of former pupils' organisations and the fact that wonderful memories of school are centred largely around people and friendships.

I would like to acknowledge at the outset of my custodianship of the Headmaster's post that an organisation like the OW Club is an integral feature of the heart and soul of the School. I see the Club being part of the collaborative effort to develop the School. Those readers with children of school-age in particular, will appreciate, whether we like it or not, that schools have changed considerably since our own schooldays, a fact our youngsters learn quickly when they hear about the age before Risk Assessments and Political Correctness!

Likewise, here at Wellingborough we are building on the achievements of recent decades to improve the quality of the Wellingborough experience - both for the present and for future generations. The Governing Body is due to launch a major Development Plan, which will set out our vision for Wellingborough in the years ahead.

This is a happy and successful School. In the last few months we have had immense success in winning county cricket cups, sending trips to South Africa and the Ardeche, as well as less exotic CCF

Camps! We have achieved national plaudits for our A-Level results (62.7% A-B), and a 99.5% overall pass rate with two of our pupils achieving top 5 marks nationally. At GCSE, 84% of grades were either A or B, and the overall pass rate was 99.8%.

We are in a healthy position, but we are looking for parents and pupils past and present to share and help achieve our vision in a successful partnership.

It is tempting in this era of public relations to over-sell one's organisation but we have a wonderful community here, where young people are encouraged to balance their lives and seize opportunities with relish. I challenge the whole of the OW community to seize their opportunity to come in and meet us, come into classrooms, watch plays, matches, concerts, attend Chapel services and work with us to develop this wonderful School still further.

I hope to have an opportunity to meet many of you on 13th November, either for the Buffet lunch followed by the organised tours around the School, or else at the dinner in the evening.

Garry Bowe ■



*Open Day, July 2004
Zoë Poole with parents Hilary (70-72)
and Robert (65-70, G)*

A Day out at the Races



Bob Champion with Vivienne and Roger Shelton

30 OWs and guests enjoyed an excellent day out at the Newmarket Races in June. Our Club President **Roger Shelton** and his wife **Vivienne** hosted a drinks reception and a buffet lunch at their home near Newmarket. Among those present were,

Peter Cordrey, James Hasler, Jerry Higgins, Haydn Holloway, Brian Leadsom, Neil Lyon, John Marriott, Jim Perkins, Camilla Perkins, Peter Phillips, John Saxby and Michael Scott.

We were particularly pleased to welcome former Grand National winner Bob Champion to the lunch as guest of honour and expert tipster! A collection was made in support of Bob's cancer charity. ■

The November Dinner

Responding to the wishes of many younger OWs, this year we are again holding the OW Annual Dinner at the Rushden & Diamonds Centre, on Saturday 13th November. The booking form accompanies this Newsletter.

If you left after January 2000, you will benefit from a 33% discount on your ticket price. We are inviting the current Heads of School, as well as this season's captains of football, hockey and shooting, as the Club's guests.

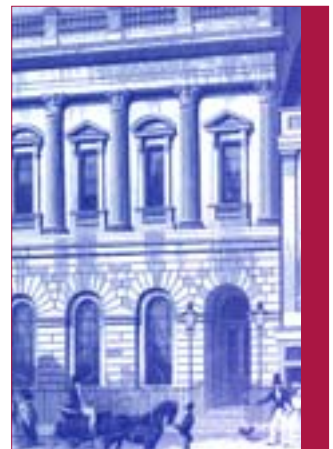
We are hoping for a good turnout, and all the OW sports clubs are being invited to form tables.

Why not make this the year to come back? And drag your friends back too! ■

London Dinner, 2005

The 2005 London Dinner, the Club's premier annual event, will be held on Friday 18th March in the prestigious surroundings of the Carlton Club in St James's Street, SW1. The dress code will be Dinner Jacket.

A booking form accompanies this Newsletter. ■



Four Centuries

Copies of the second edition of the *School History, Four Centuries*, are 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)

A Day in the Life of a Brat: Lent Term 1961

The first morning bell rings but few stir in the dormitory. It is best to remain cocooned within one's narrow bed. The breakfast bell wins more response. Blankets are thrown back. Shivering bodies step out and hurriedly dress on the bare floorboards. Timing has become a fine art. Down the stone stairs we go and into the School House dining hall.

After Latin Grace, benches are scraped back and, as the boys sit down, the hubbub begins. This is the time we juniors dread, as we sit squashed at the end of long refectory tables. We learn frantically the skills of "bratting up"; that is to say, serving the seniors with their dietary needs. As the orders are passed down, up we go to be barked at. More tea! More bread! "Excuse me please," we say, as we plonk down fresh provisions. To omit this petty politeness would be considered "slack" and reprimands might follow in the dayroom.

Before the Chapel Bell summons us to worship, we present ourselves to the House Prefects Room to clean sweaty shoes. "Why are the soles not polished as well as the uppers?" someone snaps during inspection. "Do them again." Next, we enter the Senior Dormitory to make the prefects' beds, hospital-cornered and crease-free.

Chapel is followed by the morning timetable, entailing much movement around the arid classroom block.

Hurray for morning break, when we can spend our pocket money fast and loose in the Tuck Shop. Sponge rolls, Lyons individual fruit pies and Oxo crisps are wolfed down, and now we huddle round a robust ancient radiator in the dayroom. Next door has a coal fire, dart board and record player. That is the seniors' domain. As usual, the disks of Russ Conway are being repetitively played, with volume up. Every time the door is kicked open we feel apprehension. Again, the bell rings and, cradling piles of books, we go on to complete the round of lessons.

Lunch, whatever the quality, satisfies our hunger pangs. Again, Fryer's, Platt's and Weymouth sit down, either side of three long tables. More bratting up. Refinement is not on the menu. Meanwhile, Garne's have their meals in glorious isolation. Goodness knows where the dayboys eat. Today, we have "clag" pudding for dessert. Once more, we tentatively knock on the prefects' door, waiting for the "Yes!" to be snapped out. Sweep their floors. Wash their greasy dishes in cold water. Get a move on. It is Wednesday. This is Corps day.

Under a hard Midland sky, while the trees stand black and bare either side of the Senior School Walk, we crash to attention in our Corps boots. "Left, right. Left, right. Swing those arms! AttenSHUN! Don't move!" The afternoon wears on. The grey light fades. Lights twinkle on from the numerous windows surrounding the Quad. "Officers on parade, disMISS!" Boots are

thrown into lockers. For Heaven's sake, don't let the coal fire go out. Back to dayrooms. Back to huddling round radiators. The bell rings for supper and then prep where, along with our thoughts, we pretend to work.



Distant night sounds come from the town. A faint chemical odour wafts from the gasometer on the London Road. The huge expanse of the games fields lies in darkness, while we brats are released from the prep room and we relish some moments on our own before the seniors take over the dayrooms once more.

And so to bed. Horse play. "Settle down there. Stop talking! Lights out!" The dorm captain arrives. This is the best time. Privacy at last. Our dressing gowns make another layer to keep warm in the curtainless dormitory until the bell jars us from sleep for another day.

Anon.



Historical Footnote: The new Dining Hall would shortly be completed and from henceforth, the tradition of "bratting up" - or waiting upon seniors at table - would come to an end. The School House Dining Room would become the Staff Common Room, and is now known as the Meeting Room.

We are always very pleased to receive items like this for publication - whatever the era! ■

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NEWS OF OLD WELLINGBURIANS

Richard Bailey (64-73, F) [richard@bailey72.co.uk] is living near Colchester. He has remarried, and has a 7 year old son called Jack. When not sailing, he works as a chartered surveyor with Essex County Council, managing regeneration and economic development projects. He reports that his ancient, worthy and still most active father **Neil Bailey** (32-40, F) is in fine form.

James Barrett (82-92, Pa) [schooljames@smatterballs.com] is currently finance director for British American Tobacco Ghana, based in Accra. He is married to Annabel with one little boy, Sam, aged one, and another on the way (there's not much else to do in Ghana, he says...). He would be delighted to see any OW mad enough to be passing through West Africa.

John Britten (40 - 45, JS) has been in contact. He is enquiring whether Miss Harris, who taught him piano in the JS (1943 - 45) when Mr Harding was director of music is still alive/when she passed away. Can anyone help? If so, please contact the editor at the School. John's father Robert was Master of the Junior School 1940 - 56. John's mother Marjorie is still alive aged 95, and living near John in Surrey.

Michael Crisp (55-59, JS) [law@pwj-solicitors-highbarnet.co.uk] has been in touch, asking for contact details of his contemporary **Martin Nash** (55 - 57, JS): please let the editor know if you have contact details for Mr Nash. Michael is a partner in a North London law firm.

Paul Dolman (84 - 91, G) [Paul.dolman@traverssmith.com] reports his change of address in London. He is a solicitor with city law firm Travers Smith Braithwaite.

Barrie Dugdale OBE (49-53, F) visited the School earlier this summer. Recalling his days treading the boards in the various school plays, he remembers **Richard Etridge** (49-54, PI) was a rather good Sir Toby Belch while FBD was a fairly awful Malvolio! [Please let the editor know if you have any contact details for Richard Etridge].

Chris Dyer (86-88, C) [christopher_dyer@hotmail.com] is due to be

married next April, to Liz. Her father is a professor of Geology at Keele University, where the wedding reception will be held. Chris, who is a financial adviser, keeps in contact with **John Rowlatt** (81-87, Pa), who is pursuing the same career.

Edmund Elmhirst (54 - 58, G) writes to say how much he enjoys receiving the Newsletter, though sad to read the obituaries. He worked on a BBC programme which appeared in May, on the life of the composer Benjamin Britten, whose brother Robert was Master of the Junior School (1940 - 56) (see also above).



Matthew Gibbard (80-87 C) [gibbardmc@aol.com] is preparing to marry his fiancée Suzi on the 19th September 2004. Matt is shown here at one of the "pre-wedding training camps" with current and former Special Forces personnel (or stag do's as they are more commonly known). Also in attendance were OWs and best men **Paul Hanna** (82-87 Pa) and **Adrian Fleming** (86-91 C).

Julian Harris (63 - 73, C) [Harris@harrishagan.com] reports that he has now formed a gambling law specialist firm called Harris Hagan, the first of its kind serving the gambling industry. At the same time he and others have set up a company, Gambling Governance Ltd., providing non-legal services to the gambling industry. He and **David Clifton** (63 - 74, St) another city lawyer, together account for 50% of the true casino gaming specialists in the UK.

Keith Hawkins (86-96, C) [keith.hawkins@orange.net] is currently working in the after market division of Rolls Royce Plc, dealing with spare parts supply for civil aero engines, and lives in Derby.

Richard Headland (85 - 86, PI) [rheadland@reparch.com] has been in contact. He works with a firm of Architects in Florida. Elder brother **Paul** (81 - 85, PI) lives in Maryland, USA.

Peter Higgins (87-97, PI) [peter@vanweenens.com] became a partner in Van Weenans Estate Agents in Olney in January 2003, and now holds the position of Sales Director. He reports that **Giles Dainty** (92-97, F) is now at Hendon training for the Metropolitan Police, while **Andrew Lock** (88-97, Pa) is also with the Met, stationed in Holborn.

Glenn and Christine Horridge (staff, 88 - 94) left Westonbirt School in July 2003 for Fyling Hall School near Scarborough. Glenn is deputy headmaster there, while Christine teaches Science part-time: their daughter Fiona is in the junior department there.

Mumtaz Iqbal (54 - 57, G) [miqbal2@rogers.com] has asked if anyone is still in contact with his various Malaysian contemporaries: Joseph Lai, Andrew Liang, and the Chidambaram brothers. If anyone can help, please contact the editor.

Charles Linfield (staff, 1973 - 2000) reports that he is thoroughly enjoying retirement. Following some part-time teaching at Dauntsey's and then at Abingdon, he has now finally left the classroom as a pedagogue, but returned as a pupil, brushing up his French and fulfilling a longstanding ambition to learn some German at the University of Bath, while becoming increasingly involved in local politics with Swindon Conservatives.

Alison Mitchell (91-98, W) [alimitch@hotmail.com] has been working with BBC Radio Five Live during the summer as part of a team of cricket reporters, and reading the sports news on the Richard Bacon programme at the weekend.

Richard Moore (59-64, PI) [HelenandRichard@msn.com] was very interested to see Tony Coult's photograph of the Long Room in the May edition. He is the membership manager for the Business Club in Peterborough. Recent attendees at their golf tournament included Jim Axe and Andrew Lambert. Richard also sees Richard Johnson, Bob Dickens, Marcus Horrell and Frank Oakes, who are club members, and occasionally Clive and Keith Potter, Fred Butcher and Dave Heading.

Sebastien Murray (87 - 90, F) (tel: 01604 582773) was married to Ivonne in her home country of Holland in August 2003, and was then Sealed for Time and All Eternity in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Richard Parkinson (78-85, C) was married earlier this year to Clare Harman, in Bury St Edmunds.

Michael Pearson (49-56, G) has recently retired as the 83rd president of the Northampton Rotary Club. His son **Jeremy** was a pupil here 75-84, W.

Amanda Proctor (staff, 95 - 2000) left Downe House in July to move to St Margaret's School, Yorks, where she will be senior sixth form housemistress and head of senior boarding. While at Downe House she made a major contribution to rowing and to World Challenge expeditions.



Chris Pugh (87-97, PI) has returned from a year in Ghana. With the help of sponsorship from the School he joined a group of students building a library in Ekumfi Atakwa. Having previously graduated with a 2:1 in Architecture from Newcastle, he is now starting a placement with Gotch Saunders & Surridge in Kettering.

Roger Putman, MBE (44 -54.G) [Rogerputman@clara.co.uk] reports his change of address. He and his wife are now living in their new home in Eskdale, in Cumbria, opposite the Bower House Inn.

Shamin Razavi (87-94, St) [Shamin.razavi@icc-cpi.int] has left city law firm Allen and Overy and is now a legal adviser at the International Criminal Court in the Hague. He would be happy to advise any former members of staff in respect of crimes against humanity! [joke]

Nigel Rowe (75-82, W) [Nigel.rowe@dtisrealweatheralls.com] reports his change of address, and would be happy to hear from his contemporaries. He was sorry to learn of the death of his contemporary **Tim Cosford** in the last edition. He still has a team photo of the 1976/77 JS First Eleven on his wall with both of them in it - looking very young with long hair!

Pete Rowse (80 - 85, Pa) [Peter.rowse@hotmail.com] sends us his first report in 19 years. He now lives in New York as CFO of an Italian company. He is married with 2 boys, Jamie aged 6 and Sam aged 2. He would love to hear from any of his contemporaries.



Congratulations to **Simon Scott** (78 - 82, C) for designing the Haddonstone Knot Garden, which won a bronze medal at this year's Chelsea Flower Show.

AP (Tim) Sewell (41-51, F) [timsewell@optusnet.com.au] has made contact. He has lived in Melbourne, Australia, since 1964. He was a contemporary at St John's College, Cambridge with **Tony Pentelow** (see Obituaries) and with **JD Smith** (44-52, Pa), who has recently retired from the staff of the Engineering Faculty at Cambridge. APS's brother **William** was here 1938-45.



John Shrive (49-54, F) reports that his son Rupert and daughter Olivia have both met the

King of Malaysia, King Sid (**S Syed** - 58-62, F): they are seen at either end of this group photo, with the King 3rd left.

Mustafa Suzal (84-86, PI) [mustafasuzal@yahoo.co.uk] has renewed contact. He is living in Turkey.

James Swallow (92-97, G) is now a chartered surveyor with Northampton-based property consultants Bidwells Drake.

Geoffrey Till (57 - 87, staff) and his wife Mary are now living in Crieff, in Perthshire. Their eldest son **Richard** (65 - 74, C) is Forestry Director of Bell Ingram in Perth; his two boys attend Glenalmond. Richard is married to Carol, daughter of Mr AJ Richardson (ex-staff). Younger son **Michael** (67-77, C) [m-till@hotmail.com] is deputy head at Homefield Prep School (Colin Cowdrey's old school), which Michael's two sons Edward and Alec have attended. In May FGT & Mary hosted a lunch with **James Hasler** (57-90, staff) and **AF Campbell** (55-66, St): AFC is a recently retired dental surgeon in Crieff. Another visitor has been **John Reddy** (62-67, G).

Congratulations to **Joe Tinston** (91-01, C) on gaining a double first in Economics from Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge. Outside the lecture room he captained his college rucker team and the university lacrosse team. He is now embarking on an MPhil at Lincoln College, Oxford.

Frank Watson (36 - 39, F) sends greetings from Natal. He says sport in South Africa is having a tough time at present, with upheavals in the administration of the main games, which Frank follows with great interest. He sends greetings to all his contemporaries.

WF (Bill) Wood (50-58, W) [Bill.Wood@tassie.net.au] emails from Tasmania. He emigrated to Oz in 1969, and ultimately gained a doctorate in Marine Science, due in no small part to the teaching at School of Messrs Massie, Bowman, Marson and Ogilvy. He now runs an environmental consultancy in Tasmania.

Jonathan York (75-82, C) [jono@wave.co.nz] emails from New Zealand to express his sadness about the news of the death of **Tim Cosford** in the last edition. He remembers Tim as a keen competitive individual on the games field, and always keen to share a joke in the classroom. On a brighter note, Jonathan reports the birth of his second child, Emillie Katelyn York. ■



HJCB with Earl Spencer



HJCB and Staff, 1956.

OBITUARY: Humphrey Bashford (Headmaster 1956-64)

We are sorry to report that former Headmaster Humphrey Bashford died in August, aged 83,

The son of distinguished medic Sir Henry Bashford, HJCB was born in Hampstead and was educated at the Hall in Hampstead and then Sherborne School in Dorset. He went up to Clare College, Cambridge in 1939 to read History. After one year at Cambridge he was called up and served for the rest of the War in the 2nd Battalion of the Ox and Bucks Light Infantry, which formed part of the 6th Airborne Division.

In November 1942 he married Alyson Liddle, whose father was then the Headmaster at Bedford Modern School. At the end of the war, Humphrey returned to Cambridge to complete his studies and to continue playing cricket, a game at which he excelled. In 1939 he had represented Young England at Lords but, much to his chagrin, injuries sustained in the war prevented him gaining a Blue.

He started his teaching career at The Leys School in Cambridge. He spent time developing the local branch of the Workers Educational Association, and became a reader in the Church of England. The Round Church benefited enormously from his service. With his deeply committed Christian faith, he was to remain committed to church and social activities throughout his life.

In 1956, HJCB was appointed Headmaster of Wellingborough at the age of 36, succeeding Tom Nevill who had been in harness for 16 years. Almost overnight the School moved from one

era to another. During his 8 years here, HJCB introduced a more relaxed and liberal approach, which pleased some but not all. Pupil numbers boomed, and a 5th boarding house had to be opened as boarding numbers soared to 181.

HJCB oversaw the building of the Teaching Block extension, the Weymouth house dormitory (designed as a temporary building, this would become the Admin Block and is now part of the Art Department). His major legacy was the Dining Hall, described by its detractors as akin to a bus garage, by its supporters as a baronial hall: it is unquestionably of its Age, and so was HJCB.

Known by the pupils as "Bucket" (why?), HJCB was instrumental in making the School - perhaps for the first time - realise there was a big wide world beyond the gates, which sometimes shocked the pupils - who are generally far more conservative than is given credit for.

The School played host to the arts for the first time - including works by Arnold Wesker, then of Centre 42. Now a Rotarian, HJCB played a major role in the charity International Help for Children and continued his work in the local church. He firmly believed that Christians should participate strongly in their local parish. In 1963, the Peterborough diocese asked him to go as a delegate to the Toronto Congress of the Anglican Communion. It was as a result of the people he met at Toronto that he returned to England determined to continue his career in the state school system.

In 1964 he was appointed head of a large comprehensive school in Hessle, East Yorkshire where he remained until he retired in 1980. Although his job involved a lot of administration - he was responsible for 1200 pupils - he still enjoyed his opportunities to teach R.E. and history. He found time to be a governor of St. John's College, York, attend selection conferences for the ordained ministry, preach in the local church and on the Methodist circuit and tend his large garden. He no longer played cricket but continued to fish for trout when he could. He loved the countryside, local history and would go out walking most days.

Philip, the elder son, died in 1986: as a result of this, HJCB and his wife Alyson founded the Hull branch of 'Cruse' (the national organisation offering bereavement counselling), with HJCB as the first chairman. Both of them continued to play pivotal roles in its development into the new century. Humphrey remained the complete family man; he was a devoted husband, father of 5, grandfather of 13 (more than enough for a cricket team!) and great-grandfather of 1. He had a rich life to the end.

The School and Club were represented at the funeral by David Hawkes (46-57, G).

We are grateful to HJCB's son Dr Lindsay Bashford, now the Director of Biomedical Undergraduate Studies at Keele [c.l.bashford@hfac.keele.ac.uk] for contributing to this obituary. ■

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

Herbert Colton (20-24), one of our oldest members, died in October 2003 aged 94. His elder brother, **ACAC** (17-18) was one-time chairman of Northamptonshire County Council and ACAC's son **Richard** was a pupil here 1941-49, Pa. Further details are awaited.

Richard Dodds (60-64, G) died in July, aged 57. He leaves a wife, Diane. Originally from Spilsby in Lincolnshire, his two brothers were also here - **JLD** (52-57, G) and **TFD** (57-62, G), as was their father **LJD** (21-24). Further details are awaited.

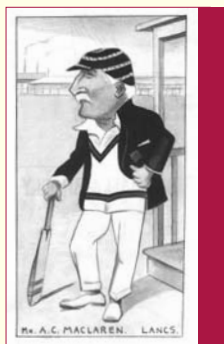
Professor J.F.B. Edeson, ARCS, BSc, MB, ChB, MD, DPH (29-34, F) died in August, aged 88. A prefect in his final year, he won the Marris Cup in March 1934 after coming first in the 100 yards. He lost contact with the School in the 1950s, but it is known he lived abroad for many years. Further details are awaited.

Vernon Jackson (26 - 34, Pa) died in April, aged 87. He followed the family tradition of attending the School and joining the family firm of solicitors, Sharman Jackson and Archer. After war service in the Royal Artillery he became a stalwart of the local amateur theatrical scene and was an accomplished magician. His father and uncle had donated the Jackson batting cup in the 1890s which is still awarded. Vernon himself shared with his son **Robin** (59 - 60, Pa) the dual distinctions of winning the Adnitt shooting cup and receiving lessons, purportedly in geography, from Murray Witham. He served as a governor of the School for many years. We are grateful to his son Robin [Rwillan@aoil.com] for providing this information.

Tony Pentelow (43 - 50, Pa) died earlier this year. After winning a scholarship to St John's College, Cambridge, he obtained a First in Mechanical Sciences and specialised in Aeronautics. He worked for the British Aviation Company before qualifying as a course instructor in gliding, his true love. Subsequently he worked for Stewart and Lloyds, BICC, and latterly Permali, but always his passion was flying - both at Nimpfield, in Gloucestershire, where he lived, and at the Scottish Gliding Club by Loch Leven. Thanks to his brother-in-law, **Peter Short** (42 - 51, Pa) for notifying us.

Douglas Redman (43 - 49, Pa) died earlier this year. Further details are awaited.

John Tarry (35 - 43, G) died earlier this year. His elder brother **Paul** (31 - 39, G) had died in November 2002. Further details are awaited. ■



Bob Holland (36 - 40, G) has sent us a brochure about the great England Cricketer Archie MacLaren (1871 - 1944). The brochure includes a copy of a letter written by Archie to the School in about 1940, declining an invitation to visit the

School due to declining health. Archie wrote: "I am still hoping to see plenty of cricket in spite of Hitler, who never would be able to play any game to give enjoyment to others and to get enjoyment out of it himself"! Archie is remembered for scoring 424 runs, and for captaining England in 22 test matches against Australia. Murray Witham was one of his greatest fans. Bob Holland lives in retirement in Leicestershire; his younger brother CEH was in the Junior School 1943 - 48.

2004 marks the 60th anniversary of the sinking of the 45,000 ton German battleship, the Tirpitz. One of the squadrons was led by Wing-Commander (later Group Captain) **J B Tait** (29 - 34, F). For this and other daring feats during the War, Tait was awarded the DSO and 3 bars, and the DFC and 2 bars. He is the most highly decorated OW in either War, surpassed only by **Rev. Bernard Vann** (School Chaplain, 1913 - 1915) who was awarded the Victoria Cross posthumously in 1918. Mr Tait lives now in London; we salute him, plus all OW WW2 veterans, 60 years on. ■

2004 also marks the 60th anniversary of D-Day. The arrival of American troops in Northamptonshire in 1942, and the subsequent build up to D-Day, is recorded in the diaries of **David Ulyatt** (40 - 48, W). One entry for 1944 recalls: "it was 7.30 am, a quiet sunny morning with a mist hanging over the Quadrangle and aeroplanes droning high overhead. Then came a loud explosion... silence - then 2 more reports and concussions, rather more forceful... as we speculated in the dormitory on what might be causing this, there came yet another explosion... "Good God!" said our prefect, "that's 4 of the *****". Our American friends were playing bumper cars with their bombers once again". ■

We were pleased to welcome back 3 OWs who had played for the MCC this summer in its annual fixture against the School: **Nick Haste** (84-91, St), **Jeremy Attfield** (80-90, G) and **Simon Gane** (83-86, F). ■

As mentioned in previous editions of the Newsletter, the OW Club has now paid for the Second World War memorial in Chapel to be

refurbished. The names of 2 extra OWs have been added: **K I MacKenzie** (29 - 30), shot down over Norway in February 1941 aged 25; and **P R Abbas** (33 - 35, Pa) who died in 1942. We are grateful for those OWs who made a contribution towards the refurbishment costs. The memorial has now been reinstated in Chapel. ■

Visitors to the School Hall will now see a magnificent wooden board bearing the names of all the 38 Headmasters since 1595. This has been kindly donated by **Charles Linfield** (staff 1973 - 2000), to whom we are very grateful. This board now stands alongside the many other boards in the School Hall bearing the names of the head prefects, university scholars, and the winners of the War Memorial scholarships.

Thanks to the following for donating items this year to the School Archives: **Barrie Dugdale** OBE (49-53, F); Mrs **Audrey Tarry** (widow of **PST**, 31-39, G); and **Michael Sewell** (34-40, F) for a photo of the Tait clan. ■



A. J. Tait, M. W. Sewell, D. A. Tait, R. N. Tait and W. S. Tait, 1930's

Jimmy Scott (32-39, PI) [james_l.scott@which.net] was interested in the comments by **Derek Davis** (33-40, PI) about the School's Scout Troup camp on the Isle of Wight. Jimmy, who was one of the troop leaders (alongside Douglas Rennie and Richard Tait) recalls how they also attended the Cowes Regatta and then Navy Day at Portsmouth, in the slow build up to the War. ■

Bill Wood (50-58, W) was amused to read that the RAF Section glider is still alive. He says it is a Grasshopper Serial 1253, and recalls the occasion when the bungee teams tightened the ropes so hard that Bill actually got it off the ground, and found himself getting nearer and nearer to the London Road gasometer until it sank to the ground and skidded on The Grove, incurring the wrath of Murray Witham. This, plus nearly killing Beaky Bowman in the Science Labs by interfering with the gas levels in the bunsen burners, are his happiest memories of the 1950s! ■

School Report

In the May 2004 Newsletter we advertised the School's Summer Ball on 25 June. A record 588 parents, pupils, OWs and Friends of the School attended. This is a major highlight of the social calendar. Details of the 2005 Ball will appear in the next edition. ■



Duke of Gloucester, FRU, 1996.

On Open Day we bade farewell to **Ralph Ullmann**, who retired after eleven highly successful years as Headmaster. The Club presented to Ralph and his wife Alison a garden bench together with an engraved silver salver. We are grateful to the OWs who contributed towards their leaving present. ■

Also retiring is Deputy Head **Norma Webb**. Appointed in 1982 to what was then largely a men's Common Room, Norma served as first housemistress of Nevill, 1984-1991, and then as Deputy Head since 1999. She will be fondly remembered by many generations of Economics and Politics students, even if she did relish challenging the political views of those of us who read *The Daily Telegraph*! ■

Mrs Grove left in July. She is replaced by **Mr I W Stokes** from Kimbolton. **Mr Lithgow** will be retiring from the DT Department in December, and will be succeeded by **Mr D A Coombes**. ■

Graeme Lowe moved on in July, after a highly successful 8 years as Headmaster of the Preparatory School. He is now head of Town Close Prep School in Norwich, a fully independent prep school. We wish him and his wife Sandi every good wish for the future. In his place we welcome as Headmaster **Richard Mitchell**, who joins from St Faith's in Cambridge. ■

Mrs **Serena Campbell** retired from the Prep School in July after 15 years on the staff, serving as president of Tigers, head of English, and since 2001 as Second Mistress. She is leaving to study for an MSc in educational psychology. Her husband **John** was a pupil here 1959 - 70, and their four children were at the School. ■



Congratulations to the Chapel Choir on being invited to sing Choral Evensong at Westminster Abbey earlier this year. Darren Jameson, the choirmaster, had sent a CD of the Chapel Choir to the Abbey several months beforehand which had led to the invitation. They gave a stirring performance of Stanford's *Magnificat*. ■

In April the School said farewell to **Sarah Lock**, who had been the School nurse for several years. She will be remembered by some OWs as a daughter of the late **Peter Knight** (30 - 37, Pa). Her children were at the School. She is succeeded by Mrs **Victoria Bigley**, a current parent. ■

Congratulations to the Cricket Eleven on beating both Bedford and Forest this season, for the first time in several years, and for giving Oundle and Oakham serious food for thought. The recent arrival of Western Australian Coach, **Noel Knight**, has given the players a great boost. ■

More news from the Common Room: congratulations to **Jonathan Hughes** on his appointment as Head of Geography at Clifton College in Bristol. **Miss Mills** becomes Head of Geography, **Mr Gary Moss** becomes Housemaster of Platt's, **Mr Farley** succeeds **Mr Hughes** as housemaster of Parker Steyne's and Mr Steve Adams has been appointed Director of Sport.. ■

And finally ... as reported in previous editions, **Duncan Ellison** retired in July after 31 years as Head of Art. He saw the growth of the department from a small room off the School Hall to the Spencer Art Building



Duncan Ellison

overlooking the playing fields (now the Pre-Prep), and then to the Gent Centre in Castle Street. His expertise in ceramics rubbed off on many pupils, and Lord Gowrie said our ceramics were among the best he had seen anywhere. It was touching to see several OWs return on Open Day, clutching the odd bottle of wine as a present for him. He will be remembered also by many boarders - since he had the distinction of serving as resident tutor in all four boys' boarding houses over the decades. ■

Legacies

We are delighted to announce that the School has received an extremely generous legacy from the late **Douglas James** (28 - 35, Pa), who died in 1998. This legacy will fund the D C James Scholarship, and be made available to children from families who cannot afford the full cost of an education at the School.

Unlike most independent schools, Wellingborough has never enjoyed the support of many generous benefactors: historic endowments make up a tiny proportion 0.0004% of School income. Gifts like this make such a difference to us.

There are many ways in which other OWs may wish to support the School. The School is a registered charity (1101485), and can be supported through tax-efficient schemes such as gift aid; if you are a taxpayer; the School can claim an additional 28% from the government. Alternatively, gifts of shares/property can be made extremely cost-effectively.

Another option is to remember the School in your Will for the benefit of future generations. To discuss any of this further, or to obtain more information about the School's charitable status or about the gift aid scheme, please feel free to contact the Bursar, Mike Skidmore direct on 01933 233413 [mps@wellingboroughschool.org] or at Wellingborough School, Wellingborough NN8 2BX.

If you do wish to remember the School in your Will, we strongly recommend that, rather than pledging a specific sum to the School, instead you offer a fixed percentage of your estate; otherwise the cumulative effect of inflation over several years can greatly reduce the value of the legacy (we had a legacy of £250 a few years ago from an OW who had written his Will before the War!). This is a point you should discuss with your solicitor.

Old Wellingburian Sports Clubs

Shooting

The Summer Shooting has so far been disappointing. After the successes in the Winter Competitions, the results in the Leagues – the majority now having reached round 6 – are well below the usual standard.

The Indoor competitions continue in the summer months. The team in the National League are shooting in Division 2 and are equal 3rd. A bad start was made in that targets for round 1 were lost in the post resulting in a massive deficit in aggregate score as well as the loss of the round. Without this, the team would have been at least 2nd in the Division.

In the County Leagues, the 'A' team is 2nd in Division 1, the 'B' team is bottom of Division 2, but surprisingly the 'C' team is leading Division 2, having won every round so far! The team entered in the 50 Metre Competition, shot at the Sywell Range, is struggling in 5th place. Individually, Chris Boucher is leading Division 2 Long Range, while Ray Davis is 2nd in Division B of the Short Range. Only one team was entered in the 'Leeds' this summer and although the scores have been reasonably good, each round we

seem to have been drawn against the one team with a better score!

The only information I have concerning the Full – bore Shooting are the results of the 'Newbery Bowl' and the 'Veterans'. The Newbery was held on May 11th when 7 shooters competed. It was won, once again, by **Henry Sanders** with 98.13 (which included a 'possible' at 500 yards). **Peter Cullimore** was 2nd with 97.12, and **Paul Hooton** 3rd with 96.08. The Club was able to enter 3 teams in the 'Veterans' but the scores were not up to the standard expected. The 'A' team (**Toby Coleridge, Peter Cullimore, Paul Hooton, Henry Sanders and Martin Whatton**) totalled 230.19, the 'B' team (**Suzanne Romose, John Eady, Philip Humphrey, William Hanley and Paul Abbott**) 231.16 (they were delighted to beat the 'A' team), and the 'C' team (**Robin Livett, Charles Asquith, Philip Warr, William Kellock and Robbie Wayman**) 201.7. A pleasing aspect of the day was the inclusion of 5 recent School shooters in the teams. Let us hope this trend continues in the future.

Philip Gordon ■

Launch of O.W. Website Forum



On 12th November we shall be launching a Forum on the O.W. Website. By registering you will be able to send emails to all other OWs who are registered. Keep in touch!

www.oldwellingburian.org

Old Wellingburian Sports Clubs

Cricket

Up to the end of July, the Club encountered another difficult year with the biggest challenge being the lack of playing numbers.

As a result, the 2nd XI was temporarily folded to facilitate a full strength 1st XI, and to allow key committee members the necessary time to devote to development of links with The School and the playing of an OW U11 and U13 in the local youth leagues.



Matthew Ingram lifts over mid off

Simon Marriott did a fantastic job in running Tuesday evenings at the School and was notably assisted by new Club Chairman **Matthew Ingram** in this respect. It is hoped to maintain the momentum gained this year with the youth set up to further bolster the OW Cricket Club numbers in coming years with the ultimate aim being to support the long term re-establishment of 2nd XI Cricket.

On the field, **Matthew Ingram** continued to lead the batting statistics, closely followed by



David Hallworth

David Hallworth, whilst in the bowling streaks, Antiguan import **Karim Prince** continues to lead the attack.



Karim Prince

We are always looking for new members of the OW Cricket club, so if you are local and would like a game, please get in touch with us.

You can contact us and keep up to date with results and news of the OW Cricket Club on line www.oldwellingburians.play-cricket.com

Simon Harper – Hon Secretary OWCC

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Golf

The opening event in this year's golfing calendar was the social match against Oundle, which took place at Luffenham Heath Golf Club in early March.

The Halford Hewitt followed closely afterwards, with Wellingborough drawn to play Trent at Royal St Georges' Golf Club, Sandwich on the Friday morning. Having beaten Trent some ten years ago we were hopeful of further success and in the end won by 4 matches to 1. In the second round we met Stowe who were a very different proposition. In what proved to be a very exciting encounter we lost by 3 matches to 2 and were left regretting the odd putt (or three) that we missed, which might have seen us progress further.

We were represented by **Chris Billson**, **William Saxby**, **Philip Saxby**, **Guy Gilman** (playing for us for the first time), **Richard Jackson**, **Martyn Allen**, **Michael Port**, **Steve Munns** (making a welcome comeback to the side), and last but by no means least our two young newcomers to the side, **Giles Kellett**

and **Harry Newman**, who excelled themselves in posting two fine wins.

Thanks must also go to the supporters club led by **Geoff Mawer** and his happy band comprising **Tim Poole**, **Brian Leadsom**, **John Saxby**, **John Ward**, **Alan Fells**, **Richard Peck**, not forgetting **Garnet Scott** and his wife **Ruth**.

The Spring Meeting took place at Luffenham Heath Golf Club on a cool spring day, following 24 hours of heavy rain. In the morning competition for the **Gillitt Vase**, **Ben Ward** returned a very sound 37 points and was declared the winner. Close behind in second place with 35 points was **Tim Gordon**, whilst **Michael Port** was third with 34 points. The afternoon foursomes was reduced to 11 holes in view of the weather, nevertheless **John Ward** and **Richard Barwick** returned the creditable score of 27 points. Second were **Tim Gordon** and **Gerald Timmans** with 22 points.

We played the annual match against the Old Bedfordians in early June.

The Cyril Gray Foursome followed hard on the heels of the Bedford match. Drawn to play against Bishops Stortford at Worpolsden in the first round, we were delighted to record a 3 matches to nil win and take our place in the second round against King's Canterbury. Sadly our success was shortlived, and we lost by the same margin. We were represented by **John Ward**, **John Saxby**, **Ben Ward**, **Michael Port**, **Gerald Timmans** and **Brian Leadsom**.

Michael Port ■

Netball

The first ever OW versus School netball match was held this year, in the Sports Hall, kindly organised by Holly Saunders [hols_3@hotmail.com]. Also playing were Alison Mitchell, Alec Baggs, Emily Lovett, Sam Perry, Rebecca Wardle and Heather Frew. The OWs won 20 - 16. ■

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