

The Old Papplewickian

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THE HEADMASTER REPORTS ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE MICHAELMAS TERM 2001

There have been times this term, my 30th as Headmaster, when we have come as close as I can remember to achieving that Holy Grail of Education: simultaneous excellence and breadth. Staff and boys have been working hard to maintain and enhance our outstanding academic record of recent years amid an atmosphere of genuine intellectual curiosity.

All our candidates for entry to Eton in 2004 achieved guaranteed places in the List Test, a feat described to me by

the Eton Secretary as "unique" among prep schools. However, the acid test is how our boys continue their academic development at Public School and it was good to hear that Charlie Hunt and Jonathan Bryan have been awarded Scholarships at Wellington while Matthew Ives with 12 A* and 2 A grades at GCSE becomes our latest Oppidan Scholar at Eton. Neither could anyone accuse Papplewick of pursuing a narrow exam-focused curriculum: Sport, Music, Art and Drama flourish and combine to give

our boys confidence which spills over into the classroom.

The 1st XV, 2nd XV, Colts A and Under 9s enjoyed particularly successful seasons: the 1st XV put the mighty Dragon to the sword in their own backyard while Caldicott was trounced 38-12. It was a term of two musicals, 'Great Scott' and 'Trolls' and I have seldom experienced more appreciative audiences. The Christmas Fair raised nearly £7,700 which will soon be spent on a Grand Piano for the Hall.

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Stone Soup

EDITORIAL

You will see from this enlarged edition of 'The Old Papplewickian' that there is a greater proportion of entries from less recent Old Boys than there was last year. This is largely because a considerable number of you have contacted me, either through e-mail or the conventional post, to let me know how you are getting on and what you are doing. **I hope that this will provoke still more of you to write to give me your news, and perhaps some recollections of your time at the School.** It was gratifying to hear that many of you enjoyed reading about the old school, and there were plenty of comments to the effect that Papplewick seemed to be going from strength to strength. Many of you expressed a great deal of interest in the physical changes that had taken place since your time there. These changes are of course vital if we are to keep up with the times and the needs

of current pupils. It seems as though there is no room left for further building, yet space just has to be found. With the Headmaster's new house due to be lived in before this news sheet goes to press, the next phase is to improve the changing rooms – referred to in our last edition, and enlarged upon on page 10 of this one.

Thank you to those who have contacted me to let me know the addresses of some of the 'missing' Old Boys. I hope the records have been brought up to date; unfortunately, as fast as updates arrived, so news sheets of others were returned with 'address unknown' written on the envelopes. As a result we are again issuing a plea for help to locate the new and old 'missing' Old Boys. Do please either write or e-mail me with any information you may have.

(Addresses on the back page of this news sheet.)



Old boys enjoying a drink before the meal



Russell Grant and his musicians entertain the Old Boys

OLD BOYS' DINNER – SEPTEMBER 2001

The Dinner for the Old Boys, held on September 22nd, was a great success, and those who were there thoroughly enjoyed themselves, catching up on news from 'the good old days'. Several people stated that they were prepared to help with recruiting for the next dinner, **due to be held on Saturday September 21st this year.** It really is worth making the effort to attend; that was the message that came out of the evening. The fact that wives were also invited was a generally welcomed innovation this year, and those wives who did attend enjoyed themselves and contributed to the success of the evening.

The evening started with drinks on the balcony of the Sports Hall, with the music of a quintet of Papplewick musicians adding class to the proceedings. We then went to eat in the dining hall, in the enclosed area, sampling some of the excellent food that the School caterers invariably produce for such occasions. The Stag Society President, Tim Trueman, said a few words of welcome, and the Headmaster did likewise, saying that for the next dinner everyone had to bring at least one friend. Everyone agreed to do so.

PAPPLEWICK NEWS 2001

CONGRATULATIONS

*to the Headmaster on his marriage to Rose
to Tom Bunbury on his to Sallie
to Jill Jenkins on her engagement to John Bates*

Staff Appointments 1991-92

<i>Deputy Headmaster</i>	<i>Tom Bunbury</i>
<i>Senior Master (Administration)</i>	<i>Jeremy Branfoot</i>
<i>Senior Master (Discipline)</i>	<i>Martin Barker</i>
<i>Senior Tutor</i>	<i>Nigel Ramage</i>
<i>Director of Studies</i>	<i>Scott Smith-Bannister</i>
<i>Senior Resident Master</i>	<i>Tim Edwards</i>
<i>Head of Lower School</i>	<i>Jeremy Ward</i>



Summer Fair 2001



David Jensen - now back in Australia



Staff Leavers – Summer 2001

STAFF CHANGES

Simon Hitchings left Papplewick at the end of the Summer Term, moving on to be Head of Classics at King's College Cambridge Prep School. He has settled in busily and happily, and thoroughly enjoys having weekends off and spending them with his family. He has been replaced by Rod Freeman who was formerly at KCS Wimbledon.

Gareth Price has moved on to be head of the Music Department at Summer Fields, after 15 years at Papplewick. His replacement, Russell Grant, was organist and choirmaster at Inverness Cathedral before coming to join us.

Tessa de Cordova has moved on to become Assistant Housemistress at Downe House School, and her position as Senior Matron has been taken over by Lorna Ingram, who was Tessa's deputy for the previous three years.

Simon Cooper has left Papplewick to become Head of DT at Caldicott, and his replacement is Andrew East, who joins us from the retail industry.

Jill Jenkins has left to become Head of French at the Perse Junior School in Cambridge, to be replaced in the Lower School by Cathy Malan.

Having spent a year at King's School, Paramatta, in Sydney, Australia, **Ronan De Burca** now comes back to Papplewick and his exchange, David Jensen, returns to the southern hemisphere with his family, who have been very much part of the Papplewick community over the past twelve months.

INTRODUCTION OF SOCCER IN THE LENT TERM

A departure from the past, in the field of sport, is that as from 2002, soccer will be played in the Lent Term, rather than rugby. The Headmaster has this to say about this somewhat controversial change:

After a highly successful rugby season in Michaelmas 2000, the second term of rugby in Lent 2001, not for the first time, proved unsatisfactory. Good fixtures had become increasingly hard to find as traditionally two-term rugby schools (e.g. Caldicott) had switched to football or those who played rugby in the Lent Term only would not play our full strength teams (e.g. Ludgrove) or, indeed, at all (e.g. Lambrook-Haileybury). Only one other school on our circuit remained a two-term rugby schoolSt John's Beaumont.

Perhaps as a result of this and perhaps because some of our boys tired of rugby in any case, coaches reported to me that there was no real progression in the Lent Term. Moreover, Stuart Malan, who runs the 1st XV, strongly believes that a wider base of sporting skills and awareness can only benefit Papplewick rugby. The vast majority of our boys will go on to play football or hockey at Public School and we are, after all, a preparatory school. Introducing football will also mean that an even broader group of boys represents Papplewick at sport.

'Traditionalists (and I include myself among your number!) may rest assured that Papplewick rugby will remain strong. We may have defeated both the Dragon and Caldicott during the past season, but no-one would deny that they, too, are great one-term rugby schools; and we shall continue to field Sevens teams in the second half of the Lent term.'

CRICKET

In March last year a group of Papplewick cricketers went on tour to South Africa. It was a young and inexperienced side that did not do very well in terms of results, but they learned a lot about the game. Their greatest thrill was to have a chance of playing one of their matches under floodlights for the first time, at Kingsmead, the test cricket ground. Unfortunately, in spite of the tour, the 1st XI had a disappointing season. Too often batsmen gave away their wicket with a rash shot or poor concentration when they appeared well set for a good score, and while the bowling and fielding were on occasions very impressive, the team was often on an uphill struggle due to batting failures. The Junior Colts, on the other hand had an outstanding season, with two of their members, William Scholfield and Joseph Clark, scoring centuries.



Success for the 1st XI in one of its matches



Riding continues to be a popular activity



For three years Beagling has been a Thursday Activity

OLD BOY NEWS

OBITUARIES

Keshan Gunawardena

Keshan's death early in April last year, at the age of 13, gave all who knew him a great sense of loss and sadness. He joined us at Papplewick in 1994, and he impressed us from the start with his serious attitude to life together with his quietly happy nature. He had an enquiring mind, and he tackled his work with unostentatious enthusiasm, always wanting to know more. Yet his academic approach to his studies was never resented by other boys in his class; on the contrary, they rather envied him his desire to learn. He was a natural at Maths and Science, and he had a deep knowledge of computers, showing great patience and a willingness to give of his time to help those in inextricable difficulties, both boys and staff, to escape and come up the wiser for his intervention.

It was no surprise when he won a Scholarship to Eton two years ago, a just reward for all the hard work he had done at Papplewick.

Despite his quietness, his shyness and his natural modesty, Keshan was universally popular and loved the company of his friends. Yet he was also independent from them: he was very much his own man. He had a nice sense of humour, that only came out when he knew someone well; it was worth getting to know him to experience it. Our sympathy goes out to his father, and we remember him with great happiness, for he added to ours.

Jonathan Kreeger - Staff, 1981-84

It is with sorrow that we announce the death, in a domestic accident, of Jonathan Kreeger, who was Head of Classics at Papplewick for three years, from 1981. He had a sharp mind and a ready wit, and contributed greatly to life and activities at the School – noticeably in the field of drama – during his short time with us. After leaving Papplewick he taught at Cranleigh Prep before moving on to Stowe, his alma mater, where he became a Housemaster.

Charles Barker (1963-68) develops, opens and runs hotels in Islamabad and is at present developing a very prestigious and luxurious property there. He says that he is now making up for all his idleness when he was at Papplewick!

Alexander Brent (1988-93) is studying Economics and Urban Geography in his final year at Exeter University. He recently visited Bangkok as part of the course, where we hear he made a study of some rather dubious subjects! He achieved a 2:1 for the first two years of his degree course. After graduating he hopes to emigrate to New Zealand.

Jonathan Boyman (1994-97) took his GCSEs at Stowe, scoring 1 A*, 5 As and 4 Bs. He played rugby for Bucks County in his age group and he took part in many dramatic productions. He has moved on to Welbeck College to do his A Levels in Maths, Physics, French and Electronics. He is playing rugby in the 1st team, is the editor of 'The Welbeckian', is in the choir, plays the piano and acts, so he is kept busy. He is very much into the CCF, and is hoping to go on to Shrivenham, the Royal Military College of Science in Wilts, in September, and later to Sandhurst.

Ward Buckingham (1952-55) lives in Central Oregon in the USA, where he is an internist in a solo practice, and hopes to retire this year. He has done plenty of skiing, hiking and kayaking in the area. He writes graphically of meals at Papplewick in the 50s – which he seems to have enjoyed. He recalls having an altercation on one occasion with another boy and, under the supervision of Rodie Peters, the Master i/c Music, the two having to put on boxing gloves in the old chapel/gymnasium/multiuse building and sort the matter

out properly. Ward promptly knocked the other boy out!

Mark Caldwell (1983-88) has started up business near Ballycastle, near the Giant's Causeway in N. Ireland, dealing in Physical and Psychological Team Development, putting rugby players specifically through an assessment with a view to improving efficiency. He himself is representing Ballymena RFC, playing 1st Division Rugby.

The Rev'd Edward Carter (1977 – 80) is Dean's Vicar and a minor canon at St George's Chapel in Windsor, having moved there from Norwich last year. This involves him in living in a castle and preaching every so often to Royalty.

Benjamin Charlton (1984-89) after leaving Bradfield went to the University of Coventry where he read Financial Economics. He is now working for Schroders in the Private Banking department, having worked for a time for a firm of sterling brokers and also with Bank Leumi (UK), working with a portfolio of mainly international clients.

Peter Chew (1978 – 83) is now living in the USA, and working for a Certified Public Accountant firm in Albuquerque in IT. Before moving to the States he completed a D.Phil. in computational linguistics at Oxford. He has been married since 1997 and has a three-year-old son, Jonathan.

Stuart Clarke (1985-89) is currently living in Sydney, Australia, doing some spare time life guarding on Bondi Beach, together with some surfing and sailing. Having left Charterhouse, he graduated in Engineering at Imperial College. He plans to stay in Australia to work for one or two years. He managed to see a couple of the Lions rugby

matches last July. His brother, Ian (1986-91) has now graduated from Leeds, and is doing well in his new job.

Edward Coode (1984-88) won a gold medal in the coxless fours at the rowing World Championships at the end of August, having also won a gold four years previously.

David Cox (1989-94) is now in his final year in Durham. He has had a wretched year's sport, fracturing one of his knees on the rugby field in January last year. Having got fit for the Summer tour of Australia (at the time of the Lions' tour), he badly damaged the same knee in the final match and had to have major surgery on it, putting him out of sport for twelve months. He is hoping to play some gentle cricket in the Summer to ease his knee into action once more.

Sudershan Dadlani (1988-92) went to Harrow on leaving Papplewick, where he scored 4 As at A Level and an A at AS Level. He graduated from Oxford last summer, having read Materials Science, Economics and Management. In his summer vacations he taught in summer camps in the US and did internships for sales companies and investment banks. He is now at the RMA, Sandhurst, hoping, after graduating, to serve for four years in the Royal Engineers on a Short Service Commission.

Charlie Edwards (1990 – 93), has graduated in History from New College, Oxford, having been falsely reported in last year's News Sheet as being a Cambridge man.

Julien Edwards (1988 –93), reading French at Leeds University, is currently doing his third year in Pau, in France.

John Frost (1975-80) is a chartered surveyor in Burnham Beeches. He plays tennis for South Bucks Men's Shield. He has a daughter, Amber, born in March 2000. He and **Hugo Ripley** (1975-80) climbed Kilimanjaro in February 2000 to raise funds for Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Martin Harrod (1968-73) is living in Edinburgh, working as Head of Business Operations for HSBC Global Fund Services. He is married with two daughters.

Tim Heath (1960-62) remembers, with apprehension, that longish corridor down to the Headmaster's study!

Peter Hopkinson (19654-69) sent news from a yacht in mid-Atlantic on the way from the US to the Med. He owns a printing business in Hampshire. He put us in touch with one of last year's 'missing' Old Boys – a great help.

Christopher Ives (1990-96) is now a qualified ski instructor, having left Eton with AAB grades. He is taking a gap year before moving on to Manchester University to read International and Business Studies.

Yannis Karagiannis (1996-99) is currently studying for his International Baccalaurate in Athens.

Cuthbert Kendall (1987-93) has graduated from Brasenose College, Oxford, having studied law. He is currently at Law School in London. His brother Aidan (1988-95) is at present at University College, London, reading History, playing lots of sport and enjoying the social life.

Ji-Sung Kim is now at Oxford reading Oriental Studies.

Tan Lochotinan (1993-96) has left Harrow and is currently at Trinity College, Oxford reading Engineering. When at Harrow he was a house monitor. He enjoyed playing the piano in the school orchestra, chamber groups

and choirs, and did some acting in house plays. He also ran in the annual 'Long Ducker' (half marathon from Marble Arch to Harrow) for charity each year. His brother Tim (1995-99) has done his GCSEs and is now going to a university in Thailand.

James Macdonald (1966-72) is very busy in the world of entertainment, having done two productions last year at the Royal Court, an opera at Garsington, one this year for the W.N.O and a world touring production of 'The Tempest' for the Royal Shakespeare Company.

Luke McMath (1980-85) is now a solicitor in Henley-on-Thames.

Garrick Marton (1975 – 80) is working in the City in alternative risk financing. He plays Tennis with John Frost, and he, too, has a small daughter, born in April 2000.

The Rev'd John Naylor (Staff, 1956 – 59) appeared in our last news letter masquerading as an Old Boy. He was, of course, a member of Staff at Papplewick. We apologise for this error. He writes regularly with news and reminiscences.

Ben Nickell (1983-89) moved on to Worth from Papplewick, and having graduated from Bristol is now working for Cox Insurance in the City.

James Perriss (1988-1993) is working at an estate agent's office in Chelsea and is enjoying it.

Hugo Ripley (1977-80) is kept very busy with his journalism and website in Cape Town, where he loves living. His younger brother, Oliver (1977-82), works for a company in IT called Onvista, and youngest brother, Leo (1980-86), is headhunting!

John Rogerson (1993-96) has now finished at Eton and is applying to Oxford for 2002 to read English. When he wrote, he was selling shoes on High Street Kensington, hoping to earn enough money to travel to Lesotho, where he intended to volunteer for an under-developed school, teaching and helping with various other projects. He has **Alex Stables** (1990 –96) as a neighbour in London; Alex is 'having a ball' as a DJ/part-time factory worker. John also sees something of **Ollie Clasper** (1990–96), sharing interests in Music, Literature and Art with him.

James Ross (1984-90) has graduated in medicine from Cambridge and is now enjoying being a house officer at Ipswich Hospital.

Andrew Smith (1963-69) is living in Kew, in west London. After leaving Papplewick he went to Monkton Combe and then to St Andrews University. He rowed for the School at Monkton and obtained a judo black belt and represented Scotland Universities at judo (good old Don Werner!) He continues to row, do judo and has recently taken up polo. He played rugby briefly for London Scottish. He is a qualified accountant and is currently working as a management consultant for KPMG Consulting. Sadly his brother Stephen (1965-71) died in a road accident in 1996.

Oliver Svehlik (1989–94) is in his second year at Bristol West of England University, studying Estate and Leisure Management.

Blair Taberer (1992–96) has been studying hard for his Matric in South Africa. He won the school squash championship and the 'Round the Werf' challenge – a

traditional run around the whole school perimeter). In his final year he was captain of cricket, rugby and squash, and also won the Factor Award for the highest contribution to the school, the sportsman of the year award, the squash trophy and the Actor of the Year. He plans to do a 'gap term' at Papplewick in Summer 2002.

Chris Thomas (1989-94) left Shiplake in 1999. He was Deputy Head of College and Captain of Boats for two years, and played in the 1st XV also in his final two years. He is now reading English and History at Oxford Brookes, where he continues to row.

Mike Watt (1953-59) is living in Connecticut, USA, and is the Executive Producer for Flagship Communications, producing big events, meetings, satellite broadcasts and webcasts all over the world. He remembers nostalgically 'the marvellous cultural experiences under Alannah Gordon, traipsing off to the train headed for the Old Vic or Hampton Court'.

Andrew Wilkinson (1962-68) has fond and descriptive memories of music lessons under Rodie Peters, who gave him a lasting memory of Church music. He has been in the Travel Industry, and is now running his own Travel Company in Hythe. He recently quite by chance came across **Augur Pearce** (1964-70), whose guide he was when Augur arrived at Papplewick.

Stephen White-Cooper (1982-88) is still playing second row rugby for Harlequins. He also represented England in Canada and the USA last summer, when the Lions were touring Australia. Last September he gave up his time to come to Papplewick and conduct a pretty killing training session with Game 1, which was greatly appreciated.

Peter Wolstenholme (1970-75) is working in London as Financial Controller of Sargent Cancer Care for children. He is enjoying life as a governor of his local primary school, and he is taking a course in cricket umpiring. We hope to employ him in July in the Old Boys' match against the Headmaster's XI, expecting him to steer us to victory!

John Wragge (Staff 1955-58) writes entertainingly of his time at Papplewick, under Peter Knatchbull-Hugessen, when the School won the Rosslyn Park sevens two years on the trot. John ran the rugby and remembers a Yemeni rugby captain he had with 'the thighs of a man - which several of our opponents suggested he was!' He also recalls going to some test matches and rugby internationals with PK-H, who used to drive. Peter once tried to park his car on a residential street in Twickenham and when a policeman tried to move him on, Peter wound down his window and said, with his customary charm, "Just going to visit my auntie, officer." To which the policeman replied, without a flicker, "She's out, sir." Peter moved on, with good grace...

NEWS FROM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ARDINGLY - Ben Cooper settled well into the Junior School and has been awarded Drama and Modern Languages scholarships to the Senior School. He was Chapel Prefect his final year at the Junior School, and was in the 1st XV rugby and 1st XI football teams as well as the water polo, cricket and basketball teams. He continues to play golf, which he loves.

CHARTERHOUSE - Darren Hooey is doing well academically and he has also been playing some sound cricket for the U15s, making some good scores and taking regular wickets. Having suffered some back problem, he changed very successfully from a fast to an off spin bowler.

ETON - Dale Taylor, an U16, was playing rugby this season in the College 1st XV and had a trial for the South of England. Rory Magrath has already taken 3 GCSEs and will be taking 8 others this year. He is in the Bs for cricket, and also for soccer, and is currently keen on rap. Tom Luck is doing some good work, and last summer he scored 3 A*s and an A in early GCSEs. He plays rugby for the College U16 As, having started in the Cs, and last summer he won a silver medal in the National Schools Rowing Championships in Nottingham, as a Junior Colt, in his eights boat, losing in the final by only 0.3 sec. He continues to play the clarinet and the piano. Ji-Woon Kim plays basketball in the School team. Sean Roy has taken up rowing, which he

thoroughly enjoys. Chris Cox is playing some good rugby in the Yearlings 1st XV.

HAMPTON SCHOOL - Edward Tregurtha gained 3 A*s, 4 As and 2 Bs in his GCSEs last year.

HARROW - William Perry is taking English, Theatre Studies and Art at A Level this year. He is enjoying playing rugby in the 3rd XV, and he also continues to play the trombone in the Orchestra, the Concert Band, and the Swing Band. He is very much into acting, performing in 'Aladdin' in the Michaelmas term. John Friedman is deputy Head of House. He continues to follow his musical pursuits, playing the violin in the Orchestra and the Quartet, and singing in the School XII. He also led his House Glee and Xlls singing. He is studying Spanish, Maths and Physics for his A Levels. He, too, has been acting and playing rugby in the 3rds. Felix Leworthy scored As in all his AS Levels, and is currently doing Maths, Spanish and French for A Level. He hopes to move on to either Bristol, Edinburgh, Leeds or Nottingham next year to read Spanish and Latin American Studies. He also is a 3rd XV rugby player and led his House in the seven-a-sides. He and John Friedman both ran (with some distinction) last summer for their house in the 4 x 200m athletics relay, and James Haworth ran a stunning 400m leg in the intermediate medley relay. He has now moved on to Uppingham, having scored 4 As, 3 Bs and 2 Cs in his GCSEs. Jamie Salisbury considers it beneath him to



discuss things as mundane as work. He is completing the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award, and is planning his gap year in the army before moving on, he hopes, to Edinburgh in 2003 to read Computer Science. James Lea has done very well in his GCSEs, scoring 7 A*s and 3As, with real strength in Science and the Classics. He has also been swimming in the school team. Ton Boonyakarnkul has already gained AAB for his early GCSEs, William Lacey has an A in his early one, Laurence Whyatt, ABB and Sam Leworthy an A*. Laurence is still playing the trumpet to good effect, and Sam plays rugby for the Colts C side and was a key player in his House winning Torpid seven-a-side team. Antonio Lantero, having spent a year back in Spain, has now joined the ranks of the Papplewickian Harrovians. Salman Zahid and Ahmed Alhamrani have both settled well into Harrow life, as has Stoffy Magrath, who plays rugby for the U14 A XV and has taken up fives. He also acted the part of Watson in his House play 'Sherlock Holmes'.

MARLBOROUGH - William Hope has now left the College with an A and 3 Bs in his A Levels. Thomas Platford has also left, having scored 3 As and a B. Ollie and Freddie Ward are enjoying life, with the former playing for the 3rd XV junior colts rugby and the 2nd XI football, and Freddie playing rugby in the U14s 2nd and 3rd teams. Dougie Clague was Captain of the 1st XV rugby and Head of House, and his brother Philip captained the U 15s cricket team. Ollie Wilkins last year played some good cricket for the U14 3rd XI, and hockey for the 2nd XI at right back. This past season he has represented the Junior Colts rugby 1st XV in a variety of positions.

MERCHISTON CASTLE – Ross Sweeney is now in his second year, having made a good start, and is producing some good work and playing some vigorous rugby in the 'A' team. He is still a voracious reader and he continues to spend a lot of time playing console games!

MILLFIELD – Tom and Ben Wilmot-Smith are enjoying life at Millfield. Tom is the U17 scrum half, still tackling like a demon and scoring lots of tries, and Ben plays fly half and keeps wicket in the summer.

MONKTON COMBE – Nick Sanders gained 3 A*s, 4 As, a B and a C in his GCSEs last Summer. He is also doing well at rugby, running and rowing.

RADLEY – Freddie Leask is playing in the Midgets' rugby 1st XV as flanker. Charles Briggs has been producing some good work, having gained 8 A* grades and 2 grade As in his GCSEs. He plays rugby in the Colts 2nd XV and he enjoys rowing; his VIII won the National Championships for his age group.

RUGBY – Alexander and David Morgan have taken their GCSEs and are now in the Upper School. Alexander gained one A, 4 Bs, 2 Cs and a D, and is studying Chemistry, Business Studies, Politics and Physical Education for his A levels. David is doing Physics, History, Business Studies and Physical Education at A level, having secured one A*, 5 As and 4 Bs at GCSE.

SHREWSBURY – Oliver Knight has settled down well, being in the top set for most subjects, and playing a lot of sport.

STOWE – 'JJ' Herabutya is now studying for his GCSEs. He plays badminton in the School 1st VI, and football for his house team.

STRATHALLAN - Duncan Thomson flew down from Scotland in September for the Stag Dinner. He is doing Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Economics for his A Levels. He is playing 3rd team rugby, and doing squash, tennis, cricket (wicket keeper) and cross country at 1st team level, having run in The Great North Run in September.

TONBRIDGE - Guy Featherstone took Maths and French at GCSE in 2000, scoring As in both. He took the bulk of them last summer, scoring 7 A*s and 3 As and now intends to apply to Oxbridge in September, to read History. He's sailing for the school in the 1st VI, and he's in charge of the sub aqua club.

WINCHESTER - Joey Yusof-Vessey has taken his GCSEs, scoring 5 A*s and 2 As, and an A in AS biology. He has rowed for the College and done some judo, tennis, swimming, cricket, football and water polo. He also plays Winchester Football, which he enjoys immensely.

WELLINGTON - Andrew Ross sat his A Levels in Chemistry, Maths and Biology last June. John Fox has now left Wellington, having scored AAB in Art, English and Classical Civilization at A level. He is taking a gap year before going up to Nottingham University. He was a prefect in his final year at School. Daniel West scored AAB in his A levels last summer, and is now studying History at York University. He was a prefect in his final year and was awarded the Master's Special Award on Speech Day. He was keen on acting and performed in several productions during his time at Wellington. He was also an active member of the Round Square and represented the College at several international conferences. He played rugby and swam regularly for the College, and was a member of the gun run team. His brother, Andrew, is due to take his GCSEs this year and is showing himself to be more talented in the sciences than the arts. He is playing rugby for the Colts XV,

and last season he swam and put the shot for the College. He has become a keen golfer and is making full use of the new course at Wellington. George Tysoe continues to play some excellent rackets, representing the College; he is highly respected in school rackets circles. As a Colt he and his partner were undefeated in School matches last year, with George reaching the individual semi-finals of the Incedon-Webber Cup at Queen's in December 2000. He and his partner defeated Radley in the final at Queen's, with George winning a fantastic run of 27 consecutive serves in the middle of the match. This season has also gone well, with some excellent games, and at Queen's he reached the semi-finals of the senior event, losing to the eventual winner. Sam Tidswell-Norrish is playing rugby for the Junior Colts 2nd team and he thoroughly enjoys this. Charles Biddle has settled well into his first year, and is joining in as much as he can. His elder brother, James, has gone up to St Andrews University. Charlie Hunt is doing a lot of good work, and he is playing rugby in the 3rd XV. Jonny Bryan has taken his GCSEs - 11 in all - and is now doing physics, chemistry, double maths and music at A level, with a view to reading something scientific at university (hopefully Cambridge.) He's doing a lot of music and at the end of last summer term he was awarded a Master's (Honorary) Music Scholarship. He has passed grade 7 on the cello and singing, both with distinction, and he gained a merit on the organ (grade 6) last year. He plays in the orchestra and is going to Hungary this year. He also plays in the Camarata (small string group), and sings in the chamber choir and barbershop (close harmony). He continues to get in a fair bit of sport, captaining the 4th XI cricket, the 3rd XV rugby, and the 4th XI football. Chris Bryan has also joined the orchestra as an oboeist, and is likewise heading for Hungary later this year. Max Gore (not surprisingly!) is in a rock band.



George Tysoe (left) and partner at Queen's in 2001

THE CHRIS COWDREY ACADEMY.

This will be launched at Papplewick in August 2002 by Chris Cowdrey, who has twins at the School. The Academy is a nationwide scheme to encourage boys of prep school age to take up the game. The intention is that there will be more of such academies launched in other parts of the country in the future.

OLD BOY'S DAY AND CRICKET MATCH 2001

Sadly, the cricket match between the Headmaster's XI and the Old Boys did not take place at the end of the summer term - largely owing to a mix up rather than to the bad weather. However, we intend to field an excellent side in 2002, and we hope that those who receive an invitation to play for the Stag team will make every effort to keep the day clear, so they can come and have a good, competitive match. The date in question is Sunday July 14th. Since this will also be the official Old Boys' Day, we hope that as many Old Boys as possible will come with their families. The Swimming Pool will be available for everybody and tea will be served in the marquee.



The Kingsmead Test Ground, South Africa, with last year's Papplewick tour team playing in March 2001

NEW BUILDINGS

As announced in last year's 'Old Papplewickian', a new house for the Headmaster was planned, and building duly started right at the end of last summer term, immediately to the east of his former house. Construction has moved steadily, and the Headmaster was hoping to move in during half term of the Lent term 2002.

Changing Rooms appeal

A dinner was held on Saturday 1st December to which all parents whose boys have joined the School since 1998 were asked. It proved a highly convivial occasion on which to launch our Changing Rooms Appeal.

It was felt that an Appeal was needed for new changing rooms, because for some years now the present ones have

been seen to be inadequate. The plan here is to revamp the old ones and to build an extension on top of them. Work will begin in March and the new changing rooms will double the existing floor area as well as providing new shower facilities for boarders in the evening; the upstairs section will join onto the dormitory area. Once again, Papplewick parents have responded with their customary generosity. £50,000 was raised by the end of last year, with many pledges still to come. This is a wonderful start and if any old boy would like to contribute and requires further details of the project, do please contact the Headmaster at the school. Gift Aid enables UK taxpayers to tell the Inland Revenue precisely what it can do with your hard-earned tax: so that for every £1,000 donated, the school receives a further £289 from the Revenue.

SCHOOL NEWS

ACADEMIC

Last year was another successful year, with 9 awards from Public Schools:

- Jonathan Bryan:** Master's Honorary Music Scholarship at Wellington (Internal award)
Louis Buckworth: Academic Scholarship at Stowe (Internal award)
Oscar Gerland: Academic Exhibition to Stowe.
Matthew Ives: Oppidan Scholarship at Eton (Internal award)
Ji-Sung Kim: Music Exhibition at Eton (Internal award)
Ollie Knight: Arington Exhibition to Shrewsbury.
Freddie Leask: Thompson Scholarship to Radley.
Loui Lim: Art Scholarship to Harrow
Stoff Magrath: Outstanding Talent Scholarship to Harrow.

These awards bring the tally of awards won since 1993 to 85.

Good Common Entrance passes included one candidate to Bradfield who achieved 10 Grade As.



Scholars, pictured left – but in what year?

CRAZES

The scooter craze began at Papplewick in 1999, and continues more or less unabated, with makes such as Micros, Razors, Vipers, Zoomers, Swordfishes, Streetsurfers and Blitzes all prominent on the Square. We are told, however, that the day of the scooter may be drawing to a close, with the return of the Pogo Stick.

The new version of this old favourite is called the 'Airgo' and is made of shiny aluminium, folding up like a micro-scooter. The 'bounce' in this modern version is provided by a pneumatically powered piston, so a skilled user can bounce five feet into the air.

Apart from conkers, which are seasonal, and yo-yos, roller blades and skate boards, can Old Boys remember the crazes of years gone by? We'd like to know, so please tell us.

'Sticks' now, sadly, is a thing of the past.

RUGBY (MICHAELMAS 2001)

The 1st XV went on tour to Dublin in February 2001, which was a great success, with the side winning two of its three games and playing with great spirit.

Rugby in the Michaelmas term went well. We were fortunate enough to enjoy one of the most successful collective seasons to date. At the 1st, 2nd, Colts and U9 team levels, victories abounded. The U9's have played some promising rugby, notching up a number of notable victories against stiff opposition. The Colts have come through the season extremely well, for there are a number of players in the A team with great talent, which bodes well for the 1st and 2nd XV's next season. The 2nd XV completed the year with only two defeats, whilst the 1st XV lost three games out of their eleven.



Sevens against Aldro

What about the answers to the two photo questions in this edition? E-mail your answers together with your latest news.

Answer to last year's photo question: Lent Term 1986

DRAMA AND MUSIC

During the past 12 months no fewer than 4 major drama productions have been staged at Papplewick. Joff Powis has produced 'Stone Soup', Stuart Malan 'Julius Caesar' and Jill Jenkins 'Joseph'. The year ended with the musical 'Trolls', produced by Nigel Ramage and David Jensen. David also put on a musical play 'Great Scott', with the music composed by David himself, and which was also performed at King's College Cambridge for the Friends of the Scott Polar Research Institute.

The editors of 'The Stag Weekly' were taken to interview Sir Ranulph Feinnes, who is also closely involved with this project.

In the Summer holidays 2001, four boys took part in the Edinburgh Festival with the National Youth Music Theatre, singing 'The Creation' by Richard Taylor.

COLLAPSE OF THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT?

Alterations to beneath the Science block some years ago, have meant that a weakness has developed at the east end of the building, and late in August last year the floor of the Science lab began to collapse. This has necessitated putting some RSJs in to strengthen the floor and ceiling, and this seems to have done the trick. Some boys claim it also adds a bit of extra interest to Science lessons!



The ever-popular Salad Bar

PLEASE REMEMBER

OLD BOYS' DAY at Papplewick, on Sunday July 14th 2002 when the Headmaster's Cricket XI plays an Old Boys' XI, from 11.30a.m. Teas will be available in the afternoon, as will the swimming pool.

THE OLD BOYS' DINNER at Papplewick on Saturday September 21st 2002

www.papplewick.org.uk

Old Boys may like to access the Papplewick Web Site to read the semi-weekly production 'The Stag Weekly', which is produced by the boys and which will keep you in touch with various weekly events at the School. 'The Old Papplewickian' is also on the web site (or it will be soon), so those on the internet will have no excuse for forgetting any date published in 'the news sheet' - like, for example, those dates published above!

Please send your news so that it can be included in next year's news sheet. The more the news the greater the pleasure given and received. Address: **A.R.Sparshott, Hon. Sec. Stag Society, c/o Papplewick, Windsor Road, ASCOT, Berks SL5 7LH.** e-mail: sparsant@aol.com



Michaelmas Term Drama: Ulysses