

The Old Papplewickian

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THE HEADMASTER WRITES

In the early years of any new era, headmasters inevitably look to the future in order to plan the direction that a school should take over the next decade or so. That said, in our first year at the helm, Sallie and I also believed it was vital to look back to Papplewick's past in order to put into context any future developments. It therefore gave us tremendous pleasure to have lunch with Peter Knatchbull-Hugessen and Anna-Rose last term at Ropley Manor, particularly with Peter's 90th birthday rapidly approaching, and to renew acquaintances with the man who shaped Papplewick more than any other. Old Boys will be reassured to hear that memories of days gone by poured forth from Peter, and that Sallie discovered that 'the twinkle in the eye' was still very much in evidence! In addition, at our Old Boys' Day last July, it was a privilege to have in attendance an Old Boy from Papplewick's first intake, John Humphreys-Evans. Also present was a substantial number of Old Boys from the year of '94 to enjoy a 'ten years on' reunion. We now very much hope that the idea of a reunion ten years on will become an established

tradition and thus this year, we much look forward to welcoming the year of '95 as well as other Old Boys to our Open Day and Barbecue on the 10th of July.

It has been another extremely busy and successful year for the school. Eton and Winchester academic scholarships in the same year for the first time as well as other academic awards, coupled with another top Art scholarship and further All Rounder awards give a fair indication of the breadth of excellence that currently permeates Papplewick. With both a cricket and an adventure tour going out to South Africa this Easter, the opportunities open to our boys seem infinite, and the chance to spread the good name of Papplewick far and wide seems to know no boundaries. However, at home, I hope that the unique welcome that has always been the special hallmark of Papplewick for all visitors to the school over the years is as strong as ever, best epitomised by the fact that mulled wine is now served on the touchline at matches! Sallie and I would be only too delighted to serve Old Boys a glass or two if you can find a moment to drop by over the next twelve months!

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Some of the Year of '94, back for Old Boys' Day

SPEECH DAY 2004

In his first Speech as Headmaster, Tom Bunbury gave the customary summary of the School year. He also made some observations on the pressures of the boys of today, linking these with some interesting comments on boarding and on the happy atmosphere to be found in Papplewick – an atmosphere promoted by Peter Knatchbull-Hugessen, and fostered by his successors, Stuart Morris and Rhidian Llewellyn. In this respect Old Boys might consider, with some relief, that things that really matter have changed little over the years.

With reference to the recent successes in Scholarship and Common Entrance exams, the Headmaster spoke of the stressful effect of the annual school examinations on parents and boys.

“Old-fashioned though this may be, I do not believe that boys of prep school age should be experiencing the stresses, anxieties and pressures that modern society places all too readily and far too quickly on the shoulders of youngsters of the next generation. Indeed, I believe that those of us in the boarding school world should be a sanctuary from such outside influences. We must protect our boys from undue pressure at an early age, and we must educate them to keep in perspective the many challenges, successes and yes disappointments too, that will make up a normal and happy childhood. And my own belief is that there is no better setting to enjoy an idyllic childhood, even in this day and age, than a boys’ boarding preparatory school.

“And the good news is that your boys are happy. Don’t just take my word for it – it’s official! We have recently been inspected by the Commission for Social Care, the equivalent of the old social services inspectorate. We were measured against no less than fifty-two boarding standards ranging from the induction of new boarders to crisis management, and I’m delighted to say we passed the lot. But, more importantly, the inspectors said time and again, after three days of observations and interviews with our boys, not only were Papplewick boys incredibly open and confident, they were above all, palpably happy.



Boys in the January snow

“On the same theme, one of the prospective parents whom I have shown round wrote, ‘I could not possibly have imagined looking round a happier school. One could literally inhale the happiness of the boys and the unbridled enthusiasm of your delightful staff.’ And a senior school headmistress wrote, after visiting the School, ‘The boys were friendly and articulate and a credit to you all, and the atmosphere combined the best of purpose and relaxation and happy children.’

Now either these boys are extremely talented actors when visitors come to call, or Papplewick really does have something special going on. And from where does all this happiness spring? Well, I believe the fundamental core of all that we do at Papplewick goes back to the boarding ethos and the staff that are attracted to work within such an atmosphere. I recently received a letter from an old boy who said, ‘The big dorms, which I think were brilliant, with so many of you in them – nearly your whole year – it was like being at home with all your closest friends.’

“So on the boarding issue, let me reassure you, lest there be any doubt, I was appointed to be the Headmaster of a boarding school, and a boarding school Papplewick will remain.



Relaxing on a Sunday Afternoon Ice Cream making



Boarders enjoying their Christmas Feast



The Sponsored Walk 2004

THE YEAR AT PAPPLEWICK

It has been another very full year at Papplewick. The greatest change, of course, and one that always brings with it the threat of upheavals in all departments of school life, has been the arrival of a new Headmaster. Tom Bunbury, of course, was new in appointment only, having been at Papplewick for ten years – the previous four as Deputy Head – so the transition was relatively painless. Having helped to formulate policy as a member of the Senior Management Team over some seven years, he has largely carried on as before, refining things only slightly perhaps, to fit in with his perception of the direction in which the School should move during his term of office.

The past year has certainly been a busy one, socially. In February, parents organised the 007 Valentine Ball, which was a huge success. This was followed by the Hog Roast in the Summer term, the Summer Ball just before Speech Day, and the Christmas Fayre in the Michaelmas term. It is claimed that Papplewick now holds the best social events in Berkshire, now that the Ascot Race Meetings have temporarily been relocated to York!

The Sponsored Walk last April was in aid of CHATA (Children in Hospital and Animal Therapy Association), and the boys saw a video of a TV programme, at the end of the Lent term. This had a sobering effect, as it featured children who had spent most of their lives in hospital with long-term or terminal illnesses. Animals such as dogs, rabbits and guinea pigs are



The Pirates of Penzance

regularly brought into hospital, bringing real comfort to the children. The walk in Windsor Great Park was its customary fun family day, and it realised £8012 for the charity.

Drama has played its usual important part in School life. 'Oliver' was produced at the end of Michaelmas term 2003 – as was reported in our last news sheet. The Lower School musical, 'Swinging Samson', was a light-hearted contribution to the Arts Festival in the Lent term, while the Seniors put on 'Pug the Pirate'. Nigel Ramage produced 'Henry IV' parts 1 and 2 and 'Henry V' in forty minutes, in the Summer term, and 8S presented 'Oedipus' in the last week of the term. The Magnum Opus at the end of this last Michaelmas term was Gilbert and Sullivan's 'Pirates of Penzance', which was greatly acclaimed. For many of the boys, this was their first introduction to G & S, and they found, to their surprise, that it was really quite fun.

Art has again featured highly, and many boys worked on inspiring projects during the course of the year. Year 8 produced another addition to the mosaic collection, which is placed on the staircase of the Science Department. The annual art exhibition was as impressive as ever, reflecting the immense talent within the School.

The Arts Festival, held at the end of the Lent Term had as its theme 'I am a Camera'. Two plays, a terrific Gala Prom, many workshops, a well-argued debate and some wonderfully amusing reciting made up the Arts Festival. The title provided everyone with the opportunity to see how he viewed the world.

Overseas trips have again taken place, with the skiing fraternity going to Les Menuires during the Lent half term, and enjoying perfect conditions. Year Six had a good outing to Boulogne in the Summer term; they go for two days now, staying in a youth hostel overnight. This means that the boys have more time than in the past to see things when there, in a more leisurely manner. But I think they might miss out on that excitement of getting up silently at 3.30 a.m., and leaving the School without waking Matron 1. The Year 8 leavers again went to the south of France on their Leavers' camp, and had the usual tremendous time.

The School choir has enjoyed an excellent year, led by two boys of exceptional calibre, and the up-and-coming junior choir has performed encouragingly. Concerts have included 'Jonah Man Jazz', and songs from 'Les Misérables'.

THE SQUARE

Old Papplewickians returning to the School will be surprised to see several changes to the front. The roundabout with the willow tree, outside the entrance to the School buildings, has been reduced in size, thus making traffic circulation considerably easier. The parking area outside the Stag Building has been made much larger, and a waist high wall has appeared, running from the corner of the building with the red doors (now blue!) out into the Square, and towards the Cottage for about fifteen yards. This has created a 'safe area' where boys can play, free from all cars, which may not now encroach upon the Square.



The new-look Square

SNAKES



The Latest Papplewick Craze

Snakes came to Papplewick with the arrival of Steve Elkington, from South Africa, in September 2003. First there was a single corn snake, and this was so popular with the boys that more reptiles were purchased – 50 of them by the end of the Michaelmas term. The housing problem was overcome when the dark room, outside the Science labs, became available. Apart from the snakes, the room contains an extractor fan, a basin, a thermostatically controlled bar heater and a deep freeze to store the frozen mice and rats. Each snake has its own container and heat pad. They are fed once or twice a week. Cleanliness is paramount, and after handling any snake the boys are instructed to wash their hands with the special antibacterial soap provided. The intention is to cut down the number of snakes to about 30, but the demand is so great that this is not yet possible, because leavers tend to pass on their snakes to the next generation.

NEW CHAPEL WINDOW

When they left Papplewick, last year's leavers expressed a desire to donate to the School a new window for the Chapel, above the fire door leading out to the field. Caroline Loveys, a professional worker in glass, has been commissioned to design this, using ideas suggested by some of the boys. 'I have kept the design simple,' says Caroline, 'using the School house colours as the main theme. The symbol of the cross and the flowing rhythmic lines represent the themes of spirituality and growth. As the budget dictates, the window will be made from predominantly machine-made glass. This tends to be quite highly textured, so there is a chance that when more finance becomes available, it would be possible to mix these with some mouth-blown glass. This is far richer in colour with a flatter finish, and really does look gorgeous.' If things go according to plan, we hope to have the window installed by this coming June.



The 1989 Chapel Window

EX-STAFF NEWS

Paul and Diana Cheater (1973-89) have now taught at Summer Fields for ten years, and are as active as ever. Diana enjoys the challenges of her juggling act as mother, housemother, head of junior boys and wife, while Paul is on the Senior Management Team. Outside school life, he has been elected a member of the Board of the National College of Music, and has been working as a part-time journalist for 'The Daily Telegraph', in its education department, with two articles notched up, to date.

Derek Fullerton (1984-86) is enjoying retirement in Poole. He keeps busy and reasonably fit, thanks to his retriever, who revels in plenty of exercise.

Simon Hitchins (1993-2001) has been appointed to the position of Deputy Head at King's School, Cambridge, looking after the academic side of life. It is

a Director of Studies role, with considerable input into the day-by-day running and organisation of the school.

Gareth Price (1986-2001) is now in his fourth year as Director of Music at Summer Fields, and is as busy as he was at Papplewick. He went on Tour with the Choir to New York last year, which included a concert in the world's largest cathedral and a live world-wide broadcast on the web. Gareth continues to perform as a soloist and accompanist outside school.

As well as giving recitals in other cathedrals, he gave one in St Paul's Cathedral in 2003, which went well enough for them to invite him back!

He is also an examiner for the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music and has been honoured with a Fellowship from the Guild of Musicians and Singers.

SCHOOL WEBSITE – WWW.PAPPLEWICK.ORG.UK

It is good to see that Old Boys are logging onto the School website. I have received many messages from 'Missing Old Boys' who have logged on, and who have let me have contact addresses as a result. Perhaps that is why the amount of Old Boy news has increased in this edition of 'The Old Papplewickian', resulting in enlarging it by four pages. I need a bit more news, though, and then I can reduce the number of pictures, for I think this edition has too many. On the other hand, I would like some pictures of Old Boys, with their news, for this would be of general interest.



Paul Cheater in his Papplewick days, on the trip to Boulogne



Boys relaxing at night

OBITUARIES

Joss Collins (1955-60) died unexpectedly on February 8th 2004, only a few days after cancer was diagnosed. He was a bloodstock agent, and 'The Times', in its obituary of Joss, said that he was renowned for his brilliant purchases – he once paid 13.1 million dollars for a horse, which still stands as a record figure paid for a thoroughbred at a public auction. He was the most respected and successful, and by far the best known bloodstock agent of modern times. After his death, he was described by a former colleague as 'a Churchillian figure, a larger-than-life man known in every sales ring round the globe.' It was at Papplewick, on school outings to the races, according to 'The Times', that his love of the Turf began.

Arthur Dunn - Staff (1990-1992). Old Boys will be sorry to hear of the death, last November, of Arthur Dunn, who was in charge of the Art Department in the early '90s. He also sang bass in the Choir, and continued to do so for some years after retiring from Papplewick. A requiem mass in his memory was celebrated at St Augustine's Abbey, in Ramsgate, on the 24th November.



Ed Coode (second from left) and Fellow Oarsmen with their Gold Medals, in Athens [Photo courtesy of 'The Times']

OLD BOY NEWS

John Anderson (1962-66) went to Rugby after leaving Papplewick, from where he gained an Exhibitioner Scholarship to Pembroke College Cambridge. Having graduated, he has had a career in the broadcast and computer industries (various market sectors) in technical, project/programme management and business roles, leading to management consultancy in ICT strategy for business. He now has two children aged 8 and 11, and is living in Swallowfield.

Mark Baldwin (1988-94) has finished at Bristol. After his gap year, in which he taught at Dean Close, he has completed his one year bar-vocational course and was called to the bar last August.

Jeremy Baker (1987-93) is doing well in, and enjoying, his job developing old people's homes. He continues to play a good deal of squash.

Jonathan Baker (1991-97) is studying Business Administration at Bristol West of England University and he is still playing plenty of squash. He has also done a one year Formula Ford course and has completed his BRDS, based at Silverstone. He has been offered a National Formula Ford drive. Unfortunately racing is an expensive hobby.... So far he has come 2nd in two out of four races, and it is his aim to win one!

Richard Clapham (1988-94) graduated in English from Reading University, after leaving Stowe, and went to Guildford for two years to study law. He wishes to specialise in corporate law, and he is busy applying to law firms.

Jonathan Clegg (1973-79) went to Radley after leaving Papplewick, and then on to Magdalene College Cambridge to read Classics. He taught for two years in a Sussex prep school before moving on to work for FJ Cleveland – a firm of patent and trade mark attorneys – where he is at the moment. Teaching with him, when he was in Sussex, was **Caroline Branfoot (Staff 1991-2001.)**

Ed Coode (1984-88) won a Gold Medal in the Coxless Fours boat at the Athens Olympics, having come 4th in the Coxless Pairs four years earlier, in Sydney. The team also won the BBC's Sports Team of the Year trophy at the annual Sports Personality of the Year award ceremony last December.

David Cox (1989-94) enjoyed his year teaching Classics in Trinity Grammar School, in Australia. He was fully involved in coaching Rugby and Cricket, and had the opportunity of playing for local clubs at both sports. He now has a job in the City, in IT, enjoying the business side of work.



Enid Vose (Matron 1) and Peter Longhurst with some ex-Parents, on Old Boys' Day

James Coyne (1992-98) is having a lot of fun at University, while working hard. He continues to play a good deal of rackets, and he and **George Tysoe (1992-98)** won an Under 24 tournament for public school old boys last April. They also got to the quarter finals of the British Open Doubles, losing 4-1 to the current world champion and the ex-world champion.

Mark Denning (1988-93) began working in Canary Wharf last July for de Havilland, an I.T. company specialising in Current Affairs. He is living in Putney.

Robert Dunster (1991-94) has been studying abroad and has finished his second degree in international business management. He now has a BA from the UK and a degree from an école supérieur in France. He has played professional rugby for two years for a French club, and he is now set up with an investment bank in Canary Wharf.

Tom Elliott (1988-94) is studying dentistry at Bristol University, and is currently in his second clinical year. He plays rugby periodically for GRRR, a social team which in the past has included **Robert Sheward, Oliver Svehlik, Justin Mackee** and **David Cox**. He also plays touch rugby on Wednesdays, and football in a dentistry team.



James Haskell and Team Members with The Pope [Photo courtesy of 'The Times']

James Haskell (1992-98) continues to play top class rugby. In April last year he played for England in the IRB Under-19 World Championship in Durban, where the team was defeated by France in the semi-finals. James was one of two players singled out for praise by 'The Times'. In October he was a member of the Wasps squad who had an audience with the Pope, in Rome.

Richard Humphrey (1989-94) went round Southern India after leaving Wellington. He taught English to poor children for three months, and travelled extensively. He then did an 18-month ATPL course to get his pilot's license at Kidlington. Unfortunately he qualified on September 14th 2001, when the bottom fell out of the flying market as a result of events in the USA. He is now enjoying training people to fly Cessnas, and he is hoping for an airline job sometime in the near future.

Martin Humphreys (1968-73) is Housemaster of Ridgemount, at Shrewsbury. His House is involved in a huge number of activities during the term, and running it and coping with a young family at the same time must be exciting. But he obviously thrives on it, for he even manages to produce a news letter at the end of the long Michaelmas term.



John Humphreys-Evans

Giles Humphreys-Evans (1980-85) was married in May 2003, and he and his wife, Eve, became parents of a daughter, Maria, in April last year. Four days later Giles ran in the London Marathon, finishing 3036th, in a time of 3 hrs. 19 min. and 54 sec. What a year!

Lt. Col. John Humphreys-Evans (1947-51) was appointed a Military Knight of Windsor in November 2003. This entails having a wing in Windsor Castle, and attending weekly services in St George's Chapel as a representative of the Garter Knights.

All five Humphreys-Evans boys at Papplewick, spanning two generations, have at one time sung in St George's Chapel, as members of the School Choir. As a founder member of the School, under Donald Kings, it was good to see John at Papplewick on Old Boys' day last July.

Paul Kaplanski (1991-96), having graduated from Leeds, is now working as an Account Manager for Appian Technology, a company that produces automatic number plate recognition systems used in policing, anti-terrorism and, commercially too, for site security. It is also used for policing. He gets to travel a good bit in this job. Sport is restricted now, but he manages to play hockey for Bracknell.

Moin Karim Khan (1976-81) was Head Boy when he left Papplewick, under the name of Moin Moinuddin, and he wrote in to inform us of the correction to his name. From Papplewick he went to Harrow and on to the LSE, from where he graduated in International Relations and Economics. He then went to Boston where he studied at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. This was followed by three years in his homeland, Saudi Arabia, before he returned to the States, in the UN System in New York. Here he worked in the Office of the Secretary General and then with the United Nations Development Programme. Under the umbrella of the UNDP, he went to Yemen in 2003, where he is currently working as the Deputy Resident Representative. He is interested in re-establishing contact with some of his contemporaries.

Aidan Kendall (1988-95) is currently working for Media Sales for 'The Independent, selling advertising space in the recruitment section, with a view in the future to moving on to field sales or account management.



Aidan Kendall and Mark Denning

Cuthbert Kendall (1987-93) went to Prague for six months last year, working for Allen and Overy. He qualified as a solicitor in September.

Folarin Kuku (1992-96) is currently studying in Newcastle. He has played a few games for the 1st XV, and is described as being 'disgustingly quick'.

Jo Leckenby (1989-94) took his medical finals at St George's Hospital, London, last September. He has been playing 1st team rugby for the University Hospital team having recovered from various knee operations. He is currently taking a year out to get a



Does any Old Boy recognise himself here?

BSc in anatomy, and he hopes to do orthopaedic surgery after that.

James Lewis (1997-2001) moved from Millfield in 2003 to Miami, in the USA, where he is having a great time on the water and making new friends. He recalls a question in the Papplewick leavers' questionnaire – What do you want to do by the time you are 30? – to which his answer was – live in America. He is pleased to have achieved his goal fifteen years early! He sends us an interesting account of the educational system in the USA (which is included elsewhere in this news sheet), to which he has adjusted well.

Felix Leworthy (1991-97) is now well settled in his second year at Bristol University, enjoying his Spanish and Portuguese. He is also a Yacht Master. His brother, **Sam (1994-99)** is on a gap year at present, after gaining an A and 2 Bs at A level last Summer. Having enjoyed the ski season, he is now in Costa Rica with Raleigh International, and he moves on to Bristol West of England in September, to read Product Design.

Freddie Liger (1972-79) has made himself known, after seeing his name on the 'missing boys' list on our website. He is at present in Sydney, Australia, having married a local girl, and he has two young children aged 6 and 21 months. He works in the hotel industry, looking after the Front Desk of a busy 5* hotel in Sydney. His hobbies include wine & food, and judo (started at Papplewick with Don Werner). Freddie has fond memories of Papplewick, particularly porridge, porridge and more porridge – in fact he still eats it most mornings! He also remembers, with nostalgia, the day trips with Alannah Gordon. He would very much welcome news from his former contemporaries, especially any living in Australia.

Justin Mackee (1988-94) graduated in Psychology from Bristol in 2003. He then spent a year in Japan teaching in a nursery school, before returning to the UK to start a masters degree in Social Anthropology.

Alex MacMillan (1988-94) is enjoying the peace of Cambridge, where he is studying for an M Phil in European Literature, having graduated from UCL.

Nicholas Maughan (1988-92) gained a first in Theology from Manchester University before going to Business School in London to do a Masters degree in Finance. Since September 2003 he has been running a small team of currency and equity traders at a London Hedge Fund Management company, which he is really enjoying, in spite of the hard work. In April last year he married his girlfriend, Alice. He sends us news of **James Deane (1987-93)** and **Ed Groves (1985-93)**, whom he saw on Top of the Pops about 6 years ago, of **William Oldham (1984-90)**, who is now a TV producer, and of **James Rolleston (1988-93)**, who is an antiques dealer.

Nick Meddings (1990-93) is living in Cranleigh and working as a Lloyds Insurance Broker in the City. He says that he is enjoying life at the moment, though he doesn't see himself staying in Insurance for ever.

Hywel Morse (1975-80) went to the Leys School in Cambridge after leaving Papplewick, and then on to Loughborough University of Technology. Having done a year at SAMCO in Cambridge, he became a Development Engineer for Grace Packaging, in Italy, being tempted by what the country had to offer a bachelor – women, good food, nice weather and fast cars! In 1993 the company moved him to South Carolina, where he met and married a doctor. He is now thoroughly enjoying staying at home and looking after his three children, and not having to drag himself off to work each day.

The Rev'd Tim Norman (1978-82) moved to Paris last May, to be Assistant Chaplain in St Michael's Church, in the French capital. The Chaplain of the parish is also Archdeacon of France – a role which frequently takes him away from Paris, so Tim is kept very busy. St Michael's is an international church in the heart of Paris, with a rapid turnover of people. For the previous three years Tim was curate in St Mary's Church, in Chipping Norton, where he found life both enjoyable and rewarding, working with people who wanted to explore the meaning of life, especially the teenagers.



Who are these boys, where are they, and when?



The Climbing Wall

Giles Panton (1993-97) is now in his second year at St Andrews, reading Classics. He is keen on motor racing (he is **Jonathan Baker's** unofficial manager) and he has a deep interest in tea.

Billy Price (1992-99) is currently on a gap year in South America, before moving on to read Politics at Manchester University this October. He started his gap year last November, working with a friend in Brazil, near Belo Horizonte, for The Rainbow Refuge Farm – set up for the benefit of Favela children. The organisers take in children for periods of two weeks at a time, and give them the chance to experience what we know as a happy childhood. They are able to forget about the everyday horror that usually faces them. They are encouraged to relax and have their time taken up by exciting outdoor activities such as football, climbing, swimming, canoeing, volleyball, team activities – in fact everything that the UK child takes for granted. To finance this, Billy and his friend did a sponsored 120-mile canoe ride last September from Cricklade, near the source of the Thames, to Windsor. They were hoping to raise enough money to take out plenty of footballs and football boots to give to the children there. After their stay in Belo Horizonte, Billy and his friend intend to do some travelling in Peru, Bolivia, Chile and Argentina before moving on, perhaps to New Zealand.

Richard Reason (1990-95), having graduated in English from Oxford last year, went to Manchester to do a 6-month music course, writing music on computer. He also taught music part time on a council



A popular seasonal activity

estate in the area. This June he is going to Spain to polish up his Spanish and to continue his musical interests.

Michael Richardson (1987-93) is working in Insurance in London, and seems to be enjoying life.

Ben Ronaldson (1985-1989), since leaving Canford, has been a real tennis professional at numerous courts around the country, and has travelled widely, taking in the ascent of Kilimanjaro on the way. He is now a senior professional at the Royal Tennis Court at Hampton Court Palace. He has played in many real tennis tournaments, most recently winning the Browning Cup. At the turn of the Millennium, Ben was English national champion of Magic, a strategic card game, and he plays in tournaments around the world.

Luke Ronaldson (1987-94). Having gained a first from Southampton University in 2002, Luke is now a postgraduate student at the university, researching for a PhD in General Relativity. Last October he married Kelly, also a PhD student at Southampton, and at his wedding he had two 'best men' – his two brothers.

Ivan Ronaldson (1982-87) has been a real tennis professional in France and across England, winning the French Nationals twice and the Under 25 French Open. He is now head professional of the two real tennis courts at Prested Hall, in Essex. He has gained a diploma in sports psychology through the Open University. In his spare time he enjoys high stakes poker, and entertains the local community with his Elvis impersonations.

Rabie Shawwa (1987-92) went to Cranleigh after leaving Papplewick, and then on to Kent University, where he studied Politics and International Relations. He left Gaza in the year 2000 at the outbreak of the uprising, and moved to Dubai, where he is now living with his brother **Jaafar (1982-87)** and his Mother. He says they are enjoying life and are working very hard to become the next Donald Trump! He often travels to the UK, and would like to visit Papplewick again.

Robert Sheward (1988-94) graduated from Bristol in Psychology, and is now running his own wind-surf and water sports school in Egypt.

Alexander Stables (1990-96) has given up his aspirations of becoming a superstar DJ since wrecking his ear drums on a 20K system. He is now at University. On Sundays he sometimes plays football with **Oli Clasper (1990-96)** and **John Rogerson (1993-96)**, both of whom are living in Islington. Alex remembers Mr Bunbury's Chemistry lessons, during one of which he made 400% proof alcohol – enough to make the students lose their eyesight just from the smell. For Alex, this was clearly a highlight, and he laments not having paid more attention in class, for he could well now be drinking some of this!

Jerome Starkey (1998-94) studied for a post graduate diploma in Journalism from City University, and he is currently a trainee reporter at 'The Sun'.

David Stewart (1950-56) writes in from Vermont, in the USA, saying that he is still managing to be gainfully employed as a VP at Wachovia Securities, a large US securities firm. He visited Papplewick with his son some three years ago and was able to walk directly to his old bed in Cromwell dormitory (Where's that??!). It brought back great memories. He would love to get in touch with any of his contemporaries.

Damian Suchet (1979-84) and his wife, Holly, had their first baby, Lily, in May last year, which is keeping them very occupied! His younger brother, **Kieran (1982-87)**, married his fiancée Doris in November 2003.

Duncan Thomson (1991-97) is now in his second year at Bristol University, studying avionic engineering. He has already got his Pilot's license, and he plays golf, hockey and tennis for the University, as well as skiing in the team. He is also in the OTC, which keeps him pretty active.

Matthew Warden (1978-1983) went to Marlborough after Papplewick, then to Medical School in London. He has been working in Psychiatry in the London area since then, before taking a consultant post in Sussex early last year. He plans to move to Australia for at least two years, with his wife and two children.



Jon and Lisa Bartlett on the Sponsored Walk



Choir Outing 2004



Old Boy Umpires at the Cricket Match

NEWS FROM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BRADFIELD – **Omer Kashnirwala**, **Nicholas Cox** and **Nicholas Flower** are all in their first year at Bradfield, the first and the last of whom enjoy their Spanish, with Nicholas Cox liking Classical Civilisation and football.

BRYANSTON – **George Bird** has now left school with three A Levels – an A in History, a B in Religious Studies, and a C in English Literature.

ETON – **Christopher Cox** took the majority of his GCSEs last Summer, together with an AS level in Art. He took up Japanese two years ago, and spent two weeks with a Japanese family in Kariya, where he was given a taste of traditional tea ceremonies, martial arts, Zen gardens, temples and the general everyday life of living with a Japanese family. He is still a keen swimmer, and last June he did all the training with the Eton squad for the Eton v Harrow Cross Channel swim – filmed by the BBC and broadcast last Autumn. Although not selected for the final race, it was a marvellous experience – as must have been apparent to all who saw the programme.

Lawrence Koo plays the 'Cello in the 1st Orchestra, swims and does the 400m in athletics for the U15s, and has enjoyed his introduction to the Field Game and Wall Game. He also keeps well abreast of his work. **Jamie Attwater** won through to the final four of the Biology Olympiad Practicals held at Birmingham, and received his prize from Lord Winston at the Royal Society in London. He trained at the Institute of Biology for the international competition held over last summer.

HARROW - **Ben Sullivan** likes life at Harrow. He is playing cricket, rugby and soccer in the JC 2nd teams, and he is enjoying his work, particularly maths. **Baxter Macaulay** is in his second year at Harrow, and is very busy. He was awarded First Prizes in both the Junior Piano and Junior Woodwind competitions held at the end of last Summer Term, and he plays in the orchestra and the concert band. He was also captain of the Fs rugby team. He spent the first three weeks of the Summer holidays in Nigeria with **Harry Salisbury**, who is now in his second year at Stowe. **Asril Rashid**, **William Lace** and **Laurence Whyatt** all gained 3 grade As at A Level, and **Ton Boonyakarnkul** 4 As and a B. What a quartet! Asril now moves on to the LSE to read Economics, Ton to Imperial College, London, William to St. Andrews, after a gap year and Laurence to Oxford also after his gap year.

KING'S SCHOOL, CANTERBURY – **James Belgrave** is now in his final year at King's. He scored 8 GCSEs, grade A*- C and 5 ASs, with As in Spanish and Italian, Bs in French and English and a C in Design & Technology. **Harry Wall** is now in the VI Form, with 9 GCSEs behind him.

MARLBOROUGH – **Charlie Foster** has given up cricket, where, as an established bowler he rarely got a bat, and has taken up tennis, which he

plays in the U 15s. Exam results from Marlborough show that **Philip Clague** scored 1AS pass, and 2 A level passes. **Ollie Ward** gained 3 passes at A Level and is now studying Architecture at Oxford Brookes. **Ollie Wilkins** obtained 1A and 3Bs at AS level, and **Khalifa Abubakar** 1 AS level, and 4As, 3Bs and 2 Cs all in GCSE. He is currently studying Chemistry, Physics, Design and Business Studies at AS Level. **Samill Bachelor** and **Edward Fremlin-Key** both got A*s a year early in French GCSE, **Jeremy Gilbert** 2A*s, 4As and 3 Bs, **Jack Wallis** 5As and 5Bs, and **Freddie Ward** 1A, 5Bs and 4 Cs, all in GCSE. Freddie is currently studying Art, Classical Civilisation, Business Studies and Biology as his AS subjects. **Julian Taberer** and **Charles Cartwright** have been playing some good cricket in the Yearlings 1st XI, and **Tom Bussey** has been performing in the successful 5th XI.

SHREWSBURY – **Ollie Knight** is now in the Sixth Form, having gained 8 A*s and 4As in his GCSE exams last summer.

ST ANDREW'S COLLEGE, Grahamstown, South Africa - **Guy Gilbert-Johns** is really enjoying College life. He has achieved academic colours (75%) and has been playing full back in the U15 rugby A team as well as water polo in the U15 As. He has fond memories of his Papplewick days, and sends his greetings to all his contemporaries.

STOWE – **JJ Herabutya** was a very able captain of Badminton, having been in the School team for four years. He was joint winner of the Doubles competition, and outright winner of the singles. He was also a regular member of the School basketball team. **Alex Ward** has been selected, as a swimmer, to join the Stowe Elite Sport Squad, a group of outstanding athletes who have aspirations of becoming professional sportsmen or of achieving international consideration. The Squad attends lectures on nutrition, the psychology of elite sport and the physiology of training. **Tom Copas** was a regular member of the 1st XV, forming one third of what was described as 'a formidable front row'. In the JC C XV, **Jonny Elfer** was a regular in 'a powerful front row'. And **Richard Lamb** was the captain of the Yearlings B hockey team, playing with great determination and enthusiasm. **Alex Pike** went on a Stowe Conservation Expedition to Namibia in the Summer of 2003, where he had a fantastic time. Such was his enjoyment that he decided to return to Southern Africa in his gap year to join a Royal Geographical Society scientific expedition. I hope he will write to us and tell us something about it when he returns.

WELLINGTON – **Max Skipworth-Button**, **William Western-Kaye** and **Farouq Edu** are in their first year at Wellington. They have all settled down well and are enjoying life, playing rugby enthusiastically and music on instruments ranging from the euphonium to the trombone!

WORTH – **Charles Bellm** and **Michael Ede** have now left Worth, Charles with an A and 2 Bs at A level, and Michael with 3 As.

THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM IN THE USA

James Lewis writes to us enthusiastically about the education system in the USA:

America's learning methods are quite different from those in the UK. In America you take the normal academic classes (English, Science, History, Maths and a language) plus two electives (classes of your choice) – art, drama or architecture. You have to take P.E. and a computer course. They break the classes down, so for English you would take American Literature one year and British literature the next, so you do something different in each year. In Science you would take one science per year, biology or marine biology or physics or anatomy. In maths you do the same, taking algebra one year, then geometry or something else, but there are different levels of algebra and geometry. In History one takes world history, American presidents, British history and other choices. It is compulsory to take two years of a language to get into university, and you obviously have to pass them.

The school year is split up into four semesters. You do a final exam at the end of the year, and quizzes and tests throughout the year. You get an interim grade, which is the grade for that semester. The final exam is only worth something like 40% of your final grade of the year, and the rest is the mark for quizzes, tests, homework, projects and a bit of organisation. At the end of your four years of high school you take an exam called the SATs, where you take sections in English, Maths and Science, and the universities look at this and your grades throughout your school career, together with what you've done outside the classroom.

STAFF CHANGES

Last year the School bade farewell to Alex Clarke, who taught design and Technology for two years as well as coaching the 2nd XI cricket, and 3rd XI football. He was also a wonderful builder of sets for School plays. He has gone to live in Thailand. He has been replaced by James Guest, who has moved to Papplewick from Hazelwood House. Gareth Fotheringham has also joined the Staff to become Head of Maths, having moved to the UK from Italy.

It is good to welcome Marlene Dennis back to Papplewick, out of retirement. Having previously worked in the Bursar's department, she has now returned as Librarian, to take charge of the recently upgraded library, in what used to be the downstairs Cottage dormitories.

Sadie James' appointment as Artist in Residence, is a welcome event. She is no newcomer to Papplewick, having taught in the Art Department since 1998. Last September she completed an MA in Fine Art at Central St Martin's and is currently art tutor for the BBC's Art

Society, so the School is fortunate indeed in having her expertise at its disposal. She has been making her presence felt in the dormitories, as well as elsewhere around the School, where she has undertaken several exciting mural projects.



Marlene Dennis at the Opening of the New Library



A Dormitory Decorated by Sadie James



Alex Clarke moves on to Thailand

HARD SPELL 2004

Old Papplewicians may have seen Papplewick pupil, Ben Thompson, appear on television last November, representing the south east of the UK, in the BBC One Hard Spell competition, to find the UK's top young speller between the ages of 11 and 14. He had previously beaten 45 other pupils in the regional heats in October, thus qualifying for the penultimate round of the Competition. In this he came 2nd equal in the preliminary stage, but failed to move on to stage two as the result of misspelling one word, whereas the other competitor answered fewer questions in the allotted 45 seconds, but made no mistake in his answers.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Stuart and Cathy Malan have been appointed Junior Houseparents, responsible for overseeing the welfare of the younger boarders in the School – those in years 3-5. It was felt that these boys might be largely new to the School, and would probably be boarding without first having experienced life at Papplewick as dayboys, before moving on to becoming boarders. Life has certainly been made easier for these boys, with toasted marshmallows and hot chocolate at regular intervals, not to mention the friendly ear and ready support when the younger boarders really need them.

Steve and Colleen Elington are doing the same for the Year 6 boarders, helping these boys to bridge the gap between the Lower and Upper Schools.



Stuart Malan – A Junior Houseparent

CONGRATULATIONS

... to the Headmaster and Sallie on the birth of their daughter Mollie, born on March 28th 2004, just before the publication of our last News Sheet.

... and to Jon and Lisa Bartlett on the arrival of their son, Oscar, on December 5th 2004.



ACADEMIC AWARDS – 2004

Josh Gaywood	<i>Art Scholarship to Wellington</i>
Alex Griffin	<i>All-Rounders award to Hampton</i>
Tom Hwang	<i>Scholarship to Winchester</i>
Charles Neale	<i>Oppidan Scholarship to Eton</i>
William Scholfield	<i>Scholarship to Stowe</i>

Eleven art awards have been gained by Papplewick boys in the past seven years.

Eight boys taking the Common Entrance exam, Youssuf Ashmawi, Rupert Dowson, Josh Gaywood, Jack Goetz, Rory O'Donnell, Mark Pretorius, Max Skipworth-Button and David Xu averaged seven A grades each

PAPPLEWICK SPORT 2004

Soccer is now well established at Papplewick, and the 1st XI in particular had a very good 2004 season. The cricket, too, has enjoyed excellent results, particularly from the combined efforts of each of the top teams in each age group. The School is committed to providing as many cricket teams as possible to cater for all ability levels, and even the Under 8s are now catered for! The batsmen enjoyed an exceptional season, with no fewer than fifteen 50s being scored from the Under 10s through to the 4th XI, as well as three centuries. One of the highlights of the season was hosting a team from Kwa-Zulu Natal, in South Africa.

HOCKEY

In 2004 the senior team did well, and this past year it was the turn of the Colts to have a good season. They had a weekly practice in the Michaelmas term and were in good shape the following term to face various competitions. The team qualified for the final stages of the Bradfield tournament by winning three of their preliminary matches and drawing one, though disappointingly they failed to qualify at the Wellington tournament.



The Head of School leads the way on the Hockey Field

OVERSEAS TOURS 2005

There are two tours to South Africa planned for March 2005, and by the time this edition of 'The Old Papplewickian' comes out they will already have arrived home. The School is taking a cricket team out, and also an Outdoor Adventure party, led by Steve and Colleen Elkington, who are South African born. They hope to cover such activities as surfing, abseiling, rock climbing and canoe making.



An ever popular Sport

CRICKET

The 2004 season was a season of three distinct parts: rain, sun and more rain! Great periods of time passed without a ball being bowled – weeks. But when the 1st XI finally gained some momentum, they began to play some excellent cricket in all departments – until it started raining again. But what did become apparent was that the side was a free scoring one, particularly when batting first. Batting was the strength, and it was good to see the captain, William Scholfield, scoring a century against Lambrook Haileybury. The bowling was more workmanlike, however, and no one bowler managed to notch up 5 wickets during the season. But all the bowlers, could bowl line and length, which was a great help when defending a small total. Highlight of the season was an exciting win over Ludgrove (Papplewick all out for 87) – the school that has most

consistently beaten us over the years, as many an Old Papplewickian will remember! Final results produced three wins, three draws, and four losses. Of the other teams, the Colts scored good victories over The Dragon (by 9 wickets), Ludgrove (by 82 runs) and Sunningdale (by 179 runs), though satisfaction here was tempered by two losses. The captain, Yunus Sert bowled outstandingly and had a batting average of 70, including a century, and James Brooks averaged 50, also scoring a century during the season. The Junior Colts had another good season, winning six of their seven games, and only just losing the other. The U9 team also notched up six victories out of seven, winning its first match by 223 runs! So things look promising on the Papplewick cricket field for the next few of years. But will the promise be realised...?

ATHLETICS

This year saw a change in the summer sports, with the addition of a once weekly athletics session for each game throughout the School timetable (going back to what they used to do in the 1980s). This gave all the boys the opportunity to try their hand in the athletics arena. There was considerable interest shown by the boys and together with the daily training sessions in the evenings, Papplewick was able to put together some strong teams to compete in the inter-school matches.



Sports day

POLO

The highlight of the season was the School's 3-0 win over Harrow 'B' team at Coworth Park, though the match against Ludgrove was less successful. Eight boys now play polo regularly, with a waiting list, so some indoor arena polo was arranged for the winter at the Royal Berks Club and at Coworth Park. This means that the boys now have the opportunity to play all year round. It is hoped that some tournaments can be arranged for this coming Summer term.



Polo is gaining in popularity

FOOTBALL

The season started with a 6-0 home defeat and a draw before the 1st XI began to get into its stride, with three good wins following hot upon each other. This sequence was repeated in the second half of the term (mercifully not with the same score margin of the first

game), which left the School with a satisfactory results tally at the end of the season. The team worked hard throughout the season, but they lacked consistency and turned in lacklustre performances at times. Other teams performed less well during the season, with more matches lost than won, but many of the sides contained young players who will be returning next season as experienced campaigners.

RUGBY

Rugby last Michaelmas term was a mixture of good and disappointing. Overall the School won more matches than it lost, but some of the losses were very severe. The best team was the Colts B, which won 7 matches and only lost 1, with 1 draw. The 1st XV won 4, drew 2 and lost 5, with the 2nds coming away with 4 wins, 4 losses and a draw. All the teams played with their usual determination, and were tremendous to work with, but this last season the killer instinct seemed to be lacking.

TENNIS

Tennis is as popular as ever, with 50% of all boys in the School opting for tennis coaching. For the second year running the 1st VI had an unbeaten side in School matches. They came 5th out of 9 schools in the Radley tournament, and the School first pair came 3rd out of 8 in their group in the Cranleigh tournament. The Colts VI won three of its four matches.



Shooting has made a happy return

SHOOTING

Shooting has shown a welcome return to the School list of activities. Boys now have an opportunity to practise air rifle shooting, and the numbers doing this are at a maximum. The standard is very high, as is evinced in the number of individual and team medals gained over the season. Four Year 8 boys were considered good enough to shoot for their National Smallbore Rifle Association Marksman Award classification. Boys can also do clay pigeon shooting and such sporting layouts as Springing Teal, Settling Pigeon, Driven Grouse, Bolting Rabbit and Down the Line. This gives the shooter new disciplines to learn, and the opportunity to practise the shooting that he prefers.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

Please make a note of Sunday July 10th 2005 in your diaries for this year's Old Boys' Day. The day will follow the pattern of previous years, with the cricket match v the Headmaster's XI starting at 11.00 a.m. Teas will be served in the pavilion in the afternoon, and the swimming pool will be available for use. After the match there will be a barbecue to which all Old Papplewickians and their families are invited. Do come and help make the day a success. Last minute information will be obtainable on the School website (www.papplewick.org.uk; just click on 'about the School' and 'Old Boys'.)

OLD BOYS' CRICKET v THE HEADMASTER'S XI 2004

The Old Boys had their revenge on the Headmaster's team last July, when we managed to secure a win on rather a dull, overcast day. The rain held off, however, and our Captain, Robert Deacock, won the toss and elected to bat. Wickets fell at regular intervals, but runs came at the same time, with George Tysoe scoring 72 and Jeremy Baker 43. We were 201 - 9 at the end of our allotted overs, not really enough to feel safe. In the event, however, the Headmaster's side was one good batsman light, and they were dismissed for 142, with James Coyne, Paul Kaplanski and Jeremy Baker each taking two wickets. Thanks are due to our two umpires, Ian Humphreys-Evans and Peter Wolstenholm, who did such sterling work on a pretty miserable day.

Warning: This year Tony Brooks threatens to make a comeback for the HM's XI, so Old Boys beware!



Old Boys' Cricket Team 2004

What is your news?

Please let us know what you have been doing, so that we can pass it on to other Old Boys by including it in 'The Old Papplewickian'. Just send it to A.R. Sparshott, Hon. Sec. Stag Society, c/o Papplewick, Windsor Road, Ascot, Berks SL5 7LH, or e-mail it to: sparsant@aol.com I look forward to hearing from you.



Colts House Match

YEAR OF '94 REUNION.

Last year Paul Kaplanski organised a reunion of Old Boys who had left Papplewick ten years previously, in 1994, and this was held on the same day as the cricket match v the Headmaster's XI. Some 15 boys returned to join the cricketers for their barbecue after the match, and to look around the School and catch up on news. It was a tremendous success, and those who returned – some for the first time since leaving - had a really great time. It would be good if other year groups would do a similar thing, and if any Old Boy would like to undertake the organising of such a venture, if he contacts me (sparsant@aol.com), I can supply him with a list of addresses of Old Boys in his year. Such a reunion could be arranged for any time during the year, but if it is done on Old Boys' day, in July, catering is not a problem.



Paul Kaplanski, Rob Deacock, the Captain, and Mark Baldwin

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I would be grateful, if all Old Boys would access our website, click on 'About the School' and 'Old Boys' News', and scroll through the list of 'Missing Old Boys', and let me know the address of any missing names that you may know of – or get them to write in. In this way, they will receive their copy of 'The Old Papplewickian'.