

# The Old Papplewickian

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## THE HEADMASTER WRITES

*As a school founded in 1947, Papplewick has perhaps always considered itself quite a 'modern' school when compared to some of the older established ones in the prep school world. However, the service in October to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the building of the chapel brought home to me that Papplewick is now a school with a long and proud heritage. It was a wonderful occasion and it was a privilege to welcome back my three predecessors as Headmaster, Rhidian Llewellyn, Stuart Morris, and of course, emotionally for one and all, Peter Knatchbull-Hugessen. In addition, what a pleasure it was to have no fewer than three former Directors of Music present as well as three of the oldest Old Boys, who were all part of the first group of boys to join the school in 1947. Happy memories seemed to abound of life at Papplewick across the generations, and those present seemed delighted that the school had remained in such good heart throughout the sixty years since its foundation, not least in 2007 when one of our boys won the top King's Scholarship to Eton. The fact that great sporting strength, artistic excellence, and a choral tradition that is still second to none exists alongside such academic achievement goes to the heart of all that has always been good about Papplewick. Sallie and I would be as delighted as ever to welcome you and your families back to Papplewick if you are passing our way in 2008.*

## Peter Knatchbull-Hugessen 1915-2008

Most Old Boys will know by now that Peter died on February 7th this year, after a short stay in hospital. His funeral was on 18th February. Geoffrey Morgan played the organ, Rhidian Llewellyn gave the address and the current head boy, Cameron M'Crystal, read a lesson. A memorial service will take place at Papplewick at 12 noon on Thursday 5th June, Peter's birthday. It would be helpful if Old Boys wishing to attend would let the Headmaster's Secretary know (SmithLiz@papplewick.org.uk, or 01344 621488.)

### AIRPORT TRANSPORT NEEDED

The School Secretary wonders if there might be any local Old Papplewickian parents or Old Papplewickians themselves (depending on age) who may be interested in helping out with taking boys to and from the airports at half terms or exeats. If so, would you please contact Katherine Speller on - [travel@papplewick.org.uk](mailto:travel@papplewick.org.uk) - for further information? Naturally, normal rates are paid for this important service.

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Peter Knatchbull-Hugessen with his three successors as Headmaster at the Service to commemorate the Dedication of the Chapel in 1957

## PETER KNATCHBULL-HUGESSEN 1915 - 2008



*Peter with Alannah Gordon in the 1950s*

“Good afternoon. What do you think of my shirt? Matron III thinks I look like the milkman!”

Those words were the first that I heard from my future headmaster as I arrived for my ‘interview’. From that moment, I knew that if I were to be fortunate in my quest for a post in a prep school, I was going to be in for a treat at Papplewick. I was not mistaken, and I had the privilege of working with and for Peter Knatchbull-Hugessen for six wonderful years, from 1973 until he retired in 1979.

Peter was a great headmaster. Great because he seemed to love everything about the school that he had helped to found, great because he treated his staff with decency and respect, encouraging them to employ all of their talents, both within and outside the classroom, and great because he cared passionately about the boys in his care.

I was privileged indeed to have been told of all the intricacies of the way in which Papplewick began: the many trials and tribulations that beset Peter and Alannah Gordon in the early years, the remarkable way in which they encouraged their staff to recognise that they were pioneers, and the immense satisfaction that they enjoyed when Papplewick was not just up and running, but thriving and enjoying a prestigious niche in the prep school world. It was a school that was full, it was blessed with a talented and conscientious staff, it held fast to that which is good, yet it was not afraid to dare to be just that little bit different. It was Peter’s vision that made all of this possible and it is those foundations, coupled with the inspiration and skill of the headmasters that followed him, that enable Papplewick to enjoy continued success today.

Yet there was much more to Peter than his expertise as a headmaster. He had been a very competent sportsman in his younger years and he maintained his prowess as both a cricketer and a tennis player for many years. It was all the more of a tragedy, therefore, when he was struck in the eye by a tennis ball and had to relinquish the court

and the cricket pitch for the rest of his life. He was an extremely capable jazz pianist and would, on occasions, perform to an adoring audience, believing, as he once told me when I initially declined an invitation to play for his guests after a supper party, that it was very rude not to accept! He had read history at Wadham College, Oxford, and he had, according to the school calendar, studied at the Sorbonne. (Although it can now be told that this was for two days only!) He did have a love of French, however, even if one of his pupils did opine that ‘Oh, ze ‘eadmaster! ‘e speaks ze French just like ze Englishmen!’

Peter and I shared a love of cars. In the 70s he had two Bentleys, one a vintage 3.5 litre and the other a classic from the 60s. I was fortunate enough to be taken in the former with a group of boys, and I was even more privileged to be invited to drive the latter into Ascot to buy some stamps when he discovered that my own car (a mini) was being repaired!

As a raconteur, Peter was second to none. Anecdotes, limericks and jokes would abound at every supper party and everyone who knew him will have their own favourite moments. One of mine stems from the time that Peter was having great difficulty in evicting an idle, but rather burly groundsman with a speech impediment from his lodgings. In the end, exasperated, Peter knocked on the man’s door. The door opened: “F-fff-furniture’s going tomorrow!” was probably a slightly different reaction from the one that Peter had imagined!

When I think of PMK-H, I see him striding through the grounds, past my form room window, upright, smart and purposeful. I see him taking a staff meeting with clarity, precision and a twinkle in his eye; I see him having enormous fun with the boys, or playing the piano, or enjoying a game of tennis with friends. I see him as a generous host, a mentor and a friend. I see him in the Chapel that he had helped to build, and I remember what a privilege it was to have known him. May he rest in peace.

*P.R. Cheater*



*Peter and Anna Rose on his 80th Birthday*

# STAFF DEPARTURES



*Jan Waite the Musician*

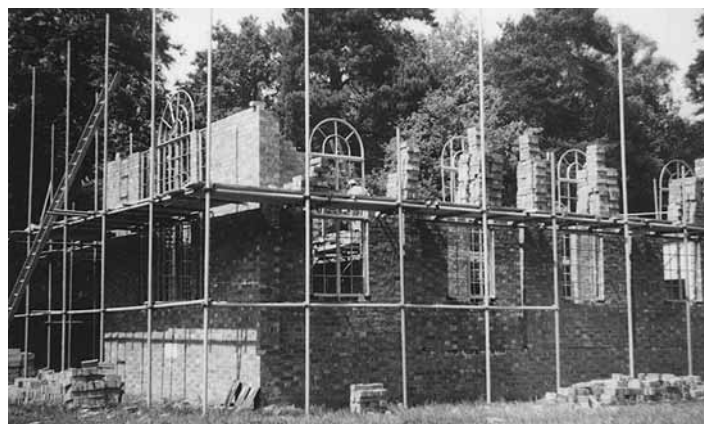
**Jan Waite** joined Papplewick in 1991, and taught in year 3 during her time at the School. As well as bringing tremendous dedication and success to the difficult business of integrating small boys into the School over the past 16 years, she will be remembered for her love of her labradors, which she introduced to her classroom and which provided a bit of home life for her pupils. She was also a talented musician who played in the orchestra in most of the School's musical productions. She retires from teaching and enters the canine hydrotherapy business in her beloved north. We wish her the best of luck in her new venture.

**Simon Lagden** has left after ten years as Head of French at the School. He has worked hard to raise the standard of French at Papplewick since his arrival, and amongst other things will be remembered for increasing the annual Year 6 trip to Boulogne from a one-day event to a more comprehensive two-day outing. During his time at the School he has run the Squash and Tennis, and he has made a great contribution to the singing in the choir over the years. We wish him and his family well as they move on.



*Simon Lagden and the Choir*

**Martin and Helen Barker** left the School in December 2006, with Martin taking up the post of Deputy Head at Westbourne House School, near Chichester, and with Helen teaching at a school nearby. They were at Papplewick for just over eleven years and left an indelible mark on the School. Martin was Deputy Head and Head of Science and he ran the 1st XI cricket and 2nd XV rugby at Papplewick, producing a series of successful teams. Helen was form teacher of a year four class during her time at the School, showing great care towards her charges. The sense of humour and the bonhomie which both Helen and Martin brought to the Staff room are greatly missed, and we wish them both well in their new posts.



*The Chapel being built in 1957*

**Jo Magrath**, formerly 'Miss Wallace' in her unmarried days, was at Papplewick for 15 years, during which time she was form teacher of 3W and later of 3M. She had the difficult task of integrating new boys into Papplewick, a task she tackled with immense enthusiasm; she seemed particularly to relish settling in the less co-operative boy! As a quality teacher of games to the U9s she met with similar success, inculcating the basic skills and producing some very good teams at both rugby and cricket. She enjoyed being able to give a prognosis on the possible quality of the 1st XV four years on. Jo is going into semi retirement only, staying on at Papplewick as an extra English teacher on a one-to-one basis – and spending a bit more time with her husband at home. We wish her well for the future.



*Jo Magrath on the Sponsored Walk with her husband, Des*

## SPEECH DAY 2007

At Speech day last year, the Headmaster devoted much of his speech to recent newspaper articles about the apparent death of childhood in the UK, and to its 21st position out of 21 countries, in a league table of industrialised nations, in measuring well-being in childhood. Not only that; the country had also come bottom of the table in children's propensity towards indulging in risky behaviour. The nanny state had been protecting its children from harm for a decade, and this was the result, even if the prep school world had to some extent managed to distance itself from such gloom. However, it cannot be denied that children are growing up in a world of consumerism, marketing and advertising, and they do need to understand that just because certain things are available for them to do or to buy, they do have to be protected from the assumption that they must do them or buy them.

The Headmaster thought that it might be an interesting exercise to look back to childhood in the 1970s and to see if it was a fact that children did grow up less quickly than in modern times. To do this he had unearthed some letters that he had written to his Parents from his prep school – in the days before the advent of such modern technology as mobile phones. One of the



*Ceramic Mask made by Art Scholar, Oscar Lahiff*



*Cubist Painting by Art Scholar, Chiyan Ho*

things he noted was the fact that he was very self-centred in the things he had to say, even if this was normal in children of prep school age. This is one of the things that one learns as one grows up; one of the most important features of life at school is to develop an awareness of others, never more so than in today's world. One is constantly being told by those in the world of business, including many Papplewick parents, that it is the ability to communicate with others, and to either fit into, or to lead a team, that is what will really count in a future career, over and above any paper qualifications earned along the way. The Headmaster stressed that these are part of the resources that he wants Papplewick boys to be endowed with, resources that will endure as long as they endure. But awareness of others is a gradual process, and we all know that patience is the key component of growing up. Growing boys need guidance, and the Headmaster was fulsome in his praise of the Staff who had given so generously of their time and patience over the past year. Four academic Scholarships had been won, including the top scholarship at Eton, a first for Papplewick and a real cause for celebration. In addition, three boys had been awarded Art scholarships, including an all rounder's scholarship based on Art and Sport. We had, too, won our first ever full Music scholarship to Eton. And the boys who had taken the Common Entrance exam to 17 different Public Schools had achieved 100 percent success once again, with a full dozen of them scoring 6 A grades and above.

Music has played a pivotal role in life at the School over



*Freddy Powis – Baptised in the Chapel in 2007*

the past twelve months, with wonderful music competitions, a juniors' music concert and a full summer concert. The Chapel has been very much to the fore this year, with four christenings, and sadly a memorial service and two funerals for Papplewick parents. The Chapel remains at the heart of daily life at the School, with a service at the start of each day which offers the opportunity to provide the boys with their moral compass.

Foreign trips have given the boys a wonderful educational opportunity to gain friends, experiences and even to share disappointments – all part of the learning curve. Such overseas trips were, of course, unimaginable back in the 70s, and the Headmaster found many references in his letters home to 'not much has happened this week.' A glance at the School calendar will show that this is not the case at Papplewick, and one feature has been the way the boys have thrown themselves into new activities such as karate, fencing and scuba diving. Such activities serve a useful purpose in exposing them to a whole kaleidoscope of experiences, enabling them to find things to occupy them, thus preventing them from becoming part of the 'dying generation'.

It has been a vintage year for sport at the School, with no fewer than five boys winning their Headmaster's Colours for full colours in three sports, and one of them winning the Outstanding Talent at Sport Scholarship to Harrow. Pride could also go to Papplewick on the

occasion of James Haskell's first full cap for the England Rugby Union side. And pride, too, on the day of the annual rugby match v the Dragon in 2006, when two cracking, undefeated sides met at Papplewick to battle it out in a game with an international referee at the helm. In a fantastic match, which swung back and forth, it looked as though Papplewick would win with two minutes to go – only for the Dragon to score a converted try in the dying moments to take this fantastic game. Our boys manfully accepted defeat, realising that they had taken part in a very special occasion, which occurs perhaps once in a lifetime. An afternoon not for individuals, but for the collective. A collective triumph which far outweighed any individual disappointment or success for any particular boy or family or even school. The boys were lucky to have had the opportunity to have such an experience so early in their lives.



*Katy Hewer – Baptised in Chapel in 2007*

The Headmaster concluded his speech by paying tribute to the quality of this particular year's leavers, who had conducted themselves admirably in all aspects of School life, ably led by the head of School, who appropriately had recently taken the number of Scholarships to ten, by winning the Herbert Windeler Scholarship to Marlborough for academic and sporting ability, leadership quality and general character. No, childhood is not dead at Papplewick.



*Kids for Africa Expedition*



Chapel Choir – 2007



Russell Grant, Geoffrey Morgan, David Harrison and Rodie Peters

## 50th Anniversary of the



Bernard Trim talking to Sallie Bunbury

On October 21st 2007 Papplewick celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Dedication of the Chapel by inviting School Governors, Old Boys, past members of staff and former parents and friends of the School to a service of celebration in the School Chapel, followed by canapes. The idea of some form of celebration was mooted some years ago by John Naylor, who was teaching at Papplewick when the Chapel was built, and the Headmaster selected the date as the most suitable Sunday, it being the nearest to All Saints' Day (the actual day of the dedication) and not during half term.

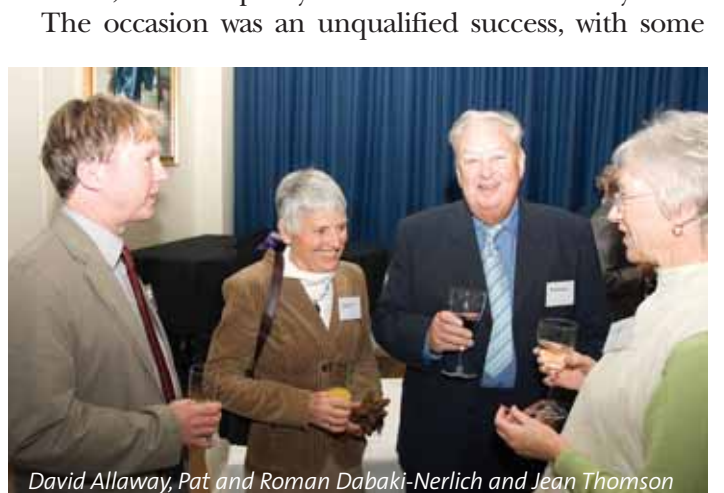


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Guests included Peter Knatchbull-Hugessen, who was the headmaster who made the decision to build the chapel, and Rodie Peters who was the Director of Music at the time. Also present were Stuart Morris and Rhidian Llewellyn, the headmasters who succeeded Peter Knatchbull-Hugessen, and Geoffrey Morgan and David Harrison who were Rodie Peters' successors as Directors of Music. Old Boys included the first two boys to be enrolled at Papplewick in Wing Commander Kings' days – Mike Kerger and Bernard Trim – together with Geoffrey Allen, John and David Humphreys-Evans and John Sexton, all of whom were enrolled before Peter Knatchbull-Hugessen came to Papplewick. There were only three Old Boys present who were actually at the School at the time of the Dedication of the Chapel, Peter Griffiths, Ian Humphreys-Evans and Simon Stracey.



David Harrison and Paul Cheater



David Allaway, Pat and Roman Dabaki-Nerlich and Jean Thomson

The occasion was an unqualified success, with some



*Mike Kerger, Peter Knatchbull-Hugessen and Geoff Allen*



*Diana Cheater, Rosemary Beharrell and Anna Smith*

## Dedication of the Chapel

two hundred guests coming to Papplewick on a glorious autumn morning. The Headmaster, Tom Bunbury, introduced proceedings by welcoming the guests, and extending a particular welcome to Peter Knatchbull-Hugessen, praising him for having the foresight to build a School Chapel at a time when there were many other pressing needs. He said that the Chapel had been a focal point of the Papplewick community over the past fifty years, and it was used every day by the School. The Headmaster reckoned that it had been used for worship on very nearly ten thousand occasions since its Dedication. This service would be one of thanksgiving for the first fifty years of All Saints Chapel, and referring back to the service of Dedication in 1957, Tom Bunbury said that the first and last hymns used then would also be the ones used to start and end this service, fifty years later.

The service was skilfully and sensitively compiled, and involved elements of the School both past and present. Lessons and prayers were read by the Chairman of the Governors, the Secretary of the Old Boys, the present Head Boy, and a third year boy. The Choir sang beautifully and the Address was given by the Priest in Charge, St. James' Church Finchampstead, formerly Chaplain of Wellington College. He preached essentially to the Papplewick boys, but while doing so, he related what he had to say to all those who had worshipped in the School Chapel over the past fifty years. The collection, appropriately, was for the Chapel Fund.



*John Humphreys-Evans talking to his sister-in-law, Wendy*



*Jenny Mitchell, Enid Vose (Matron 1) and Jean Thomson*



*Peter Haynes, Edmund and Andrew Godden and Simon Stracey*



*John Sexton talking to Julia Trim*

## LES CORRIN

We report with sadness the death of Les Corrin, who was Bursar at Papplewick 1982-1992. Stuart Morris, Headmaster 1979-1991 writes the following appreciation



Les Corrin at the Swimming Sports in the late 1980s

Dear Les,

I meant to write, but as so often happens, other less important things got in the way. I wanted to thank you for being such an outstanding friend, advisor, help-mate and father figure during our time together at Papplewick.

Your role as Bursar made the part that I played as HM a million times easier and far more fun than would otherwise have

been the case.

A miracle worker in all money matters, your "Bursar's report" delivered each term to the Governors was a very model of precision, purpose and positiveness.....and never more than a page in length! You made things happen. Whether it was providing early-morning start-up tea for the squads of workmen who virtually rebuilt the school during your tenure, having string and bradawl on hand for the youngest boys' collection of conkers, fixing their toys (remember Molesworth's crane?), or just being there to prompt, encourage and advise, you rapidly became a cornerstone of what was (and still is) a happy and successful community.

Amidst all this you never took a day off, yet still found time for your dogs and your wonderful woodturning hobby. To this day breakfasts in our kitchen are graced and timed by your "Papplewick" clock that hangs on the wall.

Our days are governed by the chimes of the splendid Grandfather clock in the hallway that was cunningly procured at an auction in Fleet. You found it to replace all the other possessions that were stolen during the reconstruction of the HM's wing.

Boys, parents and members of staff are for ever in your debt, and we all owe you gratitude of monumental proportions. I for one count it a joy and a privilege to have known and worked with you, but above all, to be able to call you my friend.

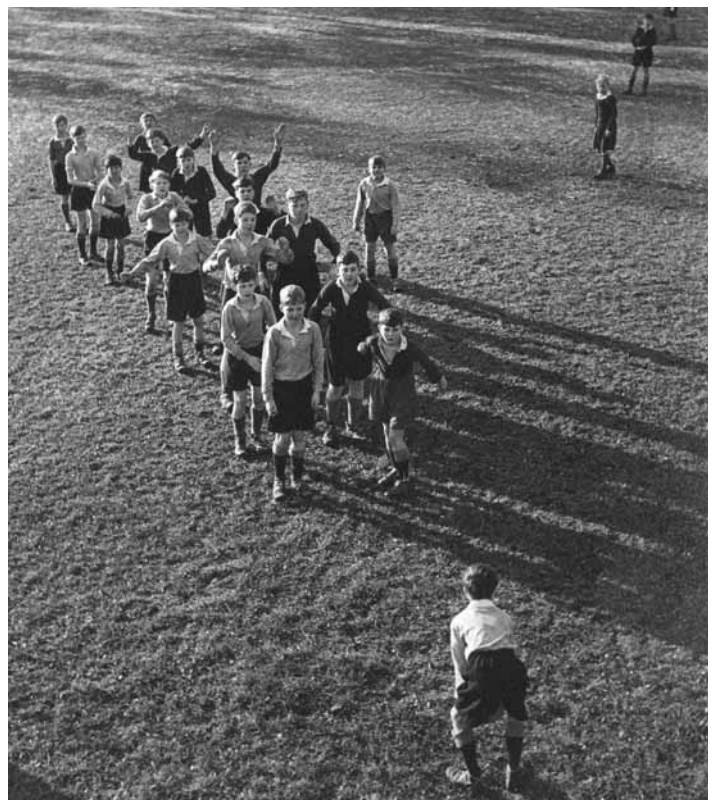
Yours, as ever, Stuart

## CORRESPONDENCE

### Geoff Allen (1947-49) sent us an email :

I am writing to let you know how much I have enjoyed reading Bernard Trim's memories of the early days of Papplewick. My brother David and I were two of the refugees from Mr Glover's prep school (referred to by Bernard) which was Norfolk House in Beaconsfield. I well remember the cricket match against Heathfield where our star batsman, Simon Starkey, very early in his innings lofted a drive to mid on and was caught by the outfielder using her skirt, and was given out. (Question for the rules experts among the boys; was this the right decision?)

With regard to sport I am afraid my contribution was more notable for enthusiasm than skill and I suspect that Wing Commander Kings's Dalmatian dog Jill (in the team photo in Bernard Trim's account) would have saved more goals than I did. However my grandchildren gave the appearance of being impressed when they saw I was captain of the 1948 soccer team, though I don't think they are quite so impressed by the tiny cup I won for fielding at cricket in 1949.



Rugby line out in 1948. Can anyone recognise anybody?



# THE YEAR AT PAPPLEWICK

## AWARDS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2007

Waleed Alireza	<i>Outstanding Talent in Sport Scholarship to Harrow</i>
Alex Archer	<i>Oppidan Scholarship (internal award) Eton</i>
Will Eversfield	<i>Herbert Windeler Scholarship to Marlborough</i>
Chiyan Ho	<i>Art Exhibition to Marlborough</i>
John Kim	<i>Music Scholarship to Eton</i>
Oscar Lahiff	<i>Art Exhibition to Wellington</i>
Eugene Loh	<i>Top King's Scholarship to Eton</i>
Jeremy Ogilvie-Harris	<i>Dino Levantis Scholarship to Harrow</i>
Roy Steudle	<i>All Rounders Scholarship to Reeds (Art and Sport)</i>
Lorcan Treacy	<i>Marshall Scholarship to Wellington</i>
George Winter	<i>Hughes Garnes Scholarship to Wellington</i>



*Ceramic Pot made by Art Scholar Roy Steudle, who also skis for Great Britain in his age group*

## We welcome

Katy Hewer and Freddy Powis to the Papplewick community, born respectively in April and July 2007. And as teachers we are pleased to welcome Robin Bleakley to the Maths Department and Maymuna Cissé to the French Department

## Food

With a new Food Tasting Committee which meets once a week, there is now a Food Comment Book, with a view to improving the eating experience at Papplewick. All sorts of useful suggestions have come in – like a request not to have big helpings of pudding on match days! Soup meets with a mixed reception: liked the soup – nice soup – hated the soup – soup watery - horrible soup – brilliant soup.



*Year 5 Garden*

## The Middle School

This year saw the formation of the Middle School, years 5 and 6, as a separate unit within the whole. Joff Powis has been in charge of this unit, leading it with kind authority and with detailed knowledge of each boy. He has also planted a Middle School Garden with the boys, to symbolise the new growing. This garden has produced garden peas, runner beans, radishes, carrots, tomatoes, courgettes, pumpkins, water melons, strawberries, sunflowers, sweet peas, nasturtiums, marigolds and poppies. Apart from the interest of the 'giant' sunflower competition and recognising a good few new flowers now, boys have learned that many raw vegetables actually taste good.

## Scholars' Trip

After exams in the Summer Term the scholars went on a short trip to southern Italy, where they were constantly overlooked by Mount Vesuvius. The trip naturally included a visit to Pompeii, where the boys were impressed by the amazing state of preservation of buildings and bodies that had been buried in molten ash some two thousand years ago. So much of life at the time was exposed, providing an ancient history lesson before their very eyes.

## Fabulous Fug Band

As part of the boarders' Saturday night entertainment programme, the boys had a visit from the Fabulous Fug Band in September 2006, and were royally entertained for the evening. The music was great, the excitement and energy displayed by the boys had to be seen to be believed, and the dancing and singing was at fever pitch.



*The Mikado: Three Little Maids from School*

## Drama

The main School play at the end of 1996 was **The Mikado**, which was a huge success, largely because of the hard work and the basic talent of the main actors, who managed to pull the less able ones along with them. The fact that the boys are so well trained as choir singers means that one of the producer's main concerns is almost answered before he starts, and he can concentrate on the acting, as the singing is bound to be excellent under the beady eye of Russell Grant, who did a fantastic job once again.

**Ernie's Incredible Illucinations** was a play put on in the Summer by Year 5, and is about a boy who manages to bring to life everything he imagines, much to the

bafflement of his parents. They take him to the doctor to be diagnosed, but Ernie manages to cause chaos on the way by turning the milkman into a platoon of German soldiers who are searching for resistance heroes. This leads to complications, as one can imagine. The cast threw themselves wonderfully into the plot, and produced some excellent performances, much to the enjoyment of the audience.

## School Visit by G.P. Taylor

The author's visit to Papplewick was a great success, and proved to be a very good night's entertainment. G.P. Taylor invited one of the boys onto the stage and, by interviewing him to ascertain his likes and dislikes, he showed the boys how he created a character in his stories. He finished the evening by telling his audience a gripping ghost story, which had them on the edge of their seats.



*G.P. Taylor explains how he puts a story together*

## EX-STAFF NEWS

**Tim and Jacqueline Edwards (1985-2006)** have travelled to China, Austria and South Africa since retiring in 2006. They are looking to sell their house in France.

**Foster Watson (1963-74)** moved on from Papplewick to become Assistant Headmaster of Copthorne, and in 1976 he married Pam Withey, formerly Matron 2, a position in which she continued on arriving at Copthorne. After two years there, Foster was appointed Headmaster at Bronte House, the prep school of Woodhouse Grove, in Airedale, Yorkshire, where he and Pam remained until they retired in 1999. Since then Foster has done some volunteer work for the IAPS, which keeps him in touch with the educational scene.

**Stuart and Cathy Malan (1998-2006)** have just completed their first year of a two-year teaching contract in Montevideo, Uruguay. They say that it has been such a great experience and wonderful to enjoy sunshine once more, and fiestas! Over Christmas they flew to Capetown for three weeks to link up with family and friends, and

crack a few Castles again! With a wonderfully long, eight week holiday, on their return to Uruguay they hired a car and did some touring locally and further afield.



*Stuart and Cathy Malan in Montevideo*

## OBITUARIES

It is with sadness that we record the death from cancer of Robin Graham Scott (1967-72) in April 2007.

Contemporaries of Edward Hopton (1972-77) will be sorry to hear of his death in May last year, at the age of 42.

It was reported in 'The Daily Telegraph' that Chingis Goutseriev (1996-1999) died from a brain haemorrhage, following a mysterious car crash in Moscow at the end of August 2007.

**Geoff Allen (1947-49)** retired from dentistry 10 years ago and plays golf (off 21) three times a week. He travels extensively and goes to Canada twice a year to see his mother.

**David Allen (1947-51)** became a successful accountant after finishing his schooling. He is now retired and lives in Vancouver, Canada, where he is an expert on the stamps of Saint Pierre and Miquelin, having written a book in French and English on the subject.

**Jeremy Baker (1987-93)** is currently looking to get on the property ladder and still finds himself working in the world of property development, focusing on delivering new custom built care homes.

**Jonathan Baker (1991-97)**. Graduation in business studies has done nothing to dint his passion for motor racing, much encouraged by his alter ego **Giles Panton!** Only sponsorship - or lack of it - may force him to retire. However Giles and he do see much better opportunities in the USA in this regard than exist in the UK. Meanwhile he has ended up in a more prestigious series - driving for a leading team in the National U.S. Star Mazda Series. He is also acting as a driver coach to some competitors in a lower series - they seem to like his Britishness and dedication.

**Ladi Balogun (1979-85)** went to East Anglia University after Charterhouse, and later gained an MBA from Harvard Business School. He has some 15 years of experience in commercial and investment banking in Europe, the United States and in Africa, progressing through Morgan Grenfell, Deutsche Morgan Grenfell and Citibank. He has been Executive Director, Investment Banking Division, of First City Monument Bank in Lagos, spearheading several new ventures that have proved very successful. He was promoted to Deputy Managing Director of the Bank in 2001 and became Managing Director in 2005. He is also a volunteer speaker for two Non-Governmental Organisations in Nigeria.

**Tony Bearman (1948-55)** writes in to say that Papplewick has always held fond memories for him, having joined the school in 1948 at the age of six. He was even part of the team that made homemade bricks for the chapel ... which he doubts were ever used on that building! He had left Papplewick before the School Chapel (All Saints) was dedicated, and he finds it ironic that having retired from full time work, he is now the part time Church Secretary at All Saints in Lindfield!



*Papplewick in the snow last year*

**Ted Bellamy (1952-57)** wrote in, having read Malcolm Smith's article in the last newsletter, on the School website. He has fond memories of Rodie Peters, and the encouragement Rodie gave him in the School choir, where he sang for 13 terms, leaving Papplewick the term before the Chapel was dedicated. Peter Knatchbull-Hugessen's French lessons were enjoyable, with 'Knatchy's natty verbs', as K-H referred to them – the irregular verbs drummed into the heads of the VI form boys in the 50s. It paid off, though, according to Ted, for "his excellent grounding meant that O Level two years after I left Papplewick was a breeze." He also recalls John Wragge, who taught him English and was very encouraging over his interest in literature. Ted mentions the exceedingly thorough Latin tuition of Mr Clough and he remembers the kindness of Nurse O'Reagan, upstairs. From Papplewick Ted moved on to Lancing, and he then became a chartered accountant



*Making Home-made Bricks in the 50s*



*Fireworks night 2007*

having gained an MBA. He worked first in practice, then industry, then local government, then as a senior lecturer, finally returning to his own small practice. He still works part-time from home.

**Toby Brook (1999-2002)** is currently at an Arts College in Hampstead studying Classics, Art and Music at A level.

**Louis Buckworth (1994-97)** is the manager of what used to be the Firehouse nightclub, bar and restaurant on Cromwell Road, in South Kensington. It is now called Chloe and is a private Members' bar, which has been described as 'a new Annabel's for the current smart set.' Last September Louis was married at St Paul's Knightsbridge to Chloe Delevigne, a ceremony attended by the Duchess of York and her daughters, the Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie, as well as Spice Girl Geri Halliwell.

**Kristjan Byfield (1988-93)** has just launched a second business. Spectrum Inventories provides professional inventories to residential properties within the M25.

**Richard Clapham (1989-94)** has recently qualified as a solicitor specialising in real estate and tax. His firm is based in London's West End.

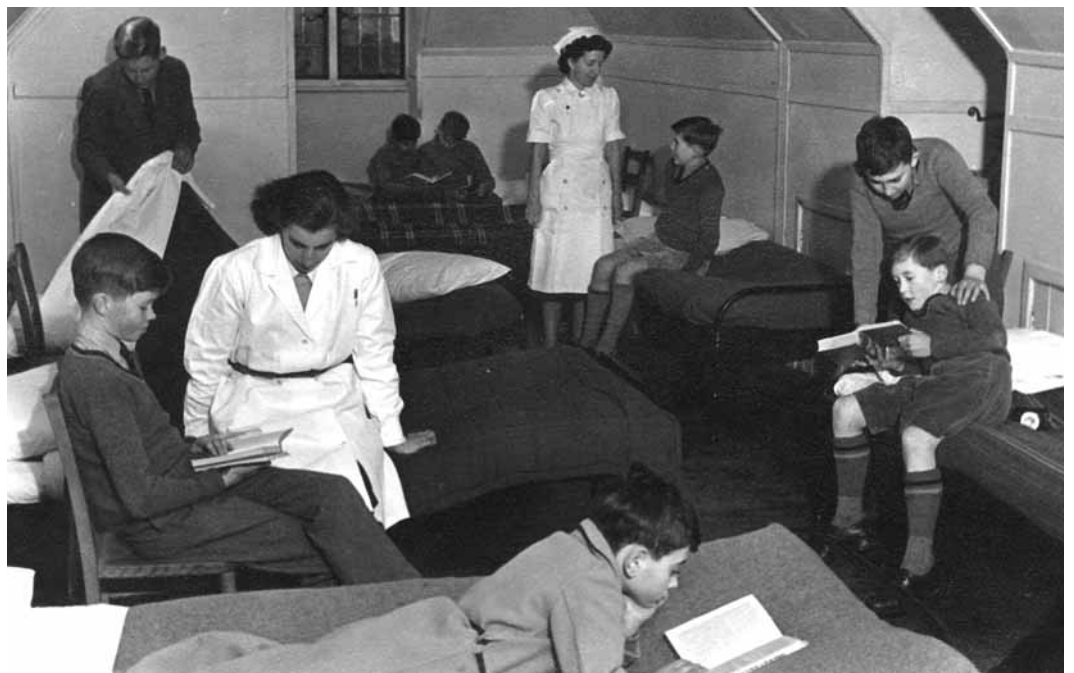
**James Coyne (1994-98)** has moved from HSBC to SBJ Ltd, which is the same Insurance broking job but with better prospects. In his racket playing, he retained the U24 British Open title and made it to Semi Finals of the Invitational Singles at Queens (a tournament for the current top 8 players). He also reached the semi final in the US Open and the British Amateur singles. Last season, he won the most improved player award. He is now looking to start reaching the finals of major tournaments to progress further.

**Alexander Crichton-Stuart (1989-95)** was married in June 2007 at the family home on the Isle of Bute, and he and his wife, Suzannah had their honeymoon in the Lake District. They are now living in Ropley and he designs websites for a living.

**Julian Dare (1985-90)** is a Vet in a practice in Leading Roding, Essex. His brother, **Alex (1987-93)**, is a Senior Associate of Commonwealth Bank Australia, working in London, and their Father, **Graham (1960-64)** is Managing Director of Lexian Electronics, in Singapore.

**Guy Featherstone (1996-98)** now works for Deloitte in Corporate Finance (mergers and acquisitions advice to private equity firms mostly). He graduated from Durham in History in 2006 and has been at Deloitte for nearly a year now - loving the job and living in London.

**Simon Field (1985-91)**. Since leaving Milton Abbey he worked at ITV before moving to Turner Broadcasting where he worked in Soho for eight years in total,



*Dormitory in the late 1940s. Mike Kerger is on his bed, reading in the foreground, and David Humphreys-Evans is standing on the right, reading.*

becoming Director of Advertising Sales for the Entertainment Channels. In February 2007 he took a transfer with the company to head up their Sponsorship and Promotions department for Asia Pacific, based in Hong Kong, where he has joined the Hong Kong shooting club and is enjoying some range shooting in Kowloon! He has many a fond memory of Papplewick, apart from all the time spent staring at the wall outside Elgar dormitory!

**Charlie Foster (1995-2002)** has left Marlborough with 2 As and a B at A Level, and moves on to university this October. He completed his D of E course, and played golf and Tennis for the 1<sup>st</sup> teams. He spent his gap year working in London until Christmas, before travelling to South Africa to work in a game reserve until the summer.

**Rupert Garnett (1985-91)** continues to work for the European Social Fund, being involved in big projects on social entrepreneurship. In his spare time he skis and plays rugby.

**Andrew Hale (1977-81)** has completed his Doctorate in Psychology and is now a Chartered Counselling Psychologist, working at a private clinic in Surrey.

**Peter Hale (1979-84)** is a Managing Director at JP Morgan investment bank, and is living in Hong Kong with his wife Alexandra and daughter Camilla.

**Edward Haskell (1994-2000)** has moved on from Wellington and is studying at Imperial College London.

**James Haskell (1994-98)** is now an established member of the England XV, having played as flanker against Wales and France last season and in all games this year except against Scotland, when he was injured. He has agreed to lend his support to The Lord's Taverners by becoming an ambassador and active member of its fundraising arm, The Young Lord's Taverners, which was created in 1998 and which aims to give young people between the ages of 18-35 a 'sporting chance.' We also hear that James has been invited to apply to audition for the part of Sports Master in the next Harry Potter Film.



*Fabulous Fug Band entertaining the School*

**Nick Heath (1959-63).** After Papplewick he spent a year at a school in Gstaad, Switzerland, which appeared to specialize in recruiting the delinquent sons of billionaire fathers [Nick claims he qualified on neither count!] before going to Millfield. He played rugby for all Millfield's representative sides [alongside Gareth Edwards and JPR Williams] winning nearly everything.

From his Papplewick days he remembers Michael Kidson fondly - not only for his inspired and wonderful teaching of English and History - but also for his permanent edible display of sweets from Fortnum and Mason and his [very cool - in the boys' opinion] pretence at reading the Book of Common Prayer in Chapel, when in fact it was a small Oxford Classic with the orange dust cover removed!

Having acquired a liking for the mountains, at the age of 13 in Switzerland, Nick has now returned to them - this time in Aspen, Colorado - where he is living permanently. He has four children aged 15-32 in various places around the world.

Nick has more than 25 years experience in the entertainment, media and design industry, having divided his time between music, film, television, architecture and design. Early on, he worked with Sir Terence Conran, developing retail strategy and design policy in pioneering early days of the influential UK design outfit Habitat. Following the sale of Habitat he changed career by entering the music business - his father was musician Ted Heath, the internationally successful British big band leader in the 50s and early 60s - and joined the creative division of MGM Film Music Publishing.

He was responsible for managing some of the all time music greats in music copyrights, including 'Somewhere over the Rainbow', and he also



*Gilbert and Sullivan 1950's Style*



*Duncan Thomson at the crease last July*

managed the soundtrack from 'Dr Zhivago' and worked closely with Ken Russell on his extravagant production of 'The Boyfriend', starring iconic model Twiggy. He later set up the contemporary song writing division of the company that represented songwriters like Peter Frampton ('Frampton Cones Alive' – the largest selling live album of all time.)

Nick also formed and ran his own leading UK independent record label Rialto, and music publishing outfit Nick Heath Music, continuing to make the charts with several hits, including 'Everybody's Got to Learn Sometime' – number one across Europe. Following the sale of his record and publishing companies to Warner Bros., he founded the Rainbow Media Group, which was at one time the largest revenue producing licensing source to the US studios over a three year period.

More recently Nick has returned to his first love – architecture and interior design – developing projects and sometimes providing a design consultancy that expresses a deep interest in 20th century modern design. His latest project is a remodel of a house which offers sweeping views and constant surprises, perched on a precipitous slope 9000 feet up in the Rockies at Snowmass Village, Colorado.

**Mo Islam (1995-97)** flew over from the United Arab Emirates for Reunion '97 on Old Boys' Day last July.

**Joseph Johns (1991-97)** has finished Law School in the City. He took his L.P.C. last year and was hunting jobs when we last heard from him. He took nine months off in September to visit South America, the Antarctic and India.



*Andrew Roberts, Ben King, Joseph Johns and Tom Wilmot-Smith*

**Paul Kaplanski (1991-94)** has changed jobs and is now Sales Manager in ADT looking after three teams, in London, London West and Sunbury. He continues to play a good deal of hockey for Bracknell and in the Summer League in Reading as well.

**Cuthbert Kendall (1987-93)** has moved on from his former job and is now at Barclays Capital, still as a lawyer but just working in house in the investment banking division of Barclays.

**Mike Kerger (1947-52)** lives in Majorca and plays golf three times weekly, and when the sea is calm goes boating around the beautiful coastline. He spends some three months in the French Alps, skiing, which keeps him fit.

**Ben King (1990-97)** is Land Director of Heronsbrook Homes, and is working in the Home Counties.



*Mike Kerger winning the junior long jump in 1948*

**Folarin Kuku (1992-1996)** is a lieutenant in the Grenadier Guards, being the first black officer to be appointed, in 2006, to any of the Guards divisions. Last April he was seriously wounded in Southern Afghanistan by a Taliban grenade, while leading a routine foot patrol in Helmand province. Having been rushed from the scene to a field hospital at British HQ Camp Bastion, he was subsequently flown back to the UK for expert treatment.

**Simon Kyte (1975-80).** After leaving Stowe, Simon graduated from Exeter with a degree in Economics and Geography. He tried teaching geography for a bit and then moved on through a series of posts related to Economics in Milton Keynes, Cambridge and London. He is now working for GLA Economics at City Hall in London, where his main areas of work include examining the economic impacts of climate change on London in synergy with the Mayor's Office, and examining interactions with London's transport policies. He spends much of his spare time on family and local history - at least until his metal detecting hobby gets off the ground.

**Anthony Lewington (1990-1995)** went to Sherborne after leaving Papplewick, and then he spent his gap year in Kazakhstan, where his Father was UK Ambassador. Following this, he went to Bradford Business School where he gained a BSc in Business Administration. From here he joined the West Yorkshire Police, where he is thoroughly enjoying life. He finds his height of 6ft 5ins a distinct advantage!

**David-Henry Liddell-Grainger (1995-96)** has been doing well as a pilot. There were 150 applicants for entry to Bristows, and this number was whittled down first to 75, then to 13, with 4 being finally accepted – of whom David-Henry was one. This was remarkable in that he was only 23 years old, and the average age was 26-28, and usually ex-RAF applicants.

**David McDonald (1959-1964)** is now a professor of Zoology at the University of Wyoming. He was in Britain on holiday with his family last year in mid-June hoping to show Papplewick to his young children.

**Robert Myers (1976-78)** lives in the Bahamas and is married with a son and a daughter. He left England in 1980, while still at Stanbridge Earls, and went to a junior college in Florida where he finished his education studying Landscape Architecture, and graduating with an Associate of Arts Degree in 1984. He returned home to the Bahamas and started work with the family company, Caribbean Landscape, which he purchased from his father in 1989. The firm runs landscape, hardscape (pools, patios, driveways etc.), irrigation, outdoor lighting, services, maintenance and garden and home centre.

In 2001 he started Caribbean Construction and

Management Services, a high end home and condominium building company and the following year he set up Western Hardware and Lumber Co., a local retail centre West of Nassau. This company has just started to manufacture structural and non structural steel stud and track for the construction industry, and hopes by next year to be manufacturing concrete block.

Last year he launched Green Systems Ltd, a joint venture of environmentally conscious businesses, which is now running the first composting facility on the island. It makes mulch, soil and compost out of green waste, cardboard, paper, sea weed, wood pallets and the like.

**William Perry (1994-97)** has been appearing on Sky 203 on Wednesdays, presenting 'Talking Sharks', a rugby programme. He is also working for Manchester BBC radio, presenting football and sports reports.

**Andrew Roberts (1991-97)** organises Scientists for Industry, his job being to fill hotels for conferences. He is also Director of the Family Property Campaign, based in Bristol.

**Charlie Rotheroe (1975-80)** won the President's Cup golf tournament in January, for the third time – an outstanding achievement – being only the fourth person to do so in the history of the competition.

**Richard Scawn (1985-91)** has just completed his specialist exams in Ophthalmology so he is now a member of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists. He was working in King Edward's Hospital in Windsor last year, though he moved to Norwich in September. He is engaged to be married, with the wedding scheduled for later this year.



*Skateboarding in Break*

**James Sutch (1991-97)** is working for Price Waterhouse, dealing with corporate finance, specifically mergers and acquisition work. This will continue for another two years, when he hopes to qualify with an ACA.

**Arthur Taylor (1986-91)** went on to Wellington after leaving Papplewick, then to Durham to do a BA in History. He finished at Kingston University, doing an MA in Business Management. In a career swerve he went to Sandhurst and is now a Lieutenant in the 19th Regiment, The Royal Artillery (The Highland Gunners.) He has served both in Iraq and Afghanistan.

**Dale Taylor (1994-99)** began his teaching career at Caldicott as Classics master, in September last year.

**Ralph Taylor (1987-93)** went to Wellington after Papplewick, then Leeds, and gained a First in English and History of Art. He worked at Christies before taking an MA at the Courtauld Institute in Modern Art. He is now considered to be an 'expert' in Impressionist, Modern and Contemporary Art at Sotheby's.

**Duncan Thomson (1991-97)** graduated from Bristol last Summer and is now working for Hambro, as a Sales and Marketing Executive. He will be doing this for two years before he gets his first position.

**Brooks Ticzon (1998-2000)** is living most of the year in the USA where he is at university. Last Summer he worked as an intern in the financial district of New York for a company that has also an office in London.

**Gareth and Nathan Viner (1986-89)**. At the time the boys were at Papplewick the family were resident in Bahrain. On relocating to South Africa late in 1989 (interesting times) Gareth and Nathan transferred to St. David's College, Inanda, Johannesburg. Gareth is working in the film industry which is very active in South Africa. He also spends a lot of time working



*Duncan Thomson and James Sutch at Old Boys' Day last year*



*Stuart and Sue Morris at the Cricket Match last year*

overseas. If you look closely at the credits of such films as 'Blood Diamond' and 'Ali' you will catch his name. Nathan, after a false start getting his degree in Business and accountancy at Wits University, has now realised his boyhood passion and is an airline flight captain. He is married to a beautiful Swedish girl.

**Alex Ward (1996-2001)** is a member of the Magic Circle, and has become a very successful career 'magician', having already travelled and performed extensively around the world.

**Oliver Ward (1997-99)** is currently looking for a job in Marketing and his brother, **Freddie**, is in his second year at Leeds studying Zoology. He has joined the circus society - improving his poy and juggling skills.

**Andrew West (1994-98)** is just finishing his final year of studying Medicine at Leeds University. He passed last year with a very good B average and he hopes he can keep this up, in between playing rugby and going out with his mates. He went travelling around Cambodia and Thailand last summer, having fallen in love with the area during his gap year.

**Daniel West (1994-96)** has moved companies to a new advertising agency in London, working on the O2 B2B communications as an account manager. In his spare time he has been playing Rugby for a club in Regents Park and taking roles in Amateur Dramatic productions.

**Tom Wilmot-Smith (1991-97)** is selling financial printing through power-print presentations.

**Bill Zuill (1975-77)** has very fond memories of his time at Papplewick, after which he went to Marlborough followed by Tufts University in the USA, where he gained a BA in history. Since then he has been a journalist in Bermuda, his home, and has been Editor of 'The Royal Gazette', Bermuda's national newspaper, since 1998. He is married with one son, aged 5.



## NEWS FROM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**BRADFIELD.** **Ziyad Baeshen** had a very good first year at Bradfield, achieving high end of year grades. He enjoys his extracurricular activities in general and cricket in particular. He was the top academic performer in ICT subjects in the end of the year examination. **Tolu Osibodu** is enjoying life, especially the polo, which he plays for the College.

**ETON.** **Charlie Johnson** has been commended in history for excellent work in his division and has risen through the ranks to division 2 - the highest one below King's Scholars. He is doing the same in Divinity and in English, being also in Div 2. He has already achieved an A\* at iGCSE for his English coursework. **Charles Neale** has been awarded Her Majesty the Queen's Prize for French. The examiner, a University Don, said that he thought that Charles' answer was of a standard that he had rarely encountered among third year undergraduates!

**HAMPTON SCHOOL.** **Jake Tempest** is enjoying life at Hampton, especially the Classical subjects. In his free time he likes the rowing that the School has to offer, and has earned a place in the B Oct. **Forbes Lindesay** has been awarded the Senior Maths prize at Hampton. The prize is awarded to the boy who gets the best results in his iGCSE maths having taken it a year early (at the end of the fourth year.) He achieved 100% in one paper and 99% in the other! Other subjects are also going well, though perhaps not to quite the same standard!

**HARROW.** **Poom Kunplin** has now left the School, where he was Deputy Head of House, with house colours for all the major sports. His A level results produced an A in Art and Maths, and a B in Economics. He has now moved on to St Martins in London to study Fine Art. **Toby Lace** gained As in Chemistry, Statistics and Photography, and a B in Geography in his A levels. He was an excellent rower in



*Old Boy Cricketers at lunch last July*

the School 1<sup>st</sup> VIII and 1<sup>st</sup> IV, winning several cups and medals in various regattas. He also stage managed his House play for his final two years. He has won a highly competitive Price Waterhouse Sponsorship whilst studying Business, Accounting and Finance at Newcastle University. **Jamie Seligman** has obtained two As and a B at A levels as he moves on to Leeds Business School. **Hugo Gilbert** went with the Harrow Royal Marines and took part in the prestigious Pringle Competition in Lymington in Devon – a two day event. **Salman Alhamrani** is really enjoying life at Harrow both from the academic and sporting points of view. He is in the A teams for Football and Rugby and is hoping to play for the School 1<sup>st</sup> team in polo. **Yunus Sert** has settled well into Harrow life. He has been doing a good deal of sport, playing in the Yearlings A teams for rugby and soccer, and captaining the Cricket team with an average of 88 and a sizeable tally of wickets! Despite being a Yearling he was selected to tour India last Summer with Harrow 1st XI. He is also Captain of Berkshire Under 14's. He is enjoying his golf, when he can find time to play! **Charles de Pentheny O'Kelly** is in the School rowing team, which has produced its best performances ever, winning at the Hammersmith and Marlow regattas and picking up a series of other medals during the course of the season. **Hugo Ross** is enjoying the drama, where he played the part of Kitty in 'Charley's Aunt' in his house play.

**MARLBOROUGH.** **Mansur Batchelor** is now well settled in Marlborough, being in his second year. He had a good start, playing plenty of rugby, football and doing some fencing. He was also particularly prominent in the field of debating in the inter-House competition, and as a DJ at a number of first-year bars. **Simon Foster** is now in his third year in Marlborough. He captained the U16 rugby side this year, being one of the three Papplewick boys captaining Marlborough teams this season - the other two being **Julian Taberer** who was captain of the 1<sup>st</sup> XV, and **William Eversfield** who captained Shell Rugby. **Samih Batchelor** has left



*Chapel in the early 1950s took place in an old tin hut on the far side of where the swimming pool now is.*



*Scholars' Trip to Sorrento*

School, having scored As in History (OCR) and Maths and Bs in Greek and Philosophy at A level. He now goes on to University to read Classics. **Tom Lace** has also moved on, to study Biology at Exeter, having scored 4 good A levels. **Harry Griffiths** is in the 6<sup>th</sup> Form studying English, History, Theatre Studies and Music Technology at A level. He has contributed extensively to both the music and drama departments in his free time, up to now. He went on tour to the Greek Islands with the College production of the Bacchae last Summer, and he took a main part in the Winter production of 'Don Juan'. He won the Lower School prize for Drama last Summer, and he is also a member of the Symphony Orchestra, playing percussion. On the rugby field he played for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Colts in 2006.

**RUGBY.** **Miles Johns** has moved on from Rugby to go straight into work. **Karl Restucci** is now in the VI form and is hoping to go to university to study sports management.



*Ski Trip 2007*

**SHERBORNE.** **James Morgan** is in the 6<sup>th</sup> form doing Geography, Business Studies, History of Art and Art for his A/S levels. He is playing football in the A team, rugby in the Bs and he has reached grade 6 level on the drums and grade 5 on the guitar. **William Gregory** is playing polo for the School and in February he went on tour to Pakistan with the team, on what was to be an eye-opening cultural education – starting with the armed security guards as they left the airport. The tour was a great success and there was time to visit the border with India to witness the traditional crossing ceremony, tour the Lahore Fort and Mosque, meet a prince and his racing bulls and dancing horses and to experience the world's second largest salt mine, among other things.

**SHREWSBURY.** **Rupert Dowson** is in the 6<sup>th</sup> Form, having gained 2A\*s, 7As and a B in his GCSEs. **Poom Piamkulawanich** has settled in happily and is producing some commendable work across the academic board. Outside the classroom he has been doing some cross country running, rugby, fives and rowing, and has played for his house junior team at football. **Jocelyn Knight** has been accepted for Jesus College Oxford to read Philosophy and Theology, subject to gaining sufficiently high grades in his A level exam this summer.

**STOWE.** **Jonathan Elfer** was Chapel Prefect, Head of Choir and Secretary of the Literary Society in his final year, and left school last Summer with three grade As at A level, after a very packed nine months. He played rugby for the 5<sup>th</sup> XV, sang with distinction in the House Singing competition, and won a McElwee travel scholarship, resulting in his going with another sixth former to Transylvania, where they had a wonderful time. In his gap year he did some work in Cornwall as a water-ski instructor, before going off to Gambia in January, where he taught in a primary school for four months and helped in the local Christian community. This was followed by some months travelling around Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. He goes to Leeds University in October to study law. **William Scholfield** played cricket in the School Colts A XI, scoring 62 against Uppingham. **Richard Lamb** was in the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI, proving a steady bowler and a hard batsman to get out. He also went to Barcelona with the hockey team. **Duke Yuvacharuskul** has been playing soccer in the School 1<sup>st</sup> XI, where he was top scorer last season, with 10 goals. He also won the long jump cup, and was his House 'Man of the Week' on one occasion.

**WELLINGTON.** **Charlie Smith** is in his GCSE year, and is thoroughly enjoying it. He has been playing rugby in the JC 2<sup>nd</sup> XV, cricket in the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI and squash in the 1<sup>st</sup> team. Since the rugby season was really successful for his team, he intends to carry it on, all the way through till he leaves. His work has been going well and he took four GCSEs last year. He is also in Round Square (a College charity group which organizes trips, conferences and general fund-raising.)



*Baby leopard geckoes*

He is going off with this to help out in an orphanage in Romania this summer, which he is really looking forward to. In February he went to Barcelona, for the half term week, staying with a Spanish family, and going to a Spanish school there (so no speaking English...very scary!). He has opted to study Spanish, Philosophy and Ethics, Politics and Art in the VI form. **Charlie Skipworth-Button** has settled well into Wellington. He threw himself into the rugby, and secured a place in the U14s rugby side in the winter. He is also working hard. His elder brother **Max** scored highly in his GCSEs last year, with 4 A\*s, 4 As and a B. He is enjoying life in the 6<sup>th</sup> Form and is studying Maths, Biology, Business Studies and Art at AS level. **Tobi Majekodunmi** has left College to move on to Nottingham to read Biological Sciences. He was deputy head of House in his final year. **Sam Sepehri** has left Wellington and is currently on a gap year in a South African school, before moving to Southampton to read French and Management Studies. **James Brooks** is now in his second year, and very much into sport. In his first year he was in a good U 14 1<sup>st</sup> XI for cricket, captained the 2<sup>nd</sup> XV rugby team, and he played hockey as well. He is also producing some good work, gaining a silver award at the end of last year. **Edward Clark** has always been keen on the fashion industry, and his A levels of French, Business Studies and Design, with his AS level Art Textiles have resulted in his being accepted by London College of Fashion, to read Fashion



*Nature study in South Africa*

Marketing. **Jamie Millard** achieved BCC for his A levels, and was awarded the percussion prize on Speech Day last year. He did much to promote music in his House, leading it in the singing competition, and he was instrumental in getting the first House music evening off the ground. He has now moved on, not surprisingly to read Music at the Leeds College of Music. **Charles Norris** has gone to Bristol to read History and German, having achieved the necessary AAB in his A levels. **Geoffrey Ashburne** has returned to the States to study at UCLA, having scored BBB in his A levels. He gained his half colours in Basketball, and played rugby in a lowly XV. **William Hanson** takes his A levels this summer and he plans to go to the Royal Agricultural College at Cirencester to do Equine Management and Agricultural and Rural Land Management. His interest in sport has been frustrated by various serious knee injuries, and he has been confined to organising his house sports this year. His riding has not been affected, however, and he has been



*Hog Roast 2007*

competing with considerable success in local, regional and national events. **Rory O'Donnell** is now in the VI form after gaining some very impressive GCSEs. He has represented the College at rugby, hockey and cricket, though he has not yet made the top teams. **Adam Wilkie** has had an excellent first year. His work has been most promising and he is in the top twenty of his year group. He is also enjoying his swimming, having had a very successful first season last year. **Yimin Xu** is producing some good work and he won the Middle and Lower School German Prize last year. **Henry Sanders** has now left College and has gained a place in Chelsea College of Art & Design. **William Hopkins** was a member of the successful College 1<sup>st</sup> XV, winning 16 of its 19 matches, and he also played in the 1<sup>st</sup> XI Hockey team.

**WINDSOR BOYS SCHOOL** **George Winter** has settled well into his new school. In his Year 9 CAT tests which he sat early last Winter term, he scored 141 across all three papers – the highest scores the school has ever had. He has also been nominated by the school to represent them at a maths masterclass being held at Kendricks School this present year.

## OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

### Year 4 History and Science

This year group has been having numerous trips out of Papplewick in order to bring their learning more alive. In November they took part in the Windsor Castle Victorian Christmas Activity Day, with the boys having a tour of the castle and then making some Victorian toys. On another occasion, in the Michaelmas term, they all went to the Roman remains in St Albans, where they dressed up in Roman clothes and shopped for Roman items. In the Summer they went to the Lookout Discovery Centre, where they navigated their way around the backpack trail, discovering all about trees, rocks and soils, as they went. After a 'Bugs and Beasties' talk, they all tried their hands at catching some of such things. They also made a hot air balloon lift off, created their own shadow wall and sent a rocket shooting up into the air.

### Sponsored Walk

The Sponsored Walk this year was in aid of Mary's Meals, a charity that helps provide a daily meal for unfortunate children, delivering food in third world countries such as Romania, Malawi, Ukraine, India, the Philippines, Libya, Uganda, Kenya and many more. Someone from the Charity visited the School and gave a presentation, and a

year 6 boy was so moved by the talk that he persuaded his local Church to have a collection, which raised over £370 to kick start the School project. The walk, once again around the Great Park, raised £10,960.



### Mosaics

Year 8 completed two large mosaics for the Classics Room, and Year 6 and the Art Scholars produced a ceramics mural of the Creation, which is in the Divinity Room.

### Ski Trip

A party of 36 had a very successful ski trip to Serre Chevalier last year in perfect weather, with huge amounts of snow and one of the most successful weeks of skiing that anyone could remember – and this in a season that was one of the warmest and generally one of the most disappointing in the region in living memory.

### The Herpetology Club.

The snake wranglers now have a club of 55 boys. It has been a good year for breeding, with king snakes, ball pythons, corn snakes, western hognoses, leopard geckoes and clawed toads all laying eggs and hatching. The lab has been completely revamped and looks splendid with the eight new vivariums, tanks and enclosures.

### The Arts Festival

The theme of the Arts Festival last year was the aspects of change that we come across in our lives. The programme was varied, and everyone threw themselves into it with a will, with boys displaying great talent in the entertainment of the various audiences. During the Workshops, the boys were introduced to Street Dance, Chemical Changes, Animal Lifestyles, Suitcase Mystery, Origami and a number of other life-changing experiences. There were some magnificent performances during the Music Competitions, and the poetry recitals were of a very high standard. The Middle School produced a very good play, 'Like You've Never Seen it Before'. As usual, the Festival finished with a splendid Gala Performance evening.

[Above] Art Scholars' Mosaic of the Creation  
[Left] Arts Festival 2007



## Kids for Africa 2007

The annual trip to South Africa took place once more during the Easter holidays, with Steve and Colleen Elkington taking fourteen boys with them. They arrived in Port Elizabeth and stayed at the Willows Resort, where they enjoyed hunting ghost crabs by torchlight, paint ball fighting and going on quad bikes. Over the course of the trip, they did a tree canopy tour, saw dolphins and seals and gannets all feeding during an ocean safari, saw all of the primates at Monkey Land and a vast variety of bird life in Birds of Eden, the largest closed aviary in the southern hemisphere. The boys visited Addo Elephant National Park, where they went on several game drives, seeing a huge number of wild animals and birds. On returning to their 4-man cottages, they were given food and fuel and had to cook for themselves – one of the highlights of the trip!

## Visit to News International

Last June Year 8 visited News International at Wapping, organised by the Father of one of the leavers. The boys were impressed by the whole process of producing a newspaper, from the aluminium plates from which the



*Accommodation during the South African Trip*

pages were first printed, through the sequence of how a paper came together to the actual distribution. Other things which surprised the Papplewickians were the small number of humans there were in the process, the speed at which papers were produced, the number of steps involved in the production and the fact that some of the Saturday and Sunday editions were printed on the previous Friday. Some of the leavers were even impressed with the Page 3 girls! Altogether it was a most interesting day out.

# PAPPLEWICK SPORT 2007



*Year 5 Play - Ernie's Incredible Illucinations*

## Golf

It was a groundbreaking year for Papplewick golf, not only with several fixtures, but also through hosting our own tournament at Wellington, who very kindly put their golf course at our disposal. Papplewick produced the individual winner of this tournament, and the School emerged in second place in the team event.

## Swimming

This year was a disappointment, with only one win to our name – despite having some of our best individuals over the past years. They just came up against stronger teams. There were four boys who consistently won their age group races, and another won every race he swam in, breaking the School freestyle record on two occasions.

## Football 2007.

This was a mixed season, with 6 wins, 3 losses and 2 draws. The boys worked very hard on employing set moves within open play. This is not easy, for it requires real depth of understanding to play the system and stick to the tactic. The boys all worked hard to do this, and they were successful more often than not, playing some stunning football at times. The fact that we have six players returning for next season bodes well, for they will bring experience and continuity to the team.

**3rd XI and 4th XI.** Game 2 produced the two teams that were most successful last season, with the 3rd XI playing nine matches and winning eight of them, and scoring 33 goals in all and conceding only 2. There were many



*Form Saturday – Year 4's day out*



*1st XI moving forward*

highlights from the different matches, with everyone playing their part with great enthusiasm. The 4th XI were even more successful in terms of results, for it won all its seven matches, scoring 26 goals against 2. It is a pleasure working with such a successful side, which plays with such team spirit and enjoyment, and although not all the games were easily won, playing with desire and passion produced the favourable results.

## Rugby 2006

This season was an interesting one for the **1st XV** and they played an exciting brand of free-flowing rugby. 14 matches were played, of which 10 were won and 4 were lost, with 362 points being scored as opposed to 172 against. Perhaps the best game of the season was against



*Papplewick on the attack*

the Oratory, where we played almost faultless rugby and which we won 42-7, and the most exciting game was against the Dragon. The **2nd XV** had a very successful season, playing 12, winning 8 and losing 4, and scoring 338 points with only 66 against. The highlights of the season's entertaining rugby were the wins recorded against Caldicott and the Dragon, where we won without conceding a point in either game.

The **Colts XV** were a physically small team last season, which told against us, as the final results show, with 6 wins as opposed to 7 defeats. They were also a young side, with as many as five boys from Year 5 playing. These two factors should mean that next year the same boys playing for the Colts will be bigger, older and more experienced, so we hope to meet with greater success.

## Hockey 2007

This was a very successful season overall for the 1st VII, with 7 matches being played and 6 of them being won, with one lost. The quality of the hockey played was very good, with a high level of commitment from the squad throughout the term. The defeat came against Lambrook, when the team were, for some reason, slow to get going, being three goals down at half time. Although we came back well, we only scored once in the second half, and this was not enough.

## Athletics

2007 was a very productive and enjoyable season for the athletics team, producing some excellent individual performances, with the emergence of several very promising younger athletes. We competed well in the Eagle House competition, with a fair sprinkling of first and second places, which earned us overall 4th position out of 7. The Aldro meeting also produced some very good performances, with Papplewick ending up 3rd out of 7 schools competing.

## Shooting

The School's enthusiastic and capable group has had a most successful year of clay shooting. With a mixture of disciplines available, Sporting Clays is by far the most popular in England; it offers a variety of targets or 'birds' simulating game shooting and the Papplewick boys really enjoyed this discipline.

The National Small-Bore Rifle Association is the governing body of small-bore rifle shooting in the UK, and they run a Youth Proficiency Scheme which trains people of any age to be competent and safe handlers of firearms and to get the most out of the sport. This is a concentrated eight week course covering the theory and practice of safe shooting, and at the end of the eight weeks candidates sit a strict examination in both disciplines, and certificates are awarded to those who pass. 21 Papplewick boys passed this examination, one of them gaining a record score. In addition to this, three competitions were held against Feltonfleet, and Papplewick won all three of these.

## Cricket 2007

**1st XI.** The season started early with a pre-season tour of South Africa, which was a great success on and off the field. 7 matches were played, with 4 being won and 3 lost – a remarkable achievement against some hard, well-drilled African school sides which were coming to the end of their season. The highlights of this tour was the century scored by one of the boys against Boston Primary, in Cape Town, and the exciting win over the Blue Leopards, this being a real team performance. Playing one of the matches under lights also proved to be an unforgettable experience – especially as the opposition were brushed aside! But once back in the UK, the season proved to be a bit of a disappointment, with 11 matches played, 2 won, 3 drawn and 4 lost with 2 abandoned to last Summer's rain. The 150 run partnership between two Papplewick boys against Summer Fields proved to be the highlight of the season, and two other boys scored 50s. The bowlers performed very well on the whole, but without being penetrating enough to bowl out the opposition.

**2nd XI.** This team played 11 games, winning 6, drawing 2 and losing 3. It was a strong batting side with a good pair of openers. The three games were lost as a result of somewhat wayward bowling and the failure of several of the more reliable batsmen to score runs. But these missed opportunities were cancelled out by some fine cricket usually.



*Cameron M'Crystal scored a century on the South Africa Tour 2007*

## Polo

The School started the season with two polo teams, the 8s, being final year boys, and the Blues. Both teams played some excellent polo in the two prep school tournaments and they came up against some stiff opposition. The Blues took some time to settle into their game, but finally produced some first rate team tactics when playing the tournament at Cheam. They are developing fast and the 2008 season should see more victories if they can keep their heads under pressure. In the national Arena Tournament, the 8s came 4th in Division 1, and the Blues were 2nd in Division 2. We played Moulsoford twice, both our teams winning on both occasions, the first time the 8s by 7-4 and the Blues by 6-4, and the second, the 8s 7-0, and the Blues 8-2. The Blues came 4th in the Cheam Tournament.



*Polo Team 2007*

## OLD BOYS' DAY 2007

It was good to see so many Old Boys visiting the School on July 8th last year. Rain was promised for later on in the day, and it came bang on cue – just before the barbecue started. Luckily we had the services of the Speech Day marquee, so we managed to keep dry – until we had to leave and get to our cars.

We had a good day, however, for our cricket match against the Headmaster's XI, though the result of the game went against us this time. We batted first and really needed another 70 runs to put up a challenging score. As it was we made 157 all out, with Jeremy Baker making 41 and Aidan Kendall 28. The opposition made this total with five wickets to spare. Of our bowlers, Yunus Sert collected two wickets.

Duncan Thomson organised a reunion of boys who left Papplewick in 1997, ten years ago, and it was good to see a fairly large group back at the School and making up for the ten years of separation. It was also good to see other Old Boys, who looked in to see what was happening, notably Andrew and Edmund Godden, 1961-64 and 1961-66 respectively. Stuart Morris (Headmaster 1979-91) and his wife Sue also came, and they enjoyed meeting Old Boys who were playing (and umpiring), most of them boys at the School during their time at Papplewick.



Sue Morris and Ian Humphreys-Evans at Old Boys' Day last year

## OLD BOYS' DAY 2008

This year, Old Boys' Day will be on Sunday July 13th, nearly a week later than in 2007, thanks to this being a leap year – so please make a note of the day in your diary. We shall be having our customary cricket match against the Headmaster's XI, when we shall hope to get our revenge after last year's defeat. As usual, the game will start at 11.00 a.m., the players will be having lunch at 1.00 o'clock, and tea for all visitors will be in the pavilion at 4.00 p.m. Once again the swimming pool and the tennis courts will be available for use by families, and after the game all Old Boys and their families are invited to stay for the barbecue at six o'clock, in the Bursar's Garden. We shall be delighted to see you.

*Old Boys who left the School in 1998 are especially invited this year, ten years on, and you will be receiving a personal invitation to this, hopefully with this newsletter. Do come if you can, perhaps arriving for tea at the pavilion at 4.00 p.m. – or even earlier if you would like to – and meet up with your contemporaries and stay for the barbecue and have a look around. You will see some changes since you left, if you have not been back.*

Once again, we shall be sending out last minute information on the morning itself, on the School website ([www.papplewick.org.uk](http://www.papplewick.org.uk)). Just click on 'About the School' and 'Old Boys'. In the event of bad weather it is important to do this, as both fixture and barbecue may have to be called off.

### WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

Please let us know what you have been doing since we last heard from you, so we can pass the news on to other Old Boys. Believe it or not, they are genuinely interested to hear about you – in the same way as you are interested to hear about them. Just send any information or archive photos to A.R.Sparshott, c/o Papplewick, Windsor Road, Ascot, Berks SL5 7LH, or email it to [sparsant@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:sparsant@tiscali.co.uk). We look forward to hearing from you.



Old Boys' Cricket Team 2007

### MISSING BOYS' LIST

Please would all Old Boys who receive this and who can access the Old Boys' page of the School website ([www.papplewick.org.uk](http://www.papplewick.org.uk), About the School and Old Boys), please cast your eye over the 'Missing Boys' list, and let us know if you are aware of the location of any of the missing boys. This will help us keep our records up to date and will give them the chance to receive the annual newsletter.