

# The Old Papplewickian

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## THE HEADMASTER WRITES

**S**now is falling on the 'square' outside as I write, and yet just yards away, Papplewick boys are safe in the comfort of thirty degree Celsius heat as they happily plough up and down the lanes of their new indoor swimming pool. Seeing the pool in action at this time of year reminds me of what a pleasure it has been to put in place perhaps the last missing piece of the jigsaw relating to Papplewick's facilities. £150,000 was raised following a single dinner presided over by David Wilkie, Olympic gold medallist in '76, through the extraordinary generosity of our current parents. I am sure that Old Boys will recognise that such generosity has always been a particularly strong characteristic of Papplewick parents of every previous generation, and has very much been the bedrock upon which the school has been developed.

We have also sought to provide further comfort to the boys this year with the construction of four new common rooms complete with cinema style staged seating and, Old Boys will be jealous to learn, plasma screen televisions in each!

By the time one has added the ability to phone home on your mobile from the dormitories each night, many Old Boys may be starting to feel that Papplewick has gone soft! For those who do, it will come as something of a relief to learn that we have also sought to place new challenges in front of the boys this year, in the form of a whole school outdoor education and leadership programme, and a wildly oversubscribed adventure tour to South Africa.

Nowadays we may seek to pamper the boys rather more than in days of old, but we still consider that risk-taking is a vital component of every boy's education and I am delighted to report, particularly in this day and age, that our current parents seem to agree.

As ever, I do hope that Old Boys will be able to find the time to drop in at some point this year, if only to reminisce about your less mollycoddled time at Papplewick, and how this was instrumental in making you the man you are today! Sallie and I, and our three young ones, Harry, Mollie and Lily, would be delighted to see you.

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The interior of the newly covered Swimming Pool

## THE YEAR AT PAPPLEWICK

2005 produced more of the same at Papplewick, but this year there seems to have been even more of it! How one can fit more into an already busy timetable, I'm not sure, but this was achieved somehow, and in spite of this no fewer than ten academic awards were gained into Public Schools. In his speech on Speech Day, the Headmaster commented on the full day that was experienced by dedicated Staff and boy alike, a day that went on well into the evening hours. With reference to this, Tom Bunbury passed on something that Russell Grant, the master i/c shooting trips to Bisley - a minibus belonging to a local comprehensive school, on the back of which were emblazoned the words "If you see this minibus being driven after 6pm, please telephone the police." I think that no further comment is needed!

So the School continues to strike an impressive balance between the academic and extracurricular activities, in an environment that is constantly being updated to fit in with the requirements of the modern day. The Senior, Intermediate and Junior common rooms have been refurbished in an exciting way, with facilities that should make them the envy of the prep school world. A new classroom for Year 5, has been created to ease friendships across the two forms, eight new state of the art cricket nets have been installed, and the Square and car park have been redesigned, as was referred to in our last edition, with a protected area that ensures safety for all. These are other examples of physical change that have benefited the boys.

The Art Department goes from strength to strength. Five Art awards to Public Schools were gained, setting the standard for what was an outstanding year in 2005. With the art in the School being so successful, the Headmaster has asked Caroline Brooks, who is in charge of Art, to produce a wish list for the department. He will then



*An Art Lesson in full swing*

commission the total refurbishment of the Art Room to her specification during the course of the next academic year. So this is something that we can look forward to reporting on in our next edition.

Drama has again been outstanding. Years 7 and 8 acted splendidly in 'The Pirates of Penzance' at the end of 2004, Years 5 and 6 produced 'Dombey Dom', requiring slick timing and interplay, and the Lower School came up with a Variety Performance. This was a musical extravaganza full of enthusiasm and joie de vivre, including aerobic dance routines, break dancing, synchronised moves and tight lycra. Well done the Mothers, too, for assembling such an incredible array of costumes.

After an Appeal, and as a result of very generous support from Parents, the swimming pool now has a telescopic cover, installed during last summer holidays, and this has enabled swimming to take place all year round. It is a great addition to the School's facilities, and some people wonder why this was not done years ago. It has certainly been considered in the past, but shelved 'for later discussion'. Now the cover has been installed, people are really appreciating what a difference this has made to Papplewick.

The School also had a very successful ski trip to Valoire over last year's Easter half term break. There was more of a family feel about it this time, with parents, sisters and friends joining the 22 boys who went.



*Drama 2005 – Fings ain't wot they used to be*



*Christmas Feast 2005*

## SPEECH DAY 2005

In his speech on Speech Day last Summer, the Headmaster made his customary remarks on the academic, sporting and extra-curricular life of the School over the previous twelve months. He paid tribute to all the members of Staff for their dedication in eliciting repeatedly high performances from the boys, in all departments of School life. The Headmaster also expressed his gratitude for the contribution that Parents have made over the year. Their input at annual functions held at the School has been immense once again. For many years now parents have become increasingly involved in helping with the organisation of social events. The School has provided the 'slave labour', but it has been the Parents who have set up and run the Christmas Fair, the Hog Roast, and the Valentine and Summer Balls, and their enthusiasm and hard work has been hugely appreciated. The Grandparents, too, should not be forgotten, for last year there was even a most enjoyable Grandparents' Day!

The Headmaster continued, "The Papplewick boy has always been a confident boy, always ready to express an opinion and to accept challenges. It is a confidence born of allowing boys to take a few risks, and in that context I would like to thank you, the Parents, for your great support of our new outdoor education programme. Not for you, or for Papplewick, the safety first, zero risk culture of so many schools in the state sector, that led to such well publicised absurdities this year as the banning of footballs in the playground, conkers in the woods and even snowballs on the fields. Yet confidence is a tricky quality, and it may well be that it is confidence or even over confidence that leads your sons occasionally to make mistakes on the disciplinary front. Perhaps the two sometimes go hand in hand. But I would say to all Parents that it is perfectly acceptable for your sons to make mistakes, as long as there aren't too many of them or the same ones are not continually being repeated. And I would urge you, as Parents, not to make excuses for them if mistakes are made. The boys are not yet the finished article; if they were, there would be little point in sending them to Papplewick. What is important is that when boys do get it wrong, we all build what I call a 'Fair Cop Guv' culture. We like our 'Fair Cop Guv' boys, because we can support them with what we hope will be dazzling mitigation. If we don't make excuses for them when they get it wrong and if we encourage them to tell the truth when they do get it wrong, then we can support them properly to ensure they really do learn from their mistakes. And if mistakes do have to be made, how important it is to make those mistakes now, in the more forgiving world of the prep school, than to make more serious errors later on in the less forgiving world of senior schools. There the temptations on offer are so much greater, and the ultimate stakes consequently so much higher."



*Peter Knatchbull-Hugessen and Anna Rose, at his 90th Birthday Party last year.*

The Headmaster ended his speech by paying tribute to Peter Knatchbull-Hugessen, the founding Headmaster, who celebrated his 90th birthday in June last year. "The Knatchbull-Hugessen values still run through the heart and soul of all that is good about Papplewick – the values of contributing to our community, enthusiasm for life and, above all, kindness to others. And how proud Peter would have been of a Year 4 boarder, who replied to a question asked by a visiting Headmaster. 'What do you think is the best thing about Papplewick?' 'The kindness of other boys, sir,' was the immediate reply. There is little more a Head can want. If it all starts with happiness coming first at Papplewick, and it does, then deep and abiding friendship is most definitely where it all ends."



*John Wragge (Staff 1955-58) at Peter Knatchbull-Hugessen's 90th Birthday Lunch*

## STAFF CHANGES

After five years at Papplewick, **Harry Pakenham** left at the end of the Summer Term to pursue a career in writing and, no doubt, to spend more time on the golf course! Harry will be remembered for his passionate approach to school mastering not only on the games field as coach of the Colts cricket and rugby sides, but also as Housemaster of St. Michael's and as a teacher of English out of the 'old school'. In addition, as one of life's true characters, Harry leaves the Papplewick staff room a slightly less colourful, and certainly very much quieter place in his absence! He has been replaced by **Freddie Auld**. Before doing his year's PGCE course, Freddie was working for some years for Wisden, the cricketing Almanach.

**Rachel Westmacott**, who has been at Papplewick first as Assistant Matron, and then as Deputy for the past four years, has moved on to travel round the world for twelve months. She is replaced 'upstairs' by **Katherine Speller**.



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## SPRING FESTIVAL

The theme of the Arts Festival this year was 'A Day in the Life of....' This turned out to be a wonderful theme for the creative writing section, producing such topics as A Day in the Life of a Hawaiian Surfer, in the Life of a Sumo Wrestler, of an Australian Jackeroo, a New York Fireman, a Siberian Miner, an Alaskan Crab Fisherman and an African Aid Worker – and this from just one form!

The week began with the Lower School Varieties, followed by the Workshops. These included a visit from an Old Papplewickian music techie, Dick Trevor, who showed Year 8 how a hit song was mixed. A Story Teller described A day in the Life of Macbeth, and there were visits to a local pond for a day in the life of a larva.

The Recitation finals were first rate and the Debating final was won by St George, with the motion before the house being, 'It is important that schools educate children for leisure rather than work.' The Music Competitions provided music of outstanding calibre – particularly on the clarinet, the trumpet and the 'cello, together with the piano and flute. The Gala Prom at the end of the Festival concluded with a superb slide show by the Chaplain, entitled 'A Day in the Life of Papplewick' – many photos of which appear in this newsletter.

## ACADEMIC AWARDS – 2005

<b>Max Agace</b>	<i>Art Exhibition to Charterhouse</i>
<b>Jamie Batchelor</b>	<i>Academic Exhibition to Marlborough</i>
<b>Sam Blackman</b>	<i>Top Art Scholarship to Bradfield</i>
<b>Jonathan Haddon</b>	<i>Art Scholarship to Radley</i>
<b>Alex Koo</b>	<i>Annah-Shaw Scholarship and Music Exhibition to Eton</i>
<b>Aaron McGroarty</b>	<i>Art Scholarship to Pangbourne</i>
<b>Ben Thompson</b>	<i>All-Rounders Exhibition to Hampton</i>
<b>Xavier Ticzon</b>	<i>Top Art Scholarship to Shrewsbury</i>
<b>Charlie Zhou</b>	<i>King's Scholarship to Eton</i>

## Congratulations

To Tom and Sallie Bunbury on the birth of their third child, Lily Charlotte, a sister for Harry and Molly, born on 4th October 2005.

To Lucy Richardson,  
on her engagement to Alex Price

To Joff Powis  
on his engagement to Liz Melaniphy.

Lily Bunbury



## OUTDOOR EDUCATION PROGRAMME – SUMMER 2005

Last year saw the introduction to Papplewick of an outdoor education programme, managed by Steve Elkington and organised and led by Wilderness Expertise Trading Ltd, in which outdoor activities, over one, two or three days, were organised for all the boys, after they had finished their end-of-year exams. The year 8 boys were at the end of their Leavers' Camp, and so were not involved. Form teachers accompanied their own classes, and the activities on offer, in different venues, were varied and challenging to each age group. This enterprising programme is worth reporting in some detail, for it seems just the sort of thing that all young people, up to school leaving age, need to undertake in order to develop qualities to help them face up to challenges that they are bound to encounter in their future lives.

The youngest boys (Year 3) had a one-day course at Wellington, designed to enhance confidence, trust and team working skills. Their activities included orienteering, archery, raft building and low ropes problem solving. Year 4's activity consisted of an introduction to camp craft and woodmanship, with a large emphasis on environmental awareness and developing knowledge of the countryside. They had to set up camp, and prepare and eat an evening meal, followed by team tasks and a night walk. They then slept in their tents and had breakfast before returning to Papplewick.

The fifth year went off for two nights, giving them the chance to get away from Papplewick and to operate out of their daily routines and to develop other life skills. Apart from camping out and preparing and eating their meals, they did climbing and abseiling activities, cave exploration and a wildlife walk and they played wide games. As well as testing team work, communication and leadership, the boys received an education in environmental awareness and developed their powers of empathy and tolerance.

Year 6 had a one-day course based on Team Building, designed for young people to focus upon developing leadership, communication, co-operation, task achievement and team building skills. This was achieved through short talks, varied activities and analytical debriefs and discussion sessions.

The Year 7 boys went on a 3-day residential course at Beau Desert Scout Camp, starting in the afternoon. They



*The Music School – with the latest Mosaic*

began with work on the low ropes and with raft building, and followed this up with an evening barbecue. The second day was devoted to Prefect training, for these boys would be next year's School Officials. The day was designed for young people to reflect on the role of a Prefect and to develop the skills required to manage and lead peers and other boys. The training day focussed on developing leadership skills, communication, understanding the needs of others, task achievement and team building skills. The final day was a 3-rotational activity day, with mountain biking, orienteering and climbing and abseiling on offer.

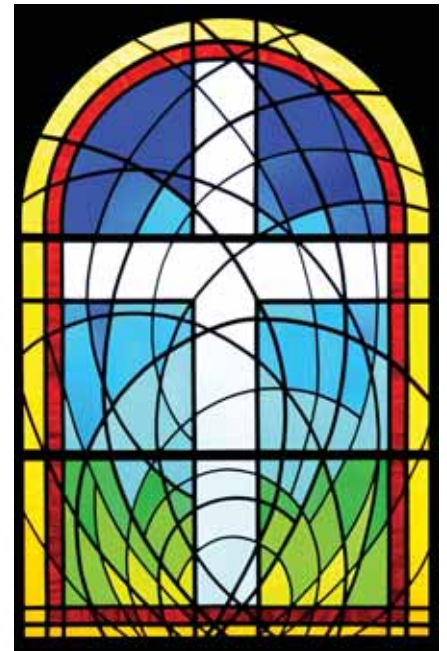
The directors of the various programmes all commented most favourably on the boys and participating Staff who took part in this Outdoor Education Programme. Likewise, the Staff and boys really enjoyed the experience. The Year 7 prefect training day in particular proved invaluable, as it gave leadership opportunity to every member of the year, and some unexpected faces came to the fore.



*The enlarged parking area*



Chris Tarrent being presented with the Sponsored Walk cheque in the 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire?' Studios at Elstree



The New Chapel Window was installed in the Summer Holidays 2005

## OBITUARIES

### MICHAEL LERRIGO, M.A. (Cantab)

Michael Lerrigo came to Papplewick as Head of French in 1976, having been a member of staff at Bloxham School for many years. In addition to his ability as a modern linguist, Michael had a very strong personal faith and was soon appointed as 'Chapel Master', the forerunner of the present position of Chaplain. A competent musician, he was a loyal and capable member of the Chapel Choir, and in extremis he could be persuaded to play the organ for a chapel service. He was quiet and reserved by nature, although he accepted the part of 'Lun Chon Dry' in a school production of 'Aladdin' and rendered a fine performance! Despite his ostensibly taciturn personality, he was possessed of a rare wit, an encyclopaedic general knowledge and legendary kindness, the latter of which he bestowed generously upon all members of the Papplewick fraternity. After retiring, he went to live in his family village of Leigh, in Dorset, playing the organ for Church services, and returning to Papplewick for a decade to sing in the Carol Service each year.

*Paul Cheater - Staff 1973-89*

### MARTIN GRAHAM SCOTT 1963 – 2004

It was with great shock that I learnt of the untimely passing of Martin Graham Scott, and it is with a combination of sadness and pride that I write about him now.

Martin was at Papplewick between 1971-77. He was the kind of pupil that every prep school teacher dreams of teaching: intelligent, lively, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed. He was the sort of boy who would avail himself of any and every opportunity – and make the most of it. In the classroom he proved himself an able student, being one

of the star Latin pupils of the Removes. On the games' field, while he might not have considered himself to be a top-flight sportsman, he would commit himself fully to any game, and in the many extra-curricular activities in which he involved himself he would invariably become a leading light. He had considerable gymnastic prowess, displayed on many occasions, especially in Don Werner's annual gym displays, and he was a fine judoka. In the choir, as a leading treble, he sang under the watchful eye of Geoffrey Morgan. In all of these activities, and more, Martin involved himself thoroughly, being one of life's one hundred percenters. He was, indeed, a true Papplewickian.

After he left Papplewick, Martin moved on to Wellington, and thereafter I heard from his Parents that he was doing well in Cable and Wireless. A dip into Google enabled me to realise just how successful he had become, and then, by following his career on-line, to see that he had moved into more enterprising, contemporary initiatives with equal success. But then, tragically, in his prime, we learned that a terrible road accident had claimed his life. In just over forty years Martin managed to squeeze as much as he could into his life. He was indeed an object lesson in making the most of one's time, living every minute to the full.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Martin's wife and children, to his two sisters and to his brother, Robin, and to his parents, Peter and Mimi. May he rest in peace.

*Paul Cheater*

### RICHARD KRICKL (1959-64)

Contemporaries of Richard will be sorry to hear of his death in the USA in August 2005. A full appreciation of his life will appear in our next issue.

## EX-STAFF NEWS

**David Allaway (Staff 1989-99)** continues to develop his company Behaviour UK. It is now based in rural Wales and continues to flourish. As well as its online presence, the coming year will see the addition of an online store and the publication of eight new behaviour books by our former Senior Master and Head of English. Over 3,000 schools across the country have now adopted the company's behaviour software.

**Derek Fullerton (Staff 1983-86)** writes to say that he occasionally sees **Paul and Diana Cheater (Staff 1973-89)**, and he sees **Andy and Jo Matthews (Staff 1980-87)** with whom he goes boating, more regularly. Derek also helps with reading at a local school.

**Peter Knatchbull-Hugessen (Headmaster, 1950-79)** celebrated his 90th birthday in June last year with a quiet lunch party at Ropley. Several ex-members of staff, ex-governors of the School and a few Old Boys attended.

**Stuart Morris (Headmaster 1979-91)** has come to the end of his time at Shrewsbury International School, Bangkok, a school for 3-18 year olds that he helped to create two years ago, after giving up the Headmastership of Harrow International School, also in Bangkok. He and his wife, Sue, have had fourteen happy and eventful years overseas since leaving Papplewick to go to become Head of a school in Kuala Lumpur in 1992. Shrewsbury is on the banks of the Chao Phraya River, that goes through the city, and views of this busy thoroughfare can be seen from most of the School's classrooms. How the boys and girls can concentrate on their work is a mystery. But they do, for their academic results have been excellent. Stuart now returns to the UK where he awaits his next challenge.

**The Venerable John Morrison (Staff 1957)** retired as Archdeacon of Oxford in February last year, after 37 years of service in the diocese. During his time in Oxford he was able to continue his deep interest in rowing (he began this as an undergraduate, when at Jesus College, Cambridge), having been signed up as coach on his appointment at Lincoln College, when arriving at Oxford in 1990. Since his appointment as Archdeacon, however, and his move to Christchurch, he was not able

to do any coaching because of conflict of duties! He did have a college boat named after him, though – the Archdeacon Morrison. On his retirement from office, he has maintained his links with the Cathedral, as he became an honorary canon emeritus, enabling him to attend receptions and to do chaplaincy work at Christ Church periodically.

**The Rev'd John Naylor (Staff 1956-58)** writes regularly with news of Old Boys and ex-members of Staff. He recently sent some School calendars of his years at Papplewick, which have proved of great interest and use to the editor of this news sheet. John had a defibrillator implanted last May, which resulted in his been banned from driving (on medical grounds!) for six months, which restricted his movements drastically. He has very fond memories of his Papplewick days, when he enjoyed having young people in the community. He has moved from the Abbeyfield in Hexham to the one in Thirsk, and he looks forward to living closer to **John Wragge (Staff 1955-58)**.



*Geoffrey Morgan (Head of Music (1970-76) and Toby Silvertown (1967-71), Head Chorister, with Anna Rose Knatchbull-Hugessen, at Peter's 90th Birthday Lunch*



*Stuart and Sue Morris relaxing in Bangkok*



*Shrewsbury International School*

## OLD BOY NEWS

**Jeremy Baker (1987-93)** is still working in the world of Property Development and is determined to get his golf handicap down. He is currently studying for a Masters in Surveying.

**Jonathan Baker (1991-97)** is now in his second year at Bristol West of England. He is racing in the National Formula Ford Championship with Team JLR, battling it out for the Scholarship class honours.

**Kristian Bluff (1971-76)** is living in Copenhagen and is married, with two children. He is head of a small design company. While at Papplewick, he enjoyed singing in the Choir, the Model Railway Club and Art, and remembers particularly an expedition to see the trains in Swindon, led by **Paul Cheater**. His younger brother, **Anthony (1975-78)**, lives in the UK, with his wife and three children.

**Jonathan Briscoe (1975-77)** is a commercial pilot, flying with KLM, and has two sons. His brother, **Timothy (1972-77)**, is a farmer cum property developer, with a son and a daughter

**Ward Buckingham (1952-55)** writes from Oregon, in the States, where he has been living since he left Papplewick. He has fond memories of the School. He considers the stricter discipline of that era had no adverse effects on the boys. He recalls, however, when taking the Common Entrance exam, dreading the ever-higher degrees of regimentation that a move to Harrow would bring. So the family move to the States and the US educational system offered a needed break before he resumed the rigorous schooling and career demanded by medicine. He retired in 2004, and enjoys having the time to indulge his passion for classical music, honing his playing skills as well as volunteering for his symphony board. His area of board oversight is the education committee, whose goal is to promote string music opportunities for elementary school students throughout the Central Oregon region. Ward remarks that in spite of his lifelong vivid memory of **Mr Trevor Martin's (Staff 1951-55)** red ink comment on his early English composition effort, "unmitigated rubbish!!", and his inability to read music for **Mr Rhodie**



*Pantry Waiters Serving Breakfast*



*Hog Roast 2005*

**Peters (Staff 1951-69)**, (he sight-reads with ease now), life has been good and his self-esteem has remained intact!

**Dominic Burrows (1994-95)** is now at Nottingham University reading History, having previously been at Wellington. His younger brother has just joined Papplewick.

**Howard Clark (1957-60)** is living in Picton, just outside Sydney, Australia. Through his marriage, he has become Stepfather to the four **Myers** boys, who were at Papplewick between **1978-89**. Howard would very much like to hear from any of his vintage at Papplewick, who might remember him.

**Mark Clayton (1979-84)** went to Blundell's on leaving Papplewick, after which he took a gap year travelling the world. He then returned to study Environmental Science at Imperial College (Wye Faculty), followed by a second gap year, during which he sailed a 32 foot Nicholson across the Atlantic, twice, in order to include a trip down to South America. After this, he made an ascent of an unclimbed, 22,000 ft. mountain in the Himachal Pradesh region of India, before returning to the UK to work for a variety of firms based in the environmental arena. In 1997 he set up his own company, Aardvark, an environmental scientific consultancy, based in Somerset, dealing in some very interesting work in water, waste and energy, with clients ranging from BAA to Damien Hirst. He is married with two children, and he keeps in touch with fellow Old Papplewickians **James Watson (1979-84)**, **Jacob Gresswell** and **Edward Hearn (1979-85)**.





*Rhidian Llewellyn and Ed Coode at Henley last Summer*

**Ed Coode (1984-88)** was married last September, after going on an extended tour of South America and visiting the sites which that continent has to offer. At Henley last July the winner of a raffle prize, sold at a Lord's Taverners dinner held in the Leander Club in June, won 2 Steward's Enclosure badges and the opportunity of being rowed up the river by Ed. The winners turned out to be **Rhidian** and **Rose Llewellyn (Headmaster 1992-2004)**. A pleasant surprise for all concerned!

**Simon Cottard (1973-78)** went to a State School after leaving Papplewick, and followed this by doing an apprenticeship with the Roux brothers at their restaurant Le Gavroche. He is currently a partner at a restaurant in the City. He has great memories of Papplewick, and would welcome getting in touch with some of his contemporaries.

**David Cox (1989-94)** returned from his gap year teaching in Trinity Grammar School in Australia, and immediately seriously injured the lateral ligament of his left knee, playing rugby. After several months with it in plaster, he was well enough to do some gentle umpiring in the Old Boys' cricket match against the Headmaster's XI, last July. About then he changed IT jobs and began working for



*David Cox at the Cricket Match last Summer*

Dell, the computer firm, in London. His first months consisted of getting thoroughly acquainted with various aspects of computing and attending courses, before settling into the side of the business most suited to his abilities.

**James Coyne (1992-98)** is now in his second year at Bristol West of England University, and is playing a lot of rackets – mostly with or against **George Tysoe (1992-98)**. As an individual, he was runner-up in the British U21 finals. He and George also went back to Wellington, to feature in an exhibition match to celebrate the reopening and refurbishment of the Rackets Court there.

**Divia Dattani (1988-1993)** dropped in at Papplewick on Old Boys' Day last year. He is currently working for a Hedge Fund Manager in the West End, and deals specifically with cash.



*Divia Dattani visited Papplewick on Old Boys' Day*

**Tom Elliott (1988-94)** went to Brazil last Summer for two months for his elective work project, studying the history of dental practices of the indian population (specifically the children) and the homeopathic treatments they have for pain. Unfortunately, however, he could not get ethical approval to work with the indians, so with ticket booked, he turned it into a travel experience. He attained his PADI license for scuba diving and he can now add that to the skydiving, bungee jumping and rapids rafting that he already has under his belt. On his return to the UK, he returned for his final year Dentistry at Bristol. When qualified, he will have to do one year of NHS work in the field, before moving on to any aspect of dentistry of his choice.

**John Friedman (1994 - 97)** is working happily at Cornell, switching from Spanish and French to Mandarin. Last Summer he worked as an intern at the US Embassy in Beijing, in the department of the Commercial Attaché. There he polished his language

skills and learnt a good deal about the energetic pulse of China. He also travelled into Inner Mongolia, observing 'ground-breaking' at first hand. He really enjoyed experiencing all the new sounds, sights and smells of this amazing country.

**Jacob Gresswell (1978-84)** is now living in Winchester. He is a consultant in property development for a retirement homes company, based on the South coast, and he runs his own development company on the side. He is married to an Australian girl. He spends his free time sailing, windsurfing and failing miserably in trying to get fit, as well as fighting a losing battle in doing up his thatched cottage.

**Edward Haskell (1994-2000)**, has left Wellington hoping to have a medical career ultimately, and to be a reconstructive plastic surgeon. He has done work experience, working under the Chairman of the British Association of Plastic Surgeons, so he has had a good start. He had a fantastic two weeks watching and learning about operations on cancer patients. He has had offers from Imperial College, London, and Bristol to read Biology, and is currently using his gap year to polish up his Chemistry.

**James Haskell (1992-98)** is still playing top class rugby with Wasps, though he missed two months with a fractured wrist which required the insertion of a screw. He sustained this injury in the final of the Middlesex sevens – luckily after he scored his try! He trained all through his injury, but he also had time to do other things, such as community rugby and modelling Eden Parc clothes. At the end of last November he was invited to attend the BAFT children's film and TV awards at the Hilton Hotel, in order to make the presentation of the international award.

**Nick Hucker (1982 - 87)**, after leaving Harrow, graduated in War Studies from King's College, London. He played rugby for Esher Rugby Club for eleven years, but a series of injuries has forced him to hang up his boots. So to keep fit in 2004, he cycled over 800 kms across Brazil for Macmillan Cancer Relief, and along with 50 other challengers he raised a quarter of a million pounds. He works as Business Development Manager with SunGard, a US software



*James Haskell and fellow Wasps player, Tom Rees, with the three Cups which Wasps won in 2005-6*

company specialising in IT for financial services. Based in Cheltenham, he is responsible for the UK, France, Holland, Spain, Portugal and South Africa.

**Tim Hucker (1983-88)** left Harrow and went to Guy's and Thomas's Medical School. He spent his elective year in Australia and Fiji, and he has his eye on Australia as a possible place for future work. He is now a Senior Anaesthetist's Registrar, specialising in Intensive Care. The research he has undertaken has been published in several medical journals. He has worked in various central London hospitals before moving to Chichester, and he is currently working on the South Coast as he begins to study towards his consultancy. He is an avid rugby fan, having played after Guy's, but he is currently in training for his first triathlon.

**Russell Hunt (1979-84)** went to Wellington after leaving Papplewick, and then on to King's College London to read German with Spanish. He is now working in property as an Estate Agent and a landlord (his boss went to Caldicott!) He married some three years ago and their first child, a son, was born last May. He has already been entered for Papplewick! Last April Russell ran in the London marathon, for the National Childbirth Trust.

**Paul Kaplanski (1991-96)** continues to be an Account Manager for a firm which produces automatic number plate recognition systems. Its products can read car number plates of vehicles travelling up to 140 mph. Data produced can detect whether the car has been stolen or whether it has been taxed or not. The police naturally make full use of such information, so readers, be warned! Paul demonstrates models all over the country, even



*The Pantry hasn't changed much over the years*

going up to Gleneagles during last year's G8 meeting, to make a presentation.

**Cuthbert Kendall (1987-93)** has now qualified as a Capital Markets lawyer, and is working in London. He is still playing some cricket in his free time.

**Aidan Kendall (1988-95)** is living in east London, near Canary Wharf, and is sharing a flat with **Jarleth Pratt (1988-94)**. Last August Aidan left 'The Independent' where he had been working, to take up a job in an 'Account Executive' position at the Media Agency Starcom Mediavest, which involves a lot more responsibility and working as a Media Planner. This includes researching the market in order to work out strategies for clients to use their marketing budget as effectively as possible.

**Mike Kerger (1947-52)** is now living in Majorca, where he plays a lot of golf in the Spring and Autumn. In the Winter he spends much of his time skiing (indeed, he contacted us from a glacier in Saas Fee.) He last visited Papplewick in the late 1990s, when he was invited to be on a panel of experts answering questions from Year 8 boys on current affairs.

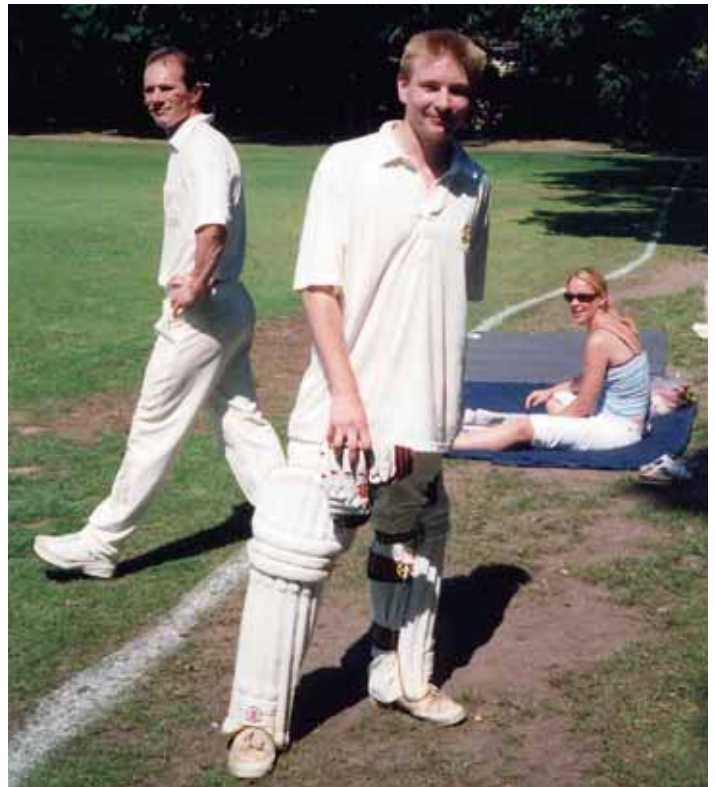
**Moin Karim Khan (1979-81)** is back in New York, working with the United Nations Development Programme, serving as the Policy Advisor for the Arab States Bureau.

**Jo Leckenby (1989-94)** completed his anatomy degree course last year, and he spent eight weeks in the Summer crossing the USA by motorbike with a friend. He now has his finals in medicine to face this coming July.

**Benji Lever (1993-96)** went to Manchester after leaving Harrow, gaining a degree in History. He was attending interviews for a job in Banking, in the City, when we saw him last July.

**Felix Leworthy (1991-97)**, who is reading Spanish and Portuguese at Bristol, is spending his year abroad in Argentina and Brazil, perfecting the languages. Unfortunately employment in the Argentine, where he started his trip, was difficult to come by, so he did some translation to earn a bit of travel money. This took him into the hinterland up north, where he met many incredibly poor local people, which left a deep impression on him. He is currently in Brazil where he is communicating in Portuguese.

**Sam Leworthy (1994-99)** spent two and a half months in Costa Rica last year with Raleigh. His time there was divided into three phases centred around the environment, the community and trekking. This involved more projects than usual with the variety that this brings with it. His Environment time was spent monitoring the artificial Raleigh Reef fish life, counting the species which enjoy swimming in corals made from old tractor tires and white barrels (industrial building pipe), and putting all the results on a huge database. The community section consisted of working in a small village, without running water or electricity. He had to work on two springs, turning them into wells, under the direction of an engineer and using pickaxes, buckets, ceramic filters rocks, and pebbles. Trenches had to be dug to contain



*Aidan Kendall, the batsman – Scored 50*

the pipes leading to the houses. The trekking consisted of walking more than 200 kilometres in a fortnight, carrying plenty of kit in extremely hot temperatures through dense jungle at times, and at altitudes ranging from sea level to 2800m. Sam is now recovering at Bristol West of England University, where he is studying Product Design.

**Rory Magrath (1994-1999)** left Eton in 2004 with an A and 2 Bs at A Level. He spent last year at the Academy of Contemporary Music in Guildford, Studying Music Production, and is now at UCL reading Economics and Eastern European Studies. He continues to enjoy playing golf and is a member at Temple.

**Nick Neves (1994-2000)** has been doing some voluntary work in Ghana, where he now is working at the Nkwanta Teachers' Resources Centre in the north of the Volta Region, which is in the eastern part of Ghana. The Centre offers training courses to teachers and provides teaching materials. In order to attract pupils, the Centre has to provide incentives, but resources are very limited.



*Who's this lot, and what year?*



*Junior Boarders playing card games before bed*

Although the primary role is to teach reading and basic maths and science, they are also trying to attract new pupils by organising activities such as five-a-side football and possibly even a bit of rugby. When Nick went out, he went accompanied by a considerable amount of second hand games clothes and equipment provided by Papplewick.

**Augur Pearce (1966-70)** has written to say that he has moved from Durham to Cardiff, where he is lecturing in Law at the University. On leaving Papplewick he switched his Christian name from his first one (Charles) to his third (Augur), by which he is now known. He gave some information on several 'lost' Old Boys, including an incorrect entry on Gavin Hamilton, who was entered on our database as Galvin. Augur knows he is right with this correction as he recalls Peter Knatchbull-Hugessen usually beginning a conversation with Gavin, in French lessons, with "Gavin, Gavin, what trouble we're havin' " –



*Augur Pearce revisits Papplewick after 25 years*

and havin' doesn't rhyme with Galvin! Augur visited Papplewick on Old Boys' Day and enjoyed meeting some of his contemporaries and exploring the buildings that have gone up since his day at the School.

**Chris Peri (1967-68)** took his A levels at St George's Weybridge after Papplewick, before moving on to the University of Kent to read English law and French law. This was followed by postgraduate studies at the University of Strasbourg, and on returning to the UK he studied for his Bar finals and qualified as a barrister. He is currently practising law in Oxford.

**Andrew Pitcher (1988-94)** went to Stowe on leaving Papplewick, and continued his A Levels at Cambridge Arts and Sciences, from where he went to the University of the West of England. He has become involved in acting and is rigorously pursuing this avenue. When we heard from him, he had lined up interviews at acting colleges across London, and should be at one of them by this time.

**George Pitcher (1986-92)** enjoyed his five years at Wellington before moving on to Oxford Brookes, where he read Politics and Publishing. He now works as a Trainee Insolvency Practitioner in the City, and still has endless exams to take before he qualifies.

**Jarlath Pratt (1988-94)** is a trainee Solicitor with Travers Smith, living in London. He graduated from LSE in Law, did one year at Law School, and is due to qualify later this year. He has been sharing a flat with **Aidan Kendall**, though he has plans to buy his own flat. He keeps in touch with **William Scawn** and **Alexander Macmillan (1988-94)**.

**Alastair Robinson (1990-93)** finished his two years post-graduate work at Cambridge last October, following the submission of his thesis, and has emerged with a Ph.D. in Molecular Biology. He is happy to have his student days behind him now, and to be able to get out and constructively apply what he has learned. He is working as a web developer for a local government body, and enjoying the challenge, while planning ultimately to return to the plant sciences.

**Richard Scawn (1985-91)** has passed his eye exams, and after several years of working in London is now performing eye surgery in Kent.

**William Scawn (1988-94)** has been doing political lobbying for about two years, working on green issues communication. He is based in Reading, but he does a lot of travelling.

**Peter Scoble (1948-51)** has moved down to East Sussex and has, with reluctance, had to give up being a Governor of Papplewick – something he has been since the early 70s. He served two stints as Chairman, taking over for ten years in 1975, and again for a short spell in 1995.

**Gyles Scott-Hayward** left Eton in 2004. He was elected to Pop in his final year, and was head of games for his house. On leaving Papplewick he chose to play soccer rather than rugby, playing for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI for three years. He was also in the hockey team for two years, and played a good deal of cricket, being in the U15 side which won the



*Gyles Scott-Hayward scored some masterly runs*

Lords Taverners competition that year. He was in the College side for two years, and went on a month's cricket tour to Australia. In his gap year he went to Latin America, starting in Patagonia, with Raleigh International, and moving up through Argentina, Peru and Bolivia before ending up in Mexico. Back in the UK, he started at Edinburgh last September, where he is reading Geography.

**Julian Sedgwick (1987-92)** went to Bournemouth University where he gained a 1<sup>st</sup>, following this with a year at the Oxford Business College where he emerged with a Diploma in Business Studies and FLAW in French. Since then he has been with Foxtons Estate Agents, where he is now runs the New Homes & Investments office in London and Surrey.

**Duncan Thomson (1991-97)** is in his final year at Bristol University, reading avionic engineering. At the moment he is flying small planes, but he hopes to move on to larger ones soon. He is playing a good deal of sport – hockey, tennis, golf and is in the OTC. He is also captain of ski-ing, so he is kept busy.

**George Tysoe (1992-98)** continues to play a lot of



*George Tysoe and James Coyne receiving the Leonard Cup*

racquets. He partnered **James Coyne (1992-98)** in the British Open U21 Doubles Championships, and they emerged as winners of the Leonard Cup last December. The two of them lost in the Final of the U24 Doubles, and they reached the quarter finals of the British Open Championships.

**Daniel West (1994-96).** When we heard from him last year, Daniel was in the third stage of his application for a job with Grey London, an advertising firm. Since leaving university, he had been working for a PR company in Germany, and playing rugby for their local team. His brother **Andrew (1944-99)** is currently on his GAP year, and arrived in Thailand last March. He has been accepted for Leeds University to read medicine, with the ambition of becoming an orthopaedic surgeon.



*Dale Taylor and George Tysoe*

**The Rev'd Guy Wilkinson (1958-1961)** has been made National Inter Faith Relations Adviser and Secretary for inter Faith Relations, and will be working closely with the Archbishop of Canterbury. He has worked in Kenya, Uganda, Mauritius and Belgium, and has served in parishes in the dioceses of Coventry, Guildford and Birmingham, ending up as Archdeacon of Bradford before moving on to his current address in Oxford. He therefore has a wide experience of living and working among people and communities of all faiths. He has enjoyed taking on the new role and working with friends and colleagues in the Faith communities.

**Peter Witheridge (1959-64)** is currently Chairman of WFT Insurance Brokers, in London.

**Johan Yusof-Vessey (1994-99)** left Winchester with 5 grade As at A level and is now at the London School of Economics, where he is finishing his second year. He hopes to go into Investment Banking when he has graduated.

## NEWS FROM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**BRADFIELD** – **Evan Jenkins** and **Sam Elsmore** had a good first term at Bradfield. Sam comments favourably on the quality of the food, and is enjoying playing football in the D team. Evan mentions the greater amount of work he has to cover – they even have prep on Saturdays! – but he has done pretty well in his exams. He likes his football, playing in the 3<sup>rd</sup> team, and his sailing. Outings have included a visit to Thorpe Park and one further afield, to France. **Sultan Al-Shathry** took the part of Dinsdale Badger, a conservative medical officer, in his House play, performing with considerable distinction. **Omer Kashmirwala** has been involved in debating, and last year he spoke for his house as one of the opposers in the grand final of the house debating competition.

**BRYANSTON** – **Bash Wheatley**, **Sebastian Leveridge** and **Tom Leader** have all settled well into life at Bryanston. Bash has taken quite an interest in design and technology, and has devoted a large amount of his time to furniture making. Sebastian has been fully involved in extra curricular activities, notably rugby, and he has taken a real interest in rowing. Tom has been playing rugby for the U14 A team, and also some football in hobbies time. He does Crossword Solving in his ECA time.

**ETON** – **Sean Roy** took up rowing when he went to Eton, and now rows bow in the College VIII. He was competing at Henley last year, when the Eton boat won



*Stoff Magrath got us off to a good start*



*Sean Roy (fourth from right) and the Eton rowing eight*

the Princess Elizabeth Cup, defeating a team from the US by one length in the final. King's Scholars **Hee-Won Cho** and **Lawrence Koo** featured as 'Chinky Girls' on the College Wall 2005, in the Eton 'Chronicle'. **Dhruv Ghutali** is taking a very active part in life at Eton. He has represented his house at golf, fives, tennis and football, besides being in the school team for rackets, polo and football. In addition to this, he was awarded an Oppidan Scholarship last year for his academic efforts.

**HAMPTON SCHOOL** – **Guy Luff** left last year with an A grade and 4 Bs in his A Levels. He was a particularly valuable member of the Boat Club, while there. He subsequently moved on to Nottingham University where he is reading Economics. **Alex Griffin** is now well settled, playing in the U 15 B football team, in the U 15 B tennis squad, and doing a lot of basketball in his lunch break. He has taken up the electric guitar, playing plenty of U2, and is also a regular visitor to Craven Cottage. **Dipam** and **Dipen Patel** are enjoying life at Hampton, and continue to play the piano. Dipen was a valuable member of the U14 cricket team last season, which got through to the semi-final of the Middlesex Cup, and he plays on the wing for the B rugby team. He also plays a good bit of table tennis. Dipam plays B team cricket and D team football. In the classroom he has taken a liking to Spanish.

**HARROW** – **Edmund Kisner** has left Harrow, having acquired A grades at A level in Economics, Business Studies and Government and Politics. He is now on a Deloitte's Scholarship for a year, and he hopes to gain admission either to LSE or King's in October. While at Harrow, he sang in the School Twelve, and was disappointed to have missed singing at Stourhead House, in Wiltshire, on Remembrance Sunday last year, as the result of injury. Injury also almost kept him out of running Long Ducker, a race from Harrow to Marble Arch and back, as it had done in 2004. However, he not only ran it but he won the Schaad Jackson Trophy, for the fastest current Harrovian, in a time of 2hrs 42 mins 09secs. **Ollie McBride** is now in the VI Form, having secured 8 A\*s and 2 As for his GCSEs. **Stoff Magrath** passed 10 GCSEs last Summer and continues to play lots of sport. In April 2004 he

went to Japan on a rugby tour having played for the 1<sup>st</sup> XV at Harrow, a year early. He also went on a soccer tour to Korea in April 2005, and was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> team colours. He swam for his House, which won the swimming Cup for the 12<sup>th</sup> year in a row. At the moment he is studying History, Geography and Business Studies for A level. He hopes eventually to go to University to study History or Sports Management. **William Lace** has been awarded the Reeves-Smith Scholarship, which is designed to help young men and women train for a career in the hospitality industry. He intends to use the scholarship to pay for a course which will pre-qualify him to study for the examinations of the Institute of Masters of Wine.



*The swimming pool seen from the outside*

**KINGS, CANTERBURY** – **William Iron** has gained 7 A's and 3 Bs in his GCSEs, **Ryan Phanphensophon** an A\*, 2 As, 5Bs and a D, and **Harry Wall** 2As, 5Bs and 2Cs in his GCSEs and a C and a D at AS level. **MARLBOROUGH** – **Tom Lace** took his GCSEs last year and achieved 2A\*s, 7As and a B. He is a skilled wood worker, and he has constructed a beautiful trophy cabinet for his house. **Samih Bachelor** has also completed his GCSEs, with 4 A\*s, 5 As and 2 Bs and **Charlie Foster** gained 1 A\* and 8As. At AS Level, **Khalifa Abubakar** scored an A, 2 Cs and a D, **Jeremy Gilbert** an A, a B and 2 Cs, **Jack Wallis** an A, 2Bs and a D, and **Freddie Ward** an A, and 2 Bs and a C. **Ollie Wilkins** has now left the College with an A, 2 Bs and a C at A Level. **Jamie Batchelor** has joined his brother at Marlborough, and is well settled. In his first term he gained 47 commendations, which earned him a prize. He has spoken in debates, is prop in the 5<sup>th</sup> Yearlings rugby team, and he scored a memorable try in the first-year's house 7-a-side competition. In the junior house football he has played in goal, and he is also enjoying his fives.

**MERCHISTON CASTLE** – **Ross Sweeney** gained an A and 2 Bs in his A levels last year, and has gone to



*The 'reduced' Roundabout*

Edinburgh University to read Artificial Intelligence and Software Engineering. He was a Prefect in his final year and he played rugby for the 4<sup>th</sup> XV as well as softball. He was also involved with drama productions in the Lower Sixth Form.

**RADLEY** - **Freddie Leask** is now in the sixth form at Radley, studying Maths, French, Economics and Geography, having secured 7A\*s and 5As at GCSE. He hopes to read Geography at University. He has played first team rugby, in the second row, in each year up to 2004, when he was in the College 2<sup>nd</sup> XV. In the summer he has played tennis in the second pair of the first team, up to last season when he played in the College second team. He had a busy last Summer, when he went to Romania to work in a summer camp for disadvantaged children for two weeks, cycled down France for charity, did two weeks work experience in the City and then went to Italy for pre season training with 'Bigside' – the Radley 1<sup>st</sup> XV.

**RUGBY** – **Hugh Morgan** left last year with 2 Bs and a C at A level, and is going to Goldsmiths to read History. **Jack Sardeson** has settled in very happily, and cannot seem to stop drawing!

**ST EDWARD'S OXFORD** – **Edward Fremlin-Key** went to Sri Lanka with the School cricket team last year. Although still in the Fifth form, he scored a very patient maiden century at Panadura, making him the first Teddy's Fifth former for 14 years to score 100 for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI. He and his partner put on 206 runs for the second wicket.

**SHERBORNE** – **James Morgan** is enjoying the greater freedom that comes with the move to Public School. Academically he has moved up a form, and up two sets in Maths. In Music he is doing grade 6 drums, and grade 2 guitar, and he has performed in some rock concerts. On the games field, in his age group he plays in the 2<sup>nd</sup> team rugby as scrum half, hockey in the 2nds and he is wicket keeper in the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI. He likes art, and he is enjoying sailing and canoeing. **William Gregory** has settled well into public school life. He is in the U 14 1<sup>st</sup> XV and has joined the School polo team.

**STOWE** – **Alex Ward** continues to swim to a high standard, having been awarded School Swimming Colours. In the swimming sports he won 4 of the 6 individual trophies, being presented with the GEH Spencer Trophy for Senior Boys' Champion. **William Scholfield** has been playing cricket for the Yearlings 1<sup>st</sup> team, and has knocked up one or two good scores. **Jonathan Elfer** gained a string of A grades in his GCSEs, and is now enjoying life in the 6<sup>th</sup> form.

**WELLINGTON** – **Charlie Smith** has settled in well and is enjoying his first year. With a steady 'silver' grade average, work is going well, and he is getting to grips with his Spanish, which he likes. He plays rugby in Yearlings 3 and in the Junior leagues side, and squash. His hobbies include ceramics and art, he plays the trumpet, intending to continue with this instrument, and he has taken part in drama. **Will Hopkins** has been playing some good rugby for the undefeated 2<sup>nd</sup> XV, a year early, scoring tries in almost every game. He also made guest appearances in the Colts 1<sup>st</sup> team on two occasions.

## OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

### The Sponsored Walk

Within the past few years the annual Sponsored Walk has taken on a new lease of life, with increasingly generous donations being made to various charities selected by the School. The beneficiary in 2005 was 'Little Hearts Matter', a charity that helps children born with incomplete hearts, and which supports them (and their families) through the many operations that they need. It is sad to think that these children will never be able to enjoy such a walk as Papplewick did, around Windsor Great Park, on a sunny April morning. The £10,051.00 is going to a worthy cause.



Sponsored Walk 2005



### THE 2005 Mosaic

Last year's mosaic was created largely by boys in year 6 (10-11 year olds), before being assembled by the leavers and attached to the outside of the Music School (where the Mound used to be.)

A Close-up of the Latest Mosaic

### Snake Wranglers

Herpetology at Papplewick has taken great strides forward since last year's report. The number of snakes has had to be restricted to 50, sadly, owing to the size of the snake room rather than to lack of interest in the creatures themselves. The collection has been expanded to include two scorpions, a tarantula, and a new male chameleon. Boys continue to meet in lab 2 during break to feed, clean and play with their snakes, and non-owners of snakes are fascinated to see snakes eating mice or shedding their skins. Several snakes laid eggs this past year, but they were not incubated as the room is not yet set up for babies. However, plans are afoot to try some breeding next year, as the demand for corn snakes is very high.



The Snake Store



## PAPPLEWICK KIDS FOR AFRICA ADVENTURE EASTER TOUR - 2005



*Making friends in a township in Grahamstown*

Last year 15 boys went off with Steve and Colleen Elkington on an Adventure Tour to the Eastern Cape of South Africa during the Easter holidays. The tour was to be led by professional tour guides from the various locations visited, all of them suitably qualified and experienced. Their first port of call was with Beyond Adventure – Xtreme Education, where activities included a low ropes course, sand Sculptures, beach rugby, sand boarding, ghost crab huts, digging for sand mussels and preparing them for supper, horse rides, kayaking mountain biking and swimming in the sea. The Kariega Game Reserve was next, where the boys were taken on a foot safari where plenty of game was seen. After lunch there was an open land rover game drive, with views of rhino, elephant, zebra, giraffe, wildebeest and a multitude of other species.

The following day saw the party observing a great variety of bird life, and being entertained by a troop of baboons fighting and playing in the trees. At Grahamstown, the group visited the African children of one of the townships at their school. The Papplewick party was shocked by the poor housing conditions, but were genuinely touched by the friendliness and kindness of these disadvantaged children, and they were very pleased to give the clothing, stationery and shoes that they had brought for this purpose.

The next day the boys did the tree top Canopy Tour, which was exhilarating and great fun. Later in the day



*Rhino, on Safari*

there was a whale, dolphin and sea cruise, with the whales being notable by their absence. A session of abseiling the next day, was followed by a visit to Addo Elephant Park, where the group had two action packed days with views of buffalo, black rhino and about fourteen other species of game – not to mention the opportunity of playing with dung beetles! Here also the boys had an instruction class in cooking boerewors, chops and steak on the braai areas, which proved very popular, before the flight back home. In fact the whole expedition proved so popular that another trip out is projected for 2006.



*On Safari in South Africa*

### YEAR 6 OUTDOOR EXCURSION TO THE HAWK AND OWL TRUST

In June last year the boys in year 6 were taken on a combined Geography, History and Science field trip to the Hawk and Owl Trust. It was a day packed full of education, and not just a jolly day out. Pond dipping consisted of collecting invertebrate and vertebrate organisms and studying them and their relationships in the pond ecosystem. This was followed by a tree identification exercise, producing heated discussions over various leaves and fruits, which were being used to identify their trees of origin. The boys were then sent off into the woods to try to collect invertebrates from the surrounding area and bring them back to the base, where the guide explained the role of each in their habitat. After lunch the boys had the chance to identify the rodents eaten by barn owls, by dissecting their regurgitated pellets. To do this they had to refer to a classification chart of rodent skulls and bones. Once again the instructor emphasised the relationships played in the environment between organisms, and that we all had a duty to preserve our natural heritage. The day ended with the boys, again in groups, being set the task of constructing a shelter to sleep in over night, using the materials at their disposal, in the wood. This was a great team-building exercise, and it produced some exciting shelters – which, perhaps mercifully, were not used as the boys had to return to Papplewick at the end of the day!

## RUGBY



*Sean Fitzpatrick taking a Training Session*

Despite the introduction of the round ball to our games' programme and the poor set of results suffered by the 1st XV (Played 15, Won 4, Lost 11), rugby is still very much alive and well at Papplewick. The 2nd XV had a storming season, winning eleven of their fourteen fixtures and commendable results from the 3rds and 4ths and 5ths have balanced the books somewhat! The Colts A, B and C XIIs had a very good, collective season winning (or drawing) in excess of 75% of their matches. The U9s struggled but improved, and the newly formed U8 age group played competitive Tag rugby with much gusto and enthusiasm. The highlight of the season was a visit by Sean Fitzpatrick, one of the most capped players in New Zealand rugby. He participated in a Game One training session and finished off with a solo rendition of the All Black Haka; what a treat!

## HOCKEY

2005 was a vintage year for Papplewick Hockey. The School started the season with plenty of talent amongst the squad, and through sheer hard work and determination we came away with an unbeaten season, with 8 matches played, 5 wins and 3 draws. The team had strength in depth in all areas of the field, and the boys played well as a team throughout the season, linking up nicely to produce some good quality ball and some excellent goal-scoring opportunities.

## FOOTBALL

Having had two very successful inaugural seasons, the School did not enjoy the same success in 2005. The 1st XI played 10 matches, of which 4 were won, 4 lost, and 2 were drawn. The line-up for the two first matches was 4-4-2, but this proved to be a disaster, and a 3-5-2 one was adopted in order to strengthen the mid field area. This formation proved to be more successful, producing a win against Aldro and a draw with Cranleigh, before a series of losses and another draw saw Papplewick in the position of having to win its final three matches to balance the books. This it managed to do, with wins over St Piran's, The Beacon and Moulsoford. This general pattern was repeated more or less at all levels throughout the School.



*Footballers in action*

## CRICKET

2005 was a long season, but an enjoyable one – if not a particularly good one from the point of view of results. The pre-season tour of South Africa was undoubtedly one of the highlights, though the side struggled initially against teams which were more experienced and which were getting towards the end of their season. Nevertheless, the tour was a great success, and it was heartening to gain victories in the last two matches, having lost five on the trot. These losses accounted for 5 of the 10 lost during the season, as opposed to 6 victories and 3 draws. The hope is that tours will give the boys the experience and confidence to play good cricket in the home season. It was therefore something of a disappointment that some of the side did not really 'click' after the tour, and make the most of their opportunities.

The bowling was not sufficiently penetrating - largely because of the old failure to bowl line and length - with only one case of a bowler managing to take five wickets in a match. This meant that the opposition was rarely put under any real pressure. Our batting, too, lacked consistency, in spite of some very dominant



*The New Cricket Nets are a huge success*

performances – notably against Lambrook-Haileybury and Ludgrove. These were counter-balanced by some ghastly displays, where the batsmen failed to knuckle down against accurate attacks. The fielding was of a high standard, but the substandard bowling did not allow the side to capitalise on its good catching.

The results of the other School teams were similar to those of the 1st XI, with perhaps slightly more matches being won than lost. The exception to the disappointing statistics came from the Junior Colts, which had its customary successful season, with 5 matches being won, 1 lost and 0 drawn.

## ATHLETICS

Unfortunately the weather played an important part in last season's competitive events, and with the cancellation of two of the four fixtures, our team was left without the usual competition before the qualifying round for the Nationals. At Caldicott we never really got going, and results were disappointing. However, the Papplewick boys put in some excellent performances in the Dragon meeting, coming 3rd out of 6 teams, and relishing competition on a tartan track. Qualification for the Nationals is never easy, for one has to win the Area event to get through. Three or four boys got close, but in the end only one secured his place through to the finals.

## AIR-RIFLE SHOOTING

Shooting at Papplewick is going from strength to strength. In 2005, fifteen boys passed the National Small-Bore Rifle Association's Youth Proficiency Scheme, which trains people of any age to be competent and safe in handling firearms. It is a concentrated, eight week course, covering the theory and practice of safe shooting, and at the end of the course candidates sit a strict examination in both disciplines.

In the British Open (Junior side-shoot) competition, 7 boys gained Gold Medals, scoring more than 175 out of 200. Papplewick won its two shooting matches, easily defeating Sunninghill and Feltonfleet. The inter-house team competition was won fairly easily by St George's, with St Michael's runner up.



*Tennis is still as popular as ever*

## SWIMMING

The visions of shivering, cheering boys on a grey afternoon in the Summer term are going to be a thing of the past in regards to Papplewick Swimming Galas, for with the pool now being covered, the weather will not be a problem this year and in the future. Papplewick was determined to do well in its last season of the 'old' pool, and we won the first two events against Summer Fields and Aldro. However, the next one was lost, at Lambrook Haileybury, followed by a home win v Ludgrove, a defeat at the hands of St John's Beaumont, and a victory against Oratory. On the whole, the School had a successful season with some good performances. It is our ambition to win against St. John's Beaumont this year, and with all year round swimming on the programme now, this is a real possibility.



*The Square, with its 'protective' wall*

## OLD BOYS' CRICKET v THE HEADMASTER'S XI 2005

2005 saw the Old Boys scoring a second consecutive victory over the Headmaster's XI, but in a much closer match than last year. The Old Boys batted first and got off to a good start with Cuthbert Kendall and Stoff Magrath scoring quick runs. Indeed, all our batsmen did well and the scoreboard kept ticking over at a good pace. Both Aidan Kendall and James Coyne reached 50, before retiring, and Gyles Scott-Hayward hit some magisterial shots, before our allotted 40 overs ran out at 240 – 5.

With the Headmaster's side batting, after a slow start runs began to come more freely, though wickets were falling at regular intervals. At one stage, after a flurry of wickets – three by Cuthbert Kendall - it looked as though the Old Boys would dismiss the opposition for less than 150. But the final two batsmen were not only hard to dislodge but also scored rapidly, and 200 was reached with the two of them showing no signs of getting out – until the final wicket fell at 211. It was a narrow victory, and a first rate game.

Thanks are again due to Ian Humphreys-Evans and Peter Wolstenholm for coming to umpire, and also to David Cox, who did a stint in the afternoon. We hope to see him playing again next year rather than being 'walking wounded'. Mention must also be made of the official scorer, Barney Wolstenholm, aged 9, who revealed a proficiency to be envied by those who relieved him from time to time during the course of the day.



The Headmaster Welcoming the Old Boy Visitors



Barney Wolstenholm – a very competent scorer

## OLD BOYS' DAY 2006

Please make a note of Sunday, July 9th 2006 in your diaries for this year's Old Boys' Day. As in previous years the Old Boys will be taking on the Headmaster's cricket XI, and we will be hoping to make it three wins in a row. This game will be starting at 11.00 a.m., lunch for the teams will be at 1.00, and tea for players and spectators will be in the pavilion at 4.00 p.m. Once again the tennis courts and the swimming pool, now with its new cover, will be available for family use. After the match we will be having our customary barbecue, to which all Old Papplewickians and their families are invited. Do come and help make the day a success. Last minute information, on the day itself, will be obtainable on the School website ([www.papplewick.org.uk](http://www.papplewick.org.uk); just click on 'about the School' and 'Old Boys'.

Having had such a successful Year of '94 reunion, organised by Paul Kaplanski two years ago, this year we are inviting especially all Old Boys who left Papplewick in 1996 to come to the barbecue at 6.30 p.m. to meet up with their year group.

### MISSING BOYS' LIST

*Could we ask all Old Boys who receive this newsletter to be kind enough to scroll through the list of Old Boys for whom we have no address, and to let us know of those whom you can help us locate? In this way we shall be able to send them an 'Old Papplewickian'. Click on [www.papplewick.org.uk](http://www.papplewick.org.uk), then on 'About the School' and 'Old Boys' News'.*

### ***What have you been doing since leaving Papplewick?***

*Old Boys are always interested to know what their contemporaries have been doing, so we are repeating our request for information about yourselves. Over these past six years, we have been delighted that more and more Old Boys have been writing in, and as a result 'The Old Papplewickian' has increased in size on three occasions – which is just what we want. Please send any news 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](mailto:sparsant@aol.com).*