

The Old Papplewickian

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THE HEADMASTER WRITES

There'll be anarchy, Sir"...this is how a ten year old boarder merrily greeted the news that dormitory captains were going to be out of a job from September 2009! Old Boys may also feel that life upstairs surely could not go on without a 'Matron I' figure presiding steadfastly at the helm. However, with the introduction of three sets of Houseparents at Papplewick for boys in Years 3-6, Year 7, and Year 8 to replace the



The Headmaster and the Registrar, Sarah Tysoe (r) bid 'farewell' to Lizzie Smith, HM's Secretary since 1996

former Matrons' structure, I felt that boys in their final year would have an altogether more enjoyable experience by being in dorms with their friends rather than looking after younger boys as of old – and so it has proved, and without anarchy reigning elsewhere! Houseparents provide such a home from home atmosphere for the boys, happily looking after them in their drawing-rooms, or in the new upstairs 'dens' complete with video and toastie nights, that there are just too many potential treats to be lost if heads do not hit pillows soon after lights out!

More sleep might even have been a contributory factor to the 1st XV enjoying such an outstanding season on the rugby field this year, including victories over Caldicott and The Dragon 43-0 and 36-12 respectively...a cause for real celebration in the same calendar year as six of our boys won art scholarships to senior schools, again proving the breadth and depth of talent that Papplewick boys seem able to display on such a consistent basis.

As ever, Sallie and I would be delighted to see you if you are ever passing, but if you can't come to us, you may find us coming to you (!), hot on the heels of two very successful and enjoyable reunion dinners for former Papplewick families that we have held this year in Madrid and Bangkok. What wonderful occasions they were and we hope the first of many such reunions.

TEN YEARS ON

This is the tenth edition of 'The Old Papplewickian' and it is twice the size of the first. The past few editions have been very much longer, with reminiscences coming in from Old Boys of the 1950s and these have proved a great source of enjoyment to many Staff and boys of bygone years. This one contains nothing but current news, once more. The actual news of School events is much the same now as it was ten years ago; it is news of Old Boys that has increased so much over the years. I do hope that this continues, for it gives so much pleasure to all Old Papplewickians – and not least to the Editor!

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SPEECH DAY 2009

The Headmaster began by welcoming the Chairman of the Governors, who was chairing his first Speech Day, his wife and the Guest Speaker, Major General Drewienkiewicz, who had agreed to come and give out the prizes.

Tom Bunbury said that after six years as Headmaster he was becoming increasingly strong in his conviction of what the School should be doing for the boys entrusted to its care. It should be bringing them up to go out into whatever world their future holds for them capable of making a difference. "I'd like to think that Papplewick boys are boys who will choose to make things happen in their future lives. But how do we give them the confidence to ensure that they do this? Well, I know it is not by wrapping them up in cotton wool, however much our parental instincts tell us to do so. We underestimate the resilience of children at our peril, yet we live in an adult society that likes to molly coddle them, a society that is failing to understand that children need to evaluate risks for themselves."



Shooting continues to be a popular activity

He went on to say that the School must teach the boys to take responsibility for themselves. They should be taught not just discipline but, more importantly, self-discipline. They will not always get things right, which is hard for them to take and for their parents to watch. But they must adopt the attitude of Rafael Nadal who recently said, "You need a defeat to give value to the victories." Such an attitude is needed to become a useful, functioning and contributing adult. 'A' grades are not all that important in themselves. "What is important is that all boys, on leaving Papplewick, should feel like 'A' grade young men. As teachers and Parents we cannot do this for them; what we can do is to equip them with the wherewithal to do it for themselves."

The Headmaster thanked Parents for their very positive feedback to the inspectors during the recent excellent School inspection. One particularly pleasing feature of the inspection was the fact that time and again, off the record, the inspectors said how much they were enjoying the company of the boys, their good humour,



their zest for life, their enquiring minds, their good manners, and they loved the enthusiasm of one young boarder who described boarding as better than being at home.

Tom Bunbury paid tribute to the members of Staff for all their hard work over the previous twelve months. They were clear evidence of some research recently carried out to the effect that the one key and consistent factor that governs success for a child at school is not his IQ level, not his general feeling of wellbeing at the school, not even his parents, but his relationship with the teachers who are teaching him. The Headmaster affirmed that without doubt the Papplewick teachers were its greatest strength. Two academic scholarships had been awarded and some of the Common Entrance results had been excellent – particularly those of one boy who had been awarded the Clay Prize at Harrow for achieving an astonishing ten A grades. Tom Bunbury also paid tribute to the calm and professional manner in which the School Nurse, Dolores Stack, had dealt with the recent flirtation with swine flu.

The Headmaster commented particularly on the outstanding success of the boys of the Art Department during the year. Under the expert and enthusiastic guidance of Caroline Brooks and Sadie James no fewer than six boys had won Art scholarships to their public school. Year after year their attention to detail draws out



talents in Papplewick boys - to such an extent that a Radio Berkshire DJ recently described Caroline as no less than 'Art teacher of the century.'

Drama and Music have also played an important part in the lives of Papplewick boys over the year, with four wonderful drama productions, beautiful concerts and Chapel singing and the well deserved awards of two Music scholarships.

The Headmaster warmly thanked those members of



Chocolate Olympics in the Sports Hall

Staff who were leaving the School at the end of the school year, for all that they had contributed to Papplewick life. His secretary, Lizzie Smith, is retiring from secretarial duties, Lucy Price moves from Papplewick to become Head of Classics at Lyndhurst School and Rachel Westmacott returns to New Zealand after several stints here in the Matrons' department.

A 'valete' to them appears elsewhere on this page of the newsletter.



Boys enjoying the Halloween Party

SCHOOL NEWS

Lizzie Smith

On Speech Day the Headmaster announced that his secretary, Lizzie Smith, who had served under his predecessor, Rhidian Llewellyn, was leaving after nearly fourteen years in office – making her the longest serving headmaster's secretary in the history of the School.

"No-one could have been a more loyal servant of the School than Lizzie, and I cannot thank her enough personally for her steadfast support over the last six years. Whatever challenges have lain ahead, Lizzie has always been there, unflappable in the extreme and always with a smile on her face. I could not have been luckier than to have had Lizzie as my secretary, and we all wish her every happiness as she embarks on her more leisurely path that the immediate future holds in store for her," said the Headmaster.

Lucy Price first joined the Papplewick staff in 2002 as an assistant teacher for a year. She left to become qualified and returned three years later and proved herself an outstanding teacher of Classics. She has brought an enormous amount to the School in opening up new channels for the boys through the huge success of her charity awareness group and her rapidly burgeoning eco agenda. We wish her well as she moves on to become Head of Classics at Lyndhurst School, in Hampstead.

Rachel Westmacott has come and gone more than once before, as we have recorded in previous newsletters. She has been a very steadfast supporter of Papplewick over the last eight years, coming back from New Zealand to serve the past two terms as Head Matron, a job she has carried out with distinction. She leaves, to return to New Zealand once more, with our very best wishes.

The Choir

The beginning of each new year brings new faces into the Choir, and the training process has to begin from scratch once again. The dedication and enthusiasm of the boys in the Choir are invariably admirable, and it is a tribute to Russell Grant, the Director of Music, that the choristers always produce such beautiful singing – as indeed they have done under previous Music Directors. Highlights of 2008-09 were the Carol Service at the end of the Michaelmas term and the singing at the moving Memorial Service to Ian Macdonald in June.



Caroline Brooks – Art Teacher Extraordinaire

AWARDS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Matthew Carter	Academic Scholarship – Harrow
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Edward Clark	Music Exhibition – Eton
Peter Chownsmith	Top Art Scholarship - Charterhouse
Andraniz Kazarvan	Art Scholarship – The Oratory
Felix Lahiff	Art Exhibition - Radley
Eddy Lord	Top Art Scholarship – The Oratory
Edward Shawe-Taylor	Academic Scholarship – Shrewsbury and Wellington
Sam Tsui	Art Scholarship – Shrewsbury
Jim Yeo	Top Art Scholarship - Harrow
Jamie Chandler	Clay Prize (10 A grades in CE) - Harrow

Year 7 Trip to France 2008

Year 7 went once more to Burgundy in October for a week and once again it was a tremendous success. Not only did the boys who went learn a good bit of French but they had the opportunity of seeing close up what life in France was like in that particular part of the country. As well as the delights of French grammar, which was being taught at regular intervals, cooking was also on the curriculum; the boys learned how to cook an apple tart and produce *tartines au pâté*, which were pronounced delicious.

A visit to a circus meant further instruction, this time in baton balancing, trapeze, tightrope walking, diabolos and ball tricks. Great fun. Archery practice meant popping balloons and a visit to a local castle elicited an interesting talk on the history of the castle itself and its inhabitants. A 'boules' tournament meant learning about this very French sport, which was great fun too. Buying food in the street market gave practice for French conversation, and a three-hour walk in a forest was good exercise. The week was a great mixture of language work, French culture and French games.



The Sponsored Walk on a sunny day

Sponsored Walk

The Sponsored Walk was held on the first Sunday of the Summer term, and for once it didn't rain! The walk started as usual at the Black Nest Gate of Windsor Great Park, wound its way up to the statue of George I and then came back to the starting point where boys and parents all had a picnic lunch. The boys earned a merit half for collecting more than £10,000.

Entertainment & Drama 2008-9

Drama at Papplewick is still very much alive with four major productions going on stage. The main play in December was 'Dream On' a musical pastiche of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', with the baddies – boy fairies and punk girls – wearing red boiler suits which set the tone for the play, providing a terrific backdrop to the action. It was, perhaps, not as Shakespeare envisaged it, but nonetheless a huge success, with excellent singing and a very efficient stage crew.

The Dream Factory was the play the Middle School put on, with two evening performances for the first time, to



HMS Pinafore 2008

which the cast responded really well. It concerned a boy called Arthur, Bad Dreams, Good Dreams and the Land of Nod. Arthur – a typical prep school boy - keeps hearing strange noises coming from under his bed, and when he decides to investigate one evening, he gets more than he bargains for. He is mysteriously transported to a strange bad-dream-like world, where he meets with all sorts of adventures with mysterious people. He manages to escape this dreadful world with the help of some 'goodies', and is only too glad to return to reality – and the Latin test that awaits him. The play proved great fun with the actors learning their lines very well and throwing themselves wholeheartedly into the action.



Author Visit by Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell – writers of The Edge Chronicles

Lower School Variety Show 2009

Starting young is the secret of the School's dramatic success, and the Lower School once again showed what it is capable of producing in its Variety Show. Year 3 put on a circus extravaganza involving tumblers, plate spinning and juggling and some funky moves to 'Cha cha slide', accompanied by string performers, followed by a New Zealand stick game that was used by Maori warriors. The Fourth Year provided some culture with poetry based on School life and how best to annoy your teacher, followed by a play all in French, 'Le petit chaperon rouge'. Year 5 recited the St Crispin Day speech from Henry V most dramatically, and they performed a smooth dance routine based on 'The Lynx Effect' adverts. It was an evening of spectacular performances that the boys obviously enjoyed tremendously.

The Papplewick Garden is Three Years Old

The Papplewick garden is growing apace, with this year's additions being artichokes, cabbages, sweet corn, herbs, salads, raspberries and rhubarb. Years 3 and 4 join forces as do years 5 and 6 where they help with the digging of beds and the planting, composting, raking and weeding. The Summer term Thursday Activity group maintains it and cuts the surrounding grass. Raised beds were built and installed for the salad plants and vegetables and a new pathway was added to enable easy access. The Eco



Papplewick Gardeners at work

Days gave Year 5 the opportunity to install compost heaps and for Hog Roast Day, tomato, French and runner bean and strawberry plants were grown and sold to raise money to repair and improve the greenhouse.

The Papplewick garden has proved of interest to various School departments and as a result it has received numerous visits from the Science, Geography and Art Departments.

The Arts Festival 2009

The theme this year was 'Changes' and the boys threw themselves into their tasks with the same enthusiasm as ever. The standard of the recitations was very high and ranged between Shakespeare and people who occupy two seats in aeroplanes. The music competition produced music of breathtaking ability, particularly from the flautists, pianists and violin and trumpet players. It was a tremendous week for all who took part, and the effort displayed in the workshops and the quality debating only added to the success of it all.



Papplewick 2010

OBITUARIES



Tim Edwards

Tim Edwards, Oxford-educated classicist, diploma-level pianist, organist, singer, raconteur, bon viveur, epicure: the list of his attributes is a very long one indeed.

My first meeting with Tim was on a summer's night, in 1984. Diana and I had been invited by Stuart and Sue Morris to join them for supper in order to meet Tim and his French wife, Jacqueline, and their two boys, Tom and Julien. From the outset it was clear

that Tim was no ordinary schoolmaster. For someone who was supposedly still 'on interview' he held court, causing us to engage with his every word and to appreciate that here was a man whose wit and wisdom were considerable.

Before arriving at Papplewick, Tim had been working at a comprehensive school in Barnstaple, Devon, and this fact alone meant that he was able to add a different dimension to a common room whose principal experience had been in independent education.

Tim was a man whose idiosyncratic style and methodology caused all of us to think more deeply about what we were doing and how we were doing it. Many a staff meeting was enlivened by his always learned and often direct input!

Having married into a French family, Tim had become an encyclopaedic Francophile. He

would often offer his expertise in the matter of the wines or food of any region and I recall with great pleasure the privilege and welcome extended to Diana and me when we joined the family for Sunday lunch in their lovely home in the Vendée.

I recall, too, becoming almost hysterical with mirth on occasions when I was the fortunate recipient of one of his wicked and inexhaustible anecdotes, whether in the corridor at Papplewick or on the beach in Boulogne!

It was with immense sadness that I learnt that he was battling with motor-neurone disease and although I regret that circumstances did not allow me to see him at any stage during his illness, I am glad that I can remember him as he was: a real and genuine gentleman: upright, wise, confident, articulate and entertaining – and a schoolmaster who cared for his charges in a way that was second to none. **P.R.C.**

Peter Longhurst

Peter Longhurst joined Papplewick in the late 1980s as Head of History - a departure from the 21 years of economics which he had taught at Stowe previously and the 16 years at King George V Southport before that. He fitted into the prep school world amazingly easily with his tremendous facility for being able to communicate with boys. As a result it was no time before Common Entrance History grades shot up and A grades began to appear in the Scholarship papers. He always exuded a positive attitude, believing passionately that with a combination of dedicated, hard work and an unbreakable belief in oneself one would always win through, and he wanted to pass this belief on to those he taught, whether in the classroom or on the games field. He had the ability to bring the best out of boys, and in his six years at the School

they enjoyed his lessons and respected him immensely. They found him amusing and fun to be with.

Peter was a distinguished sportsman in his day, playing hockey and tennis for his county and table tennis on the fringes of the England team. So his contribution to games at Papplewick was considerable. He ran the tennis, which improved hugely under his direction, but when he arrived he found that hockey just wasn't played at the School. There was no pitch to play on, only the three tennis courts. This did not deter him. He started an 'extra activity' hockey group in the evenings, playing 6-a-side in all weathers, and over the years this led to 11-a-side matches against other prep schools, where Papplewick was thrashed in the first year or two, before they started winning matches. In his final year 14 matches were played and none lost. Of this 1994 team, ten out of



the eleven players went on to play 1st XI hockey for their public schools.

Speaking recently of him, an Old Stoic said, "I don't know what he did after he left Stowe but I am sure whatever it was, he will have enriched the lives of those around him." This he certainly did at Papplewick and he will be remembered with deepest affection. **A.R.S.**

OLD BOYS' NEWS

Charlie Bellm (1993-99) graduated from Newcastle in History and Politics and is now enjoying life as a trader in the City, working for the London Metal Exchange.

Ton Boonyakarnkul (1996-99) completed a Master's degree last year and was going back to Bangkok to work in management consultancy.

Chris Bryan (1995-99) is living and working in the financial sector in London. When we saw him he was on a gap year, after graduating in Classics from Merton College, Oxford, in the summer of 2008. He was due to start on the graduate programme at Pricewaterhouse Coopers last September after doing some travelling in Italy.

Jonny Bryan (1995-98) attended the successful Year of '98 reunion at Papplewick. He had just had a busy few months of the year and was pleased that he had now worked on some successful transactions, coming away with some good deals to have on his year review in the summer.

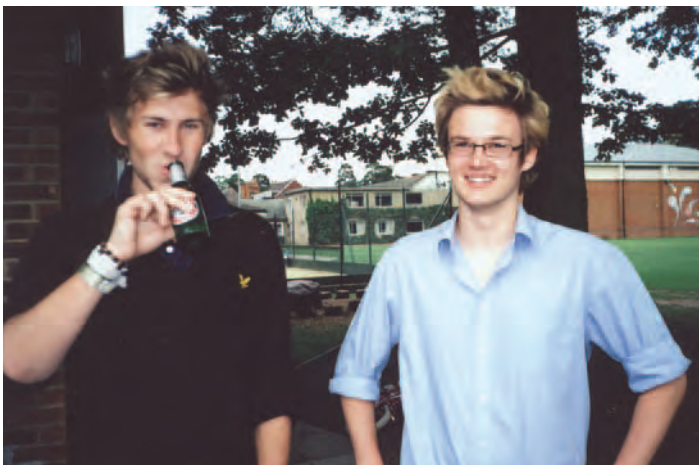
Ward Buckingham (1953-55) has been retired from medicine for 5 years and enjoys a very active lifestyle including playing classical music on the piano. **Rhodie Peters, Head of Music 1951-69**, would be amazed, since he couldn't even get Ward to read music in the early 1950s! He also does masters alpine ski racing, and plays golf with a 6 handicap (the Open Champion Challenge of 1952, where he was one of many who beat Bobby Locke's net score, was part of the inspiration to play). At other times Ward goes kayaking, mountain biking, windsurfing, backpacking, woodworking, and making warm winter hats. Two months ago his wife and he moved from Bend, Oregon to Spokane, Washington to be closer to their two daughters and their families, including seven grandchildren. Ward says that he found the section on Peter Knatchbull-Hugessen in the last newsletter particularly interesting and he has his own reminiscences. He entered Papplewick in September 1952. On his second night boarding he was somehow drawn into a pillow-fighting row in his dormitory with



Charlie Bellm left Papplewick 10 years ago

two others. Peter appeared unannounced suddenly in his flowing black cape with 'tool' in hand. The L shape of the dorm allowed us miscreants to return to our bunks at the far end before Peter saw us in action. In raised voice he addressed us all: "Who has been pillow-fighting...? Own up now." I watched as the other two laddies (one of whom I later learned got caned regularly for some infraction of rules) got their licks in public while I stayed mum, huddled down in my bed. For the next seven days I lived with guilt over my failure to 'own up'. Finally I chose to confess my heinous sin to His Majesty and walked that seemingly endless hallway to his office door. Knocking, I heard a gruff sounding voice respond: "Who is there?" As I entered, my first recollection is seeing a container on the floor with numerous canes of varying calibres and length. But as I peered around the door I saw a welcoming fatherly figure...Peter. I made my confession with much trembling, expecting to get as much or more 'reward' as I'd witnessed in the dorm a week earlier. But I left a few minutes later without punishment but with a resolve to behave myself...having been shown the mercy of Peter who undoubtedly perceived that I had suffered horribly that week from my guilt over the unconfessed 'sin'.

Oliver Butcher (1992-99) is working for RBS in the City, having graduated from the London School of Economics. He keeps very fit having recently run a half marathon and climbed Kilimanjaro with **Francis Sutch (1994-99)** who is also trading in the City.



Oliver Butcher and Francis Sutch, back for the Reunion of '99



Anyone recognise what year this was?

Richard Clapham (1989-94) became engaged to Gemma in 1998, proposing to her in the Temple of Friendship at Stowe.

James Coyne (1992-98) has written to say that news is similar to last year though the new job is not so new any more, as he had, last June, been at SBJ for 15 months. It has a very different feel from HSBC but very enjoyable. Racquets is going from strength to strength and he is now ranked No.8 in the world! He won the US Amateur singles and doubles at Christmas 2008 and also won the US Open Doubles and made the final of the British Open Doubles, beating the world champions in the semi final. James also reached the final of the Invitation Singles tournament (supposedly Top 8 though two weren't playing) which he was thrilled about.

Tom Elliott (1988-94) finished at Southmead Hospital in August having done a year of Max Fax as an SHO in both Frenchay and Southmead Hospitals, Bristol, gaining experience on the wards and operating. In January he left the UK for Perth in Australia where he



Moin Karim Khan

had a dental job lined up for a year. He has been nursing the Achilles tendon in both legs, so 'bouncy' sports are out and golf and swimming are now keeping him fit.

Oskar Gerland (1997-2001) says that he is living in Germany at the moment and is looking forward to taking exams in June and finishing his apprenticeship.

James Haskell (1992-98) has been playing club rugby for Stade Français in France this season, and internationally in the Six Nations. It was good to see him playing so well for England against Wales in early February, where he was man of the match. He scored two tries, the first the result of sheer effort and the second showing a fair turn of speed to run the length of the pitch in support, before receiving the final pass.

Edward Hearn (1979-85) has come out of the army and is currently in banking in the City. He now has a second son.

Nick Henderson (1963-68) has been on the 'missing' list for the past ten years, but has now made contact. While he was at Papplewick he was better known as "Digs" or "Digger" – (see, it's all coming back now!) He hopes that he might perhaps be able to get into contact with other "Old" boys with whom he has lost touch over the past 42 years. After leaving Harrow in 1973, he gained his Law degree from the University of Warwick. He has been married for over 25 years and has two grown up children. He has lived and worked in Australia, Dubai and Hong Kong. In 2000 he set up his own Training Consultancy and now works with some great people and companies. He and his wife have recently moved to Devon.

Piers Heyworth (1961-1966) is Headmaster of the Manor Preparatory School, Abingdon, Oxfordshire. He is married to Sarah and they have two young children.

Brian Holloway (1982-85) is living in Los Angeles and has been the president of Hollywood Development for the past 12 yrs - buying, selling, developing and remodelling customs housing in Beverly Hills. He says his newest madness is that he has just opened a medical marijuana shop called The Herbal Centre and Tea Lounge where they sell the finest herbs, concentrates and edibles. If any Old Boys are ever in the Los Angeles area you are invited to catch up with him over drinks.

Jo Leckenby (1989-94) is still on a surgical rotation in London, on the second rung of the ladder to becoming a surgical consultant. They get moved every six months or so; last year he was at Kings College and he has been working in Bromley until April before moving to St George's hospital, with the aim of specialising in Orthopaedics. In 2008 he married a girl from Thessalonika, Greece, who is also a doctor, training to be a paediatrician.

Moin Karim Khan (1979-1991) was Head Boy when at Papplewick, registered there as Khan Moinuddin. He is currently still serving with the UN and last Summer was based in Baghdad and Amman, serving the United Nations Assistance Mission in Iraq. He says he would

very much like to touch base with any Old Papplewickians either in Iraq, Jordan or his home country of Saudi Arabia.

George Klat (1983-89) has now finished building a house in London and he has settled there for a while with his wife and two sons. A couple of years ago he started judo practice again and went to Don Werner's class in Bracknell. George says that Don is still a hard task master! Unfortunately, now that George is living in London he can't get to Bracknell any more, so he has had to give up his judo.

David Kmiot (1997-2001) has graduated with a 2:1 in History. He is beginning his law degree in October and is hoping eventually to become a prosecuting barrister.

The Lantero brothers were unable to be present at the Spanish Reunion Dinner in Madrid last May; unfortunately **Ignacio (1993-95)** was in Vietnam, **Antonio (1993-99)** was taking his finals at a Post Graduate Golf Management programme in Marbella and **Cristóbal (2002-04)** was also taking his final exams (A levels) at home in Santander.

Edward McBride (1984-87) is an economist currently working in the City. He became father of a daughter last September.



Dormitory behaviour hasn't changed much over the years!

James, Giles, Thomas, and Edward Platford (1984-96). James and Thomas are working in London, with the latter searching for a flat when we last heard of him. Giles has moved to Brazil with his wife where he is still searching for a house. Edward, who is now a doctor, is working in Australia for 18 months. Both Edward and Thomas have recently become engaged.

Andrew Roberts (1991-97) became a father for the first time in January this year, with a boy called Jack Llewellyn James, who hopefully will follow in Father's footsteps and attend Papplewick one day. Since we last heard from him his career has developed and he has decided to leave the family companies in the hands of senior relatives for the time being. He is now a stock broker working in the City and he says his firm is happy to offer discounted services to Old Boys, staff, and families of current pupils. So don't miss this opportunity! His move to London has made it ten times easier to keep in touch with Old Boys; during his first weekend living in the City



Bonfire Night 2009

a number of them met up for dinner to celebrate the marriage of **John Friedman (1994-97)**.

Douglas Rowe (1986-90) played rugby in the Varsity Match last December as scrum half in the winning Cambridge team. It was a fabulous game and in the light of Papplewick's great 2009 season it might show the boys just what can be achieved!

Richard Scawn (1985-91) writes to say that work is going very well and he started a new job at Moorfields eye hospital in July last year.

Gyles Scott-Hayward (1993-99) finished his 4-year course studying geography in Edinburgh last June and returned in September to embark on a master's degree in carbon management. While an undergraduate, he played hockey and football for the university, and he continues to play the latter for the Old Etonians.

Julian Sedgwick (1989-92). In November 2007 he left London, after 8 years of living there, to join Jones Lang La Salle as Director of Residential Investments. He says that he has had a great 19 months in Asia and he has settled back into Asian life very quickly. He now lives in a fantastic old black and white house and has a great group of friends there. He moved on from JLL at the end of July last year to join Savilles and set up their Head



Year 4 Fathers and Sons Camp Out

International Sales for Asia Pacific region, which keeps him busy with lots of travel and certainly a new and rewarding challenge.

Jerome Starkey (1988-94) is a freelance reporter for various newspapers based in Kabul. Last year was election year and he was anticipating stormy times ahead when he wrote in. Apparently the traditional way of greeting any new Administration is by shelling the capital!

Dale Taylor (1994-99) was an accountant at Deloitte when we last heard from him, a job he was enjoying. He is still playing a good bit of rugby, for the Hon Artillery Company.

Simon Tuddenham (1987-93) went to Kingston University and then did a Masters Degree in real estate at Reading. He is now a surveyor in the West End of

London and plays plenty of tennis in his free time.

George Tysoe (1992-98) spent three months last year in Australia and had an amazing time in Sydney, loving it. He enjoyed his internship and said that if a job could be made for him this would be it! The drawback was that it was unpaid (apart from travel expenses) and he had to save to go there. He would quite like to get a slot in their London office. While there he helped **David Cox (1989-94)** and his girlfriend move into their flat over Easter weekend - sleeping for two weeks in their spare room.

Andrew Warren (1958-1962) has contacted us to say that he has been appointed chairman of the government advisory group, the British Energy Efficiency Federation. He also let us know that his contemporary **Tim Stevenson OBE** has become Lord-Lieutenant of Oxfordshire.



Gyles Scott-Hayward and Dale Taylor



Jeremy Baker with Simon Tuddenham, back for the Reunion of '99

NEWS FROM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BRADFIELD – **Ziyad Baeshen** achieved very good GCSE results last Summer, gaining 8 A*s, 2 As and a B. He is very grateful to Papplewick for preparing him so well for boarding school life in the UK and he thoroughly enjoyed his time at Papplewick. **Jaewook Jung** achieved 4 A* grades, 5 As and an 'A' in Further Maths. He is doing his A levels at Tiffin School, Kingston.

BRYANSTON - **Jordan Lees** is very happy at the school and is focusing very much on music and art.

CHELTENHAM – **James Dyson** has notched up an impressive list of GCSE passes with 2 A*s, 7 As and a C.

ETON – **Rohan Handa** has had another successful year at Eton. He had a good Cricket season last year and was Captain of his House Junior League. Under his captaincy, the House team reached the final for the first time. Although they lost this, they were delighted to have got so far. **Dhruv Ghulati** has left Eton and is now reading Economics at the LSE. He was an Oppidan Scholar at Eton, founder of the Indus Society there, and secretary of the Oriental Society. He was

also a keen member of the 1st golf, rackets and tennis teams. **Huw Kmiot** is doing very well and he is top of his form in History and Spanish.

HARROW – In the current year there are 24 Old Boys at Harrow, of whom 9 have Scholarships. **Eleche Garuba** has now left with A levels in Fine Art, Mathematics and Physics, and an AS level in Business studies to add to those he achieved last year. **Hugo Gilbert** has also left with A levels in Biology, Chemistry and Physical Education and a further AS level in Religious studies. **Waleed Alireza** has been performing well in the Colts A rugby team. **Yunus Sert** loves Harrow, particularly the sport, where he played in his year group first teams for rugby, soccer, racquets, golf and water polo. He played cricket at Lords against the Eton 1st XI last year while still in the 5th Form. He bagged a couple of wickets and was 6 not out when a tropical thunderstorm stopped play! He was awarded his 1st XI cricket colours, or 'flannels' in Harrow jargon. He also played regularly for the Berkshire U17 team. At the beginning of the Summer holidays he



Robert Deacock waiting to bat



Jon Bartlett back to play for the HM's XI

went with the School soccer team to Sweden to play in an international tournament. He does do some work too, and took his GCSEs last Summer.

MARLBOROUGH – **Harry Griffiths** has left with grade As in his A levels in English Literature, History of Art and Music Technology.

MILTON ABBEY - **James Lees** has produced some good GCSE results, scoring well in Maths, Combined Sciences and Music. He's now well into his A levels in Maths, Drama and Hospitality. Maths is important because he is determined to become an airline pilot and was well on his way to getting his first pilot's licence (PPL) when we heard from him.

OUNDLE - **Romy Fotheringham** did very well in his GCSE exams in 2008 with mostly A* or A grades. He

came first in his class in English and second in the whole year. He also won a Latin prize. He is now taking History, Greek, Latin and RS. He has just gained his Bronze Medal of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and is now working towards his Silver.

RADLEY - **Piers Saich** performed in 'Les Misérables' last year and he was quite outstanding, playing Javert, one of the lead roles. His resumé in the programme said, "Piers realised his love of acting at a very young age. He has pursued this love by appearing in Lord of the Flies, West Side Story, and as Catesby in Richard III last year. He is doing Theatre Studies at A level and hopes to continue his love by acting professionally."

SHERBORNE – **James Morgan** has left the School with A levels in Art, Business Studies, Geography and the History of Art. **Daniel Versloot** has been awarded his House colours, having played some good tennis and hockey. He has also taken up squash and enjoys the CCF. He likes life at Sherborne because there is a good balance between work, games and free time.

SHREWSBURY – **Rupert Dowson** has now left the School with A levels in Economics, English and French. **Edward Shawe-Taylor** has settled well into his new school. He has produced work of a high standard, particularly on the language side and has gained a whole string of academic commendations. He is also pretty busy outside the classroom, taking part in a wide variety of activities. He has played football both for his House and the U14 B team and he enjoys going to the snowdrome. As a musician he has impressed – both in the New Boys' Concert in the Winter term and in the Choir in various Chapel services. **Sam Tsui** has taken well to the routine of Shrewsbury life and has been producing good work across the board. On the sporting front he spends a lot of time rowing and playing badminton. He plays in the clarinet ensemble and is making good progress in this field.

STOWE – **William Scholfield** left Stowe last year having done Politics, History and Geography at A Level and was hoping to go to Leeds after a gap year. He played



European Day of Languages

hockey and cricket in the School 1st XI. In the latter of these he topped the batting with an average of 41.5 from 11 innings and he was a good support bowler. **Alex Worth** went to Argentina with the Stowe polo team at the end of last year.

WELLINGTON - **William Western-Kaye** is enjoying life at Wellington College. He has represented the school in all major sports at 1st team level throughout his four years and was very proud to have been selected for the College 1st XV rugby, 1st XI hockey and 2nd XI cricket teams. He achieved 9 GCSEs (1 A*, 7 As and a C in French). French was never a forte! Will is

currently sitting his AS exams and is looking forward to his last year at Wellington and maybe making the 1st XI cricket team! **Yimin Xu** moves on from Wellington with an impressive academic history. He scored 11 A* grades in his GCSEs, straight As in his AS levels and straight As at A level, having won a raft of academic prizes on his way through College not to mention a Senior UK Maths Challenge Gold in 2008 and 2009. He is now reading Politics and Economics at LSE. **Max Skipworth-Button** moves on to read Sociology at Leeds with A grades in Art and Business Studies and a B in Biology, having won the Stockdale Art Prize on his way.



Charlie Rodger scored a Century on Old Boys' Day



James Brooks, Wellington 1st XI and Papplewick Old Boys

TRIP TO BELIZE 2009

This was the first trip that the School had undertaken to Belize and it was set up by the Chairman of the Governors, Brigadier (retired) A.R.E. Hutchinson. It proved a very educational and interesting experience for the 14 boys who went.

Day one saw a visit to Belize zoo, in San Pedro, with all its native animals, where the highlight was feeding the jaguar from inside the cage. After this the group headed west to a 300-acre private nature reserve of pristine jungle set in the foothills of the Maya Mountains, where the boys stayed in a lodge in a very remote setting for three days. Here they enjoyed relaxing in the hammocks while watching the humming birds. Sorties into the jungle with trained guides introduced the boys to the elusive kinkajou, army ants, leaf cutter ants and lots of bats and insects, not to mention the huge variety of beautifully coloured birds and butterflies. A highlight while here was the fantastic cave trip involving swimming, huge open caverns and some ancient Mayan surprises.

The next stage of the trip took the boys to Xunantunich, Belize's second tallest Mayan structure, perched on a limestone ridge, offering fantastic views over the Cayo District and Guatemala. After this the

group moved on to San Ignacio where it stayed in accommodation for the teachers of a school set up by their hosts in Belize. The boys met up with the children of local workers in years 7 and 8 at the school, an English medium establishment taught by American teachers. Here they learned about jungle plants and their medicinal values.

The rest of the stay in Belize was largely social, but it included an exhilarating trip in a superfast boat, a bone jarring, drenching experience in a water taxi and plenty of snorkelling, kayaking, canoeing and paddleboats in glorious sunshine – as well as swimming with nurse sharks and rays. What a holiday!



Caye Calker - Idyllic life in Belize

CHARITY & ECO AWARENESS

In our last edition we mentioned a link which Papplewick had formed with the Bethany Orphanage in Uganda. This enabled the School to link boys in one form of Year 5 with boys of the same age in the orphanage in Kampala, and letters were exchanged once a term. We heard that the other boys in the orphanage would like to receive a letter too, and so now all the boys in year 5 are corresponding with their counterparts in Uganda. Papplewick contributes a small amount of money each term to the orphanage and this has funded the care and education of ten of the children.



Red Nose Day

Apart from this link with Uganda, there have been other Papplewick events connected with various charities.

Lights Out Papplewick Day took place last June with everyone – Staff and boys – making a huge effort to conserve energy by switching off as many lights, interactive white boards and electronic items as possible. Yet more energy was saved by having a picnic lunch with recyclable plates to avoid using the cookers and to save on washing up. The day gave everyone the chance to consider how less energy can be used in our daily lives.

Comic Relief Day was celebrated in March last year – the first such day in the history of the School. It was a fun day whose theme was ‘the wrong trousers’, with the Headmaster judging who was wearing the best wrong trousers during the day and awarding prizes to the winners in the Upper and Middle Schools. Special events were also put on by the Staff and the boys, and the boys voted for the best by using £1 tokens. At the end of the day £600 had been raised for charity.



Healthy Eating on Eco Day

Bio-Diversity Eco Day. In May, at the end of a ‘Fairtrade Fortnight’, this action-packed day was all about healthy eating. There was a fairtrade quiz in break which involved running around the School looking for answers, and the prizes came in the shape of fairtrade chocolate bars.

The Fairtrade Café at the Hog Roast raised over £300 selling brownies, cakes and juice which went to a charity called ‘L’empire des Enfants’, a Senegalese charity supporting homeless children by providing shelter, support and education.

REPTILES

The Herpetology Club is still thriving, with over ninety members. There is a committee now which largely runs the Club. It has drawn up a roster and each of its members is expected to supervise in break at least once a week. They also help with the feeding and cleaning and they instruct new members on safety with the reptiles.

Since last year the bearded dragons have produced more eggs and there are now thirty dragons which like to be handled and therefore make very good pets. The pretty leopard geckoes have increased to sixteen and the snake population has risen to sixty-five after the arrival of last year’s surviving babies.

The croaking of the tree frogs and the bull frogs and the barking of the painted toads are a joy to listen to during the day. There is plenty in this club which provides both interest and instruction, and the boys love it.



What Happened Next?

TRIPS AND OUTINGS

Scholars' Trip to Venice 2009

Reward for the hard work that had been put into the exams came in the shape of this great trip, that certainly lived up to expectation. It was good to experience 29 degree heat for one thing and this lasted during the entire visit. The party travelled the canals in vaporettos visiting churches, St Mark's Square and various cobbled streets, marvelling at the architecture and the general tranquillity of the city. Markets were visited, pizzas were eaten, swimming was indulged in and culture was imbibed at every turn.



New Dress Regulations for Conkers!



Year 8 visited the War Graves once again

Lower School Trip to Roald Dahl Museum

This outing took place in September, starting off with the boys hearing about Roald Dahl's childhood and many of the tricks he played around his village. They also heard how he created his stories. The museum guide helped the boys devise an evil character by appealing to their imagination; this proved the inspiration for some wonderful stories when they finally got back to school.

Chiltern Open Air Museum

This was another outing by boys in the Lower School, when they spent a day at the Hawk and Owl Trust, learning about Victorian methods of farming and harvesting. They then thrashed and ground up wheat, using Victorian tools and this was followed by them making their own bread, kneading their dough and shaping it. It was an educational outing for these boys.

SCHOOL SPORT 2008 - 2009

Rugby 2008

The 1st XV was a good side which started the season disappointingly, with only one win out of the first five, but which improved as the season progressed, ending with seven victories against eight losses. Highlights included great wins against St John's Beaumont and Aldro, and a fine dominant second half against Colet Court, who emerged ultimate winners. Exceptional tackling was a feature of the side, and the ability of the backs to hold passes, to run with determination and to execute precision kicks resulted in some quality tries during the season.

The 2nd XV won 5 games and lost 7 playing largely bigger boys. They played with great spirit and showed a real hunger to improve, trying to play open, entertaining rugby with the game flowing easily. The team can look back with pleasure at the first half against The Oratory, when it scored 22 unanswered points, and the final moments against Lambrook-Haileybury when it scored, to secure victory.

Football 2009

1st XI - The season was marred largely by the snow which fell shortly after term started and interrupted many of the early matches. As a result we didn't get started on the right footing. The team was essentially a strong one with solid players in all areas of the pitch. One fixture was a Summer one against a team from Buenos Aires which had crossed the Atlantic to take part in a tournament in northern France and which extended its tour to include Papplewick. It was an exciting game which the home side won 2-0.

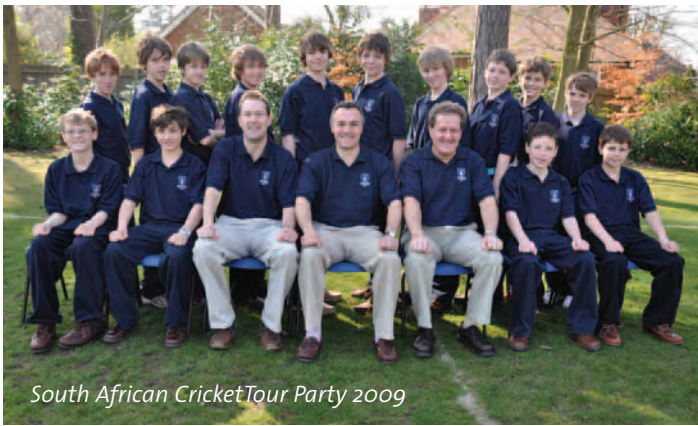


The Argentinian Footballers take on Papplewick

2nd XI – This must have been one of the best 2nd XI football teams that the school has produced, and it was a real pity that some fixtures were affected by snow. We only lost one of our matches, away against Downsends, with the most notable success, after going down a goal, being against Christ's Hospital, in a game which we won 4-1.

Cricket 2009

1st XI – When your season includes a win against Summer Fields and draws against Caldicott and The Dragon you can be rightly pleased. It looked as though the team was recovering from its demolition by all eight schools played during the South African tour. But sadly the victory against Summer Fields was the only one the School achieved. 8 games were drawn and 7 lost. Boys produced some individual good performances and the squad certainly improved considerably during the course of the season. And with half of them returning next year we can look forward to a rewarding and exciting 2010 season.



South African Cricket Tour Party 2009

The **2nd XI** won 4 of its 13 games, drew 1 and lost 8.

The **Colts** side had all the ingredients for a good team, with two accurate opening bowlers who could swing the ball, steady back-up bowlers, a solid middle order and some good fielders. So to win only 3 matches out of 12 was a real disappointment – especially after our opening game victory over Summer Fields – by a single run!

Croquet - This new sport saw its inaugural match last year with a game against Ludgrove, played on the smooth lawn of the opposition. The match swung to and fro, and with the last game to go the Papplewick player only had to come 3rd in his rubber for us to win. With the final hoop and the post ahead of him and victory in sight, sadly he clunked his ball into the side of the hoop and the enemy stormed past to glory. It was a successful day, nevertheless, and much enjoyed by all the players.

Polo 2008-09

This was the strongest team that Papplewick has produced since we started playing nine years ago and we were blessed with having strength in numbers, which meant we were able to field three teams at all the tournaments in which we took part. We had a wonderful season.



St George's Juniors on Sports Day

The team's first success came in the Junior School National Arena Championships, where it won the final with all our players scoring goals – the first time we have won this Championship. The Papplewick Tournament produced some very exciting matches, with six teams fielding more than one team, and with the hosts fighting off a strong challenge from Pinewood in the final to emerge winners. The Papplewick B team also won the Subsidiary Cup.

Scuba Diving – This sport made its debut last Summer with eleven boys starting their PADI junior water qualification. This involved several pool-based skills sessions, four tests and a final exam, demonstrating these skills in open water. The boys worked hard at this sport and they achieved great satisfaction from their labours.

Tennis – The season was a most enjoyable one with plenty of matches. The highlight was the away fixture against Caldicott, where the match went to the final game of the final rubber, with Papplewick just coming home after a series of deuce points. The School also took part in two tournaments, at Radley and at Hall Grove, where we did creditably in the former and came fourth in the latter.



Winner of 'Papplewick's Got Talent'

OLD BOYS' DAY 2009

Cricket Match v The Headmaster's XI

The weather was kind to us at the annual cricket match v the Headmaster's XI this year, and a good day was had by all those who attended. The Old Boys batted first and scored at a great rate; by lunch time we had scored more than 170 runs and we still had an hour or so to bat after the meal. When play resumed we went on to reach 274-5, with Charlie Rodger scoring 122, Paul Kaplanski 51 and Emre Sert, an Old Boy of one day's standing, producing a quick cameo 28.

The Headmaster's side scored steadily when they batted, but they lost wickets just as steadily and, with 14 overs to go, they were more than a hundred runs behind with their last man (the Headmaster) coming in. Unfortunately for the Old Boys he was still there 14 overs later and the match ended in a very exciting draw. Of our bowlers, Cuthbert Kendall had a very good day, taking 4-16 (3 of them in a single over) and Dale Taylor 2-20.

It was particularly good to see several Old Boys back who had left Papplewick ten years earlier, together with Rhidian Llewellyn, Headmaster at the time, Enid Vose (Matron 1) and some former parents. We look forward to next year's meeting.



Cuthbert Kendall, taking a rest from bowling



Emre Sert scored some good runs

OLD BOYS' DAY 2010

The date to make a note of is Sunday, July 11th for this year's Old Boys' Day. As in previous years the Old Boys will be taking on the Headmaster's cricket XI, when we shall be hoping to secure a victory after last year's draw. The game will be starting at 11.00 a.m. as usual, 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 swimming pool and the tennis courts will be available for family use. After the game we shall be holding our customary barbecue, to which all Old Papplewickians and their families are invited. Do come and help make the day a success.

There will be a special welcome for those Old Boys who left Papplewick in the year 2000, ten years ago, and you should be receiving a personal invitation with this newsletter. Do come if you can, perhaps arriving for tea at 4.00 p.m. – or even earlier if you are a keen cricketer. It will be good to get together with your contemporaries once again, stay for the barbecue and have a good look around. If you have not been back since you left, you are sure to see some interesting changes to the School.

Last minute information, on the morning itself, will be posted on the Old Boys' page of the website (www.papplewick.org.uk). Just click on the 'About the School' button and 'Old Boys' News'. It is important to do this because if the weather is doubtful both the match and the barbecue may have to be cancelled.

WHAT NEWS OF YOU?

Do please let us have the latest news of what you have been doing recently, as it is always of interest to other Old Boys whether they be contemporaries or not. Who knows? if they see that you are a lawyer or an engineer and they need to consult one, they may even contact you. So how about this for a chance to advertise?!

Please send any news to AR Sparshott, c/o Papplewick, Windsor Road, Ascot, Berkshire, SL5 7LH or email it to - sparsant@talktalk.net – We look forward to hearing from you.

Missing Boys' List

Please may we issue our annual appeal to all those who receive this newsletter, asking you kindly to glance through the list of 'missing' Old Boys on the Old Boys' page of the website - click on 'About the School' followed by 'Old Boys' News' - and to let us know any address that you may be aware of. This will help us keep our records up to date and will give those Old Boys the chance to receive the newsletter in the future.