

# The Old Papplewickian

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## THE HEADMASTER WRITES

As Old Boys will be aware, Papplewick was founded in 1947 and is thus now well into its seventh decade as one of England's leading prep schools. However, you may be less familiar with the fact that the school does not hold the freehold for our prime site opposite Ascot racecourse, which is instead leased from the Crown. As a result, in recent years Governors have been faced with the dilemma of how best to approach a rapidly diminishing lease for the site that you will all remember so well. I am sure you will therefore be delighted to hear that in December 2011, an extension to this lease was signed, albeit at a price (!), for a further 99 years, to secure the site for many generations of future Papplewickians.

This would not have been possible without the generous support of a small number of Old Boys and current parents, but we are now in a position to continue to develop the site in order to remain at the forefront of the prep school world. By the time you receive this newsletter, work will already have begun (again due to the generosity of current parents) on a new Front Entrance and Hall for the school, together with a new purpose-built classroom for the youngest boys at Papplewick. No longer will parents have to shiver 'on the Square' at 'pick-up' time or when visiting their sons, and I hope you will approve of the 'new look' for the front of the school which will be completed by September 2012 (See Page 5).

Further developments are in the pipeline which go to the heart of Papplewick and its ethos as a boarding school, about which I will be writing to you later in the year. However, for now, with the school site secured, I hope you can start to make plans for your sons, grandsons, great-grandsons and even great-great-grandsons to come to Papplewick over the course of the next 99 years! Do come and see for yourselves what is going on in the Papplewick you know so well, for you will be assured, as always, of a very warm welcome.

### Missing Old Boys

Those of you who have accessed the Old Boys' page of the Papplewick website may well be surprised at the number of Old Boys whose contact addresses we don't have – actually one third of the total number of Old Papplewickians on our database. We would be very grateful if you would have a look at this list on our web page (Papplewick.org.uk – About Papplewick – Old Boys) and let us know of any of your friends there whose addresses you may know. In this way we shall be able to send them a copy of the annual Newsletter.



*John Frost (1975-80)  
has joined the Governing Body of Papplewick*

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# SPEECH DAY 2011

The Headmaster began his speech by extending a very warm welcome to the guest of honour, Professor Aziz, Chairman of the Aziz Corporation, Britain's leading Independent Executive Communications Consultancy, who had kindly agreed to come to Papplewick to give out the prizes to those who had been successful in the classroom during the course of the year.

Tom Bunbury emphasised, however, that it was not every boy who could attain academic, musical, artistic or sporting success at prep school age, and he paid tribute to an Old Boy, James Lewis, who had sadly died recently at the age of 23 and who had been one such boy. His development at school had been unspectacular, but he was an example of a boy who, some eight years after leaving Papplewick, discovered his special talent - modern art - and by the time he died he had left behind him a welter of artistic memories for all to treasure. "James was a clear example of the fact that we all develop at different rates, and early lack of evident talent can still, with encouragement and determination, produce boys with the confidence to discover their own talents later on in life."

The Headmaster commented on the great success of the School's new Year 2 class, which had added another dimension to the life of the Papplewick community with their natural bounce, spark and enthusiasm over the course of the past twelve months.

2010-11 had been another very successful year on the scholarship front, with no fewer than five Music Awards having been gained. Three further academic awards had been won by boys going to Winchester, Charterhouse and Harrow, and all common entrance boys had gained entrance to schools of their first choice; two boys had achieved 9 and 11 A grade passes respectively. The Headmaster emphasised the point that over

the past few years it had been success at Scholarship level that had set the standard for all other boys to aspire to and annual improvement at common entrance level had shown that this example had rubbed off.

The Headmaster reported that the School had had another very good year with its drama. We had seen performances of 'Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' and 'Swinging Samson,' the play produced by Years 2-5. There had also been



*The Head of School making his speech on Speech Day*



*Celebrating the Royal Wedding last April*



*The winner of the 2011 Knatchbull-Hugessen Award*

another first class joint production, 'Tom's Midnight Garden' with the girls of St Mary's, Ascot. Art of a very high standard had once again been on display, and some exceptional work had been produced by boys in their Design Technology projects.

The Headmaster paid tribute to all the members of the Papplewick staff for their dedicated work, saying that the Ofsted inspectors, who had visited the School last March, certainly recognised this, for they had commented on it in their report saying, "All boarding, maintenance, catering and cleaning staff work very hard to achieve excellence through effective team work and long hours. The overall rating of 'outstanding' reflects on all staff and pupils."



*2011 Leavers' Dinner*

The Headmaster made reference to a prospective parent who had written to him after his introductory visit and had referred to Papplewick as a school that "manages to create the alchemy between a happy and a relaxed, yet stimulating environment, and a modern and open, yet in many respects traditional education." The Headmaster said he wanted education here to be simple: "So often it becomes over-complicated. Values such

as truth, courage, loyalty and hope need to be taught and the value of friendship, and the value of being part of a community must be learned." This was another thing that the Ofsted team had picked up on during their visit, for they had recognised the virtues of growing up in such a positive, tight-knit, community atmosphere, and Tom Bunbury said he was sure that this gave the boys the security and confidence from which success and happiness would inevitably flow. He said that it was the boys themselves who really 'wowed' the inspectors. "They loved their confidence, they loved their spark, and they loved their humour." He ended his speech by paying tribute to those boys who had been largely responsible for creating this impression – the leavers, who had been a truly outstanding group of Year 8 boys. They had been positive, hard-working, loyal, courteous, good humoured, good natured and kind to each other – simple qualities which the Headmaster hoped the younger boys had been watching, had been learning from, and would replicate when their time came at the top of the School.



*Fun in the swimming pool*

## Farewells

**Robert Deacock** was a boy at Papplewick in the early 1980s and we can be thankful that he never really left the School. He returned at various stages in the 1990s to help out with cricket coaching and finally joined the Papplewick Staff in 2003 as Head Groundsman, where he made an immediate impact. With a deep love for the School, engendered during his time as a boy here, he threw himself into his job with enthusiasm, creating pitches, grounds and gardens that were the envy of all visitors. As well as being a genius on the grounds front, Robert also continued his games coaching, where he has been instrumental in raising the level of performance of very many boys. He leaves with our affection and thanks, to take up the post of Head Groundsman at Reading Blue Coat School. We hope to see him regularly in the future, playing cricket for the Old Boys against the HM's XI at the end of the Summer Term!



*Jim Hewer and his Family*

**Simon and Katie Gedye.** Simon joined the Papplewick teaching Staff on a temporary basis in September 2003, filling in for a teacher absent on maternity leave. He did such a good job and his presence became so indispensable that he was retained on a permanent basis, first as a Middle School teacher and then taking over the position of Head of the Middle School. Shortly after his arrival at Papplewick, he married Katie, an excellent Year 4 form teacher and the two of them became Junior House Parents when this system was introduced in 2009. As well as taking games in the Lower School, he ran first the 3rd XI cricket team before moving on to help with the 1st XI and taking them to South Africa on their biennial tour. Both he and Katie will be greatly missed as they move on to Moor Park School, where Simon is to be Deputy Headmaster.

**Jim Hewer** came to Papplewick rather fortuitously in September 1999, replacing the new Head of PE, who had been appointed the term before but who was never seen after interview! Luckily someone knew that Jim was available and he was appointed to the Staff three days before term began. His tremendous enthusiasm for life together with his expertise in physical education enabled him to integrate naturally into the Papplewick community. PE lessons became fun. He was



*Robert Deacock at the Summer Ball*

essentially a lover of football and once this game was introduced as one of the main School sports, he took charge of it, transforming the game from being a social pastime into a competitive sport, where we began to win matches. He organised tours to South America, with games arranged in Argentina and Chile. Jim was always busy around the School, in the thick of all activities, and with his deep concern for the welfare of the boys he was a natural choice for the position of Senior Master, when it became vacant in 2007. He moves on now into Sports Management with his family, and they all leave with our best wishes.



*Simon and Katie Gedye with their Family*

## AWARDS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2011

Christian Banks	Music Scholarship to Charterhouse
Ben Ellis	Oppidan Scholarship at Eton. Internal Award
Jee-Hwan Kim	Music Scholarship to Eton
John Kwon	Music Exhibition to Winchester
John Kwon	Academic Scholarship to Winchester
Hugh Riches	Academic Scholarship to Harrow
Cameron Temple	Academic Exhibition to Charterhouse
Justin Wong	Music Scholarship to Harrow
Andy Yoon	Music Exhibition to Harrow



Arts Festival – Drumming Workshops

### Design Technology

Last year was a very exciting, industrious and challenging twelve months, with each year group tackling new projects. Year 3 made mini beasts and Year 4 boys had fun making speed boats and testing them in the swimming pool. Year 5's jitterbugs waged war in the Hall, Year 6 produced the best range of Steady Hand Games so far and Year 7's clocks were visually stunning. The leavers were challenged to solder electronic components onto a printed circuit board in order to make an MP amplifier circuit, which, after testing, they successfully fitted into an appropriate casing.

### Royal Wedding Celebrations

Papplewick had its own celebrations for the Royal Wedding on April 29th last year. These started with having normal classes on a Bank Holiday – something which met with only qualified

approval by the student body. It was more enthusiastic come tea-time, however, when the boys had their own street party, with a regal spread laid on, on the Square. Seated by houses, they tucked into a delicious tea, complete with ice lollies and fizzy pop. They felt as though they were in Buckingham Palace!

### Languages Cross-Curricular Days

On these days pupils have their classes - English, Maths, Art, Music and the other subjects – taught in French. In Art, Monet was discussed, with some of his work and paintings being studied and with the boys having to write something about the painter in French at the end of the lesson. French mathematical terms were used in Maths lessons, the geographers had to write about Windsor shops in French, and woe betide any boy in the PE class who used non-French terminology during the game of football, for he received an immediate red card!



Sketch of what the New Building Project will look like



*Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*

**Drama** 2010-11 was another very successful year for drama, with 'Joseph and His Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' being the main School play. It was a triumph, with the cast acting above itself and surpassing all expectations. The Musical zipped along from one brilliant song to the next and with adept casting and clever choreography the overall effect was wonderful. As ever, the music staff ensured that the singing was of the highest standard, and this, of course, really made the evening.

**Year 6** The 6th Year got into the swing of things with a light and lyrical rock 'n roll take on the story of Samson and Delilah, full of exotic costumes and groovy music. Good lead performances, solid supporting performances, fine dance movements and excellent songs in which everyone got involved, produced great enjoyment on both evenings.



*The high quality of art at Papplewick continues*

**Tom's Midnight Garden** was the play selected for the second dramatic joint venture with St Mary's Ascot, once again giving the Papplewick boys the chance to perform in a first class theatre with girls as co-performers. The play was a great success all the nights it was staged and it really was a fantastic experience for every Papplewick boy involved on and off stage. It was a wonderful venue to work in and we look forward to next year's production of 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.'

**European Day of Languages** This was a very successful day once again, with the boys and teachers wearing different costumes typical of European countries and from further afield in certain cases. The boys all had to wear a sticker with a word or phrase in a foreign language, so they would learn something new, linguistically. Classes carried on, with a difference, and boys learned to say 'hello, how are you?' in different languages. In some classes they learned about Chinese and Sri Lankan life and how to write some characters in Chinese. It was a fun day, with the boys having a chance to broaden their knowledge of different cultures and languages at the same time.

**Papplewick's got Talent** Back for the fourth consecutive year, the talent on show was the best yet and the judges were on fine form. They had a hard job selecting the most talented, but in the end they came to the unanimous decision that Maz-if Attack, with their thunderous version of 'Written in the Stars' should get the prize.



*DT - Electric Buggy*

## OBITUARIES

**James Lewis (1997 – 2001)** joined Papplewick in September 1997 from the Ridgeway School in Maidenhead. Remarkably small for his age then, his physical size was always inversely proportional to the strength of his character and his great sense of humour, not least about himself. James always made the very most of every opportunity, and his determination to do everything to the very best of his ability was second to none. He was a Warden throughout his final year as well as being House Captain of St. Nicolas. A true life enhancer and tremendous giggler (!), James was undoubtedly one of Papplewick's greater characters as a boy, and his grit and fortitude, often in difficult circumstances, won the affection and respect of one and all. It was therefore no surprise in 2001 that he came runner-up in the Knatchbull-Hugessen voting, thus winning the Azat Italmazov prize, awarded for his enthusiasm for life, contribution to the community and, above all, kindness to others. After Papplewick, James went on to Millfield where he unfortunately developed epilepsy. However, far from holding him back, James moved on to university in the USA and world travels with his brothers. He was just emerging as a modern artist of some repute in London when he sadly passed away in his sleep in May 2011.

**Daphne Watson** died peacefully in her sleep on Saturday 5th November 2011, having gradually declined during the course of the year. She particularly requested that the choir from Papplewick sang at her funeral, as she had been associated with the school for over 50 years. After she and her husband Ralph retired from Papplewick, they used to return in term time for the Sunday chapel services, and they invariably attended the annual carol service at the end of the Michaelmas term. For many years, too, after leaving Papplewick, they used to make a point of inviting new members of the school staff to a 'Welcome to Papplewick' meal at their house in Windlesham. Such a kind gesture was always greatly appreciated by newcomers. She will be sadly missed at School functions.

News has reached us that **Matthew Fagg (1964-67)** died in December 2009

We are sorry to report the death early in 2010 of **Brigadier Hamish Fletcher (1962 - 65)**



James Lewis at his art work



The five Music Award Winners

## OLD BOYS' NEWS

**Mark Allsop (1972-76)** After leaving Leighton Park he lived the "student life" in Leamington Spa before leaving the UK for a few years to take up travelling in S.E Asia, Australia and New Zealand, where he worked as a rigger, returning via India and Nepal. Inspired by the cuisines he had discovered on his travels, he moved to London and trained as a Chef at London's "Le Caprice" and "The Ivy" and then left to cook in France and Switzerland. After some time travelling in Africa he returned to Reading where he currently lives with his wife and two sons. Still a Chef and cooking in a nearby country house, he is passionate about bread, ice cream, kites, surfing and music.

Mark has fond memories of his time at Papplewick

particularly the Choir, playing British Bulldogs on roller skates and numerous nights of fun whilst keeping KV for the likes of Matron 1. "And the night the fire alarm went off and there were, very strangely, no members of staff around. We assembled outside and then moved into the hall under the guidance of prefects, whilst, unbeknown to us, the staff had hidden in the Chapel. Then came the haunting sound of, I suspect, Mr Morgan playing the organ.....good times!" **Richard Bache (1973-1977)** is married with three boys, Joshua, Daniel and Elijah. He is currently living in Tavistock, in Devon, and is teaching at Tavistock College while training to be ordained priest in the Church of England.

**Tom Bailey (1998-01)** left Milton Abbey in 2006 and went to

go around the world, travelling and working in Australia, New Zealand and Hong Kong on his first trip, and then he did six months in South Africa. He is now at Writtle College in his third year, studying horticulture. He hopes to be working for a green roof/wall company when he leaves and he has plans to do some more travelling, this time cycling. He ran in the London Marathon last year, completing the course in under his target time of four hours and raising more than £3,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

**William Bain (1989-94)** After leaving Harrow he went on to Bristol University to read Geography and then joined Ernst and Young in London to train as a Chartered Accountant. He left there in 2005 to go to Hawkpoint, an independent corporate finance advisory practice. He married in May 2010 and he and his wife had their first child, Freddie, last November.



*Russell Grant, Director of Music, relaxing*

**Jeremy Baker (1987-93)** has moved from GVA, a surveying firm, and has gone to work in London in development management of student housing, as a surveyor. In his free time he has been playing a lot of squash. When we saw him last July, he was planning to go to Australia for three months in September.

**Jonny Baker (1991-97)** has set up his own agency in motor racing and is living in Florida, where he is managing a race track. He is engaged to be married to his American girlfriend and they intend to marry at Malvern College in May this year.

**Freddie Bell (1997-99)** is enjoying life very much in London, working for a mining company.

**Charles Biddle (1995-01)** is working for Bechtel in the oil and gas industry, which he greatly enjoys.

**James Biddle (1987-93)** is an accountant with Beaumont Cornish, working in corporate finance in the City.

**James Bowler (1999-03)** went to Blue Coat after leaving Papplewick. He continued playing hockey, ending up as captain of the team. He played regionals and trained with the England Goalkeepers last Summer. He was head of house in his final year at Blue Coat. His A levels went well and now he is studying History of Art at St Andrews University.



*Jeremy Baker and Simon Tuddenham at the annual Cricket Match*

**Chris Bryan (1995-99)** went out to Hong Kong on a two year secondment with PWC in January.

**Jonny Bryan (1995-98)** moved jobs earlier this year and is now working for Jefferies, an American investment bank, covering European real estate, gaming and hotels. He is still based in London though. He managed to get in some travelling in Africa during his gardening leave, which was a bonus!

**Piers Buckworth (1994-1995)** is in Hong Kong, working for a financial company, his younger brother, **Louis (1994-97)**, is working in real estate in Manhattan and youngest brother, **Ollie (1995-99)**, obtained his degree in New South Wales and is now in film making.

**Chris Cox (1996-01)** After Eton he graduated from Bristol in Economics and is now training in London, working in the financial world, for Oakley Capital.

**David Cox (1989-94)** News coming from Australia is that David has become engaged to Penny and they have a flat in Sydney.



*European Day 2011*

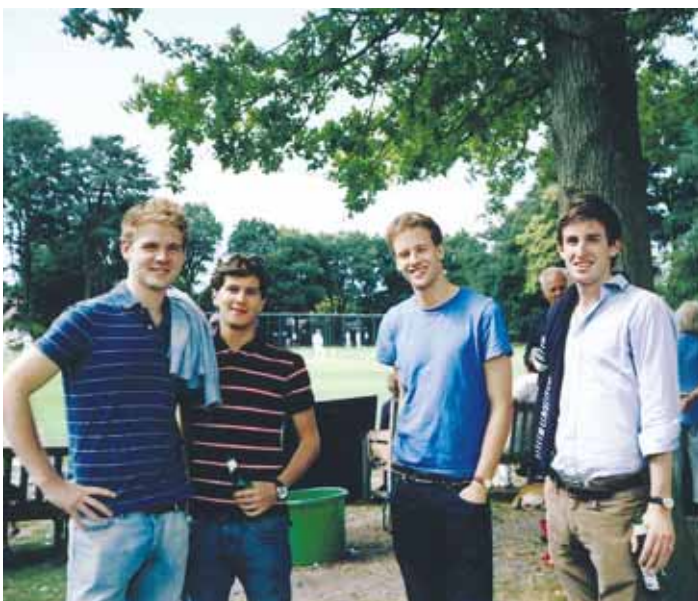




*James Coyne on the attack in the match v the HM's XI – under the vigilant eye of Peter Wolstenholme (1970-75)*

**James Coyne (1992-98)** was made a Director of Specie within his company last November and things continue to go well, if somewhat tough at the moment, as the UK is still in credit crunching, penny pinching land. But he is surviving! He is playing some good rackets and he and his partner won the US Open Doubles, the British Amateur Doubles and the British Open Doubles in the past twelve months, and he is still ranked in the World Top 5 for Singles. He is hoping for a good season next year, possibly getting a shot in the world doubles challenge in order to pinch the Title!

**Rod Dew (1971-75)** has lived in Australia for almost 15 years now and is enjoying the outdoor lifestyle. He has three teenage children, all born in the UK but who sound very 'stralian'! His career has mainly been in sales and marketing



*Freddie Leask, Alex Hodgson, Chris Cox and Ollie Knight at the Reunion of 2001*

for technology companies; he is currently consulting in this area with a few exciting projects brewing.

He still does quite a bit of sport - running, road bike riding and surf swimming, completing the Sydney to Wollongong 90 km bike ride towards the end of last year. He is also on the board of the local 1st grade rugby club, Manly, where Clive Woodward played a couple of seasons in the mid 80s. Rod went to the World Cup England v Argentina match in Dunedin and saw **James Haskell** in action.

**Tom Elliott (1988-94)** has returned to the UK, having spent a couple of years as a dentist in Perth, Australia. He is now back in his Bristol flat and has been working two jobs. He has been considering his future career development and the option of specialisation and a masters degree.

**James Fernandez (1979-83)** is now living in the UK with his wife and two children. After Bearwood, he graduated from The Royal Military College of Science, Shrivenham. He has been successful in his work in consulting and systems integration, with such organisations as LogicaCMG and BT Syntegra (now BT Global Services), working in a variety of markets around the world. He is currently Vice President for Global Commercial Operations and a member of the Executive Committee of CHAMP Cargosystems, a company with its HQ in Luxembourg. He joined CHAMP from SITA, where he managed the dual roles of Global Head of the Cargo and Logistics and General Manager of SITA's Joint Venture, headquartered in Beijing.



*Oskar Gerland, back for the Reunion of 2001*

**Oscar Gerland (1997-01)** returned for the Reunion of '01 on Old Boys' Day. He is doing his apprenticeship in solar technology in Germany, gradually moving up the company. He is now a technical specialist and finds being completely bilingual a definite advantage.

**Callum Gore (1995-01)** is thoroughly enjoying working in a contemporary art gallery in Soho. It was good to see him back last July for the Reunion of '01.

**Max Gore (1993-99)** was sitting his final exams in accountancy last year, while trying to be a rock star at the same time – with some success.

**Colin Gouldsbury (1983-88)** went to Cheltenham on leaving Papplewick, after which he worked in a variety of jobs for a year before taking a hotel and hospitality course.



*Past and Future Record Holders: Colin Gouldsbury with his son, Luke*

Having completed this, he went on to do a diploma at Prue Leith's School of Food and Wine, before starting work for a variety of well known London restaurants like Bibendum, De Cecco's and Fifth Floor Restaurant in Harvey Nichols. Once he had a little experience under his belt he set up his own catering company in London and was closely involved with film set catering as well as cooking for parties in Kensington Palace.

Having been born in Hong Kong, he returned there in 2007 and landed a job as Executive Chef at DotCod, a seafood restaurant owned by the Hong Kong Cricket Club. A year later the restaurant became the first restaurant in Asia to offer a 100% fully sustainable menu and if won Hong Kong's Restaurant of the Year, as voted by Hong Kong Tatler, for four years in a row. While still working 14-16 hour shifts, six days a week for DotCod, he opened his own beach bistro on the

south side of Lantau and this took up what little time he had left over in his week. The birth of his son, Luke, in 2010 gave him cause to take stock of his life - or lack of it - and Colin decided to give up both places and take a year out to get to know his son and watch him grow. So his family moved into his grandfather's holiday house in France, living among mountains and near to a lake, which they found very different from Hong Kong! They lived there until January this year, when they returned to Hong Kong, where he is now working for Swires. He is still a keen swimmer, as he was when at Papplewick, and he swims every day. He wonders who eventually broke his Papplewick breaststroke record, and in what year. Colin has taken his son swimming from the age of 6 weeks and reports that he is a natural! Perhaps if Luke goes to Papplewick he will win the breaststroke record back for the Gouldsbury family once again!

**Ollie Gouldsbury (1991-94)** has been living in Nepal since 2000 and is a qualified yoga teacher. He speaks Nepali better than English these days, for he loves the country.

**Guy Harper (1991-96)** is a lawyer specialising in corporate litigation. He lives in London and is married to Katherine, who is also a lawyer.

**Dougie Harrison (Capt)** and **Billy Price** are playing rugby for the Old Wellingtonians, in a team placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the London South West league.



*Jan Waite (Staff 1992-2007) came back for Speech Day and the Old Boys' Cricket Match*

**James Haskell (1992-1998)** played some very good rugby in New Zealand for the England side in the knock-out stages of the World Cup last September and continued his good form in the match against Romania. He is taking a year away from European rugby this year and he spent the early part of the season in Japan playing for the Ricoh Black Rams. He has even learnt a bit of Japanese and can say a few sentences! He departed for New Zealand in February, where he has joined the Highlanders rugby club and is training with a large proportion of the All Black World Cup winning team. He was hoping that he would get to play some games for the club.

**Edward Haskell (1994-00)** spent some time working in Paris, living with James, and he is now very fluent in French. He worked as Logistics Manager for Lawrence Dallaglio round Europe, fund raising a bike ride, which was a great experience and led to a contract in London with the Lawrence Dallaglio



*Boys delivering produce from Papplewick's Harvest Festival to the Ascot Day Centre*



*Ben Sullivan, Freddie Leask, Oscar Gerland and Stof Magrath back for the 2001 Reunion*

Foundation, helping to organise the 8Rocks event. He then worked on other events in London followed by a trip to New Zealand and Australia. Since last year he has been with Richard Carings' company in London, the Caprice Group, on the executive side.

**Alex Hodgson (1995-01)** was a student pilot working for Air Asia in Jakarta when we saw him at the Reunion of 2001 last July. He was due to finish his training in September.

**Jaewook Jung (2003-06)** has left Bradfield and is studying at Imperial College, London, where he is reading Civil Engineering.

**Aidan Kendall (1988-95)** is still working in London, but has recently moved to working for a small Media agency, Total Media, based in High Street Kensington.

**Ollie Knight (1995-01)** Having graduated from Durham, he is now in London in his second year working towards Management Consultancy with Accenture.

**Jocelyn Knight (1999-01)** finished at Oxford last year, having read philosophy and theology, and is at present at Oxford Brooks studying law conversion with a view to becoming a barrister.

**Freddie Leask (1995-01)** spent a gap year in Australia and Asia after leaving Radley, and from there he went to Newcastle to read geography. He is now working in wealth management in the City, still at the training stage with St James' Place. As well as enjoying his work he finds time to play a fair bit of golf.

**Tan Lochotinan (1993-96)** has written to say that it was nice to see Tom Bunbury and familiar faces at the Bangkok tea party last year. He returned to Thailand to work as a Senior Manager in Thomson Reuters after a few years working within consulting at Accenture in London. He is still keeping up with music and in his spare time he is the conductor of the Bangkok Charity Orchestra. It is Thailand's first and only orchestra to be performing entirely for charity, and 100% of the money raised (with no reductions of any kind) is used to help various charitable foundations in Thailand. Tan's younger brother, **Tim**, is also doing well, currently working within Corporate Affairs at Standard Chartered Bank.



*Heroes' Day 2011*

**Hugh Lowry (1991-97)** After leaving Papplewick he spent five very enjoyable years at Wellington before going on to study computer science at the University of Manchester. He graduated with a 1st Class degree, and secured a job as a video game programmer at Codemasters, which is the largest independent video game development studio in the UK. Those who knew Hugh at Papplewick might remember that he was always a bit obsessed with computers and video games, so it's pretty much his dream job! He spent six years in leafy Leamington Spa working on the company's successful range of racing games - two of which ('GRID' and 'F1 2010') won BAFTAs for 'Best Sports Game' in 2008 and 2011 respectively. Codemasters' latest game, 'DiRT 3', came out last year and received rave reviews, so everybody should go buy it!

Hugh left Codemasters last year and moved to Edinburgh to start a new programming job at Rockstar North, creators of the hugely popular (if somewhat controversial) 'Grand Theft Auto' series of games. Edinburgh is a lovely place to live, and Hugh is looking forward to the Edinburgh Festival - he already has an orderly queue of friends wanting to sleep on his sofa for the duration of it, so if you want to go, get in quick!

**Stof Magrath (1995-01)** organised a very successful Old Boys' reunion at Papplewick last July, with a good turn-out of Old Boys who left ten years previously. At the moment he works at Temple Golf Club, outside Henley, as Green Keeper,



*Halloween*



*Getting ready for the Carol Service*

a job which he loves – even though he has to get up at 4.30 a.m! When we saw him in July he was about to start on a course in turf management. He aims to end up working at an open championship course.

**Joel, Harry and Ted Matthews (2000-06).** Joel is now in his second year at Bristol reading Electrical and Electronic Engineering, which he really likes. Harry enjoys being a VI Form day boy at RGS in Reading, having achieved a string of A\*s, As and Bs in his GCSEs. He is currently studying Maths, Physics, Computing, Economics and Astronomy. And Ted loves life at Claires Court.

**Jeremy Ogilvie-Harris (2002-07)** is to be congratulated on taking Bronze at the London University & Colleges Senior Open Judo Championships held at Brunel University. He was fighting against much older opponents, so reaching the semi-final and fighting well enough to earn third place was exceptional.

**William Perry (1994-97)** has moved back to Manchester after a year in Fulham. He is still working for the BBC and can be heard on Radio 5 Live Sport, after the news, and can



*Dale Taylor and Gyles Scott-Hayward, back to play cricket v the HM's XI*

be watched on live/webcam on the internet. He also covers premier matches for Match Report and BBC News 24 TV Ready Sport. He is having a great time!

**Andrew Peters (1968-74)** After Radley, he started his business career in purchasing with House of Fraser, before moving into sales and management in the IT industry. In the late 90s he made the big change into Telecoms, and after a few years at BT he joined Deutsche Telekom UK where he became CEO as well as a Board member of all the operating companies, including Virgin Mobile. He then joined Telefonica UK as CEO until it sold the business in 2005. He is now advising Private Equity firms on telecoms and technology activity. Andrew says he is looking forward to visiting Papplewick and having a look round the school and perhaps going to watch a rugby game.



*James Dyson returned on Old Boys' Day*

The **Platfords (1984-96)** are all fully occupied with their jobs and their lives. **James** is incredibly busy and still loves his work and life in London. **Giles** is working in Sao Paulo and he and his wife were expecting their first baby when we heard of him. **Thomas** got married two years ago and they have just moved into a lovely garden flat in London. **Edward** and his fiancée returned from 18 months in Australia last May, after working in A & E in Perth, prior to getting married in June.

**Nick Sanders (1992-98)** was married in October last year and is now the proud father of a little boy, Arthur, 2 weeks old when he wrote in last November. Nick reports that life is hectic and challenging, but none the worse for that. He is self-employed as a Sales Executive, but he has re-trained in Wine (WSET) and is hoping to pursue that in the near future. **Gyles Scott-Hayward (1992-99)** did a Masters Degree in carbon management at Edinburgh and is currently working for Greenstone Carbon Management Ltd in London.

**Ben Sullivan (2000-01)** read sports and business management at Bristol West of England and is now working as a UK marketing executive for Secure Parking, a world wide company dealing with the lease and management of car parks, which has just set up in the UK.

**Dale Taylor (1994-99)** is enjoying working in London, training to become an underwriter in an insurance company.

**Simon Tuddenham (1987-93)** is a surveyor in the West End, working for an International Property Advisory firm which has recently been redeveloping the Maze Prison in Northern Ireland.

**George Tysoe (1992-98)** was a rackets finalist in the British Open Doubles and the Canadian Amateur Doubles Championships last season. He is now working for TC Communications in Ascot - an Agency owned by Old Papplewickian, **Tim Trueman (1965-70)**.



*Alex Ward, the Magician, materialising for the Reunion of 2001*



*Paul Kaplanski in action v the HM's XI*

**Alex Ward (1996-01)** has been a professional magician since leaving Stowe. He enjoys travelling and performing around the world, and he has particularly liked working in New York and Cannes. It was good to see him back for the Reunion of '01 last July.

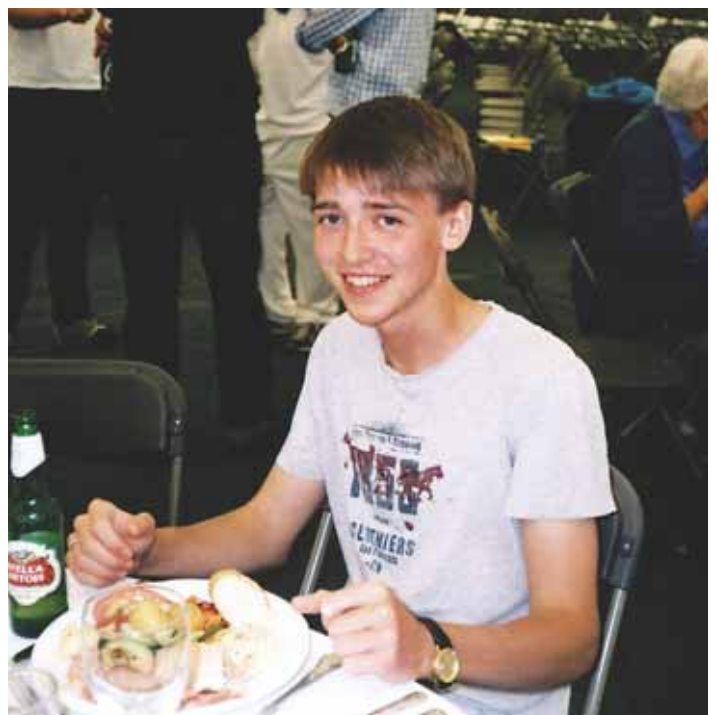
**Tom Ward (1993-98)** is working as an estate agent. He lives in Teddington and is engaged to be married.

## NEWS FROM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**BEDALES** – Titus Buckworth is in his final year, elected Head Boy last July by the pupils and staff. He is aiming to go to Oxford on leaving school to read Philosophy and Maths.

**BRADFIELD** – **Harry Thorpe** is in his second year at Bradfield. He ended last year on a high by winning an academic award for ICT and DT. His goal is to gain admission into MIT once he has finished at Bradfield. **Jaewook Jung** has left Bradfield and is now studying at Imperial College where he is reading Civil Engineering. **Andrew Ghiacy** is Deputy Head of House and is in his final year studying Geography, Politics and English, with a view to doing Geography at Southampton or Nottingham University. He thoroughly enjoys life at Bradfield and he plays the guitar in a band there. He says he is very grateful to Papplewick (especially the Geography teachers!) for the great start it gave him.

**CHARTERHOUSE** – **Jack Goetz** is studying at Columbia, his brother, **Chris**, starts at Stanford next year and youngest brother, **Hunter**, is off to NYU for the summer to a drama program there at their Tisch School for Performing Arts. **James Watson** has left Charterhouse and went to Sri Lanka in February to do some charity work aiding Tsunami victims. Later this year he will be starting at Royal Holloway, University of London.



*Titus Buckworth is Head Boy of Bedales*

**DULWICH COLLEGE** - **Joon Hwa Choi** is studying in the top set and is playing the flute in the Symphonic Orchestra, the Symphonic Wind Band and the Quartet. In rugby he has moved between the A and B teams.

**ETON** - **Thomas Humphrey** did well in his GCSEs getting 10 A\*s (just missing the full set as he 'only' got A for Spanish). He is pleased with getting A\* at maths having struggled with this subject for so long, but now he is even taking it at A level!

**HARROW** – **Alex Mackintosh** left Harrow last Summer where he was head of Druries and won prizes for Economics and Politics. He now hopes to go to Oxford to read History. **Charlie Seddon** is in the Upper VI and he and another sixth former won the School debating competition last May. He has also won a Headmaster's Prize. So it's now fingers crossed for 3 As in order to get into Exeter to read Politics and Philosophy. **James Lawson-Baker** played in the 1st XI cricket team as wicket keeper, even though he was still Under 16.



*Croquet*

change and had a number of good innings last season, including 40 against Sherborne.

**THE ORATORY** - **Justin Maitland Walker** is enjoying polo in the early stages of the formation of the School's polo club, while **Charlie Holley** continues training with the Berkshire Polo Club.

**PANGBOURNE** – **Charlie Pidgley** is playing top class polo. He qualified for the Hipwood at this year's Pony Club National Championships at Cowdray Park Polo Club. With three other boys, his team won and with this success under his belt he was selected to play in the HPA Junior England Select Blue Team at Ham Polo Club. His season peaked with a 5-day trip to Hungary to play for England on behalf of the Schools and Universities Polo Association. In a mixed team of 14-16 year olds, the team was eventual competition winners.

**RADLEY** – **Piers Saich** has continued to be very much involved in dramatics, notably in his performances as the wheelchair bound 'Older Irwin' in *The History Boys*, played as convincingly as his 'Younger-Irwin' in the same play. It



*Andy Yoon, Toby Hignett, and Henry Elsom are playing for the Yearlings at Harrow*

**MILLFIELD** - **Thamer Al Kabbani** passed his GCSE with a B in Business Studies. Right now he is sitting for his As in a London-based day school, MPW, in Business Studies, Accountancy and Politics. His cousin **Mishaal Al Sulaiman**, passed his GCSE and is studying for his As in Chemistry, Biology, Economics and Business Studies. **Nick Wilmot-Smith** did well in his GCSEs obtaining a number of Bs and a C in Maths, though he maintained the Wilmot-Smith tradition in French: 4 candidates, 4 straight Es!! He has played A team rugby since the Junior Colts – continuing as hooker - having lost only 1 game out of 40. He also played in the Millfield 7s squad last year, where they might have retained their crown if it hadn't been for injuries. In the holidays he pre-season trained for two weeks with Bath Academy. He is aiming to gain a gold place next season, when he comes available for selection on a full time basis. At cricket he plays for the Millfield 2nd XI where he bowls first



*James Brooks Vice Captained Wellington's cricket team in 2011*



*Callum van Beveren at St John's Leatherhead*

comes as no surprise that he has been offered a place at the American Academy of Dramatic Art in LA.

**REED'S SCHOOL** **Roy Steudle** secured 4 A\*s and 5 As in his GCSEs in 2010 and is studying Economics, German and Physical Education at AS level. He continues to play a major part in the School's national title-winning ski team and also plays hockey for the 2nd XI. He plans to become a full-time skier after leaving school and has ambitions to appear in the next Winter Olympics.

**SHREWSBURY** – **Ed Shaw-Taylor** is playing some good squash in the School squad, although only in the 5th form. **ST JOHN'S LEATHERHEAD** - **Callum van Beveren** was chosen to represent his new school, in the U14A team. In his first game, in spite of his speed, tackling, and ball

handling he didn't score, but the team did come out victorious, 21 – 14. In his second game, he found his stride and went on to score two tries after straight runs down the line, with the team securing another welcome victory, 26 – 24.

**ST EDWARD'S OXFORD** – **Jamie D'Alton** has been very successful in athletics, gaining gold medals for the triple jump and high jump in the Oxford City Schools' Championships last May.

**STOWE** - **Orlando Whitehead** achieved 10 A\*s in his GCSEs to go with the A he got for his Greek in 2010.

**UPPINGHAM** – **Marcus Howard-Vyse** gained a very good set of GCSEs last Summer, with 8 A\*s and 2 As.

**WELLINGTON** – **James Brooks** was vice captain of the College cricket team, being awarded his colours for both cricket (for the third successive year) and rugby. In his final year he went on a cricket tour of South Africa. He is now at the University of the West of England reading architectural technology and currently playing rugby for Berks Under 20s.

**Joey Nam** has been awarded his Art Colours for his outstanding contribution to the Arts. **Max Skipworth-Button** has now left Wellington and is at Swansea reading International Business Management.

**WINDSOR BOYS SCHOOL** - **Alex Avery** is studying Latin, Maths, Politics, Economics and History at AS level, after achieving 13 GCSEs. He is Deputy Head Boy, Head of House for sport, and chairs the debating team. He still loves his cricket and is vice-captain of the 1st XI. He had a very successful rugby season and captained Maidenhead to their third county league title. He also led that squad on their tour to Argentina and Uruguay, together with his brother, **Cameron**, which culminated in a victory against the Uruguay National Under17 team at their training centre in Montevideo. Cameron is studying for his GCSEs, having already passed French, Maths and Combined Sciences early. He is a front row forward and currently attends training clinics at Bisham Abbey, aimed at improving his performance next season. At school he recently won through to be appointed one of Windsor Boys School's International Ambassadors. He is in the 1st XI cricket squad and is still very successful with his left arm off spins.



*Alex and Cameron Avery in Uruguay*

## MORE SCHOOL NEWS

### Authors' Day 2011

Last year the author visits day took on a new dimension, with Papplewick's first ever Authors' Day, as opposed to individual authors visiting on two or three different days. This was part of the National "Spill the Ink" tour and Papplewick was extremely fortunate to take part. It also gave us the opportunity for the Lower and Middle Schools to experience the excitement of meeting an author. Ivan Brett entertained the younger boys with tales from his very funny debut novel 'Casper Candlewacks in Death by Pigeon.' The senior boys met Robin Jarvis and Will Hill later on in the day. The former made a brilliant return with his new novel 'Dancing Jax' – a sinister tale of ancient magic infiltrating and influencing the modern world. Will Hill's debut novel, 'Department 19,' is a thriller and was very well received by Year 8 boys. As well as having a chance to chat with the authors, the boys who had bought books had them signed by the authors.



*Pop Idols at Play*

### Book Visits

As well as taking part in Authors' Day, boys from Papplewick sallied forth on two visits, one to a second hand bookshop in Penn, where the books were piled floor to ceiling, creating a literary jungle, and making it real fun to search for bargain books. The other visit was to Eton College, producing a totally different book handling experience. Here the boys had a privileged tour, looking at the King James Bible Exhibition and examining a copy of the Nuremberg Chronicle. They also contributed many nuggets of wisdom to an article entitled 'Lord Goring's Library' which appeared in a professionally produced programme for the play 'An Ideal Husband.'

### Year 7's Study Trip to France.

This trip to France is always looked forward to with great anticipation. There were French lessons every day, mixed in with cultural, sporting and fun activities, with plenty of relevant vocabulary to be learned during each of these, so it was all very enjoyable – if hard work. On the first day the boys went to the circus where they quickly learned various skills and this was followed by a cooking class, which produced rather dry apple pies. Archery (popping away at balloons) and kayaking came on the second day. Mosaic



*Bibliomania 2011*

making was on the programme, together with visiting a castle and getting lost in the maze the following day. On the final day they visited a market and had to buy their own food, and this was followed by a walk in the forest where more vocabulary, this time centred around woodland animals, was bandied around. When the time came to pack up and go, everyone agreed that the five days in France had proved to be a great experience.

### The Apprentice

As a new venture, this activity was introduced as part of the Leavers' Studies programme, designed to help prepare the boys for life after Papplewick and beyond. The Year 8 boys had the chance to practise their entrepreneurial skills, in groups, before confronting the dreaded Alan Sugar (alias Dr Smith-Bannister.) The task before them was that of designing, marketing and selling a product based on fruit, in order to promote healthy eating. During the day they also had to negotiate with a fruit supplier, submit financial reports and defend their pitch to a panel of Staff, before facing a discriminating buying public comprising pupils and Staff in a twenty minute frenzy of selling.



*The French Department at work*



## Outdoor Education

For the past few years, when the leavers have gone off to their Leavers' Camp in France, the rest of the School has experienced some sort of outdoor education, involving sleeping away from Papplewick for the older age groups. They go out on different days and the organisers – last year The Bushcraft Company, based in Oxfordshire – usually put on a very stimulating and exciting programme for the boys, who return to School full of new ideas, many of which they put into practice the following year.

Year 2 and 3 went out for a single day and the other boys in Years 4 to 7 had three days away from Papplewick, doing various different activities. The oldest group had three days of bushcraft, building and sleeping in baker tarps, cooking their own supper over fires they had lit themselves, swimming in the lakes and making pizzas in the clay ovens. There was a strong emphasis on leadership and the role of Prefects and Wardens at Papplewick – which this group of boys would be experiencing the following year. The objectives for the boys are tremendous:

- Conducting themselves safely in an unfamiliar environment
- Participating in group activities and working towards a shared goal
- Feeling positive about their individual contributions to team efforts
- Recognising their own and others' achievements
- Developing confidence in new surroundings
- Enjoying spending some time outside and being involved in new activities
- Thinking both practically and creatively about the world around them
- Ensuring that their presence in the woodland leaves minimum impact on the environment
- Creating a sense of community and team identity
- Analysing the effect their surroundings have on their feelings and comfort
- Approaching new experiences with confidence and enthusiasm.

Parents will realise just how lucky their sons are to have such an opportunity of participating in confidence-building activities of this nature. Perhaps the actual participants will too, later on in life.



Year Four celebrating Green Day



Outdoor Education



Life in one of the boys' Common Rooms

# SPORT 2011

## Football

The year 2010-11 saw football being played at Papplewick in the Michaelmas term, for the first time, rather than rugby.

The 1st XI had a fair term, with good wins scored against Eagle House (3-1) and Summer Fields (2-1), an exciting draw with Lambrook (1-1) and a disappointing defeat at the hands of Cranleigh (4-1), where they took their chances and Papplewick failed to do so. The most exciting game was played in the Summer Term, though, when St Catherine's Moorland came on tour from Argentina. Papplewick has played them when it has gone on its South American tours, so we were glad to see them back here. It was a very even game, with little between the two sides, and the final 2-2 draw resulted in extra time being played. The 'golden goal' was eventually scored by Papplewick.



*Forwards at work*



## Rugby

**1st XV Results:** Played 10, Won 3 Lost 7.

One disadvantage of playing rugby in the Lent term only was that we came across opposition with a term's rugby behind them, so they were that much more prepared for battle. This meant that Papplewick had an average season only, though the side improved as the term progressed, with the outsides growing in confidence and learning to discern between slow and fast ball and how to react to various situations.



*The Cricket Square*

## Cricket

**1st XI** - The season really began in the Lent holidays with the team on tour in South Africa, where a lot of experience was gained during a tough schedule of seven matches. Sadly, all but one of the games there were lost by the visitors, but the boys were certainly match fit by the time they returned for the Summer term.

This started very well, with impressive wins over Summer Fields and Ludgrove, but after this the remaining results were mixed, with 9 matches in all being played, 3 won, 4 lost and the other two drawn. Like the first two games, some of the performances were full of sparkle and vigour, but too many of them were flat and bland, showing disappointing inconsistency.

**2nd XI** - The bowling and fielding of the team were of a very high standard last season, with plenty of wickets tumbling and few catches going down. But unfortunately the batting failed to provide the support required to compete adequately in most of the matches.

**Golf** is as popular as ever and those boys who play it are lucky to be able to go for coaching at the Berkshire Golf Club and for matches on such a fine course as the one at Wellington. Four matches were played, but the most notable performance was coming 4th in an 11-school competition at The Oratory.



*Golf*

**Tennis 2011** - With over a third of the boys at Papplewick signing on for individual or group coaching, we enjoyed another good season on the tennis courts. Over 30 boys represented the School in various matches, including one U9s fixture. The 1st team had some excellent games and did well to get to the knock-out stages of the Radley Tournament.

**Athletics** - The School is fortunate in having a number of boys who are good in the sprints and middle distance events, but technical know-how is lacking in too many of the field events to enable the team to win matches. We really need some winter training behind us when we start our season if we are to



*A successful sprinter and long jumper*

do well, especially in the Regional and National Championships. The School did produce one athlete however, who secured second place in the long jump and the 200m, which was a great achievement.

The Five Star Award Scheme has been introduced throughout the School, and now boys have the opportunity to record improvement in individual performances as the season progresses, gaining badges as they improve in the various events.

**Clay Pigeon Shooting** continues to flourish, with the boys going off to practise at Bisley once a week. They are building up their repertoire of shooting disciplines, which now include Settling Pigeon, Springing Teal, Bolting Rabbit as well as Full Flush. This sport is great fun and is thoroughly enjoyed by those who take part in it.



*"Well played, the Old Boys!"*

## OLD BOYS' DAY 2012

Old Boys' Day this year will be on Sunday July 8th, so please make a note of this in your diary. In 2011 we managed to beat the Headmaster's XI in our customary cricket match and we hope that we shall be able to gain another victory this time. We tried an experiment last year, inviting all visitors to have lunch with the players in the marquee and this proved so successful that we propose to do the same this year, so we hope you can come for this. Tea for teams and visitors will be in the pavilion at 4.00 p.m. and there will be drinks at 6 o'clock for those present, which will conclude the programme for the day.

Once again the swimming pool and tennis courts will be available for families and friends. We shall be delighted to see you there, either at lunch or later on. Old Boys who left Papplewick in 2002 are particularly invited this year, ten years on, and you will be receiving a personal invitation with this newsletter. Last year's reunion was particularly successful, so do come if you can. It will be good to meet up with your contemporaries and have a look around. You will be surprised at the changes, if you have not been back since you left. We shall be posting last minute details on the morning of July 8th, by 9.00 a.m. on the Old Boys' page of the School website ([www.papplewick.org.uk](http://www.papplewick.org.uk)). Just click on 'About Papplewick' and 'Old Boys'. In the event of uncertain weather it is important to do this, as both fixture and the reunion of 2002 may have to be cancelled.



*The HM on the Defensive*

### NEWS UPDATE

We always need news from Old Boys about what they have been doing recently, so please contact us to keep us informed - preferably with a photograph - emailing it to [sparsant@gmail.com](mailto:sparsant@gmail.com). We look forward to hearing from you.



*"I'm glad the HM didn't ask us to play this year"*

## OLD BOYS' DAY 2011

Sunday 10th July was another very successful day and it was particularly pleasing to welcome so many Old Boys who left the School ten years ago, back for the Reunion of 2001, together with some of their parents.

The annual cricket match between the Old Boys team and the Headmaster's XI was watched with interest by plenty of spectators, comprising Old Boys, parents, grandparents and past and present staff.

The Old Boys batted first and faced some very accurate bowling which restricted the run rate and got wickets at regular intervals throughout the morning. Yunus Sert, Dale Taylor, James Brooks, Jeremy Baker and James Coyne all scored 30 or 40 runs. However, Gyles Scott-Hayward top scored for the Old Boys with 79 very well made and valuable runs, which meant that we were able to set the HM's XI a target of 257 runs to win.

This total proved too much for the hosts, though it was an exciting game to watch for there always looked to be a chance that the runs could be made, as several of the Headmaster's team batted aggressively and scored quickly. In the end they were all out for 202, with James Coyne and Yunus Sert bowling very well, securing 5-20 and 4-30 respectively.



*George Tysoe came as a spectator to the Old Boys' Cricket last year*