

# The Old Papplewickian

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## THE HEADMASTER WRITES

It has often been said that the formative years when shaping a boy's character are the prep school years, and this year I've been struck by how true this is at several of the most enjoyable Papplewick reunions that have been held. On those occasions, Old Boys now in their twenties and thirties had of course changed dramatically on the physical front since they were thirteen, but almost all of them were essentially the same character they'd been when they left for senior school many years before. Indeed, at the 1994 New Zealand Rugby Tour Reunion in May, it was slightly worrying how quickly the 'boys' slipped back into the familiar banter of their thirteen year old alter egos! Good-natured boys had become good-natured men, earnest boys had become relatively serious young men, and cheeky boys had remained just as cheeky as they'd always been! The same applied in Madrid for our reunion of Spanish families in the Spring, as well as on Old Boys' Day in July when the class of 2003 came back to reminisce (frankly often making up tales, as is the wont of Old Boys, of adventurous dares or tries scored that never actually happened!) on a glorious summer's afternoon. Plans are now coming together for a ten year reunion for the class of 2004 and, for the first time, a twenty year reunion for the class of 1994 on 13th July. The talents of the present generation of boys seem stronger than ever with one boy this year winning both a King's and Music Scholarship to Eton, but without the foundations of good character being laid down at this formative time, those talents would be worth nothing. Sallie and I much look forward to seeing lots of 'grown-up school boys' over the course of the next twelve months either at official reunions or on spontaneous visits, if ever you feel inspired to drop in – you know where to find us!

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## Papplewick Old Boys' Rugby

Our Old Boys have recently received requests from two of our Prep School 'rivals' for a competitive rugby fixture. At the moment we have a quorum of Old Boys who are keen to play, but we do not yet have a sufficient number to make up a full side – though we are not far short. So we are asking all of our rugby players who are over 18 years old and who think they might like to play the occasional match, to contact Max Willcocks ([max.willcocks@googlemail.com](mailto:max.willcocks@googlemail.com)) and he will send you further details.



1993 New Zealand Rugby players back for the reunion in May

Mark Baldwin, Dougie Harrison, Marcus Lade, Paul Kaplanski, Richard Clapham, Matthew Hunter, Tom Elliott, Tristan Rogers. Front: Richard Humphrey

## SPEECH DAY 2013



*The Chairman of the Governors on Speech Day*

The Headmaster began by thanking his Guest of Honour, Major General Patrick Cordingley, for coming to give away the prizes, referring to him as a distinguished 'leader of men'. And it was the idea of 'leadership' which was to be the central theme of Tom Bunbury's speech. He said that the outcome of a private education, which begins at prep school, is one which, by its very nature, leads boys and girls to positions of responsibility in their adult lives, at the end of the educational process. He quoted a poem by William Ayot, 'A Word from the Led', which considers how those subordinate to 'leaders' perceive those at the top – the man, the woman, the leader, the boss. The poem emphasises that 'the led' follow unflinchingly "simply because they (the leaders) are who they are.... We give them our trust. We give them our effort. What we ask in return is that they stay true."

So if Papplewick boys are to end up in positions of leadership, in what ways can the School be seen to be equipping them for the process of 'staying true'?

The Headmaster pointed out that at prep school, boys were still young enough to imbibe values that would stay with

them for life and it was therefore, in order to sow the seed for 'staying true', that there was such an emphasis at Papplewick on developing the boys' character. A good value to aim for as a start, even amongst high achieving boys, was humility, which, even if it didn't come naturally, was obviously something one could learn or could be taught. "Here at Papplewick the past year has produced a Year 8 boy with great talent, who won a music scholarship to Eton in the Lent Term and a couple of months later went on to win a King's Scholarship for academic work – the first time this double has been achieved in the history of the School – and yet in this case all was achieved without fuss and with a natural humility that was quite amazing."

Yet if humility was an important character trait, so too was the quality of resilience - a deep seated understanding that life was full of setbacks and hard knocks - and that the ability to pick oneself up off the ground, the ability to bounce back from adversity, sometimes just the resilience to keep going and get a job done, were all vital qualities for success in the future. It was huge amounts of resilience that had carried this year's leavers through another successful academic year. Scholarships had been won and all Common Entrance boys had gained entrance into their preferred public schools, many with a glut of A grades, led by the two boys who had each attained 10 of these to Eton and Tonbridge respectively. And what about the resilience shown by those boys who started Year 8 as distinctly borderline CE candidates, but ended it not only passing Common Entrance but turning out, by June, not to be borderline candidates at all? Such boys deserve admiration as much as any scholar or Common Entrance high flyer.

Reading was perhaps more of a skill than a value, a skill that was so fundamental to the development of character that it assumed the highest priority at Papplewick. One only had to wander the dormitories in the evening, or visit the sports hall gallery after lunch, or see the eyes light up during one of the author visits, and one could see that reading was very much



*Boys making use of the Library*

alive at Papplewick, something perhaps epitomised best by the School's extraordinary Bibliomaniacs' Club.

Such enthusiasm for reading led on to the importance of concentration, which the Headmaster considered to be a key ingredient of character, vital and very much part of everyday life. He referred to the huge reserves of concentration required to achieve anything worthwhile and this had been seen in abundance on the fine art front. "Amazing artistic talent is coming up through the school and is displayed for all to see in our new reception area. Our musicians have continued to hit new heights not just through the joy of the four part first choir, but encapsulated by the incredibly high standard of the Year 7 and 8 boys in this term's Summer Concert. And finally to drama, where no top class production was ever put on without concentration. In the past year we have enjoyed not one but two absolutely first rate productions in 'Treasure Island' and 'Danny the Champion of the World' and the year has also seen one of our boys winning a drama scholarship to Shrewsbury."

The Headmaster went on to consider the importance of sport in the development of character. 2013 had seen the addition of the new golf green at the School, to supplement existing facilities for fencing, karate, pétanque, shooting - both air rifle and clay - croquet, badminton, basketball, riding, polo, and facilities for swimming, cricket, tennis, squash, hockey and climbing. There had been many tours during the course of the year - from South Africa on cricket tour to France with skiing; from the big adventure of Kids for Africa to the mini adventure of a local theatre trip; from the culture of the Year 7 Burgundy trip, to the ever widening variety of the Geography field trips in the UK, from the excitement of the Outdoor Education excursions to the sheer fun of Leavers' Camp in Spain, and success had been judged in the manner in which the boys had carried themselves. "These trips are more than just an opportunity to be courteous; they give the boys a freedom which Papplewick thinks is so important, a fundamental freedom for the boys simply to be themselves, free to play during their childhood in a world which seems to value play less and less."

The Headmaster concluded by mentioning the key values of loyalty and honesty, saying that it was very gratifying to see such a theme as loyalty running as a thread through the recent report by the Independent Schools Inspectorate. Indeed, the report opened with the words 'Relationships at all levels are outstanding, and pupils and staff have a strong loyalty to the school.' The value of ethics was assimilated every morning,



*Treasure Island*

through the daily chapel services, and Tom Bunbury pointed out that the spiritual and moral development of the boys was seen to be very strong by the inspectors. By way of contrast, he said that only recently a Sunday Times article had quoted a survey in which one in three of 2,000 state school head teachers had stated that they weren't doing enough to develop the morals of their pupils. One head even said, "We train children to be successful, ruthless, greedy and selfish; our virtues are money, fame and looks. We do not reward kindness, do not value loyalty and do not care about courage."

The Headmaster spoke with great appreciation of the Papplewick staff, both teaching and support staff in equal measure, who remained, he maintained, the greatest strength of the School, exemplifying all the values that he had been advocating for the boys to strive towards in his speech. "But if there is one quality that makes our staff inspirational to boys, I believe that it is that they have that vital ability to see life through the eyes of children, making Papplewick education a fun and happy experience for the boys."

"2012-13 has been another very successful and happy year at Papplewick," the Headmaster said, "a year in which all the boys are to be congratulated both on achievement and on the building of their character, and none more so than the truly delightful group of boys we've had with us leading the school in Year 8. Well done to them, and to all our leaders of men in the future. May they 'stay true.' "



*General Cordingley making a point during his speech*

## AWARDS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Alex Hall	Academic Scholarship	Wellington
June Ho Chung	Music Scholarship	Eton
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Will Shawe-Taylor	Drama Scholarship	Shrewsbury
Will Shawe-Taylor	All Rounder Scholarship	Shrewsbury

## Farewell

Papplewick bade farewell to Jamie Elaton at the end of last Summer Term, after he had spent a year at the School. He contributed on a wide variety of fronts, but particularly adeptly with the younger boys, and always in an endlessly positive manner. This will make him a very popular and useful addition at Eaton House the Vale, in Kensington, where he goes to take up a sports teaching post. He leaves with our best wishes.



## Madrid Visit

The Headmaster visited Madrid last May and he writes: "It was a great pleasure to host a reunion in Madrid for our past and present Spanish families. With the Chairman of Governors, Brigadier Alwin Hutchinson, in attendance, a drinks reception was held at the Wellington Hotel, the spiritual home of toreadors during the bullfighting season. We are extremely grateful once again to Lyall and Sol Hendry for all their assistance 'on the ground' in Madrid in helping with the organisation of such a convivial evening for us all."



Juan Luis Lavalle Cobo, Archie Hendry, Cristóbal Lantero and Rhydian Hendry attended the Madrid Reunion in May 2013

## 1993 NEW ZEALAND RUGBY TOUR

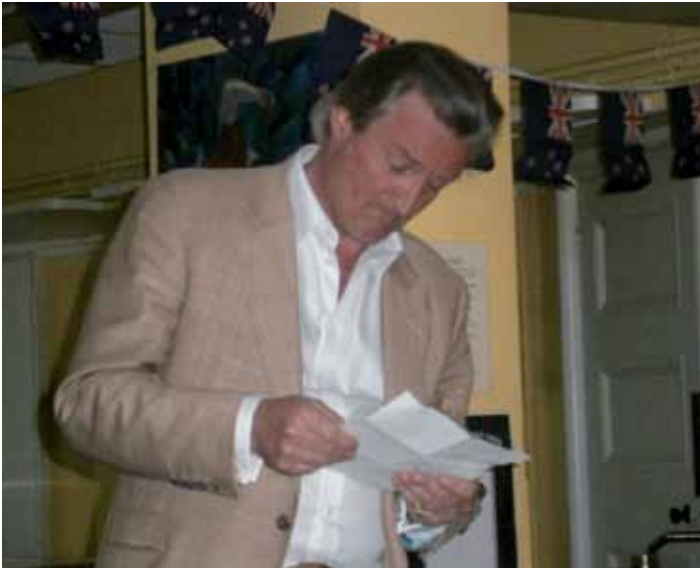
Early last year the Headmaster wrote to the boys who had gone on the first overseas sports tour in the history of the School, twenty years ago, inviting them back to Papplewick in May for a '20-Years-On Reunion'. 1993-94 was a year when the School boasted a talented group of boys on the sports field, and they did themselves proud in the face of stiff opposition in New Zealand. Then, as now, Papplewick parents were great supporters of the School, both at matches and at other School functions, and many of these parents were able to join their sons on tour on that occasion. So it was a great pleasure to see so many of them back at the School for the reunion, together with several members of Staff who had accompanied the group of players.

It turned out to be a tremendous evening, starting with a reception in the new entrance hall and then moving on to the dining hall for a splendid meal laid on by the kitchen staff. As the meal drew to an end the Headmaster officially welcomed those present, and this was followed by speeches from Rhidian Llewellyn, the Headmaster at the time of the tour, and a reply on behalf of the parents by Dr Gordon Cox, who also read out a message of good will from his son, David, who was the team captain of the side and who was unable to be present as he was currently working in Australia. Martin Ives, master i/c rugby at the time, spoke, as did his 2 i/c, Anthony Lowery, followed by several team members who gave reminiscences of incidents they called to mind. Video footage of bits of the games and social events was shown, seen for the first time by most of those present, causing great mirth all round.

*It was a memorable evening – a happy occasion for all.*



Richard Humphrey at the NZ Reception



*Rhidian Llewellyn (HM) recalling the New Zealand tour*



*Tom Elliott back for the evening*



*Anthony Lowery (Staff 1992-95) and Kingsley Elliott (Parent).*



*Dougie Harrison at the Reunion*



*Gordon Cox (Parent) speaking at the Dinner*



*The Headmaster and Peter Hunter (Parent) at the Reception*



## Kids for Africa

2013 saw our eighth visit to South Africa, which turned out to be every bit as instructive and enjoyable as its predecessors. Having arrived at Port Elizabeth, the group set out for Addo Game Reserve where the evening was spent on spotlight vigil, watching rhino and lots of elephant, hyena and other animals. Next day was for relaxation at Port Alfred with fun on the beach, and some fishing and kayaking on the Kowie Lagoon. Then a day at Kariega private Game Lodge where, on an early game drive, the boys saw a big male lion before going on to enjoy an afternoon game drive.

The first morning at the Tsitsikamma Marine reserve, the party woke to find baboons raiding its breakfast and for the next few mornings there were Baboon Wars - which the wood baboons won! Another day was spent on Tree Canopy Tours, which gave the boys the chance of enjoying no fewer than twelve Zip wires, set in a yellow Top forest. Back in Port Elizabeth they had the chance to visit some children at a local school - something that was both interesting and instructive. Before returning to the UK, a day was spent at Kragga Kama game reserve with the chance to see rhino, cheetah, giraffe,

buffalo, bontebok and many other different species of game, on an excellent game drive. When the party left South Africa for the return trip to England, all the boys took with them vivid memories of an unforgettable tour.

## Lower School Variety Performance

This was entertainment put on by the Under 10s containing singing, comedy acts, recitations, dancing and variety in the widest sense of the word. After a rousing performance of the 'Welcome to Papplewick' song, sung by everyone in the Lower School, there was a comedy act with some well-timed and funny jokes, followed by some handclap rap, which made the audience eager to join in. Then the whole of Year 3 took to the stage for a fast, forceful and heartfelt haka. One form recited 'The Crocodile' by Roald Dahl and they were then joined on stage by another form to perform 'Une Petite Coccinelle', the second of two French scenes. Throughout the evening there were soloists of all ages performing, the costumes and props were superb, and there was a lot of audience participation. It was great to see the youngest members of the School able to perform so well in front of an audience, and we look forward to seeing them later in their careers acting in future School plays.



*Sponsored Walk 2013*

## Sponsored Walk

The sponsored Walk last year was for the charity Daisy's Dream, which is a professional service which responds to the needs of children and families affected by life threatening illness or bereavement, in Berkshire and the surrounding areas. This service is very flexible and tailored sympathetically to meet the needs of each individual child and his or her family. So it was a real pleasure to be walking for such a worthy cause and the boys set off on the course in good spirits. By the end of the sixth mile everyone was feeling a little tired, but the snack break at the half way point kept them going. The walk seemed to some to be longer than expected, but everyone made it to the end and enjoyed well deserved picnics. It was a great day and everyone seemed to have an enjoyable time while collecting a lot of sponsored money for Daisy's Dream.



Ceramic Mask

## Art

Making the most of opportunities is an important element to the Papplewick art education, for every lesson affords each boy the chance to experience new techniques or to improve old skills. The boys who take on board this philosophy inevitably make considerable progress throughout their time at Papplewick. This is as rewarding as it is to see names on the Scholarship Honours boards. We have had several notable "most improved boys" at all levels - boys who have sought ways to improve and sustain their progress. There are many others who have also produced wonderful works of art, dominated by an exceptionally talented group from Year Seven, who have recently been joined by an equally keen band of Year Six boys. The Oratory School invited some boys to attend an Art Workshop, giving them a most instructive and enjoyable time learning new drawing, painting and printing techniques.

It was nice to see Sadie James back in June, after a year in Australia; she popped in and fitted in some Art Scholar workshops and produced yet another addition to the Papplewick murals. One can now see Tin Tin escaping from the Sports Hall.

Sadie's replacement at Papplewick, Holly Drewett, has been a fantastic addition to the Art department. She has brought a particular interest in printing, but has also contributed greatly elsewhere to broaden our horizons still further, encouraging the boys to produce some outstanding work.

## First Choir

There were many new faces in the First Choir at the beginning of the year. However, the standard of excellence has been maintained, not always an easy thing to do with so many new boys to the choir. Michaelmas is always a very busy term, starting with a big service for New Boys and Parents, then a very memorable performance of John Ireland's 'Greater Love Hath

No Man' at the Remembrance Service. Most of the choirboys were involved with the school play, 'Treasure Island', which was quickly followed by the biggest service of the year, our main Carol Service. The Lent term is much quieter, giving us an opportunity to add to the repertoire. The academic year ended with what has now become a bit of a tradition at Leavers' Service: a rousing rendition of Haydn's *Insanae et Vanae Curae*. This last year has been a most unusual one, inasmuch as so many Year 8 voices have broken, and as none of the choristers wished to leave the choir, it has meant that the alto, tenor and bass stalls have been absolutely packed.

## School Play - Treasure Island

As the magnum opus last year, the boys from Years 7 and 8 put their all into an enthusiastic version of 'Treasure Island'. In a musical interpretation by Stephen Kingsbury of Robert Louis Stevenson's classic tale of piracy on the high seas, charting the treasure-seeking antics of the irascible Long John Silver, the cast of forty boys included rum-swilling patrons, a bevy of island beauties, a troupe of skeletal phantoms and mutinous pirates. Once again the acting was great and the singing tremendous. "The play packed a bawdy, heady punch!" was the Headmaster's verdict, "and both audience and boys enjoyed the production enormously - it's a great way to end the term."

## Design Technology - The Lions' Den

This has been another industrious year in the D&T room, with all of our junior designers working with an infectious enthusiasm, whether designing and making clocks, crafting puppets for their puppet shows, constructing rocket cars or manufacturing iPod or phone amplifiers.

Last year the boys entered the D T competition 'Into The Lions' Den' for the second time. The trio was briefed to design and make a product that could make school lessons more enjoyable. The product also had to be able to be easily mass produced. After lots of brainstorming, the boys came up with 'Info Cards', which was both ingenious and simple. The concept provided every student in any classroom the wherewithall to provide immediate and anonymous feedback to the teacher by simply placing a colour coded plastic card on a board. The colour of the placed card would signify whether the pupil had understood fully, partially or not at all what had been taught. The three members of the Papplewick team had to pitch the 'Info Cards' idea to four entrepreneurs and an audience of parents, fellow competitors and teachers, which was no mean feat. As it turned out the boys presented their product very well indeed, coming third overall.



Info Cards, last year's Lions' Den entry



*Biodiversity 2013*

## Middle School Play

The Year Six play, 'Danny the Champion of the World', was about a nine year old boy, Danny, and his father, who used to poach in a nearby forest belonging to a rich landowner, Victor Hazell. As the play develops, Danny learns how mean and greedy Hazell is, and he shares his Dad's dislike of him. In a plot designed to hit Victor Hazell where it hurts, Danny and his Dad think up a plan to poach all of Hazell's pheasants in one single coup, by putting sleeping pills inside raisins and then feeding them to the pheasants. With a little help from their friends, Danny manages to get the better of Mr Hazell and his gamekeepers and they ensure that good finally prevails.

The play was a huge success and will be remembered not only

for the high quality of acting, but equally, for the innovative use of props (especially the pheasants) and some exceptionally speedy opening and closing of the curtains!

## Roald Dahl Day

Papplewick entered into the spirit of Roald Dahl Day on 27th September with gusto, with a hundred boys in costumes related to characters in the popular children's books. They included characters from books including 'The Twits', 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and 'The BFG'. Roald Dahl Day is a national event, with boys donating £1 for Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity and being invited to dress up for the day as any Dahl character. As well as the dressing up, boys took part in Dahl-themed lessons, drama workshops and listened to excerpts from Roald Dahl's 'Revolt Rhymes'. There were prizes for the best costumes – a box-set of fifteen Roald Dahl books.

## Year 8 Geography Fieldtrip to Chesil Beach, Dorset

In January 2013 Year 8 journeyed to the Jurassic Coast in order to gather the data necessary to complete their Scholarship and Common Entrance projects.

The quite superb weather turned the wind-swept coastline into the most delightful outdoor classroom environment boys and staff could have hoped for. The sheer size of Chesil Beach is astounding and it made a magnificent classroom on which to measure wave frequency and height and to assess the angle at which the waves hit the beach.

There were two perfect winter days in which to study the power of the waves and the process of Longshore Drift and the resulting projects would have made a very positive contribution towards the exams.



*On the way to lessons on Roald Dahl Day*



## Authors' Visits

Papplewick has enjoyed another exciting year in the Library, hosting visits from two famous authors. The award winning author, Sophie McKenzie, who has received numerous accolades for her 'Girl Missing' series, entertained the boys by explaining how she forms plots. She expanded this theme by playing an interactive game whereby the boys had to make choices in a story she told them, so that they could see how plots develop depending on the choices they made.

The world-famous author of the 'Gone' series, Michael Grant, received an enthusiastic welcome from the older boys and our guests from other local schools, who were invited to come for the occasion. Excitement had been building before his arrival, as his books are very popular in school. He delighted his audience with his presentation and anecdotes about his life. Both authors were inundated by questions from eager audiences. As usual, when they had gone they left a buzz around school and a large number of boys engrossed in the new books they had just bought.



Author Jonathan Stroud

## Year 7 in Burgundy

There was an exciting start to the annual trip to Burgundy last year. The Year 7 boys got up for an early breakfast, to ensure a prompt start, and in making their toast they managed to set the fire alarm off! As a result the whole school had to get up and go outside in the rain - and enjoy the opportunity of seeing the departure of the Year 7 boys! The group drove to the Channel Tunnel for the 20 minute trip, before setting off for Maison Claire Fontaine, where they arrived at 6pm. There the team of



Michael Grant – a very popular author

teachers went through the centre's rules before the fire drill, which was followed by dinner and bed.

On the first morning the boys were divided into groups and sent off either to lessons or activities. They learned a lot about Burgundy: in Dijon, they produce the famous Dijon mustard, and Boeuf Bourguignon is one of the specialties. Most of the boys liked it when it was served up one evening, although some thought it tasted like garlic rubber. The activities during the week included cooking, where they learned how to make apple pie, at the same time also learning the French vocabulary for a large number of kitchen utensils. They also visited a circus and learned some circus acts, they visited the castle at Bazoches, went to a restaurant where they had to order their food in French, and they took part in a kayak activity. The boys enjoyed the five days they spent in Burgundy and they learned a good deal of French at the same time.



Author Sophie McKenzie signing her books

# OBITUARIES

## Miss Aprilla Gilfrin

Miss Gilfrin died on October 8th 2013 at the age of 91. She had spent the majority of her life running the Berystede Car Hire Company, after taking the firm over from her father just at the end of World War 2. Part of her business included transporting children between the London airports and schools in the Ascot area, including hundreds of Papplewick boys, over some forty years since the 1960s, until she was well into her 80s. Despite running a car hire firm, she had apparently never taken a driving test, after learning to drive at the age of 17 during the war!

The School Secretary, **Judith Holden (1972-84)**, describes Miss Gilfrin as being a joy to work with, as she was so totally dependable and always carried on undaunted through thick and thin in the face of last minute hitches, which occurred from time to time. On one occasion in the '70s she delivered a boy to Gatwick instead of Heathrow – the result of an error by the overseas company for which the boy's father was working. She has been described as a fun-loving person, and she loved people, especially children. She always had a smile on her face and a twinkle in her eye, which made you feel loved and appreciated. It was a rare gift.



## Tom Hardy 1985-87

As a close friend of Tom's during his time at Papplewick and beyond, **Ben Sherratt (1985-89)** has written in to say that Tom died of cancer on June 22nd 2013 at the age of 37. He was a true gentleman, kind and generous, with a heart of gold. He fought cancer bravely for five months after being diagnosed with it in January last year.



Representatives from Bethany Orphanage, Uganda, came to Papplewick to talk about their work, which is sponsored by boys in Years 5, 6 and 7



Staff and Boys playing together in a concert

## OLD BOYS' NEWS

### NEWS UPDATE

We are always looking for news from Old Boys about what they have been doing over the years since they have left Papplewick, so do please contact us to keep us informed. News of Old Boys is always of interest, even more so if it comes with a photograph! So please send any news or comments that you might have to A.R. Sparshott, c/o Papplewick, Windsor Road, Ascot, Berkshire, SL5 7 LH, or email it to sparsant@gmail.com.

### Missing Old Boys

May I make my annual plea for Old Boys who read this to go to the Old Boys' page of the School web site ([www.papplewick.org.uk](http://www.papplewick.org.uk) and click on About Papplewick and Old Boys.) If you click on the 'Missing Old Boys' icon you will have an opportunity to help locate those Old Boys with whom we have lost contact and whose addresses you may know. Sadly, each year we lose more than we gain.



*Fishing in South Africa*

**Jonny Baker (1991-97)** continues to be working in car racing management in the States, but has now moved from Florida to South Carolina.

**James Brooks (1999-06)** is in his third year at UWE in Bristol and is playing lots of semi-professional rugby for Redingensians. At the moment, he has a placement for his Architecture course in Reading.

**Kristjan Byfield (1988-93)** enjoyed an extremely successful year in 2012 in his London Estate Agency and property services company – base property specialists. They won Gold as the ‘Best London Letting Agent north of the River Thames’ at the ESTAS in April; their website was shortlisted as one of the best in the UK at the Digital Entrepreneur Awards; they



*House Debating in the Arts Festival*

were shortlisted for both ‘Best UK Independent Letting Agent’ and ‘Best UK Property Marketing Team’ at The Negotiator Awards; they won Gold as ‘London’s Best Letting Agent’ and Bronze for ‘Best UK Letting Customer Service’ and ‘Best UK Lettings Website’ at The Landlord and Letting Agent Awards and finally they were shortlisted for ‘Best UK Estate Agency Website’ at The Times and Sunday Times Estate Agency of the Year Awards 2012. All this was topped off by a 25% growth in business and a 35% increase in profits.

**Richard Clapham (1989-94)** lives in Sevenoaks and is a partner with London law firm Monro Wright & Wasbrough LLP. He is married, with two children.

**Tim Dew (1980-85)** is the founding partner of Mount Parnassus Partners LLP, operating across the UK. They are a business brokerage and also build value in businesses prior to sale.

**Jonathan Elfer (1996-02)** went to Stowe after leaving Papplewick, where he was Chapel Prefect, Head of Chapel Choir, and sang in the Chamber Choir as well as doing a great deal of acting. Last Summer he married a fellow pupil from Stowe – also a chorister and an actress – with the reception in the Stowe grounds. The couple are now living in London where Jonathan is a barrister and his wife a journalist.

**Tom Elliott (1988-94)** is now in the second year of his master’s degree in prosthodontics at King’s Hospital. At the same time he is holding down three dental jobs in Kensington, Harley Street and Balham which he accesses on a supped up bike.

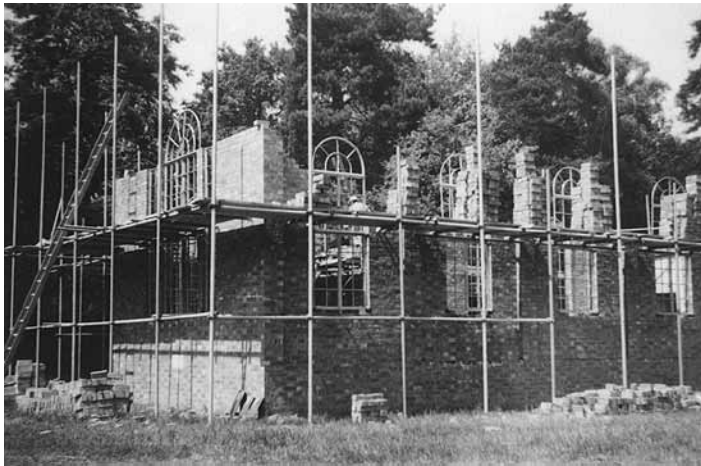


*Christmas Feast*

**Eric Flyckt (1985-1990)** After graduating from Stanford Medical School in 2006, Eric and his wife Rebecca moved to Cleveland Ohio, where he joined McKinsey & Co., working in healthcare as a management consultant. After about five years with the company, he joined the leadership team at Objective Health, a McKinsey backed start-up company focused on healthcare analytics. He has two daughters, both under three, so things are seldom quiet.

**Ian Gray (1951-58)** has written in to update us on his contact details. He remembers Papplewick with pleasure, having greatly enjoyed his time at the School. He says, “I happened to be Head Boy during my last year or two. It was a very cosmopolitan place, and much credit should go to Peter Hugessen for this aspect and for making the atmosphere so enjoyable. (At school we didn’t use his full surname, Knatchbull-Hugessen.)” Ian’s Father was an architect and it was he who designed the school chapel in 1957, while Ian was still at the school. **David Allaway (Staff 1989-99)** in his book,

'Opposite the Racecourse', which came out in 1996, mentions that "Mr Gray, a parent, had acted as architect (of the Chapel). Mrs Gray donated the altar cross and Mr Gray provided an old ship's bell to serve as the Chapel bell." The cross is still used in Chapel and the bell was used until about twenty years ago. Many prefects and monitors will remember ringing it throughout the day, before our present electronic system was installed. Ian says that he had forgotten or never knew that his parents had given a bell and altar cross. "I do remember as prefect going through corridors ringing a bell, which has a timelessness about it, missing from an electronic one." Ian says that he still has the book on Venice that Mr Hugessen gave to



*Building the Chapel in 1957*

his father in return for his gift of designing the chapel and supervising the works. K-H inscribed and dated it 6th May 1957.

Ian adds an observation about Rodie Peters, whose obituary appeared in last year's 'Old Papplewickian': "He was as you know the Music Master and of course in charge of the choir. He wrote me a personal letter when he was ill with mumps (which I also caught) because I was (unbelievably!) head choirboy. As far as I recall he was more or less apologising for being ill and asking if everything was all right with the choir. It was Lent term, the Sanny was overflowing with the epidemic, and others with mumps just had to stay in their dormitories. I remember hearing that Mr Peters got it very badly. It was the thoughtfulness of a master taking the trouble to write to a boy which I found unusual and touching."



*Grandparents' Day 2013*



*Duncan Thomson, James Coyne, Ben Sullivan and Charlie Roger at the Old Boys' cricket match*

**Stijn Hanson (1998-02)** After leaving Papplewick Stijn remained ahead in Maths and was taught outside school (Windsor Boys') as he was so advanced. He thoroughly enjoyed Windsor Boys' and even learned to love English (particularly the War Poets) and Geography, in which he was also placed a year up. Stijn is currently in his 3rd year of Maths at York University and hoping to continue in research in Pure Maths. Recently he gave a short talk with a colleague, at a conference for young mathematicians in London, about category theory. He finds it quite hard to understand why there are not more people who see how fascinating and intriguing maths can be. He is also heavily involved with music (Gilbert and Sullivan Society and acapella group, Phenomenotes, in York).

**Robert Harris (2000-2003)** left Papplewick to go to Reading Blue Coat School and subsequently to the University of Birmingham where he graduated last year, gaining a 1st Class degree in Computer Science. He is currently working for H2O Farm, a hydroponic farming company, utilising his university final year project - a control system.

**Glenn Jones (1977-82)** After Eton, he went to Stanford University in California, followed by an MBA at ENPC in Paris. He then returned to the U.S. for medical school at the University of Chicago, finishing his post-doctoral residency at Duke University in North Carolina. Since then he has been a practising physician, specialising in internal medicine, and living in Norfolk, Virginia, with his wife Trisha and children Zoë and Leo. He was elected a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and he holds faculty appointments at several medical schools in Virginia. He has been a keen photographer for many years and has had several exhibitions of his work. He has fond memories of his time at Papplewick, especially the French vocabulary tests with Mr Knatchbull-Hugessen (reward for top marks were glasses of lemonade at lunch, a rare mark of honour), Don Werner's judo coaching (Glenn went on to earn his 1st Dan black belt at Eton), and playing rugby for the 1st XV. He hopes to visit Papplewick when he gets back to England (it has been more than three decades!)

**Paul Kaplanski (1991-94)** married his fiancée, Lisa, last July, up in Scotland. **David Cox (1989-94)** came back from Australia to attend and he is as fit as ever, as was evinced - or so we hear - by his athletic movements on the dance floor!

**Cuthbert Kendall (1987-93)** Life for him and his wife continues well, with their young daughter Eloise growing up



*Paul and Lisa Kaplanski on their Wedding Day.*

very quickly and Cuthbert continuing to work at Barclays in the Legal team. While at heart he is a Surrey/Berkshire/Hampshire boy, he is getting very fond of the lovely countryside where they live in Essex, and he is becoming a reasonable 'regular' at his local!

**Stephen Kirk (1967-72)** is a partner and founding principal of stephenKIRK\_ & Co. with a 25 year track record of charismatic, effective and influential visual communication. He enjoys collaborating on projects designed to promote a culture of innovation, to accelerate change and sustainable business performance, within progressive and ambitious organisations.



*David Cox at Paul Kaplanski's Wedding*

**Tan Lochotinan (1993-96)** is the founder of the Bangkok Charity Orchestra, and last year he found himself in Harrow School, Bangkok, conducting a visiting orchestra from Harrow UK (his old school), which was on a music tour to Asia.

**Tom Luck (1994-99)** is married and is an associate at Freshfields, working silly hours!

**James Macdonald (1966-72)** is a Theatre Director, directing plays on a regular basis in London and New York.

**Jonathan Macdonald (1974-78)** is working in Barclays Capital Bank. He continues with his music, performing periodic organ recitals for charity. He has two sons on music scholarships at St Pauls.

**William Macdonald (1974-79)** has been running a film company that has recently been taken over by Gareth Neane, with whom he is now working in America. He has three daughters.

**Emil Nielsen (1996-2000)** has moved to Denmark and is living in Copenhagen and enjoying life. He is currently self-employed with his company Palæo, Primal Gastronomy, which opened in March 2012. He now has two branches and if everything has gone to plan since he wrote in, he will have opened his third by the end of last year. Palæo (paleo) was nominated as restaurant of the month last July in British Airways inflight magazine "Scanmagazine". The Paleo diet consists of foods that were available for our ancestors in the Paleolithic era. The strict followers of the Paleo lifestyle say 'no thanks' to processed foods and sugars, grains, dairy



*Papplewick's Got Talent - Sweet Sensation came second*

products, starches, legumes and other everyday ingredients that the cavemen couldn't get their hands on. The reasons for following the caveman diet can be various, but most usual includes the view that in the good old days people were healthier and did not suffer from common diseases such as cancer and diabetes.

**William Perry (1994-97)** is still working for the BBC and Radio 5 Live, based in Manchester, but he is now also a presenter for BT Sport, so he commutes between Manchester and London.

**Nick Rose (1998-03)** went to Winchester on leaving Papplewick, where he enjoyed a most agreeable five years. After getting some decent A-Levels he moved on to Bristol to read Aeronautical Engineering and after two years of great times and two years of intense stress he emerged with a 2:1 in 2012. In September that year he took up a post as Graduate Consultant at BAE Systems where he really enjoys the defence



*Emil Nielsen's Paleo Restaurant in Copenhagen*

consultation work, which is a mix of operational analysis and management consultancy in the defence domain. He hopes to stay where he is for the foreseeable future.

**Richard Scawn (1985-91)** is married and has moved to San Diego in California, on a scholarship from the Keeler Institute of Windsor, to study reconstructive eye surgery. He is currently doing a fellowship (further sub-specialist experience within Ophthalmology) in Oculoplastics and Orbital surgery. He finds life out there is great and he is working extremely hard whilst enjoying the sunshine. He plans on coming back to the UK in the summer of 2014.

**William Scawn (1988-94)** is working in public relations in London for energy companies, which he has been doing for the past ten years. He and his wife, Laura, took six months off, from August 2013 to the New Year, travelling in South Korea, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

**Julian Sedgwick (1989-92)** After seven great years in Singapore he has now returned to London, with his wife and one year old son. He moved on from Savills at the end of last year and has come back to London with BNP Paribas Real Estate, heading up their New Homes business for them across the UK and Asia.

**Aarush Selvan (2002-07)** went to Stanford after leaving Harrow and is now playing rugby for Stanford University.

**Ben Sherratt (1985-89)** Some time after leaving Pangbourne he went to Reading University and graduated in Ancient History and Archaeology. He has been working as a Tour Guide, and is now seeking a change in career, with a view to working in an educational capacity within the Museum or Heritage sector.

**Charlie Smith (1999-05)** passed the 2012-13 academic year

in Siena studying at the university there and spent all the year doing History of Art – but in Italian! During the 2012 summer term he had been at the University of Granada brushing up his Spanish. He returned to Leeds last September for his final year at university, fluent in both languages and loving it all!

**Roger Smith (1956-59)** had his latest book, 'Formula 1 All the Races', nominated for the British Sports Book Awards last year. He did not win an award, but he was delighted to have been nominated. He really enjoyed the Awards dinner, rubbing shoulders with the good and the great and propping up the bar until the early hours of the following morning. The Awards disappointment was offset by his subsequent election to the Guild of Motoring Writers, which brought with it an invitation from the British Racing Drivers' Club to be their guest over



*Football v The Staff*



*Charles Cartwright, William Hopkins and Julian Taberer back for the Reunion of 2003*

last June's Silverstone Grand Prix weekend. And his book was featured in a double-page spread in the Official British Grand Prix programme.

**Rory Sullivan (2001-06)** has left Eton and is now enjoying life at Exeter College, Oxford, reading Greats. He is Captain of the College soccer team.

**Lewis Sullivan (2001-06)** has been head coach of a soccer club in Reading, and is hoping to coach abroad in 2014.

**George Tysoe (1992-98)** became engaged to Lucy Blanchfield in Paris on New Year's Eve this year.

**Laurence Whyatt (1996-99)** went to Harrow on leaving Papplewick, where he enjoyed five very enjoyable years. From there he moved on to Oxford to read Materials Sciences. He continued to play the trumpet both at Harrow and Oxford,

playing for a couple of the university orchestras and bands. He has dropped it now, though he still picks up a guitar now and then. He joined UBS recently, having spent four years at a South African bank, where he worked in their UK Investment Banking division. He is enjoying UBS, which has certainly been a step up in his career. He is still occasionally in touch with **Will Lace (1993-99)** and **Ton Boonyakarnkul (1996-99)**. **George Winter (2001-07)** is now in his first year at Queen Mary's London, reading Geography.



*William Scawn (Old Boys' Team) and his wife, Laura*

## NEWS FROM PUBLIC SCHOOLS



*Junior Concert performer*

**CHARTERHOUSE - Peter Chownsmith** is in the VI form and is working hard. Last October he was awarded a Foundation Scholarship, which covers his last two years at Charterhouse, in recognition of his academic achievements. He was awaiting UCAS offers when we heard from him and was hoping to get an interview at Cambridge.

**ETON - Henry Eaton-Mercer** continues to make progress across the board at Eton in his GCSE year. Academically he is holding his own well in most subjects, and he is keeping up with his piano and guitar work. Outside the classroom he has spent a lot of time training and competing in numerous aquatic events, including his first trip to the National Schools' regatta, his first procession on Boats and defending the House's distinguished position in the Bumping Fours. But his main focus has again been theatrical where he worked very hard last Summer in preparation for the Lower Boy Play. **Ivo Delingpole** has joined the beaglers and is out running twice a week. He wrote a particularly good competitive history essay in October on an aspect of his course, producing the best essay from his Division. **Thomas Humphrey** is in his final year and he has succeeded in gaining a place to read Human Sciences at St Catherine's Oxford. **Finn Sullivan** is enjoying life at Eton in the VI form. He is doing well in Classics and he follows artistic pursuits in his free time.

**HARROW** – **James Lawson Baker** has won his Fives tie, and he and his partner emerged as winners in the Open National Schools' Fives Competition last year, after a hard-fought final against Shrewsbury. Later in the year he joined a group of other boys, Old Boys, Beaks and parents (73 in all) to participate in a sponsored 'Fivesathon' – in this case a continuous game of fives lasting 26 hours (the number of miles in a marathon.) Proceeds, mounting to more than £2,600, went to Roxeth Primary School, which desperately needed funds. He, **Dominic Ivison** and **Giles Hodgson** have gained gold awards in the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme. Giles also took joint 13<sup>th</sup> place for individual high gun scores in the National Clay Pigeon Shooting Championships last year. **Richard Oh** won a gold certificate in the first round of the 2013 Chemistry Olympiad. **David Edevbie** is once again making his mark in athletics, by winning the 100 metres on the way to capturing the Victor Ludorum trophy. **Lucas Marsden-Smedley** is thriving in his second year at Harrow and is doing well in the field of Classics, being at the top of his class in Latin. He enjoys attending both Junior and Senior Classical Society meetings as well as attending Philosophy Society meetings. He likes his



*Rory and Cameron Dunning playing for the Old Boys, supported by Misha Radkevitch*



*James Haskell, playing for Wasps, with three Papplewick fans.*

drama and in January last year he played the lead role of the shamed cadet in 'The Winslow Boy' with great assurance. He has been cast as Goneril in the school production of 'King Lear' this summer. His servant, Oswald, is to be played by **Matthew Carter**, who is making the most of his time at Harrow. He has been offered a place at Teddy Hall, Oxford to read English; the college specialises in drama and creative writing, which are Matthew's particular interests. He took one of the leads in his house play, 'The Real Inspector Hound,' conveying the character of a lecherous predator and making the audience laugh and cringe at the same time. On other fronts, he has gained grade 8 at the trumpet, won the Lower VI History Prize on Speech Day and he gave a presentation to the School Sheridan Society on Samuel Taylor Coleridge. He also joined a group of Harrovians who together raised over £6,000 for The

Stroke Association by undertaking the Welch 2000s Challenge, an attempt to hike the 16 Welsh Peaks over 2,000 ft. from north to south in a single day. **Alexander Hignett** is playing some good rugby and secured his place on his recent rugby tour. **Tom Redican** is working pretty hard at the moment as he has got a place at Manchester to read Marketing to aim for. He is playing in the 1st XI soccer team. **Jamie Kwon-Chandler** has applied to read Medicine at University and was waiting for offers when we heard from him. Competition in this subject is very tough. Academic prizes at Harrow last



*Matthew Carter in 'The Real Inspector Hound'*



year were awarded to **Gakuya Kitada** (History), **Ray Cuff** (Latin Reading), **Andy Yoon** (German), **Dave Tungsuwan** (Senior prize for handwriting) and **William Yoon** (Design Technology). William also secured a bronze medal in the senior section of the National Judo Championships at High Wycombe earlier in the year.

**PANGBOURNE** – **Charlie Pidgley** distinguished himself last year by being selected for the Young England polo team.

**RADLEY** – **Max Rumsey** has been playing some good polo, being in the College Colts team which was placed first in the second division of the SUPA National Schools Tournament. He was also in the team which won the Prep Schools and Colts Tournament at the Beaufort Polo Club.

**SHERBORNE** – **Felix Cairns** and five other fourth formers came first in a three and a half hour exercise to successfully design, build, test and present an aircraft ejector seat system at the Fleet Air Arm Engineering Challenge in November. **Oscar Cairns** won a gold medal in this year's Senior Mathematics Challenge, being the best in his year, and he also qualified for the invitation only 'Kangaroo' round multiple choice paper.

**SHIPLAKE** – **Myles Everett** is in the VI Form studying Biology, Psychology, Design and Technology A Levels and Business BTEC. He is enjoying life and is very much into sport, having represented the College in tennis, rugby, hockey and cricket. He has completed his Silver Award in the D of E and has started the Gold Award.

**ST EDWARD'S OXFORD** - **Jamie** and **Andrew D'Alton** were in their Senior House rowing team, which won the School competition.



*Michael Roy and Alex Avery in the Old Boys' Team*

**STOWE** – **Guy Riches** captained the School swimming team in 2013, and was 'swimmer of the season'. **Orlando Whitehead** and **Will Hulbert** both acted in their House play where they performed extremely well, with the former taking the lead role. Orlando is a House Prefect, and elsewhere, **Wyn Clayton** is a School Prefect in his House. **Caspar Whitehead** had the distinction of achieving a record of full marks in three out of four papers in Greek GCSE at the end of his fourth form year.

**TONBRIDGE** – **Ebenewo Elombi** is making his mark on the athletics track, putting in some good performances in the junior 100m and the high hurdles, in the latter of



*Who's afraid of Lions?*

which he qualified for the Kent County Championships.

**UPPINGHAM** – **Marcus Howard-Vyse** continues to run well over the country in the School team. He won The Routh last year in a hard fought competition. Both he and his brother, **Alexander**, won prizes on Speech Day. The latter also plays rugby in the U14 2nd XV, as does **Artem Nikogosov**.

**WINDSOR BOYS' SCHOOL** – **Miles Winter** has now left Windsor Boys' and after gaining 1A\* and 2 A's at A level he has been offered a place at St Peters, Oxford, to read Geography. He is currently taking a gap year and has been off travelling since January. This comes after a very successful time at School, which saw him Captain the First XV Rugby squad (ably assisted by his Vice Captain **Cameron Avery**.) They finished their time at school with an unbeaten tour to the USA last summer. **James Winter (2006-10)** has also moved on from Windsor Boys', following a successful rugby career which included captaining his year Rugby group and playing with Miles in the First Team in his final season (despite being only 15). He is now at BCA College studying an Advanced Sports Diploma and has won a place with the London Irish Rugby Academy which is based there.



*Nick Rose, George Royds, Hee Won Cho, and Danny Price, back for the Reunion of 2003 last year*



### OUTDOOR EDUCATION 2013

Last year the boys in Years 4 and 5 went to Phasels' Wood Activity Centre, Kings Langley, Herts, for some outdoor work, organised by a new look Wilderness Expertise Team. Papplewick had used this centre on previous occasions and once again the School found their activities and supervisors to be top-rate. It turned out to be a very instructive day, full of lots of fun.

Years 2 and 3 boys had a day trip with their form teachers, which turned out to be a day full of entertainment and activity. One of the parents very kindly gave the boys access to the woods on her property and here they built shelters, made fires, cooked their lunch and played plenty of games.

The older boys were engaged in other activities, including orienteering, archery (which was probably the most popular one) and the high ropes, which the boys tackled, in spite of a feeling of trepidation by some. Lighting a fire with flint and steel was a novel experience for most of them, and there was some good climbing to be had, which was a real challenge for some boys.

### Herpetology

This has been a busy year for us. Four new Yemen Chameleons have joined the one we had last year, and we intend to breed from these. 2013 was a very successful season on the breeding front and we have reared sixteen Bearded Dragons and six to eight Leopard Geckoes each term, and the boys are really having a lot of fun with them. Having bought some yellow ones we will now try breeding with this new blood. We have also spawned and watched about forty Fire-bellied Toads grow from little tadpoles to froglets, and now we are feeding them to get them to adult size. We also spawned our African Clawed Frogs and watched them grow from white spawn, to funny looking tadpoles that look like fish, and then to little frogs. We have

acquired three giant millipedes, which have been growing well, and two Madagascan Day Geckoes, which are full grown now and are looking magnificent.

### Ascot Day Centre

Every Thursday afternoon, as part of our activity programme, a small group of boys attends the Ascot Day Care Centre in Sunningdale. The idea is not only to develop our link with the community but also to raise the boys' awareness of what it is like living as a pensioner. The Day Care Centre is mainly run by volunteers who cover duties such as driving, cooking and cleaning. The aim of the centre is to allow elderly people to socialise with others and it gives the boys the chance to sit and talk to the members, asking questions about what life was like when they were younger. On the way back to Papplewick from Sunningdale, the boys always have plenty of animated things to say about what they have learned during the visits.



*Fencing – a comparatively new activity*



*Mr Tony Willis talking to the boys about the Paralympics 2012*

## Arts Festival 2013 – ‘Journeys’

The theme of this year's Arts Festival was 'Journeys' and the week-long festival began with two inspirational visiting speakers. The first was Mr Tony Willis, Headmaster of Windsor Boys' School, a one-legged Paralympian gold medalist with a truly incredible life story. After hearing how he lost his leg to cancer at the age of eight, the School was moved by his incredible optimism and strength of character, particularly in the face of adversity. His personal motto 'If you think you can, then you just might', left a lasting impression. The second speaker, Mr Dennis Woods, shared a very different journey with us, impressing the boys with stories, pictures, videos and souvenirs from his formidable voyages to the North and South poles. There was no room for underestimating the sheer magnitude of such voyages and the dangers they entailed, igniting the adventurous spirit in all those present. It was a wonderful way to start the week, which enabled the boys to imagine journeys of their own that could just possibly lie ahead of them. The week then took a very different course with an array of exhibitions, performances and competitions commencing with the Middle School production of 'Danny The Champion Of The World.' As the week progressed, the boys competed in a number of heats of various sorts, including musical performances, public speaking, poetry recitation and debating competitions, with a view to securing a place in the finals. One evening with a highly musical



*Dennis Woods spoke to the boys of his polar journeys at the Arts Festival*

slant contained a number of soloists and of course the infamous inter-house music competition which included the 'House Shout' - won by the boys from St. George, who performed a rendition of 'I Would Walk 500 Miles.' The Arts Festival 2013 drew to a climactic close on the final night with the Grand Variety Performance, which took place in the hall, in front of a packed house.

## Year Seven Geography Trip

As part of the Common Entrance course the Year 7 curriculum requires the boys to learn about industries in the UK and abroad, to compare locations and to understand why industries locate where they do. On this occasion the boys were excited to be able to visit the place they had studied in class - Denbies Vineyard in Surrey. There they watched the 360° cinema surround film about the vineyard and the local area, followed by a short train ride around the estate to see for themselves just what it was about the area that made it so perfect for growing grapes.

Afterwards, they were taken on a cellar tour to see what the inputs, processes and outputs of the system were, just before sampling the delights of the vineyard... grape juice of course! It was a good end to the day, with the boys benefiting greatly from the visit.





## SPORT 2013

### Soccer

It was a long, tough season for the 1st XI football team, and if we were to focus purely on score lines then it was also a disappointing one. However, with plenty of talent on show, the team showed great improvement as the season progressed. The Hall Grove Tournament at the start of the school year was a good way to prepare for the season ahead, giving the boys an opportunity to compete in low level competition and get used to playing together. The side secured a win and a draw to finish third in its group of four, but it was clear the season was going to be difficult. We lost all four of the first competitive games, after which results improved and we salvaged two well-earned draws, before returning a sequence of six defeats, with another draw to end the season.

A term of rugby and a few weeks of cricket strangely did the boys the world of good, as they tied up the season with a win in the annual Papplewick v St. Catherine Moorlands, Argentina side, with a cracking winning goal to secure victory.



*Football v St Catherine, Moorlands, Argentina*

### Rugby

The First XV season started towards the end of the Michaelmas Term with a very good display against Eagle House (28-0) which contained two great breakaway tries. Unfortunately the subsequent good feeling engendered by this victory was short lived, as just a week later the team took part in a strong tournament at Wellington, in sub-zero temperatures, and found itself on the end of some hefty score lines against stronger and more experienced sides. However, the resilience of the team came through in the next match, for it put up a better show in a narrow defeat by Caldicott (17-19). The Lent Term began with a degree of optimism, but the first match was a real eye-opener, as we were put to the sword by an excellent Ludgrove team which would go on to defeat everyone they met.

The match against Bishopsgate produced another win (50-12), though next we were well beaten by a useful Moultsford team. Somehow, again the team rallied in the following match against St. George's, Windsor; Papplewick was twelve points down after just three minutes, but it managed to drag itself back and eventually won 33-24. In the next game, the side wilted under pressure from Aldro, but against St. Neot's, played in blizzard conditions, we were five points down with just a minute to play when a good run and dive down the right flank saw us score an equalizing try, to leave the result 19-19. The last three matches were lost, ending a dizzying season with some real positives, especially with the Year 7 boys learning their trade – nine in total having a 'run-out'. So we are optimistic that the next time the Papplewick 1st XV takes to the field they will be in great shape.

### Under 7s

This was a great bunch of 6-year-old lads! To see a group of twelve boys, many of whom had never graced a rugby field before, take to the game like the proverbial ducks to water, was a genuine pleasure.

Our one match against St. George's, Windsor, saw us run out victors by the astonishing scoreline of 45-40, with an exciting last minute try coming our way. The match revealed boys who showed themselves to be competent (and fearless) ball carriers. Well done to all on a great debut season!



*U7s Tag Rugby Match*

## South Africa Cricket Tour – 2013

The tour of South Africa began in relaxed style with a first stop in Cape Town, where we visited Table Mountain on a clear, sunny day, which gave us a spectacular view of the city from the top. On day two Papplewick met its first opponents, Somerset Prep, and although we lost the match by 4 wickets, our strike bowler took 5-19, which was a really pleasing start. On the whole, the Papplewick side performed pretty well considering it was a pre-season tour for us and this was our first time together.



*Charlie Rodger and Alex Avery had a good last wicket stand v the HM's XI*

The day after the Somerset Prep game, the party visited Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela had been imprisoned for nearly thirty years, and this was of enormous interest to the boys.

The next game of cricket was against SACS (South African College Schools), but before playing them, there was a morning visit to Newlands cricket stadium, South Africa's oldest cricket ground. Papplewick lost its match against SACS and also against

Rhenish the following day. Our next encounter was against Grove School, and this game turned out to be our last match of the tour because all the others were rained off.

In the few games we managed to play, the team had shown marked improvement since its first match against Somerset. The fielding and bowling had always been tidy, the batting solid and it was good to see that the boys were now playing more as a unit than as individuals.

The rest of the tour was spent sightseeing, with indoor games of Action Cricket taking the place of outdoor matches. When we moved on to Durban we were lodged in Shakaland, a Zulu hotel complex camp next to a Zulu settlement. We were introduced to the Zulu chief, we sampled some traditional beer, and we saw some spear throwing and tribal dancing. Some found it a fascinating experience to see so much diverse culture in South Africa, not only in the cities but also in the tribal areas. The team moved on to Hill Top Camp, within Hluhluwe Game Reserve, and during the stay there we went on two game drives in the reserve, where we saw a leopard and a variety of other animals.



*Having fun in South Africa*



Although the end of the tour was something of a disappointment, through the cancellation of the cricket, our hosts, just like those at the start of the tour, were very kind and welcoming to us and all the boys returned home full of happy memories of all they had seen.

**The First XI** had a tough season back at School, always struggling to score enough runs either to set a reasonable target or to reach the target set by the opposition. The side worked hard at its batting but we always had to battle to get any real partnerships going, particularly early on in the term. Although it took much of the season before we began to see the fruits of our labours, with a couple of wins, our performances in the field were always stronger and it was rewarding to see many of our bowlers have their day. We were a very good fielding side and this resulted in some exciting games despite the losses.

## Basketball

Over the course of the past two years our basketball group has been working really hard, both with regular training sessions on a Tuesday evening and playing several fixtures against other schools. As a result, they have developed a genuine love for the game. The entire season was a complete success, with the 1st team and Colts playing in a busy schedule in which both teams remained unbeaten against Lambrook (twice), Crosfields, Caldicott and Yateley Manor.

In 2012 the School entered the National Prep Schools Basketball tournament for the first time, only to lose at the semi-final stage. So this year we were determined to go one further. In the group matches we came up against Yateley Manor A (Won 21-10), Northcote House (Won 25-2) and Rokeby (Won 31-6) and these results sent us through to the quarter finals where we were to meet Yateley Manor B, whom we defeated 21-4.

In the semi finals we put in our best performance of the day, beating Lanesborough 35-10, which brought us to the final. This was a fantastic game where we were struggling at times to shake off a very good Edge Grove side, but in the end Papplewick came through with a 19-14 victory. It was a great day's sport and the result was just reward for all the hard work the boys had put in throughout the season.

## Golf

The 2013 summer term's golf seemed to pass by very quickly. The weekly lessons with a professional coach at The Berkshire provided useful coaching, as our players had some tricky opposition to face during the term in the forms of Mouslford, Aldro and Ludgrove. But although there was so much improved play to admire, with team players demonstrating greater thought about the game and good driving and approach play, they failed to achieve any wins against our competitors. However, with the addition of the generously donated putting green at Papplewick and the ever-growing talent, the only way is up for our golfers.



*The Basketball players in action*

## Athletics 2013

Because of the amount of rain in the Lent holidays, the Papplewick track was in no fit state to use for a large part of the first fortnight of term. Nonetheless, at the first meeting of the year, at Caldicott, the older boys put in some excellent performances, well above expectations. Our two senior sprinters produced astonishing 100m and 200m races, to win in impressive times against strong fields, we produced the winner of the triple jump with a 10 metre plus jump and our team captain ran a controlled 800m to come in second. In the under 13 age group, Papplewick scored very pleasing results with two first places and three seconds and the under 12s secured two firsts and a third.

The Eagle House event was cancelled because of a waterlogged track so our next meeting was against Aldro, which is always a challenge. This fixture produced a Papplewick 'find' in an outstanding triple jumper who won the event by almost a metre, and a promising junior high jumper who came second in his event.

At the West Surrey Schools' meeting we entered a trimmed-down team of twelve boys, only one of whom failed to place in the top five, and with three who gained selection for the National Prep Schools' Championships in Birmingham. Here they all performed extremely well, securing third, fourth and fifth positions in their respective finals.



*The new putting green, behind the Squash Courts*

## Polo

By the end of the season Papplewick was fielding five teams and we delivered a crushing defeat on St John's Beaumont, having already got the better of Sunningdale earlier in the season. Elsewhere, our top two teams performed well in the two National Championships at Longdole Polo Club, coming 3rd and 4th respectively.



*John Frost (1975-80) with his wife and athletic son*

## Croquet v Ludgrove

With the Nigel Havers trophy secured for the first time by Papplewick in 2012, our team could approach last year's fixture with confidence. The captain selected the four youngest players for the doubles round and things got off to a poor start, with numerous simple shots being flunked and the Ludgrove boys working well as a team. So we finished the round third and fourth. (Ludgrove 7 – Papplewick 3.) Next came the first of two "singles" rounds with the two senior Papplewick boys competing. Here we gained first and third positions and Papplewick was back in the frame, although we would require first and second in the final round for us to win the match. (Ludgrove 11 – Papplewick 9.) The final round was again a "singles" affair and from the start one sensed that the wind was now blowing in our favour. The Papplewick boys played well at the start, with an intelligent use of roquet, but there were some sticky moments towards the end as Ludgrove did their level best to come back. Their endeavours were in vain however, and Papplewick got home with the required first and second places. (Ludgrove 14 – Papplewick 16): the narrowest margin of victory possible, but with the Nigel Havers trophy safe for one more year!



*Karate is a popular sport*



*Athletics Champions, but of what year and who are they?*

## OLD BOYS' DAY 2013

### Old Boys' Day - July 7th 2013

The cricket match v the HM's XI last year was played in sweltering conditions right at the start of the July heat wave, with the Old Boys fielding a team of mixed ages and plenty of talent, with six members representing the team for the first time.

As it turned out it was an unfortunate day for the Old Boys as far as results were concerned, for this year the Headmaster's team emerged victorious. We batted first and failed to put enough runs on the board, with the opposition bowlers running through our line-up with comparative ease – to such an extent that by lunchtime we had lost 9 wickets, with only Ben Sullivan (22) making any significant score. However, Harry Rodger (39\*) and Alex Avery (31) put up stiff resistance for the final wicket, bringing our score up to 148. The HM's side knocked off the runs with little difficulty, finishing with the loss of six wickets, of which Tom Harrison took 2 – 22.

It was particularly nice to see a group of Old Boys who left Papplewick in 2003 – ten years ago – who came back for a

reunion and to have a look around the School once again. They clearly enjoyed being back, for they stayed long after the cricket had ended, catching up on news. Charles Cartwright and Danny Price should be thanked for organising this gathering from '03. It was a great success.

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### Old Boys' Day this year will be on Sunday July 13th

Please make a note of this date in your diary. Once again we shall be having our customary cricket match against the Headmaster's XI. After our defeat last year, we are hoping for a return to form once again this time round. The game will start at 11.00 a.m., lunch for teams and visitors will be at 1.00 o'clock in the marquee, and tea will be in the pavilion at 4.00 p.m. The swimming pool and tennis courts will be available for families and friends, and at 6 o'clock there will be end-of-match drinks to conclude the day's activities.

We shall be delighted to see you there.

*Old Boys who left Papplewick both in 2004, ten years on from leaving the School, and also those who left in 1994 – the pioneers who introduced these reunions, 10 years ago – are particularly invited to Old Boys' Day this year, and you will be receiving a personal invitation with this newsletter. Do come if you can, perhaps arriving for tea at 4.00 p.m. – or even for lunch at 1.00 o'clock. It will be good to meet up with your contemporaries, watch some cricket and have a look around the School once again.*

We shall be posting last minute details on the morning of July 13th, by 9.00 a.m., on 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 all activities may have to be cancelled at the last minute as they were, sadly, in 2012.



*Most of the Old Boys' cricket team 2013*