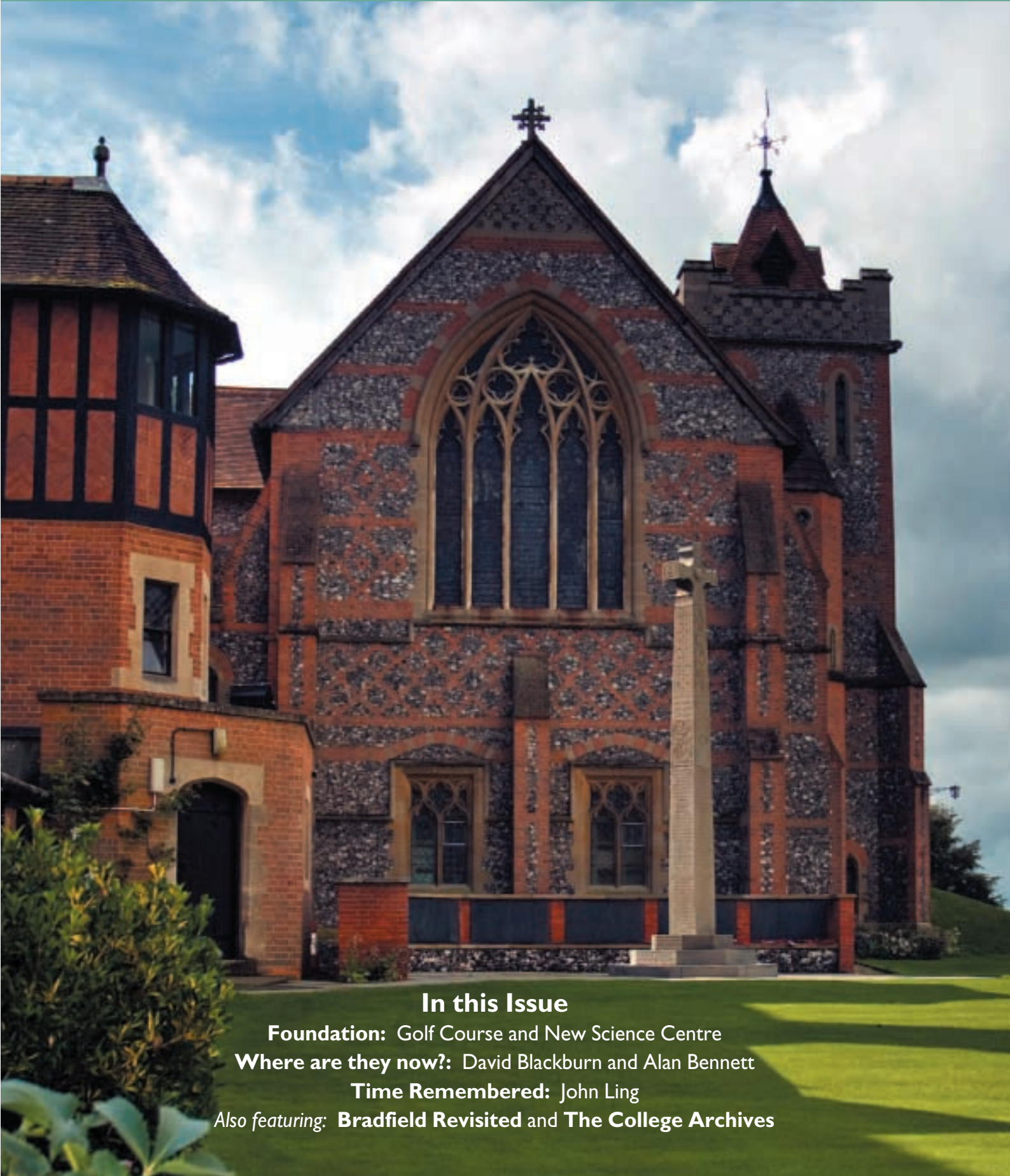




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In recent months a considerable amount of work has been undertaken by the College in redesigning the College's website. The results will be a new website to be launched in the New Year which will have considerably enhanced features and be a major gateway into Bradfield. At the same time, the Society has been considering a whole range of options with a principal objective of bringing the Old Bradfieldian community closer together, and wherever possible, trying to use electronic communication with our members. We have had to await the re-launch of the College's website, but it is our intention by Spring of next year to have completely upgraded the current facilities so as to provide a much more interactive experience for all our members.



Martin Young (C 59-64)

In this edition the Headmaster describes the exciting plans for a new Science Centre at Bradfield. If you look at the national statistics it is really quite frightening how the study of science has fallen so much out of favour with today's students. It is the College's intention to play a small part in remedying this by making a substantial investment in state-of-the-art new facilities. In common with our other facilities, we should also be able to reach out to the local community and schools to provide laboratory experience which is such an important feature of science teaching. The Bradfield Foundation will be masterminding a fundraising effort and many of you will have recently received a brochure describing the scheme. I do hope that you will feel able to support the Foundation in whatever way you can.

This is one of our larger editions of the Newsletter and, as always, please feel free to give us any feedback or news to make future editions even better.

Martin Young (C 59-64)
 President

Diary of Events

Sunday 9 November: **Remembrance Day Service and Lunch** (see A4 flyer)

Sunday 30 November: **Huxham Run** (ajsmith@bradfieldcollege.org.uk to register)

Sunday 7 December: **Festive OB Day**

2.00pm – Football 1st, 2nd and 3rd teams v College (New Ground and Max)

2.00pm – Squash v College

3.00pm – Shooting v College

3.45pm – AGM (Development Office)

3.45pm – Tea (Hall)

4.45pm – Carols by Candlelight (Chapel)

Saturday 13 December: **Alumni Race**, Wimbledon (mjbostelmann@aol.com for info)

Sunday 28 June 2009: **Bradfield Day** (Classes 1991-2000)

David Moss-Gibbons Memorial Service

TBC either 16 November or Lent Term 2009

please see OB Website www.obsociety.org.uk for confirmation in the near future

Dear Old Bradfieldians,

The College embarks on the new academic year in fine fettle, boosted by good public examinations results and record numbers (700 boys and girls – would you believe?). I am sure that the College is now the right size: we like to compare with (and beat) the Marlboroughs and Wellingtons of the world, but I want to know every pupil on an individual basis and be sure that all receive excellent pastoral care. I strongly support Bradfield's emphasis on the individual.

Former Palmer House girls will be interested to learn that the extension to Palmer House, comprising additional bed sits for 60 girls and a tutor's flat, is complete and, together with Stanley House, which will accommodate 63 girls, will become 'all the way through' houses (Shell to Upper VI) from September.

The Common Room was very sad to learn the news about the sudden death of David Moss-Gibbons. 'Mossy' was universally respected and admired across the ranks and ages of the staff, a true school master, very much in the Templer tradition.

I would like to flag up two very important current projects. Firstly, the Bradfield Club in Peckham, which is enjoying a period of vibrant youth work under the leadership of Iain Clark (B 63-68), Charles George (A 58-63) and Peter Gangsted (D 73-77), is about to have a new roof and ventilation system added to its excellent gym as part of Phase II of the Club's building project. We do need, however, donations to fund Phase III of the Building Programme. This will help us to restore the upstairs rooms in the 'tower', rooms that will be dedicated to study, computing and art, encouraging the education and reflective sides of young peoples' lives. I am also delighted to announce that Michael Stone (E 49-54) and Chris Hacking (E 44-48) have very kindly agreed to become Trustees of the Peckham Club.

Secondly, the Science Centre Project has a dual significance for Bradfield's future. The tradition of excellent science teaching (Lesley Price (SCR 32-72), Murray Argyle (SCR 47-84) Timothy Potts (SCR 55-87), Malcolm Thompson (SCR 64-97), Michael Goode (SCR 59-98), Dickie Brooks (68-03) and Anthony Collieu (SCR 62-05) amongst others, needs to be continued for future Bradfieldians, particularly to help reverse the national crisis in science and maths numbers, a real threat to the UK's future well being. In addition, the realisation of the new Science Centre will enable my colleagues and pupil-helpers to give a real boost to the science provision for the state primary schools in West Berkshire. I commend the Science Centre appeal to you: please do get in contact with James Wyatt in the Development Office.

You will have probably noticed that Bradfield College has introduced a fresh and sympathetic new branding: I hope you like it!

With best wishes,



Peter Roberts



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Swinbank Society

Tom Bodeker (F 02-07) returned to Bradfield on 5 June to talk at the Swinbank Society about his Gap Year experiences in the Gambia working with the Christian organisation Crosslinks, and in Norfolk working with Iwerne Holidays, a Christian run multi-activity holiday for children in independent schools. Last Commemoration, Tom won the Robert Hicks award to sponsor him on these projects. Tom spoke openly about how his faith in Christ had been strengthened and how his outlook on life had been changed by his time in the Gambia. When he left Bradfield a year ago, he admitted to being hungry for success, money and the high life, but soon found his priorities had shifted, and that he was increasingly driven by a desire to live for Jesus. He was keen to urge his younger friends still at the College to find a quiet place, away from all the hustle and bustle, in order to listen to God. He spoke warmly of the joy of knowing Jesus and of allowing him to set the agenda in his life, and he urged his listeners to do the same.



War Memorial Cleaned

An Old Bradfieldian, who wishes to remain anonymous, very kindly agreed to cover the cost of cleaning the War Memorial. The Old Bradfieldian wrote a letter to the College

regarding his concern over the organic growth and general grime build up which made it difficult to read the engraved names on the Collingwood Cross and the Welsh slate tablets.



The work was carried out by Ecologic Systems using an environmentally-friendly cleaning technique which uses a combination of low-pressure high-volume compressed air, with natural water-soluble cleaning crystal and a small amount of water (for dust suppression). This method effectively cleaned away the grime and oxidation whilst preserving its integrity because it was not penetrating with high volumes of water. The system used approximately 20 litres of water per hour compared to 18 litres per minute which would have been used in a water jetting process.

All are welcome to the Bradfield College Remembrance Day Service on 9 November – please see flyer for reply form.

Fashion Show

On Sunday 18 May, Textiles pupils from Shell to Upper Sixth put on a Fashion Show. Every piece in the show had been made in the Textiles Studio and there was a fantastic range of work on display. There were glamorous and historic evening gowns in the first scene and in the third scene, Sasha Novikova (K) elegantly modelled a dress by Lisa Kimura (J) made with teabags amongst other materials.



The entertainment was enhanced by Bradfield's fantastic Dance Group and by the Boys from the

Art Department taking a turn on the catwalk in some wonderfully crafted ties.

Hattie Pearson (K) and Meriel Mulhall (J) helpfully guided us through the large collection of garments, and highlighted some of the ideas which influenced their design. The show concluded with some outstanding work by Upper Sixth, including Hattie Pearson's Missoni Dress and Vivien Kreitl's (J) Paintings Jacket.

Particular congratulations go to Kiki Gao (I) and Meriel Mulhall as they leave Bradfield to take up places at The London College of Fashion.

Hannah Jervis (SCR)

On Sunday 27 April 64 tennis players gathered at the College's All Weather Pitches for the annual mixed-doubles "Give it Your Max" Charity Tennis Tournament. The atmosphere



was great and the standard of tennis spectacular, especially in the final with the winners Charlotte Gayford (J) and Alexander Crockford (G) taking on runners-up, Miss Duff and Thomas Vernham (H), in a very close match. It was brilliant to see so many people come together in one place to raise money for "Give it your Max" – one that is not only particularly important to the Bradfield Community due to its roots, but also one that pursues the laudable aim of giving opportunities to children. The tournament raised £1,500 and is now an annual event! Thank you to everyone who participated, helped and supported the tournament.

Maria Vildavskaya (J)

This summer 13 Bradfield College students took their production of Steven Berkoff's *Messiah* to the Edinburgh Festival. The company performed in an atmospheric venue, The Merchant's Hall, just off Princes Street and audience numbers improved consistently over the four nights that they performed. *Messiah* was originally performed in the Lent term of 2008 and was re-worked and heavily cut for the festival. The final result definitely benefited as a result and there were some excellent individual performances as well as some impressive ensemble acting. This is reflected in the reviews that the production received. "Impressive ensemble work from a committed cast made this a most challenging and engaging piece of theatre" (*Newbury Weekly News*).



"Some good individual performances and ensemble acting" (*British Theatre Guide*). Overall the critics judged it as, "a well-directed, well acted production" (*Three Weeks*).

The students who went on the Edinburgh trip also carried out a full programme of events to publicise the show and they also had time to go to see lots of theatre, comedy and dance as well. James Bailey (H), who played Pontius Pilate, was also lucky enough to meet Steven Berkoff after his reading at the book festival. We are definitely

thinking about taking another production next year and the director, Julia Crossley (SCR), would love to hear from any OBs who are interested in getting involved.

Julia Crossley (SCR)

Pupils and OBs at the Edinburgh Festival



In addition to the pupils, OB Hannah Knapp (196-98) also performed in a successful run of *Happy Savages* by Ryan Craig at this year's Edinburgh Festival at the Underbelly. After graduating from St. Andrews University in English Literature and subsequently working for BBC Radio Drama for two years, the pull of the theatre was just too great so she embarked on an MA at the Central School of Speech and Drama. Graduating last summer, she set up a theatre production company, More Matter Productions, with the aim of producing new work of substance. Hannah collaborated with writer/director Ryan Craig (currently writing BBC1 series *Robin Hood*) to stage *Happy*

Savages. The play is a witty, fast-paced ensemble piece, about two couples searching for happiness which received great acclaim in Edinburgh. "All four actors were superb in this tale of couples struggling to find, define, and hold onto happiness. Hannah Nicholson's Lisa was performed with wit and style. The performance was both funny and touching." (*Three Weeks*) – the fringe review magazine.

Hannah remarks that the production brought back many happy memories of the 1997 Greek Play, *Oedipus Tyrannus*, both in Greece and on tour in Thassos. Please contact Hannah Nicholson (Stage name) for further details. hannahnicholson@gmail.com



Hannah Knapp (196-98) is top left

CCF in Norway



During the Easter break a group of CCF cadets from Bradfield College, Canford School and Malvern College took part in the annual cross-country skiing expedition to Norway. After a demanding three days of ski and expedition training, we were ready to embark on our expedition. Despite heavy rucksacks, strong winds and driving snow, we travelled 15 kilometres (mostly uphill!) during the first day before digging tents into the snow. Our second day was cold and clear, allowing us to admire the full beauty of the Hardangervidda mountain plateau as we skied to our snow-hole site. The afternoon was spent digging –

endlessly to ensure we all had a comfortable snow-hole in which to live for the night. As we skied down from the mountain on the final day laden with rucksacks, it was clear to us all how much our skiing had improved as we made light work of a tricky descent.

Back at the base we reflected on our achievements. We had learnt many new skills and had developed a great spirit of teamwork within the group. After a final day at Gelio ski resort we left Norway having thoroughly enjoyed a unique and very rewarding experience.

Danny Daniels (SCR)

Summer Concert

This year's Summer Concert saw College musicians performing at the Reading Town Hall. Performances involving our leavers are always a highlight of the Summer Concert and this year was no exception. The evening was filled with wonderful performances by a wide variety of groups including the Orchestra, a new Clarinet Quartet, Jazz Band and Swing Band. The programme even featured piper Sarah Middleton (M) who accompanied Schola Cantorum in their performance of *Amazing Grace*, arranged by Stephen Hatfield. The Concert Band, under new director Aidan

Chamberlain, finished the programme with an attractive medley of songs from *The Lion King*.

Many thanks to the music staff, peripatetic teachers and the pupils for all the hard work that went into preparing for what was a very successful concert. Special mention must be made of Tara Copus who, after 13 years at the College, takes up the post of Director of Music at Abingdon Preparatory School in September. Her musical expertise will be missed by pupils and staff.

Ann Wright (SCR)

Demosthenes



On Thursday 8 May groups of nervous prep school pupils, parents and teachers gathered in the School of Music for the annual Demosthenes Public Speaking Competition. The competitors were charged with the task of delivering a witty and eloquent pre-prepared speech inspired by titles such as *If I ruled the world, It wasn't me* and *My Ingenious Invention*. We were delighted to invite Neil Thompson (H 75-80), Regional Director of ITV for Yorkshire and East Anglia, as the judge for the competition, an unenviable task considering the extremely high standard of

the entries. Afternoon Tea separated the Years 6 and 7 competitions, raising the tension amongst pupils even further. In the end the Best Speakers prizes were awarded to St Andrews, Pangbourne (Year 6) and Elstree (Year 7) and the Best School prize was this year awarded to Thomgrove. All the competitors seemed to enjoy the opportunity to express themselves in a public forum and the audience left amused and impressed by the imaginative contributions of these young minds.

Victoria Hartwell (SCR)

Primary School Science Day

On Tuesday 22 April the Science Department hosted a day for a group of Year 6 pupils from Churchend Primary School, Tilehurst. The initiative was a pilot event with the intention of



offering similar such learning opportunities to other local primary schools in the coming years. The day focussed on practical investigation and key skills needed in their forthcoming Key Stage 2 SATS in May. The visiting pupils were helped during the sessions by members of the Bradfield Sixth Form who are studying Sciences at AS level. The young pupils clearly had a great experience and the school has already asked to come back next year! The finale to the day was a demonstration of the 'Nitrogen Bomb' in Quad which, quite literally, ended the event with a bang!

Rod Dethridge (SCR)

The Greek Theatre production was moved to Commemoration this year, largely to avoid examinations, and was dominated by Upper Sixth pupils. It was a farewell performance for many who have created more drama in the last two years than any previous year.

The cast was chosen on merit regardless of gender. Elizabeth Bennett's (K) detailed interpretation of Viola was sufficiently light and intelligent to keep the narrative clear. Austin Thompson (F) and James Mawson (D) as Fabian and Feste played up the slapstick – with a banana joke that got a round of applause. James Bailey (H) and Kirsty Suttie (K) nuanced the two most difficult roles; Orsino and Olivia, while Hattie Pearson (K) as Sir Toby struck up a wickedly exploitative relationship with the hilarious Lizzie Waite (K) as Aguecheek. Credit should also go to newcomers Rebecca Wall (K), James Evans (EL), Stefan Heffron (C) and Grace Cartwright (J). But it was Sophie Stoye's (J) Malvolio, oleaginous and scornful by turns, that most won the audience over.

The set was a giant wedding cake before a groaning table of fruit, marrows, wine, vegetables and meat. The feeling of a wedding about to begin or having just ended, of pranks and frustrated desire at the edges of public celebration, fitted the hints of melancholy and ennui that underlay the play's humour.

Alan Kilburn (SCR)



In early May a group of Faulkner's scholars were grateful to be given the opportunity to visit the seat of our country's power, the Palace of Westminster. We were treated to a rigorous security search before being allowed into Westminster Hall, where legend has it Henry VIII played tennis! As the carved wooden angels stared down at us we began an informative and fascinating guided tour of the Houses of Parliament. It was an extraordinary experience

being able to walk through the Central Lobby and the debating chambers of the Commons and Lords. After the tour, which included an insight into the history of the buildings and British politics, we met our host, The Rt. Hon. Richard Benyon MP (H 74-78) who is the Member of Parliament for Newbury. He answered our many questions about politics and Parliamentary life.

David Parnell (HL)



Houses of Parliament

Golf Course 10th Anniversary



David Cooper (E 44-48)



Chris Hacking (E 44-48) and Peter Roberts (Headmaster)

The 10th anniversary of the Golf Course provided the stimulus to undertake very desirable enhancements to this superb facility. A new putting green and practice area have been constructed including state of the art practice nets. Total funding for the new area of some £35,000 came from surpluses generated by the Club over the past few years and donations from members of the Old Bradfieldian Golfing Society. We are extremely grateful to all those former donors who so generously supported the original project and to the OBGs members who rallied to the call from their President, John Allday (E 53-57), to help fund the new additions. Christopher Hacking (E 44-48), the Club's President, gave his strong support and was aided by James Tyrrell (G 54-59) who co-ordinated the whole funding exercise. Overseeing the construction itself was the Assistant Bursar, Ian Barnes, who ensured a first class outcome. Funds provided by the Foundation have also been used to provide elegant free standing hole maps for each hole with all relevant information (hole name/number/distance/par/stroke index) and stone tee markers.

The main celebrations of the 10th anniversary took place over the weekend of 28-29th June. The Saturday saw play throughout the day which was necessary to accommodate the many entrants for the President's Trophy (winner Michael Withers (E 45-49)). The course was in outstanding condition and presented in such a professional manner which more than fulfilled the hopes and aspirations of all those who made it possible in the first place. On Sunday morning the unveiling of a commemorative plaque by the Headmaster, Peter Roberts, provided the occasion for him to pay tribute to all those donors who had given so generously and, in particular, Chris Hacking without whom the provision of this first class facility would not have been possible. A marvellous lunch plus entertainment immaculately organised by a committee of club members ensured that the occasion was suitably celebrated and also gave the opportunity to show the gratitude of all to David Cooper (E 44-48) who was stepping down after 10 years as the Honorary Secretary.

*James Wyatt (G 58-63)
Acting Director of Development*





New Science Centre

North East elevation with recent modest aesthetic alterations

In their articles both the President and the Headmaster have highlighted how Bradfield, through the Science Centre Project, can play its part in reversing the decline in the number of young people studying the sciences and the consequential national shortage of quality science students. In addition they have both emphasised that the Centre will also provide the opportunity for hundreds of young people from outside the College to benefit from its facilities, in particular by extending Bradfield's partnership with local primary schools. In the summer term the Science Department hosted a day for Year 6 pupils from Churchend Primary School in Tilehurst. In this they were assisted by members of the Bradfield Sixth Form who were studying Science at AS level. The structure of the day will be the template for a programme of visits from other local primary schools.

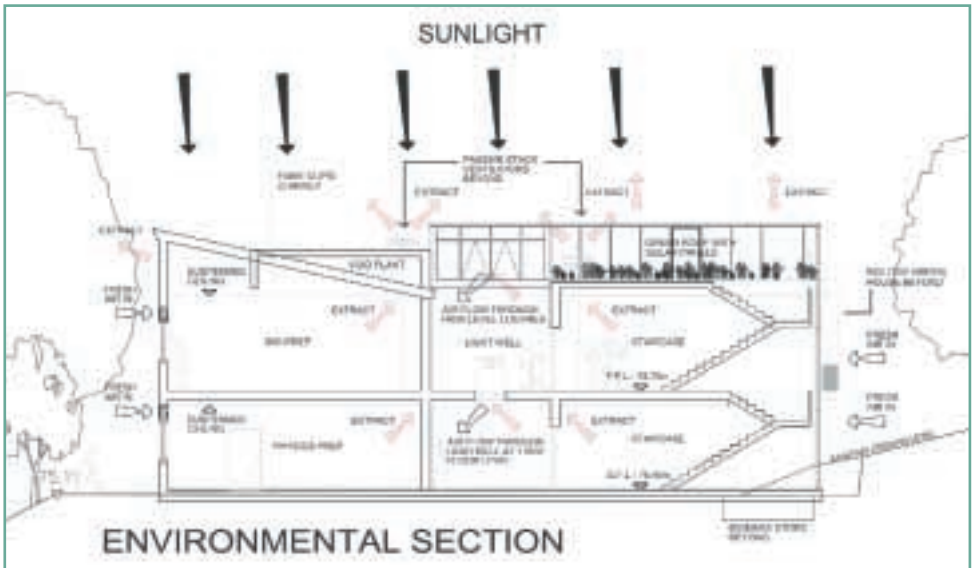
with sustainable drainage, thermal and acoustic insulation, as well as encouraging bio-diversity as a result of the variety of plant species growing on the roof that would not otherwise be present – it will encourage a natural habitat for insect, bird and butterfly species; photo-voltaic panels will generate electricity; and there will be a rain-water collection system. These systems will be managed by a Building Management System (BMS) and visible displays in the entrance area will demonstrate to visitors how the building is performing. The materials of the building will be of the highest environmental ratings, as will the insulation levels. The building is of minimum impact to the site and the environment and the outline plans were favourably received by the local community when it was presented to them. The formal planning application was submitted in September.

The green credentials of the building have been widely acknowledged. The building itself is designed to be an energy efficient exemplar building, which can also be used as a teaching tool to demonstrate environmental measures and techniques. The heating will be by way of a biomass boiler with a local supply of fuel; the building will be naturally ventilated and naturally lit as far as possible; the "green" roof will assist

If you have any questions about the new Science Centre and how you can give your support to this £5 million project please, do not hesitate to contact the Development Office (development@bradfieldcollege.org.uk). To view the DVD visit our website www.bradfieldfoundation.org.uk



Photo-voltaic Panel Arrays



South West elevation

Marriages



Jonathan Perkins (G 92-97) and Louise



Sylvine (J 96-98) and Liam Tanner



Joanna (I 99-01) and James Macmillan



James Christmas (E 91-96) and Meghan

BEST, Joanna (I 99-01) to James Macmillan on 30 June 2008 at St James Church, Barkham, and afterwards at Bradfield College.

CHRISTMAS, James (E 91-96) to Meghan Harbrow on 21 May 2008, St Lucia. A Blessing was held on 21 June, at Grey Friars House, Guildford.

IREDALE, Hannah (I 89-91), to Paul Greatrex on 29 March 2008 at Bradfield College.

PERKINS, Jonathan (G 92-97) to Louise Bland on 28 July 2007 at St Mary's Church, Aldworth, Berkshire.

SIMPSON, Sylvine (J 96-98) to Liam Tanner on 25 August 2007 at St Mary's College, Strawberry Hill.

SUFFIELD-JONES, Siobhan (I 95-98) to Adrian Dunn on 26 January 2008 at St Clement's Church, Ashampstead, Berkshire.



Hannah (I 89-91) and Paul Greatrex

Births



Beatrice Masters

LEE, Matthew (H 91-96) and Lee, Laura (nee McClue) (J 94-96) a son, Benjamin Rory on 5 December 2007.



Benjamin Lee

MASTERS, George (E 94-99, SCR) and Elizabeth (Director of Development), a daughter, Beatrice Sophie on 25 April 2008.

PETTIT, (nee Campbell) Katrina (I 89-91) and Phil, twin daughters, Lidia Grace and Erica Clara on 11 May 2007 and sisters for Bertie.

ROBINSON, Dan (A 88-93) and Jess a son, Jasper Joseph on 3 September 2008.



Erica, Bertie and Lidia Pettit

WAY, Adam (F 87-92) and Caroline, a son Sebastien Alexander on 31 October 2006 and a daughter Gisele Joelle on 14 May 2008.

Deaths

BLAKE, Thomas Richard Valentine (F 56-56) on 29 May 2008.

BRENNAN, Francis (Hugh) (F 33-36) on 4 August 2008.

BUSBRIDGE, Kenneth Frank (B 32-36) on 8 April 2008.

DOLTON, Nigel Timothy (H 57-62) on 19 June 2008.

GOSLAND, Christopher Andrew James (F 45-50) on 28 January 2008.

HAMILTON-SHARP, Graham (G 28-30) on 8 March 2008.

HENDERSON-BEGG, Maxwell (B 75-80) on 14 May 2008.

JOHNSON, Eliane (SCR 47-77) on 22 August 2008.

LENDRUM, Peter Alexander (42-47) on 23 May 2008.

LLOYD, Hugh Russell (E 29-32) on 21 January 2008.

MOSS-GIBBONS, David (SCR 71-05) on 25 July 2008.

NETER, Norman Eric (H 34-39) on 23 December 2006.

WELD-SMITH, Rupert Arthur Naismith (F 33-37) on 29 May 2008.

WENHAM, Colin (G 65-69) on 23 December 2007.

IN ORDER THAT ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THIS PAGE ARE ACCURATE, OBS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE URGED TO SUBMIT THE CORRECT INFORMATION.

After receiving a note from David about his Ford Car and recommendation to visit the Blackburn Pavilion, intended for the 'Snippets' section in the *OB Newsletter*, it soon appeared that a little more space was required to write about his endeavours, so modestly mentioned.

After Leaving Bradfield, David says that he has enjoyed 'a hard working but fun life inspired no doubt by B.B etc'. Today he has dozens of projects which he manages to juggle. One of them is to rebuild the Ford Homestead and his Car Museum on his Cork Estate where Henry Ford's grandfather was born. The photo shows David with the 1911 Model T. David's love of cars extends beyond Fords; he told me that he currently has two vintage Salmsons being restored in Bradfield Southend.

The Blackburn Pavilion is a project close to David's heart and it soon becomes apparent that London Zoo has been highly regarded by the family, for more than one generation. There is a long association with ZSL (Zoological Society of London) London Zoo. David, Sir Stamford Raffles Patron of the ZSL and son of Lt Col Cyril Blackburn ADC ERD, a ZSL Fellow, was instrumental in the Zoo's continued survival when it was faced with closure in 1992. David stepped in to make a generous donation which was necessary in order to save the historic Zoo and at the same time he played an important role on the Zoo Board.

The help offered to the Zoo by the family didn't stop there. Further financial support for the renovation of the tropical birdhouse in 2005 was given, following the terrorist bombs, which meant that funds which had been assigned to ZSL for capital development had to be redirected elsewhere. David guaranteed to underwrite the costs of renovating the tropical birdhouse. This ensured that there would be a new attraction, key at drawing in new visitors to the Zoo. At the same time, it naturally conserved and renovated an existing part of ZSL London Zoo's heritage. The Blackburn Pavilion will represent a legacy for the family, continuing their long-term commitment to ZSL.

The launch for the new tropical bird experience was held on 20 March in the Blackburn Pavilion. It is home to more than 50 different species of birds, including toucans, starlings, kooky kookaburras, partridges and hummingbirds. Visitors can walk through the lush rainforest foliage and waterfalls experiencing the birds' natural environment where many of them fly free. David is naturally very keen to attract visitors to share in this experience, as well as the other attractions that London Zoo offers. He says it is well worth a visit, and always very grateful of much needed donations. For further information please visit www.zsl.org/london-zoo.

*Jo Macmillan (I 99-01)
Alumni Relations Officer*

David Blackburn (D 45-50)



David with a Ford 1911 Model T



David with family and friends outside the Blackburn Pavillion

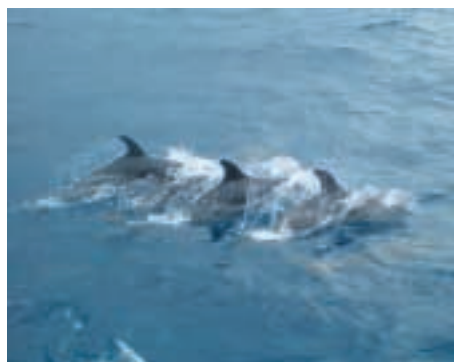
Alan Bennett (H 67-72)

“... I was in awe when I discovered Alan was going to cross the Atlantic.”



On leaving Bradfield in 1972 Alan joined the Royal Navy with the intention of becoming an Engineer, but after a year transferred to the Warfare branch – he states his character was better attuned to this! During his first few years he served in Frigates, which included time in the Far East, and qualified as a ship's diver, before then going on to train as a Commando helicopter pilot. Serving with 846 Naval Air Squadron, he became adept at operating in the Arctic during winter in support of the Royal Marines, whose primary duty at that time was the defence of NATO's northern flank. Living in tents at -30C, alongside a Sea King helicopter at instant readiness, was part and parcel of every New Year! During the Falklands Campaign in 1982, Alan was at the centre of the Squadron's role of enabling the gathering of vital intelligence prior to the amphibious landings and other pre-cursor operations, for which he was subsequently awarded a Distinguished Service Cross. Subsequent appointments as a Lynx helicopter Flight Commander and a Principle Warfare Officer led in the early 90's to the command of the Type 21 Frigate HMS ALACRITY. During this period, Alan's ship's operations ranged from the Arctic Circle to the Pacific. (No doubt these experiences equipped him well for his Atlantic Crossing.)

After all this fun, the RN demanded some payback - Alan spent a rather frustrating few years ashore with the Ministry of Defence and as a Staff College tutor. However, he managed to escape back to operations once more, this time as the commander of the air wing onboard the aircraft carrier HMS ILLUSTRIOUS. Further promotion found him back ashore again, but a two year stint as the Chairman of a NATO committee based in Brussels but involving work in Prague, Budapest and Moscow, kept the interest levels up. More recent highlights included command of the Naval Air Station at Yeovilton in Somerset – 'a train set with 135 aircraft of 10 different types, some 2,500 people deploying world wide and



a budget to match' – and, finally, two years as the British Naval Attaché in Washington DC, rounded off his career spanning 36 years.

Amongst all this, in 1979 Alan managed to persuade Sarah to marry him, and they now have three children all beyond their 'teen years'. Always a keen sailor (having sailed for the school throughout his five years), Alan and Sarah bought a Sweden Yachts 390 while in the US and decided to sail her home to Poole this summer.

Having only ever sailed once myself last year in Croatia, I was in awe when I discovered Alan was going to cross the Atlantic. Even though I had thought that the sea couldn't get much worse than the storm I had unfortunately experienced, deep down, I knew that the Atlantic was a completely different ball game. A challenge that couldn't be attempted unless you knew exactly what you were doing. Alan left Deale, MD, USA, on 12 May and gave me a link to his blog <http://blog.mailasail.com/aquila> where I could see his progress across the vast ocean. With him he took Sarah, daughter Pippa, and sons Sebastian and Tom. Pippa and Sebastian remained on board until Bermuda, where they flew home exchanging their places for Tom and Ian Adams, a family friend.

Alan told me that practically all of the work for the expedition was in the preparation. Clearly provisions had to be purchased to keep them alive at sea, and, although one would imagine fresh fish forming part of their staple diet, unfortunately not one was caught for their entire voyage. That is none . . . except for a few flying fish which ended up on board when waves swept over the sides of Aquila. These were naturally welcome – less so the jelly fish that similarly came aboard, or were they 'aliens'?

Sarah was head chef for the trip, and it is clear that her freshly baked bread was the most popular product from the kitchen – each loaf in competition with the previous – and many being the 'best loaf yet'. To me, it all sounds so idyllic –





the fresh sea air, rising dough smells and beautiful sun rises, however a diary entry reveals another side; "Cooking is a challenge when the boat is heeling over at 20 degrees angle, and there have been several occasions when the meal hasn't quite landed in the right place at the right time."

On 5 June, the family came to the end of their fresh produce. As they braved their first tinned meal, they were given notice of an imminent low pressure that was building off Long Island Sound, which was due to reach them by mid-day on the 6th bringing with it winds of up to 35 knots! A slight alteration of course was planned to avoid the brunt of it, however the entry for 6th reads 'Steering dead downwind 060M in Force 7 gusting 8 and a very big sea . . . a few waves in the cockpit but with both washboards in and the hatch closed no problems'. Despite the rough conditions for a few days, their morale was kept high with plenty of wildlife to enjoy; 'Ian had a whale do a circle around the boat, Tom had a pod of dolphins almost in the cockpit, and saw a Frigate bird take a flying fish on the wing – unlucky!'

The blog contains some interesting facts about their time at sea. Practical considerations that anyone thinking about embarking on such an expedition should consider;

- an allowance of three litres of water per person per day
- not showering for the entire trip!!
- wishing for rain so that a hair wash is possible
- wearing the same clothes day in day out for what seems like forever

- constantly being thrown around the cabin in all directions while trying to dress, eat, wash, sleep
- struggling to go to the heads (the loo for those that are not yachty) at a 25 degree angle of heel whilst simultaneously riding a roller coaster, having to get out of oilies etc
- relying on tinned food

Although there were draw backs to such an adventure, Alan was keen to point out the many highlights which he would not have been privileged to experience had he chosen to ship his boat back to the UK. These included the dolphins greeting them each morning and playing in the bow waves, the bioluminescence trailing some 39 feet behind under a black sky, and whales putting on a water fountain display.

Alan and his family reached Falmouth Visitor's Yacht Haven on 24 June at 23.15 with a champagne reception from Pippa and Ian's wife. They had covered 3790 nautical miles in total since departing from Deale, MD, and between Bermuda and Falmouth consumed 156 litres of water, baked 14 loaves, saw 65 pods of dolphins and covered 173 nautical miles on their best day's run.

I feel certain that where ever you are, if you are with Alan, you will no doubt be amidst an adventure. He is now living in Dorset, in a 'resurrected ruin' (another project undertaken over the years!). His plans are to build a portfolio career 'consisting of anything that interests, as long as it leaves time for some good sailing'.

Alan Bennett and Jo Macmillan (I 99-01)



Old Bradfieldians have all the fun



John Ling (E 53-58)

The Chief Reporter puts his head around my office door. "I'm off to the airport, the Air Force has just taken delivery of two new jet fighters and the Czechs are putting on a display. Do you want to come?"

It's late 1967, and the Biafran War in Nigeria is being waged. That afternoon I had some time on my hands, the press room was ready for the night's run, so I drove my car to the airport. The airport of Kaduna, in what was then Northern Nigeria, has one runway, and two airfields, one for the civilian use, and one for the Nigerian Air Force, who boasted a vast hanger, assorted transport aircraft, some MiG-17s, Dornier transporters, and a large compound of barracks, stores, married quarters etc.

I went up the stairs to the air traffic control room at the top of the stubby tower, where Mike, a Jamaican Air Traffic Controller and drinking friend, was on duty. "They will be over the field in about a minute" says Mike. Then they came, two Aero Vodochody L-29 Delfin advanced jet trainers, flown in by two Czech pilots, making a low pass down the runway before soaring up into the cloudless sky. "At the rate they are writing off the MiGs, I wonder how long they'll last" mused Mike, as the jets banked around for another pass.

There was a crackle of speech from the ATC control console. Mike picked up a microphone. "This is Kaduna Tower, please identify yourself" said Mike to the unknown aircraft approaching from the south-east. "This is Five November Foxtrot Golf Lima, Nigerian Airways flight from Ibadan" came the reply. Mike looked puzzled. There were no flights from Ibadan to Kaduna. "Say again, please identify yourself, this is Kaduna Tower and we demand that you identify yourself" "Piss off, Kaduna Tower" came the final reply. The unknown aircraft became a visible spot in the distance. Mike went out of the door and shouted down to a

group of soldiers standing in the shade of the airport building. An army officer ran up the steps, and shared Mike's binoculars. He then bellowed orders to his men down below and left the tower. Mike suggested that I depart as well, and that I took cover where I could, but not in any of the buildings. An open ditch at the back of the car park looked promising. The L-29s had been warned off and had departed.

The unknown aircraft grew steadily larger, until the shape of an ancient WW2 medium bomber, a B-26 Douglas Invader, became clearly visible. The airfield defence sprang into action. Three Bofors guns opened up, along with assorted rifle fire from the army soldiers who seemed to have taken it upon themselves to defend the airport bar. The Bofors guns fell silent quickly. Their concrete bases had collapsed, testament to the folly of ignoring the wise words of Mr. Bates at the Public Works Department who had advised footings of at least 4' for the foundations.

Relatively unopposed, the B-26 passed low over the airport building, and then banked round for his bombing run on the air force base. It was flown by one Jan Zumbach, a former RAF Wing Commander and Battle of Britain fighter pilot who was one of the founders of the Polish 303 Squadron, which he later commanded. His final victory tally was 13 confirmed kills, five probables, and one damaged. After the war, and under a Swiss passport, he flew contraband around Southern Europe and the Middle East. He went on to deal in second-hand aircraft before again becoming a mercenary (previous experience was in the Congo) as he organised and commanded the air force of Biafra, using the nom de guerre John Brown. The B-26 was designed to carry up to 6000lbs of bombs in the bomb bays, and 2000lbs under the wings. But the bombs that day were purely indigenous and ingenious ordnance, basically Pyrene fire extinguishers packed with high explosive and shrapnel, with fins welded to the casing. These were aimed at the hanger, but all dropped short. The bomber then made two more passes over the base, using the 8 M2 Browning 0.5in machine guns in the nose, before departing back towards the south east.

It was at the time that the B-26 swooped low over the airport building that I noted a snake easing his way down the ditch towards me. Now my fear of snakes is second to none in the terror league, and certainly comes nowhere close to Biafran bombers, so I made a very hasty exit towards my car, and gunned off down the airport drive. Halfway along I was waved down

B-26



by a frantic English girl, looking completely desperate. "My children are over there" she said, pointing towards the air force base "Please, take me there, I must be there". The concept of driving into an area that was being machine-gunned from the air lacked immediate appeal, but Bradfieldian chivalry rose to the fore, and we arrived unchallenged at her home in the officers married quarters where the children were, happily, all safe and well in the arms of a large nanny who was sheltering with them in a trench.

Much relieved, I headed for the exit, only to find my way blocked by a Nigerian Air Force officer brandishing a revolver. The use of the word 'Sir' under such circumstances always helps, as the officer was, shall we say, in a state of some excitement; I was immediately accused of being a spy, in the pay of the Biafrans, and had guided the aircraft into the target, and assorted others crimes, and was obliged to drive at gunpoint to the guardhouse, which seemed to be empty. Happily, a quite calm air force sergeant appeared, and I was handed over to him, with instructions that I should be kept locked up until further notice.

The sergeant, as is so often the case, was more on the ball than the officer, and I explained to him who I was and where I worked. He asked if I could help him, as there were a lot of wounded people who needed help. So we drove to the vehicle pool, where the Land-Rover ambulances were kept. None of the ambulances had batteries, several had flat tyres, and none of them had keys. We managed to jump-start one, and the sergeant and I then



L-29 Delfin

spent the rest of the afternoon ferrying wounded people to the local hospital.

Eventually I got back to the newspaper office, where, clutching a much needed brandy, I regaled the editorial department with the story of the day's events, which, for a civilian, had been rather out of the ordinary. Many notes were taken, many questions asked. That evening, as I and my press crew were plating up for the run, the final litho plate arrived, with the revised front page. The headline ran:

GLORIOUS ROUT OF ENEMY.
GALLANT AIRFORCE
FIGHTS OFF BIAFRAN PLANES.

So, never believe all you read in newspapers!

John Ling (E 53-58)



Nigerian newspaper team (John on right)

Bradfield



It was May 1964. Summer, blissful Summer! Rowing, cricket – what else to engage the tranquil mind in such a situation? I had just submitted my master’s thesis for the examination at the University of Reading, and was at a welcome loose end . . . or so I thought, until the Professor of Geography, bumping into me in the cloisters, said “Oh, Staveley – just received a call from Bradfield College . . . Geography master is away for a few weeks-why don’t you nip down there and see if you can help the chaps out”.

In those days, when the Professor made a suggestion, however low-key – and particularly when you had just submitted – one didn’t demur! And so I leapt onto my motorbike and roared off to Bradfield. The situation was that Basil Johnson (C 33-38, SCR 47-77), the master in charge of Geography, was to take his Territorial Army Unit on manoeuvres down on Dartmoor for five weeks. But who was to care for and tutor his charges in his absence? Hence the call, and so it was that I came to spend a delightful early summer period down in the old Geography School (now Fine Arts) by the river.



The boys I taught were engaging and courteous – perhaps a little bemused by the change in personnel from established dominie to novice – but they did their work well and with a good grace. Though I remember some faces after all this time, I am at a loss to remember names, but with one exception . . . the tall, gangly, corkscrew-haired Graham Roope (E 59-64), who occasionally reminded me that, keen on geography though he was, he just had to get down to the nets for cricket practice. All of which made perfect sense: Graham was already

David Wright (E 48-53), wife Prue, and Michael Staveley with Peter Roberts

Revisited



in 1964, on the books at Surrey where he remained until 1982. During that extended period, he won the County Championship and twenty-one England Caps, a talented all-rounder. Some critics note that he was one of the best two or three slip fielders ever to play for England . . . not that he demonstrated any of this dexterity in the classroom, as far as I can remember. Nevertheless, I have always felt grateful that my brief spell at Bradfield enabled me to bump up against him, and I was saddened to hear of his too early death in 2006.

All these memories came flooding back in November 2007 when my Old Bradfieldian friend, David Wright (E 48-53) and his wife Prue drove me down to Berkshire to revisit the College. How would it have changed in the 42 years since I left England for a life and career in Canada? Left – yes, but not left Bradfield entirely. In Canada I found that Bradfield had preceded me, not least in a cadre of Old Bradfieldians who, hearing of my brief encounters with their school, went out of their way to make life easier for me. Principal amongst this group was the Goodridge family, many of whose sons were Old Bradfieldians.

Ted was the chief helper – a St. John's lawyer, he discreetly gave me a note of hand when, as a penniless young academic, I couldn't get a conventional mortgage for my first (and somewhat idiosyncratic) house. Peter Bell (G 31-35), a spirited painter and curator of the University Art Gallery, was both quirky and kindly – when a few years later, I helped him build his own unconventional house, an octagonal dome, he gave all his helpers one of his prints entitled "You Helped Me Build My Dome. Thank You! Thank You!"

I treasure it still and note with pleasure that Peter has recently donated one of his paintings to Bradfield. And then there was Bill Pryse-Phillips (H 51-55), Professor of Medicine, but more highly visible away from his clinics as one of the University's distinguished and lucid Public Orators.

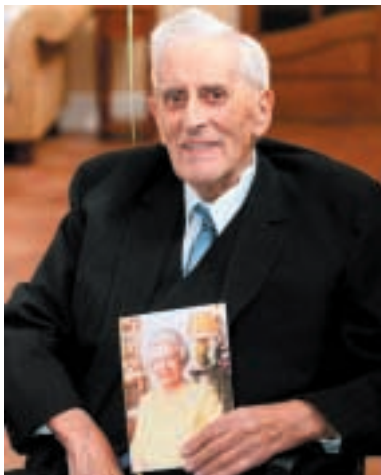
And then, by happy chance, I met David Wright from Bishop's Stortford – met him through both England and Canada. David was, for many years, a member and latterly Chairman of the Board at my University's small English campus at Old Harlow in Essex. For his service to Memorial University, and for many other good works, the University elected to confer an honorary doctorate on David in 1999 – and my wife, Professor of English, brought all her influence to bear as Deputy Public Orator to give the oration in his honour. Which is why we have as a worthy friend David Wright, Old Bradfieldian, LL.D.

It was a great pleasure to return to Bradfield in 2007. The welcome was as warm as the day was cold, and it was clear that in my 42 years absence the College has advanced. It was a very good school in 1965, but I sensed that it had enhanced its qualities in the period since I briefly graced its halls. And I remain deeply grateful for the experiences I had there, and for the invisible reach and friendships of its members which have made my life better.

*Michael Staveley Ph.D, Professor of Geography
and sometime Dean of Arts (1983-93)
Memorial University of Newfoundland*



Bruce Austin Fraser's (1900-1902) statue in Portsmouth



Hugh Wickham (C 22-26)



Major John Forte MBE (F 29-33) wedding



Margot Fonteyn, by Roger Wood (H 34-38)

Following an investigation into his family tree, Jim Fitzmaurice who lives in New Zealand enquired about Old Bradfieldian **Bruce Austin Fraser (1900-1902)**. Bruce joined the Navy as a cadet and survived both World Wars, being Commander-in-Chief of the Home Fleet during the later stages of the naval war in Europe. He was enobled as Baron Fraser of North Cape in 1946. Following the war he became First Sea Lord and Chief of the Naval Staff in 1948. He retired in 1951 with the rank of Admiral of the Fleet. His statue can be found in Portsmouth Dockyard today.

Hugh Wickham (C 22-26) celebrated his 100th Birthday on 23 April. We would like to congratulate him. Many thanks to Anthony McEntyre (E 51-55) who spotted the newspaper clipping in the *Chester Chronicle* and posted it to us. Photo courtesy of *Chester Chronicle*.

Major John Forte MBE (F 29-33) celebrated his diamond wedding anniversary in Corfu last year. In 1946 whilst John was serving in the 9th Foot, he spotted Nadia Curcemelli, great granddaughter of Sir Dimitrios Carcumelli KCMG Regent of Corfu at the end of British rule swimming off the Royal Mon Repos Palace estate jetty in Corfu. They were married the following year. On retirement from the Army in 1958 John was appointed British Vice Consul in Corfu from 1958-71 and his services include reviving the tradition of Cricket, restoring the Anglican Church of Holy Trinity, putting Corfu on the tourist map in 1964 with his book *Corfu, Venus of the Isles* and freeing Corfu from the scourge of scientology. Although now in his 93rd year, John is chuffed to have been named by Basil Johnson (C 33-38, SCR 47-77) as the 'most versatile games player Bradfield has produced'. He was described as a jack of all games and master of some, such as cricket, soccer, hockey, real tennis, lawn tennis, whilst also a winner of a national open squash rackets championship. His name appears in the last MCC Annual Report as one of the most Senior Life Members of the Club.

Alexander (Roger) Wood (H 34-38)

The late Roger Wood captured many of the great dancers, singers, musicians and directors who worked at the Royal Opera House from 1956 until the 1960s. His images include Maria Callas, Joan Sutherland, Moria Shearer, Margot Fonteyn and Rudolf Nureyev. His exhibition, *Divas and Ballerinas*, was held from 8 December '07 – 9 February '08 at Canterbury Royal Museum and Art Gallery.



John Fay (F 39-40)

John Fay (F 39-40) left Bradfield, joined the Fleet Air Arm as a pilot and after a year's training joined 832 Squadron and spent two years in the aircraft carrier HMS *Victorious*. After some months in the Service Trials Unit he was appointed in 1944 to the first helicopter course in the country. After the war he joined the British European Airways Helicopter Unit, subsequently becoming a test pilot at Westland Aircraft. He is keen on ballroom and sequence dancing, photography, gardening and music. John has also published four books, his latest, published this year is *Golden Wings and Navy Blue* detailing his experiences as a Fleet Air Arm pilot during World War II.

Chris Elgood (F 46-51) sends in a photo of **Michael Pardoe (H 35-38)** and himself. Both OBs enjoy the sport of rifle shooting. Michael left Bradfield just after WWI. He was in the shooting team in 1938 but left soon after to go to a crammer to get extra help to enter Sandhurst. He was successful and ended up with his regiment in the Normandy landings. He survived the war and became a prep school teacher. He was instrumental in promoting the Prep Schools Rifle Association and recruited Chris as his successor to coach at Marlborough House School, Kent. Chris had left Bradfield with no clear vocation and has spent time as a soldier, student, bush trader, civil servant, teacher, author and management consultant. His interest in shooting had remained a constant and between these two OBs, for 60 years boys and girls have learned the lessons of responsibility, application and concentration that rifle shooting teaches – under the guidance of an OB.



Chris Elgood (F 46-51) and Michael Pardoe (H 35-38)



Jeremy Norton (A 53-57)

Jeremy Norton (A 53-57) sends a letter. "I have just re-read Philip Stibbe's (SCR 48-75) inspiring book, *Return via Rangoon*. It is his story of great courage, fortitude and

human suffering in the second world war with Wingates Chindits in Burma. Philip was my Housemaster in 'A' House from 1953-1957 and he never once mentioned the war! Re-reading his book (and having the great honour of being Godfather to his daughter, Claire) I so strongly recommend this book to all OBs who knew Philip or indeed to anyone who didn't. Philip was an incredibly brave and kind man and an enormous influence on my life. He was a delight to know as a friend and a wonderful Housemaster and later Headmaster of Norwich School – you would go a long way in a long time before you met a finer man."

Mike Cole-Hamilton (H 54-57), now living in Canada, very kindly sent in some Old OTC cap badges which are now on display in the Archives Cabinet next to the Wardens' Room. In addition to this he emailed a picture of a water colour which he painted in the early summer of '57 on a cloudy day. The view is north across the water meadows behind the Art School (down by the old mill) toward Greathouse Woods. Mike said that he put art aside for 40 years, but in retirement he is now drawing and illustrating books for his grandchildren and enjoying it very much. He recalls that his Art Master was Frederick Val Liddal (SCR 36-64) a wonderful, if sometimes outspoken man "You bloody little nuisances, I HATE the Third Form!" Mike says 'I enjoyed my year of specialising under him immensely'.



Mike Cole-Hamilton (H 54-57) from the Art School, Summer 1957

Timothy Hornsby CBE (C 54-58) recalls that some of his most vivid memories from Bradfield were his tutorial sessions with Headmaster Tony Chenevix-Trench (55-64) on Virgil and Tacitus. "Some things stick in your mind, and I was amused when I retired as Chief Executive of the National Lottery Charities Board that among the farewell speeches was a tribute to my capacity to come out with recondite Latin tags." After a civil service career in the Treasury and the Department of the Environment (coping with counter inflation policy, reforming local government finance, and managing the heritage) Timothy left to become Director-General of the Nature Conservancy Council, then Chief Executive first of the Royal Borough of Kingston, then of the Lottery Charities Board, and subsequently Chair of the National Lottery Commission, culminating in the welcome award of CBE. Retirement has led to him sitting on a variety of quangos – chairing the Horniman Museum, acting as an independent board member of the Consumer Council for Water, as Trustee of the Royal Botanical Gardens Kew, and of the International Institute for Environment and Economic Development. Now he has a little more time for following the activities of his son and daughter with their own busy careers and fitting in visits to the opera and adventure holidays, as well as trying to keep up with his wife's skiing!

Brian Crook (B 58-62) greatly enjoyed his time at Bradfield as a mostly undistinguished student. The Bradfield experience seems to have prepared him well to thrive in the RAF in cold war operations as a Canberra reconnaissance navigator off the Crimea in the Black Sea, in north-east Iran, over Iraq and the Gulf, Pakistan, Singapore and in a minor war in Borneo.

Following a posting to Cambridge (Pembroke College) as a Wing Commander to read for an M. Phil. Degree in the History of International Relations and debate the benefits of nuclear deterrence with CND, five years in Whitehall were enough to convince Brian that a new career as a portrait and landscape painter in Berkshire and Wiltshire was more attractive. After 20 years as an artist, he still enjoys creating fresh watercolour, oil and etched images of people and places in the Kennet Valley, and he now has time to spend with Francesca, Kirsten and Mika, his wife, daughter and granddaughter, and indulge his passion for old cars, as the website www.skyblueteal.co.uk reveals.



Timothy Hornsby (C 54-58)



Brian Crook (B 58-62), Squadron Leader, 13 SQN in Malta and below in a Teal T 35





Simon Moore (B 62-67)

Simon Moore (B 62-67) is partnered with the talented jeweller/goldsmith Harriet St Leger. Having left the Natural History Museum in London after 23 years, he moved to the Hampshire County Council Museums Service in Winchester where he has worked for the last 16 years and, more recently, in a part-time and free-lance capacity, still following a career in the Natural Sciences, conserving specimens and instructing others in the required technology. Aside from this he has been researching the field of eating cutlery history and has written three Shire publications and one larger book on this subject. He is just going to press with another larger work on the rather specialised antique collectable, pocket fruit knives.



Alexander Ward (H 87-92) and family

Despite this somewhat busy life style he is always keen to hear from Old Bradfieldians from his era and reminisce about the days of biological sciences with Messrs Potts (SCR 55-87), Thompson (SCR 64-97) and Argyle (SCR 47-84). couteaufin@aol.com.



David Payne (A 74-76) and children

David Payne (A 74-76) moved to Perth, Western Australia at the end of 1976 and finished his last two years of schooling at Christ Church Grammar School in Claremont. After a mismanaged time at university followed by a fun time of writing software for a civil engineering company in Perth for seven years, he joined the corporate world with Western Mining Corporation for 13 years. Over that period, while living and working in Melbourne, Mount Magnet, Norseman and Perth, he married Presbyterian Ladies College girl Melissa Waring and they now have three sons and a daughter.

After trying on the ill fitting jacket of a private consultant for a couple of years, David joined the Government and is now responsible for running State Elections and Referenda for Western Australia. David and Melissa are great supporters of schoolboy rowing and David also enjoys doing sculpture in his studio as well as a little fishing at the local beach.



Dan Robinson (A 88-93)

The photo (above left) of him was taken with his daughter Georgia to his right and his eldest two sons, Jonathan and Alexander, just after they won the prestigious Public Schools Association annual Head of the River Rowing Regatta. It was the first time in the school's history where two brothers had rowed together in a winning 1st Eight. David is keen to hear from any OBs visiting Perth. David.Payne@waec.wa.gov.au

Mark Taylor (F 77-82) sent in a scan of an old photo of College Gateway which he found and



College Gateway 1860

bought. The description of the photo claims that it is 1860.

Calvin Yan (E 86-88) is now the China CFO for The Nielsen Company (www.nielsen.com). He lives in Shanghai, China. After Bradfield he went to school in Honolulu, Hawaii and then to University of Southern California for his bachelor and master degrees.

Alexander Ward (H 87-92) left Bradfield and studied Geography at Bristol University followed by a number of years working in the UK. He was then lured by warmer climates and spent a year in Sydney, enjoying the Millennium celebrations, an Olympic Games and a poor attempt at learning to surf. Since then, he has been living in Singapore where he has married, and had two beautiful daughters. He now works for International Flavours and Fragrances (IFF) where his job involves a huge amount of tasting, smelling and selling to the Asian arms of Multinational food companies. Alex says 'there are definitely worse jobs but at the huge risk of getting fat in the process I have taken up running as a hobby and will be running the Singapore Standard Chartered Marathon in December this year.' Alex is willing to offer advice to any one who is moving to or passing through Singapore alex_ward2003@hotmail.com.

Dan Robinson (A 88-93) was the first British man to cross the line in the London Marathon, 2008, finishing in 13th place just behind Olympic champion Stefano Baldini. He achieved a time of 2:13.10 which was more than 40 seconds better than his previous best. In April 2004, Dan was 14th in the London Marathon in 2.13.53 which qualified him for the Athens Olympic Games, where he finished 22nd in 2.17.53. In 2005 he finished 12th and 3rd European, in the World Championships in Helsinki in 2.14.26. By 2006, he had won bronze medal in the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne running 2.14.50 and finished 14th in the European Championships in Gothenburg,

August 2006, in 2.16.03. Dan ran the London Marathon in 2007, finishing in 9th position with a time of 2.14.14 and is ranked UK number 1. In the World Championships in Osaka in August 2007 he finished 11th and 3rd European. His success in this year's London Marathon qualified him for the Beijing Olympic Games and he finished 24th in 2.16.14.

Archie Massey (D 90-95) has won the International 14 World Championships for 2008. Archie has been brought up sailing from a young age with his father, the late Robert Massey (H 34-38). He was a member of the first VI sailing team at Bradfield, and in his third year came second in the Schools team-racing and fleet racing nationals. He then continued at Cambridge University and won the University championships in his final year. Archie had dreamed of winning the Worlds since 2000. It was his hope to win the 2009 Worlds in Sydney, where he is planning on living for the next couple of years. He is delighted to have reached his goal 18 months early.

Vanessa Lee (I 01-03) has completed an Art Foundation course before attending the University of Sheffield to study Architecture and Landscape Architecture. In her gap year she volunteered at Hamas Wildlife Foundation, Namibia. During her second year at Sheffield University she participated in a charity hitch-hike, 'Bummit', from Sheffield to Riga, Latvia. The following year she was treasurer for the event, travelling to Belgrade, Serbia. They raised £62,000 for various charities. After the second event Vanessa decided to run for Chair for the 2008 event. At the end of one year's worth of organising, 300 students left Sheffield to travel almost 2000 miles, to go to Tallinn, Estonia via Leipzig, Germany, with a £15 travel budget, in eight days. They are on course to raise £64,000 for five charities including, SOS Children's Villages, Estonia, Sue Ryder Care, Poland and STOP (Supporting Trafficked and Oppressed People). Vanessa says 'it's the most amazing experience. I can't say its 100% good, just very interesting, as being in the middle of nowhere for literally hours with night approaching isn't fun! Organising it is definitely stressful, but there is nothing better than being picked up from a sad place by an old man with an unidentified nationality in a clapped out truck that goes no faster than 30kmph who drops you off at a town and provides you with



Archie Massey (D 90-95) in red and team partner Matt Noble

free drink.' Vanessa also recalls the humour of 'being picked up by algae growers, or a Polish trucker who is so determined to get you to Tallinn that he stops other trucks and fights with them to take you!' For more information please visit www.bummit.co.uk.

Somehow, in addition to everything else since Bradfield, Vanessa has also spent a month in Romania building a school with the charity D&B, represented GB in synchronised ice-skating and completed her Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Ben Peggs (F 04-07) Since leaving Bradfield in June '07 Ben Peggs has become a full time athlete fencing for Great Britain. His focus over the last 12 months has been the Men's Foil World Junior (U20) A Grade Series. He started the season ranked 468th in the world and after ten rounds in as many different countries finished 64th, showing outstanding progress in his first year at this level. His best result was 7th at the Polish round in Leszno. Another important milestone for Ben in the '07-'08 season was being selected by British Fencing for the European U23 Championships in Monza where he finished 25th, the highest placed British fencer. Ben has also competed in all the top level Senior National competitions and has improved his Men's Senior National Ranking to 11th in Great Britain, up 17 places from the start of the season. Thanks as always go out to his primary sponsor www.onhotels.com without whose help this would not have been possible.



Vanessa Lee (I 01-03) hitch-hiking for charity



Ben Peggs (F 04-07)

Hugh Russell Lloyd (E 29-32)



Hugh was one of Britain's most respected film editors who amassed nearly 50 editing credits. Although his scholastic achievements were not great, it was when he was at Bradfield that his interest in the cinema started and during the holidays he spent much time assisting the projectionist at one of the cinemas in Bridgend.

After he left school he started to bombard British film studios with letters applying for a position in the camera department. He eventually received a telegram from Korda's production executive at London Films, David Cunynghame, inviting him to report to Elstree and offering him work as a "numbering boy" synchronising film rushes under the cutting-room head Harold Young.

As Lloyd later reported: "You could imagine my dismay – my chance of being that great cameraman destroyed! However, I've never since regretted that twist of fate." In those days each film was handled by one editor and one assistant, but so active was Korda's production programme that Lloyd was promoted to assist with *Moscow Nights* (1935).

He followed this by assisting on a series of Korda classics, amongst them *Sanders of the River* (1935), *Rembrandt* (1936) and *Things to Come* (also 1936). In fact, he only ever assisted three editors, all Americans: Hornbeck, Lyon and the Texan Jack Dennis, whose hard-drinking habits and regular leaves of absence led to Lloyd getting his first editors credit title.

In 1939 he volunteered for the RNVR. After going through Officer training he served as 1st Lieutenant on motor launches. Later, as Acting Lieutenant Commander he was in charge of a flotilla of gun boats. In 1943 he was brought back from active service to edit for the Crown Film Unit's *Close Quarters*, a documentary about

submarines. In 1944, after more service at sea, he wrote and directed for both the Admiralty and Army Film Unit a documentary about the D-Day Mulberry Harbour called *A Harbour Goes to France*.

After the war, he returned to the cutting rooms. In 1956 John Huston was preparing *Moby Dick* for Warner Bros to star Gregory Peck as Ahab, but his regular editor was contracted to another film company. Lloyd, an admirer of Huston's work, found out that the director was shooting whale tests prior to principle photography, and, quite simply, arranged to visit Huston in Milford Haven in order to apply for the editing job. They met, clicked, entered into long, ecstatic discussions, and then Huston said simply, "Let's get started." Lloyd was involved for well over a year, beginning a relationship that would continue through 11 features.

Lloyd followed up *Moby Dick* with Huston's *Heaven Knows, Mr Allison* (1957), a Robert Mitchum-Deborah Kerr two-hander for Fox, who were so delighted that Lloyd was then hired to edit a series of Cinema Scope features for the Fox chief Darryl F. Zanuck, including two featuring Zanuck's lady of the moment Juliette Greco, who personally thanked Lloyd for arguing with Zanuck over choice of takes. "I don't know what you do with Darryl in the dark, but he loves you!" she said.

Later films included *Swedish Fly Girls* (1971), *The Amorous Milkman* (1975) and foreign features such as *Tumaround* (1986) and *Foxtrot* (1988).

Hugh leaves behind one son from his first wife, Rosamund John, and three sons and one daughter from his second marriage to Valerie Cox.

Adapted by Patrick Lloyd (E 27-31)

Kenneth Frank Busbridge (B 32-36)



Kenneth was a contradiction to outsiders, a Captain in the Navy who hated the sea. He joined the Navy direct from Bradfield in 1936 and discovered that he suffered from chronic seasickness. He developed trench mouth, lost all his teeth, and deposited them all in a bag on their lordships desk after the war.

Kenneth came to Bradfield in 1932 to B House, where he became lifelong friends with Francis (B 30-36, SCR 46-72) and (later) Ailsa Templer, and also Francis's brother Ian (B 32-37). Kenneth may not have carried off any academic laurels, but he helped to lead the strong group of tenors in the choir to force the whole choir at times to follow the tenor line, and he did win the steeplechase.

A family seer predicted that Kenneth would survive the war, but many of his friends would not, and so it was. He was on the battleship *Resolution* during the battle of Oran, on the minelayer *Southern Prince* (some of the mines went off almost as soon as they were laid!), and on the fast cruiser *Enterprise* during the D-Day landings. Here his Bradfield training came in handy, when he was called on to sing *Rule Britannia* for Churchill in the wardroom. He was recommended for large ships to help manage his mal de mer, but in true navy tradition they assigned him to a tank landing craft to cross the Bay of Biscay in winter; the weather was so bad, the fitters had welded up the bow door for the trip. Unavoidably, more teeth came out.

Kenneth met Joan (also in the navy, and responsible for helping to plan D-Day) when the minelayer came into the Tyne for 'de-gauzing.' There was a clash of cultures when Joan met Kenneth's mother for the first time; Daisy looked at Joan's lacquered toenails and exclaimed 'My dear, your toes are bleeding!'

Kenneth arranged all of his post-war naval duties ashore, and finished his naval career as the naval member of the Ordnance Board, responsible for the safety of nuclear weapons. He remained athletic, taught both his sons squash and tennis, and sent them to Bradfield.

Kenneth had a logical and practical mind. Had the war not intervened, I imagine he could have been a good lawyer. From his experience in the Navy, he said '50% of all the electrical problems on board ship could be solved by checking the on/off switch.'

Kenneth leaves behind his wife Joan whom he was married to for 65 years, his two sons Raymond (G 58-62) and Michael (G 62-66) and three grandchildren.

Ray Busbridge (G 58-62)



HMS Resolution (courtesy: Maritime Quest)

Hugh left Bradfield College in 1936, and being the youngest of four brothers, decided to seek his fortune overseas in Canada. He entered the University of New Brunswick the following year, graduating in 1940 with a B.Sc in Forestry, then enlisting in the Canadian Army's North Shore of New Brunswick Regiment, wherein he rose rapidly in wartime conditions to be one of its youngest Majors at the age of 22. When hostilities ceased, he remained in the forestry business, more specifically branching into the lumber trade, and moving to Toronto, where he continued to climb steadily for the next 25-30 years, becoming the Vice President

of Cashway Lumber, a leading Canadian supplier of building products nationwide.

Hugh's outlook always remained very supportive of any interests and organisations with which he was connected, most notably St. John of Jerusalem, of which he was created a Knight in 1999, and also the North American Old Bradfieldian Society, to which he was generous, and whose meetings he rarely missed. His dry wit, forcible but kindly personality, upright bearing and wise advice on a variety of topics will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Simon Taylor (G 49-53)

Francis Hugh Brennan (F 33-36)



Edward Aisbitt joined Bradfield College as an assistant master in 1938, moving from his first job at Forest School in Epping. Whitworth (28-39), the current headmaster supposedly employed him because "he spoke the King's English and wore a hat". He taught chemistry to generations of Bradfieldians, lightening the lessons with somewhat obvious jokes. Some from Bradfield may remember him cycling slowly to lessons wrapped in a huge scarf and puffing a pipe of homegrown tobacco. Were winters warm at Bradfield? He once persuaded the Bursary to turn on the heating in the chemistry labs by claiming that the damp was making the labels fall off the bottles of chemicals.

Edward looked after "Outers", the icy outdoor swimming pool on the marshes, and the school swimming team, coached by "Sarge" (Sergeant-Major Hartigan) and later CPO Munnings. Headmaster Anthony Chenevix-Trench (55-64) would often visit on his bicycle, trailing Offley his wire-haired terrier on a piece of string. Offley would race up and down the pool barking to encourage the swimmers. Summer swimming teas for the school team, with homegrown strawberries, became a tradition at Stratford Cottage (where their children Katherine and Richard were born) and Nutters Furlong (now Stevens House).

Edward organised seating in the Greek Theatre, whilst Rosa, who also worked in the Beaumont Library, produced costumes. These often involved many yards of key pattern to be stencilled onto the bottom of togas.

After thirty happy years at Bradfield, he and Rosa moved to Somerset to forty more years in retirement. Edward died two days after his hundredth birthday and is survived by Rosa, now living in Salisbury.

Richard Aisbitt (H 60-64)

George Edward Aisbitt (SCR 38-68)



Continuing teaching during the war years, he and Val Liddall (SCR 36-64) the art master dug for victory in Ronnie (SCR 14-45) and Hester Wathen's garden and did Dad's Army duty as air-raid wardens. Trout pulled out of the Pang at the bottom of Bridge House garden supplemented rations. Following a whirlwind romance, he married Rosa in 1941. In those petrol-free times, they cycled to Devon together for the wedding and honeymoon.

Doris Swinbank, wife of the late Reverend John Swinbank (SCR 45-81)



Doris and John circa 1986

Doris died on 30 March 2008, aged 87, after a short illness. She had led a very full life right up to the end. Doris married John in 1946 and moved to Bradfield where John had accepted the post of School Chaplain and then became Housemaster of Army House. Doris loyally supported John in all he did as Chaplain and Housemaster; they formed a kind and hospitable team. Doris is remembered by many generations in Army House for her great kindnesses shown to and enthusiasm for her extended family. She never minded their home being invaded by a steady troop of boys asking for John at all hours of the day, nor did she resent their sitting room becoming a regular venue for various gatherings ranging from Saturday's Match of the Day to the Sunday Bible Study Group (now known as the Swinbank Society). Her teas were enjoyed by many as well as her provision of all things sweet. Her restless energy kept everyone on their toes. She worked hard for the Bradfield community which was the poorer when she left.

A P.E. teacher by training, Doris taught for a while at Downe House School. She also trained as a counsellor with Reading and District Marriage Guidance Council (now Relate) and worked for them for 27 years, latterly becoming its Chairman. She also worked for a short time in personnel with Scripture Union.

On moving to Maidenhead in 1981 where John took up a post at St Pirans after retiring from Bradfield, Doris was not content to sit back and enjoy a well earned rest. She became Director of Marlow Pastoral Foundation for several years and trained as a Lay Reader. After John's death in 1989, she continued to live a busy and fulfilled life, as an active member of the ministry team at St Peter's Church, Furze Platt and as a proud grandmother and great grandmother.

Her four daughters wish to thank those connected with Bradfield for the many cards, e-mails and letters of condolence which they have received. They have been greatly appreciated at this sad time.

Wendy Carrington (née Swinbank)

David Moss-Gibbons ("Mossy") (SCR 71-05)



David Moss-Gibbons, who has died aged 59, served Bradfield College loyally and with devotion for 34 years. David was, by profession, a mathematics teacher, but in reality he was so much more and will be remembered by countless OBs, colleagues, friends and family for his numerous interests and involvement in so many different aspects of school life.

On leaving Sutton Valence School, David read Mathematics at Durham University before completing his PGCE at Oxford. His appointment to Bradfield in 1971 was to be a pivotal part of his future career and family life. At Bradfield, Mossy met Nickie and, together, they were to be influential figures in the lives of so many boys and girls, not least their own, James (F 90-95) and Anna (I 95-97). "Mossy's" appointment to Housemaster of G House further enhanced his already blossoming reputation as a most honest, kind, considerate and unflappable individual but it did not detract him from his involvement and support of games, especially hockey (and we all remember his strict umpiring and tight trousers!); the CCF, which he led so well for so many years; Duke of Edinburgh expeditions; sailing regattas; and musical involvement with various singing and orchestral groups.

After distinguished service in G House, David then moved upwards and onwards to become Second Master. Over an 11 year period he always gave good guidance, counsel and clear

logic to many awkward and complex situations. As Second Master, he undertook a role that it now requires several people to do; testament not only to his powers of organisation but also his understanding and foresight into so many aspects of a boarding school. David was able to give people time and never once would he ignore the needs of others, even if it meant him being late for dinner!

As though being Second Master was not hard enough, David then took on the task of running Stevens House and, with Nickie, they created a great community of girls that enjoyed the family atmosphere of boarding. Such relaxed moments with "The Mossys" might consist of beautifully baked cakes or a glass of wine.

Mossy will, however, always be remembered as someone that respected the individual; the man that put himself out to help others and who gave time, energy and great patience to all those that needed it. He was a great team player, regardless of where and what was being done, be it sailing in Scotland, Marines survival in Sennybridge, Singapore Slings in Raffles, or gastronomic meals anywhere. As Mossy would say, after a bit of whistling, "Let's frappé la route"! Everyone will have lasting memories of Mossy and long may they live on and be remembered; a life tragically cut way too short but one in which so much had been achieved.

Roger Wall (SCR)

Early History

For the first half of Bradfield's existence there were no archives and interesting historical material was kept on an ad hoc basis by individuals. In 1929 a Muniments Room was established in the square chamber in Chapel Tower. In 1947 the Steele Memorial Clock was installed in the Chapel Tower and the archives had to find a new home – their nomadic life began. The first move was to the Old Post Office, now Tanner's Row. When this house was required for SCR accommodation they were unceremoniously bundled into the cellars of Crossways where they stayed un-catalogued and unloved. In 1972 disaster struck when the heating pipes which had previously kept the cellars dry burst and much of the material was severely damaged, a good deal of it irretrievably.

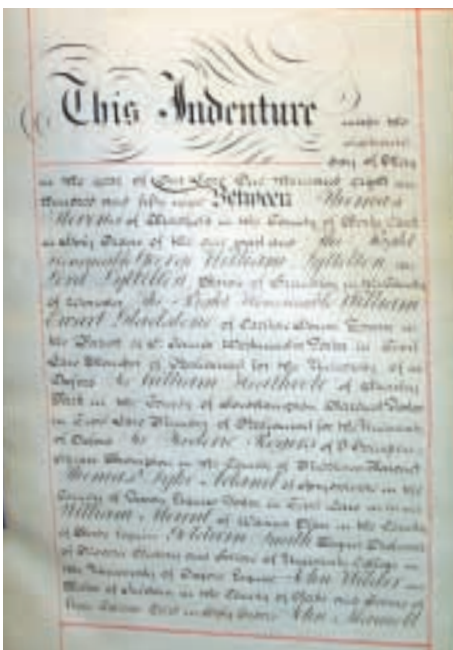
It was about this time that John Blackie (OB 19-24, SCR 28-33) was asked to write a new history of Bradfield College to update the previous one written by Arthur Leach in 1900. He was ideally suited to the job, being meticulous and knowing the College from both sides of the green baize door. In 1974 he spent some time trying to organise the material which was still legible and he devised a hand written card reference system. His book was published in 1976, and the Muniments, with no one to look after them, languished once again in their subterranean seclusion. In the 1980s the cellars were opened up for use by the College printing press run by the musician Nick Read. It was when visiting this that the present writer, who had always had a yen to explore the

various cellars in the College found the archives bundled once again higgledy-piggledy in the furthest recess of the labyrinth. Although, as a scientist these items would not normally have been of much interest to me, I immediately recognised that they were a valuable resource and ought to be looked after much more carefully. At this time, B House was being moved into the environs of the old E House and one of its dormitories was lying unused. The Headmaster agreed that I could use it to store the contents of the cellar and that I could spend a few hundred pounds on buying some metal shelving. There followed many months of laborious toiling carrying boxes of mouldering and extremely dusty documents from Crossways to the ex-dormitory. Once everything was in place John Blackie gave me – a complete greenhorn – some useful advice on keeping accurate records of accessions and generally running a muniments room. I had always thought of this material as 'Archives' but he used the term 'Muniments' and that notation stuck with me. Once the material was more or less suitably arranged on the shelves Francis Templer (B 30-36, SCR 46-72) who had retired came back and took over the role of Archivist. He did some magnificent work on the many photographs which, as so often is the case, had no labelling. Having been associated with Bradfield as a pupil and an SCR member, he was in a unique position to put names to faces and spot relationships between various documents and individuals. Sadly his tenure was all too brief and as his illness became more debilitating he handed the work back to me.

We were allowed to stay in this most commodious and attractive room for several years and it was during this time that in correspondence with the Victoria and Albert Museum the true value of some of the College's paintings and other items became clear. Soon, however, it became needed for Bradfield's first computer room in the mid to late 1980s. We were driven further upwards into the attic dormitories of the old A/E Houses. These were smaller, less attractive and subject to huge temperature fluctuations as well as being liable to damp from leaking roof gullies. Once again everything had to be moved but this time the College provided labour from the maintenance staff. Despite their best efforts much of the material was muddled up and there followed many months of sorting out the chaos. One bright spot at this time was the agreement by the Council that the Muniments Room should have a small but regular budget

The College Archives

Following the recent move and work carried out on the archive collection, now housed in the old vestry next to the chapel, it seemed fitting to inform the OB Community about the recent changes. Aware that some OBs may not know of the existence of the College archive, this article has grown into a larger work capturing the historical knowledge and individual perspective of former College archivist Antony Colliu (SCR 62-05) as well as 'the move' and recent 'sorting work' carried out by professional archivists (Celia Pilkington and David Smith) from the British Records Association.



The first page of the Deed of Trust of the Stevens Foundations Scholarships, dated the 16 May, 1859.

"The move was fraught with uncertainty – both as to timing and eventual destination – but I am confident a good home was found for the archives. The new shelving system ought to allow room for expansion and the climatic conditions seem adequate. Bradfield now has a Muniments Room fit for the new century."

James Stickings
(E 93-95, SCR 02-08)



WWI Battlefield Cross which would have been erected to temporarily mark the grave of a soldier before he was brought back. Some of the crosses were brought back with the bodies. There are 12 in the College archive in various different states. This particular cross is for 2nd Lieutenant G. Rawnsley, (OB 1897-1911) 4th Duke of Wellington's Regiment, who was killed in action on 22 January 1917.

to cover the cost of some very part time secretarial help and the purchase of suitable storage facilities such as acid free boxes and paper and more metal shelving. This latter was needed as much new material was being donated almost on a daily basis as OBs cleared their attics and the College underwent its major refurbishment in the houses and elsewhere. Our first part time helper was Helen Olafsson, the wife of a member of the music staff, and a trained librarian, she worked with me to set up our first computer database. When Helen and her husband moved on to pastures new, Jill Magee, another colleague's wife, helped out for a couple of years. When she left, no one came forward, so I persuaded my long-suffering wife, Anne, to add this to her portfolio of activities. Together we tried to keep on top of the ever-mounting pile of material until a couple of years after my retirement in 2003. Just before I finished, in the light of the national trend for all archives to be linked by computer, we had a productive visit by a man from the National Archives who complimented us on the progress we had made but made a number of suggestions as to how the archives should really be kept in more suitable conditions. These were presented to the governing body but apart from some expressions of support nothing concrete emerged. The job was made more difficult by the sudden loss of 20% of the room to provide a corridor for the new classroom being built in the next room. I passed the poisoned chalice to James Stickings (E 93-95, SCR 02-08) with a sense of relief and sadness. It had been an enormously interesting 30 odd years but equally frustrating. However, I hope that we

did manage at least to stop any further deterioration of the material and add substantially to the provision of the College's historical records.

Antony Colliou (SCR 62-05)

The Move, Sorting and Content

On my first visit to the archive of Bradfield College I felt almost completely overwhelmed. We had just eight days to organise the collection into some sort of order prior to its removal to the vestry. In the end we had to move most of the collection before it had been given even a preliminary sorting. The College purchased some state of the art mobile shelving which allowed us to store and secure ample quantities of material – far more than would have been possible with ordinary static shelving. Having organised the collection into series we then weeded it, boxed it and labelled it on its shelving. A large quantity of framed pictures were removed from their frames in order to gain more storage space.

The collection charts the entire history of Bradfield College from its foundation by Thomas Stevens in the year 1875. It includes copies of his personal letters and it includes material from which a researcher can trace the events leading up to the founding of the College. John Blackie, the author of *Bradfield 1850-1975*, donated all his research notes to the archive. Blackie's donation contains a wealth of fascinating detail about the Manor of Bradfield, the buildings and land from which the College was formed. Manorial documents dating from the sixteenth century, also

"I have been a professional archivist for over 40 years. Last autumn I offered to work as a volunteer for the British Records Association. They asked me to help sort and list the College archives. So from November 2007 to June 2008 I made nine visits to Bradfield, mostly with Celia, the BRA archivist, but sometimes on my own . . . the College now has a 'Guide' to its archives which are an invaluable record of its history and of the achievements of its students both while at school and in later life."

David Smith (Archivist)

Very early printed books, most in Latin, some formerly owned by John Blackie. The oldest book, published in 1521 is also the oldest item yet discovered among the archives.





The Archive display cabinet, next to the Wardens' Room containing various objects including cricket and running shoes donated by David Wright (E 48-53) along with his leather shin pads, various medals and cups. There is also an OTC cap, badges and two batons. Some more amusing items include old bottles of liquor found in the roof spaces and attics above the classrooms last summer whilst electrical work was carried out.

contained in the collection, provide an almost continuous history of ownership until the foundation of the College. Those wishing to research family connections with Bradfield will find a complete set of admissions registers. A full set of College Chronicles, from 1882 to 2007, will provide further details of pupils' outstanding achievements. There are Housemasters' notes and minutes from meetings. And for those researching the practical difficulties of administration there is a full set of council and finance minutes.

Fascinating miscellaneous items include military instructions and the personal effects of G M Clark who was an old boy (1894-1899), master (1903-1914) and the Honorary Secretary of the O.B.B. Club. He was killed in action in 1916. His meagre possessions are a poignant reminder of the austerities endured by servicemen in the Great War: a periscope, spectacles, a walking cane, some pencils and of course maps of the battle area. These were sent to the College by his nearest relative as a token of his devotion to Bradfield. There is also a 'Beating Book' which lists all the corporal punishments handed out during the 1930s and a selection of scrapbooks containing all photographs and items of interest from the 1880s and 1890s.

Printed material includes publications written by old boys or masters of the College. One of the oldest printed books, discovered at the bottom of a pile of ancient volumes, turned out to be a selection of writings by Erasmus, in

Latin, printed in 1521. Sadly it is coverless and in no state to be worth anything.

A school archive such as this one is at its most instructive and impressive where it reveals our changing attitudes to education. It illuminates how the priorities of educators have shifted during the century and a half since the College was founded. This archive gives us an insight into all aspects in the management and life in the College.

Celia Pilkington (Archivist)

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War Memorial Plaque for Major Gerald Maitland Clark, (OB 1894-1899) with a leaving Stevens Scholarship to Cambridge. He was also a master from 1903-1914 and the Honorary Secretary of the O.B.B. Club. In 1915 he went to war in France as a Major of the 6th Northants Regiment and was killed in action in 1916. A wooden box containing some of his personal possessions was left to the College, including his spectacles, brass buttons, pencil case and ink well.



Peckham Residential Visit



On Monday 18 August a group of three boys and six girls from the Bradfield Club in Peckham arrived at the College with five leaders for a three day residential stay. Maurice Maynard, the Community Liaison Officer for the College, and Miriam Smith, Head of Outreach, had carefully devised a programme of activities to help the members develop personal skills, and grow in confidence through new experiences and challenges. Following lunch on Monday, the group were taken down to the obstacle course area and were given a leadership task to cross 'a river' with only three planks of wood. They completed this successfully, losing only one plank, in just over six minutes. They continued on to other tasks including the Spider's Webb and manoeuvring the team with motion sensitive 'bomb' across the six foot wall. This was followed by a BBQ back in Stanley House where they stayed for the duration of their visit.

The following day the group went to Cullinghood Equestrian Centre, Pangbourne for horse riding in the morning, and then enjoyed lunch at Burghfield Lakes and an afternoon of kayaking. A formal dinner was held in the Wardens' Room on Tuesday evening, giving everyone a chance to change out of wet and muddy clothes into smart attire. Wednesday brought out the maps for some orienteering as well as a creative session of art and craft before a final lunch and farewell.

Jo Macmillan (I 99-01)



Club Review

The Club is enjoying a marked revival, with numbers up and range of activities increasing. This is largely due to the enthusiasm and commitment of Rachel and Aaron the two Club Leaders. Meanwhile, work already done to the Club's premises this year includes the laying of a new floor to the table tennis room. Work to replace the entire gymnasium roof will take place this Autumn.

The role of the Headmaster in driving things forward is now paying dividends. Any one interested in visiting the Club or taking part in its activities and management, should please e-mail either iain.clark@henderson.com or charles.george@ukgateway.net, or speak to the Headmaster.

Charles George (A 58-63)

Charles Porter Trophy

The Charles Porter Trophy was returned to its former glory on Sunday 31st August as 15 'younger' members of the OBGS turned up to play at Sunningdale. The Porter Trophy is aimed at those under the age of 30 and has historically been played just prior to the Halford Hewitt in March. After a few barren years it was decided to move the event to late August and to take advantage of the plethora of OB Sunningdale members. With a generous donation from the OBGS, the guests enjoyed the challenging new course for the bargain price of £10. Congratulations go to the winner of the stableford competition Jamie Gallacher (B 90-95) with 34 points, whilst much comfort can be taken from the performance of the strong field with 90% of the scores between 34 and 29 points.

Charles Oldmeadow (C 96-01)

Wirral Tour

The OBGS enjoyed a tremendous tour of the Wirral in June brilliantly organised by the Captain, Christopher Tod (G 60-65). 23 members took part, half of them bringing their wives to add some style to the proceedings. Over four days they played Sandiway GC, Royal Liverpool GC (Hoylake), Wallasey GC and Delamere Forest GC. The highlight of the tour was the day at Hoylake arranged with the generous help of Brian Chapman (H 48-53) who kindly used his influence for us to dine in the clubhouse with spectacular views across the testing Open Championship course.

Simon Osborn (A 71-76)



Golf

OB Squash still requires additional players for 2008/09 season. Our first match is on the 13th October against The Swans at Lords. We are also playing the College on Festive OB Day on 7 December and are keen to hear from

anyone interested in joining us. Please do contact me if you're out there and playing squash. Many thanks Dan Barnard 07939 538 069 or daniel_barnard@johnlewis.co.uk

Squash

Sunday 18 May was a clear, sunny day at Bisley, but with a strong wind. Several teams from local clubs and schools were competing in the Berkshire County Championship and shot at 300, 500 and 600 yards. The OBSS had entered a team of Simon Dixon (C 58-61), Julian Hartwell (H 69-73) and Richard Vary (E 86-91). Significantly, for the first time in a few years, the College also entered a team.

with a respectable 48.6. At 500 yards, Simon increased his lead over the other OBs with 49.5. Eliot Brown (H) managed a respectable 40.1 despite the tricky wind with Barnaby, Ed and Seb also maintaining their previous standard. Falling back to 600 yards late in the afternoon increased the effect of the wind on the bullet, but Seb Crew-Turrell still managed a respectable 42.2 in the gusty conditions. Simon Dixon and Julian Hartwell kept up the OBSS team with a pair of 48s.

Shooting

300 yards did not prove difficult for Barnaby Beechey-Smith (E), who scored a creditable 45.2 using the standard CCF-issue rifle and ammunition. A bull's eye scores 5 points, so Barnaby put 5 of his ten shots through the middle of the target, and two of those through the very small "V-bull" in the centre of the bull's eye ring. Seb Crew-Turrell (F), and Ed Mearns (H) also put in good scores: a 44.2, and 43.1 respectively. Simon Dixon lead the OBSS team

Overall, the College team beat one of the Wellington teams, but came second to the other. OBSS sadly didn't win anything this year, but Simon Dixon's consistent shooting earned him a bronze medal in one of the individual competitions. Thanks to Berks for hosting another enjoyable match, and to Tim Bowbrick (SCR) for arranging the College entry and supporting the team throughout the day.



The OB Football Club had mixed fortunes in 07/08. The 1st XI having been promoted from Division One the previous season, struggled to cope with life in the Premier League and after finishing 9th, will be playing back in the first division next season. The 2nd XI fared much better and gained promotion to Division II, which is the highest division we are able to enter as a 2nd XI. After finishing the season a week early and top of the league, the title was snatched from us the following week and 2nd place was enough to secure promotion.

We are always looking for new players who are interested in playing on Saturday afternoons from September to April, home games are played at Bradfield. If you are interested, please get in touch with one of the captains and we can arrange to get you involved. You can follow our progress at www.arthurianleague.com

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Waifs Cricket



It was not the most memorable season for the Waifs; once again the weather intervened adversely too often without being quite as bad as in 2007 and the resulting uncertainty and frustration only added to the problems experienced by all sides of raising teams. Apart from Waifs Week, and the one match in The Cricketer Cup, only three other matches were played, surely the lowest number in the history of the club.

In The Cricketer Cup we departed after only one round, in ignominious fashion at Sherborne where over the years our record has not been good anyway. At one stage we had reduced the Pilgrims, batting first, to 42 for 4 (Will Kendall (A 87-92) 2 for 19) but a middle order revival and an annoying 30-run last wicket partnership saw them to a total of 223 which, though modest by some standards, would always take some getting. At 77 for 2 Charlie Russell ((E 98-03) 39) and Will Kendall seemed to be building a platform for further progress but in just an hour the Waifs gradually collapsed, eight wickets falling for only 28 runs: all out for 105 and a defeat by 118 runs.

At least more cricket was played in Waifs Week this year, though some of it of questionable merit. However we did record a satisfying win over MCC and there were some notable performances from one or two of the younger Waifs which was encouraging. In the two-day game against the Free Foresters Chris Hince top-scored with 94 not out before the second innings declaration which had been made assuming he had reached his century, a scoreboard error unfortunately being to blame. There were also sixties from James Morris (G 98-03), Jason Doole (D 99-04) and Sanjay Dove (D 03-08). The declaration by Rob Pollock (H 81-86) otherwise was a good one with the Foresters ending just ten runs short on 277 for 7, George Trewby (G 00-95)

bowling 26 overs and James Morris fifteen for his 4 for 71.

Pelsham bowled us out in three hours for a total of 108 and then declared overnight at 161 for 3 whereupon the Waifs made a much better fist of it on the second day declaring on 298 for 7 with Sanjay Dove making a fine 90, James Fox (G 97-02) 55 in an hour with ten fours and a six, and useful contributions from Seb Brain (A 97-02) and Jamie Strachan (C 00-05). However, this did not prevent Pelsham storming to an eight-wicket win with eight of the last twenty overs remaining.

On the Friday of the Week, MCC declared possibly a little generously but with nine wickets down. Fifteen-year old Jonathan Gaffney (F) became an OB for the day and bowled a highly creditable 13 overs of spin taking 3 for 49. Jamie Strachan with 61 and then Tim Dellor (G 89-94) with an increasingly confident 84 not out (a six to finish the game) led us to a win by seven wickets and nine overs to spare.

On Saturday the day admittedly looked a bit threatening to start with and someone had heard a forecast from a 'farmer' of torrential rain by three o'clock. In order to pre-empt this severe weather a reduced '30-30' slog against the Hampshire Hogs was hastily arranged only for it to be completed in the middle of a sunny afternoon with a win for the Waifs by nine wickets, though Rupert Cox (F 81-86) (52 not out) and Charlie Russell (71 not out) had voluntarily retired their innings earlier. So much for farming forecasts thought C. Bazalgette, the Hogs bowler who had travelled a long way for his three overs. On the other hand Alex Lezaic (F 98-02), (3 for 18) may have been glad of the early finish, after six consecutive days of cricket, not to mention the two dinners.

Robert Stallard (G 57-62)

Berkshire Cricket

The association between Berkshire and Bradfield cricket has been firmly established over the past century. Links such as the Cuthbertson family, Michael Mence (G 57-62) and John Harvey, former Groundsman, ensured Bradfield supported Berkshire cricket throughout the 20th century.

At the start of September this year Berkshire won the Minor County Championship for the first time since 1953. Bradfield cricketers were at the heart of the county success. Tim Dellor (G 89-93), captain of cricket at Bradfield in

1994, was the team's coach. He has also coached the Berkshire team in 2004, the only previous season in the last 55 when they won silverware, in the one day Minor County Trophy at Lord's.

James Morris (G 98-03) played every game, and was one of the key batsmen in the team. Nick Denning (D 92-97) has been a regular in the side over the past five years, but this season only played in the final against Lincolnshire. Berkshire won the match by 8 wickets.

Tim Dellor (G 89-93)



Bradfield Day

On Sunday 22 June OBs and Former Staff from the Classes of 81-90 reunited on the Quad for drinks before enjoying lunch in the marquee. Children were treated to a bouncy castle and use of the College pool. The day also coincided with the new Faulkner's induction day, bringing new parents, new pupils, former staff, OBs and current staff all together in the marquee for afternoon tea. The Old Bradfieldian choir led a Chapel service with beautiful singing for everyone to enjoy.

In 2009 the reunion will be held on 28 June for those who left in the classes of 1991-2000.



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