



# The Old Bradfieldian

The Old Bradfieldian Society Newsletter

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The significance of Old Bradfieldians' endeavours in various sporting activities should not be underestimated. In 2007 we reached the final of the Arthur Dunn Cup (football). We have been a main contender for the Cricketer Cup, reaching the final five times in the last decade and winning it three times. Our Halford Hewitt Cup golf team is rated within the top 12 schools out of 64 that play for this trophy on an annual basis. In recent years we have won the Arrow Trophy (sailing) three times. In all these competitions and others Bradfield tends to punch above its weight, often competing against larger schools with a bigger pool of talent from which to choose. The significance of these achievements lies in the enhancement they bring to the reputation of the College generally, and specifically helps the College attract young boys and girls who show particular gifts. This in turn enables the College to demonstrate that Bradfield College is committed to education in its fullest sense. The Headmaster has conclusive evidence that pupils who play a full part in sporting and extra curricular activities are often the same as those that shine academically. *Mens sana in corpore sano!*

Thank you to all Old Bradfieldians who have responded to the Foundation's telephone Bursary Appeal during the summer. I am glad to say the response in pledges has been very positive and the Foundation is now on its way to setting up the permanent endowment to fund bursaries for gifted children who would not otherwise be able to come to the College.

In this edition of the *Newsletter* we cover quite a catalogue of OB news – this is 'red meat' for our *Newsletter* so please do not hesitate to send in news of any particular experience that may be of interest to the OB community at large.



Martin Young  
(C 59-64)

## Diary of Events

Wednesday 24 October: **Tempus Fugit Luncheon** (Classes of 1925-1955)

Sunday 11 November: **Remembrance Service and Lunch** in Hall

Sunday 2 December: **OB Huxham Run**

Saturday 8 December: **Alumni Race**, Wimbledon

Sunday 9 December: **OB Winter Day**

Sunday 22 June 2008: **Bradfield Day** (Classes 1981-1990)

Dear Old Bradfieldians,

I am proud to announce that for the fourth successive year, Bradfield has achieved its best-ever 'A' level results. This is nothing to do with the so-called grade inflation or declining standards touted in some sections of the press, but is a tribute to the dedication and determination of last year's Upper Sixth and the skill and inspiration of the academic departments. As I pointed out in our subsequent Press Release, each year it is satisfying to note that almost invariably those who contribute and give the most to College life do the best in public examinations. The College has recently learnt with pride and pleasure that we are to become a Rank Foundation school (this is to help support future leaders and contributors in our wider society): the mission of that organization is to promote the principle that it is in giving that we really receive, an ideal the College shares. Above all else, Bradfield must continue to pitch its tent on the firm educational ground of a good all-round education and the momentum that a caring boarding life gives to the formation of a well-rounded character.



As the reputation of the College continues to grow, and as we build links and partnerships with the communities that surround us, particularly with our rapidly-expanding community services programme, so the number of youngsters applying to the College from a variety of social backgrounds increases. Furthering the cause of creating a genuinely socially mixed community is a big factor behind the achievement of a good school. As you probably already know, the College is at the limit of its own available resources when it comes to supporting these excellent applicants. Hence the importance of the current Old Bradfieldian bursary fund [www.bradfieldfoundation.org.uk](http://www.bradfieldfoundation.org.uk). The Old Bradfieldian community will, I suspect, be particularly interested in two current schemes: the Lepper Scholarship for Drama (in acknowledgement of Charles' unique contribution to the College's thespian tradition) and the Greeker Scholarship for Classics. As Headmaster, I can just imagine a promising actor from one of the city schools in Reading applying next spring, or a vicar's boy or girl, talented at the Classical Languages at Prep school, but needing substantial financial help to come to Bradfield. To show my personal commitment to reviving the classics at Bradfield, I am teaching junior school Latin this academic year.

Like a person, a strong and vibrant institution should have a conscience. For everyone at Bradfield, that sense finds its focus with our efforts to support the Bradfield Club in Peckham. I think that we have all been shocked by the tragic sequence of child murders in areas of social deprivation like Peckham. The enthusiasm of the present Club youth leaders and the improvement to the fabric of the building following Phase I of our building plan, mean that things are looking up. However, we desperately do need help with Phase II of the building plan (installing a ventilation system in the gym and repairing the roof) and volunteers to join the Management Committee or become Trustees should contact Elizabeth Masters in the Development Office [development@bradfieldcollege.org.uk](mailto:development@bradfieldcollege.org.uk).

Peter Roberts  
Headmaster

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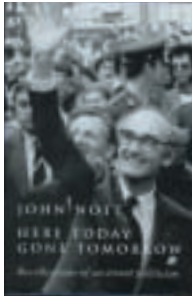
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## Sir John Nott



On 18 September, during the bustle of a normal school day, Sir John Nott, Old Bradfieldian (1945-1950) and Ex-Secretary of Defence during the Falklands War enjoyed a whistle-stop visit to Bradfield with his wife, during which they enjoyed a lengthy discussion with the Head Master, and a lunch with OB members of the SCR and two pupils. Among Sir John's most vivid memories of Bradfield – anecdotes which were greatly enjoyed by the pupils present – were the Big Freeze, during which the College's lavatories (which were situated outside) were frozen solid, and the

grim lumps of porridge served up for breakfast during the rationings following World War II. We are sure that all those present at the lunch are able to report that the food currently served in the dining hall is a great deal more appetising!

Angus Cook (H) and Edward Mearns (H)

Sir John has written a book *Here Today Gone Tomorrow* which he describes “not as a conventional political autobiography . . . but more the story of a varied life.” Sir John has kindly given a copy of his book to the College Library.

## Confirmation

The first Sunday of the Summer Term, 22 April, saw twenty-seven candidates confirmed in the College chapel by the



Bishop of Buckingham, the Right Reverend Alan Wilson. The Chapel was overflowing with the families, friends and teachers of the candidates, who were drawn from all years of the College and members of the Common Room. The service was a joyous event, marking a very important day in the lives of those Bradfieldians who had made such an important, life-changing decision. The service ended with a reception in Quad and the Warden's room where candidates and families alike were able to meet with and talk to the Bishop.

Godfrey Hilliard (College Chaplain)

## Give it your Max

The recent mixed doubles tennis tournament, which took place in aid of the “Give it your Max” charity organization, was a great success. The weather was generous, giving us all the pleasures of the summer-term sun, no rain and just a bit of wind. All the guests and competitors enjoyed themselves both on court and whilst having a BBQ. The tennis was exceptional in both group stages and in the final where two equally strong pairs faced each other. Mrs Taylor and Dan Brooks, (H 05-07) won in a very close match (7:5) against Mr Kennedy (SCR 04-07) and Miss Duff (SCR). The money raised will go towards providing professional tennis tuition for underprivileged, talented children. I would like to thank everyone

who took part in the tournament and those who gave a donation. I hope to see you back on the tennis AWP next year for another “Give it your Max” charity tennis tournament.

Maria Vildavskaya (M)



## The Hard Way Down



Harry Gregory (G) and Ben Cook (H) completed ‘The Hard Way Down’ over the summer, cycling from John O’ Groats, over 1000 miles, the full length of Britain to Land’s End in Cornwall. In total they raised over £18,500 and are keen to reach £20,000 for the charities Myeloma UK and Cancer Action. Ben lost his father to Myeloma Cancer and Harry lost his aunt to ovarian cancer. Please see their web site if you would like to make a contribution. [www.thehardwaydown.co.uk](http://www.thehardwaydown.co.uk)

When arriving at Bradfield for my first day of the training for the Bursary Appeal I was slightly apprehensive of what to expect. I was immediately seated in the school computer room again (a place I had used not too long ago for many hours of revision) which was unexpected, and felt rather odd. It was nice to be working with a group of people, some of whom were close friends, and we very quickly got into the swing of it. I was awarded a Music Scholarship when I joined the school which was necessary to allow me to come to Bradfield. Raising money for Bursaries, to give people the opportunity to come to Bradfield who wouldn't otherwise be able to afford to was a cause that was close to my heart. I was relatively shy at first, but I gained confidence after speaking to several

very pleasant OBs, some conversations lasting over an hour. I particularly enjoyed speaking to the OBs who had left the College – let's say a fair few years ago! I was told many stories and secrets about the College and its staff between the years of 1945-55. Some of which I could not repeat; subtle affairs with matrons and fiendish plans to embarrass the Headmaster to mention a few. I was overwhelmed with the Old Bradfieldian spirit among the "chaps" I spoke too, I am certain I will share such a life long passion about my school. After ending the campaign as top caller I pulled a huge amount from it and I very much look forward to meeting some of the people I spoke to in the future!

Oliver Jackman (E 02-07)

## Callers Notes



In June a group of sixth-form Textiles and Business students went to Jane Shilton's head offices. We saw the latest collection of handbags and shoes to go out for the next season in the shops. We were given a tour of the offices by Sophie Scott (designer) which included seeing the design room and were taught how the business worked along the different stages of designing, producing and finally selling. We would like to thank David Shilton (C 60-64) for making this possible.

Meriel Mulhall (J)



## Jane Shilton Plc

During the summer holidays I spent a week at Jane Shilton Plc working with the design team in order to gain some experience in this area of the fashion industry which I have always wished to follow. My textile studies have largely influenced my passion for design and creativity and this experience allowed me to put some of my skills into practice in another environment other than the classroom!

The company consists of a small selection of dedicated and very welcoming members who work closely together to ensure that the season's collection of shoes and handbags arrives in the shops on time!! Whilst I was in the office the spring 2008 collection was being finalised and it was an extremely busy yet fascinating time to be there. It was amazing to see how, in an

industry such as this, there really is no room for pushing back a deadline, and still being in a meeting at 6.30pm on my first day very much proved that point to me! My week at Jane Shilton opened my eyes to the 'world of work'; both the advantages such as the satisfaction on completion of projects and the less inspiring disadvantages such as commuting!

When I was there I designed a flower for a handbag which is being put in the 2008 Spring Collection.

I feel that the opportunity I had of working with David Shilton (C 60-64) at his unique company gave me the confidence to pursue my studies in terms of design and management, and I would like to thank both David and his team for a very educational and informative week.

Harriet Pearson (K)

## Work Experience



The Bishop of Oxford is the "Visitor" of the College: From the time of the foundation of Bradfield back in 1850, the Lord Bishop of Oxford has been the ultimate Head of the College.

The new Bishop, Bishop John, came to visit Bradfield on Monday 24 September and was greeted by the entire College which assembled in the quad to welcome him with continuous applause. The Head Boy and Head Girl both made speeches to

welcome him to the College. Bishop John then visited classes in the afternoon and enjoyed a cream tea in Faulkners.



## Bishop of Oxford

## Charity Football



The first weekend of the Easter term saw the return of the charity football tournament tradition at the College. Over 150 pupils, staff, parents, OBs and Friends of Bradfield played and helped to raise money for educating children who cannot afford school fees in Kikunduku, Kenya. The tournament kicked off at noon on a scorching Saturday afternoon and continued to the final whistle, shortly after 3am the following morning after an impressive 15 hours of quality football.

The College showed what it can accomplish when it comes together for an amazing cause, raising just over £5,000 which is enough to sponsor five children through their entire secondary education. We are continuing to raise money, if you are interested in making a donation or

would like some more information on the cause please contact Jo Best at [obsociety@bradfieldcollege.org.uk](mailto:obsociety@bradfieldcollege.org.uk)

Dan Brooks (H 05-07)  
and Ed Glyn (H 05-07)



## Summer Concert 2007

This year's Summer Concert saw the College's musicians performing at one of London's loveliest concert venues, St John's Smith Square. A large audience of friends, family, College staff and OBs were treated to an exciting evening of performances by a variety of ensembles and soloists.

Performances involving our Leavers are always a highlight of the Summer Concert and this year was no exception. Patrick Berry (E 02-07) gave a strong performance as one of two soloists in the *Vivaldi Concerto in A minor* with the String Group (Sebastian Clarke (F) was the other soloist). Oliver Jackman (E 02-07) played two movements from the *Sonata in F major* for Treble Recorder and the acoustics at St John's gave the audience an opportunity to enjoy his fine recorder playing.

Megan Stodel (I 05-07) performed the first movement of Hindemith's *Sonata* for

Flute and Piano, a demanding piece that Megan played with conviction and a strong understanding of the music.

The highlight of the first half of the concert was Alexander Clements' (F 02-07) performance of the *Adagio* from *Concerto in G* ably accompanied by the Orchestra under the direction of Howard Nelson. The audience were transfixed by Alex's truly beautiful and sensitive performance.

The second half of the programme included the Saxophone Group's rendition of *Britannia Rag*. The soprano saxophonist in this piece, Frances Jackson (K 05-07), has been a strong member of the group during her time at the College and will be missed.

Thomas Arnold (H) played a beautiful solo with the String Group and the combined choirs (Bradfield Voices and Schola Cantorum) surprised the audience with a Canadian piece that uses singers standing around the concert hall and incorporates bird calls.

The Swing Band and Concert Band finished the concert with lively performances. The Swing Band gave an expert performance of *A Night in Tunisia* including some excellent improvisation work by members of the band and the Concert Band played an entertaining arrangement of music from *Pirates of the Caribbean*.

Special mention must be made of Malcolm Harding and his last performance in a Summer Concert. After 25 very successful years at the College, Malcolm will be retiring in August. Both Schola Cantorum and Musica Riservata gave powerful performances at this concert, proof of the excellent musical leadership he has provided.

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.

Ann Wright  
(Director of Music)



This year, the summer production in the open-air Greek Theatre was *Fiddler on the Roof*, directed by George Masters, (E 94-99, SCR) with Musical Direction by



Anne Wright (SCR). The musical is set in Anatevka, a small village in Russia, in 1905, on the eve of the Russian revolutionary period. In this time of huge social change Tevye, played with expert warmth and humour by Jack Blackburn (G 02-07) struggles to ensure that his family observes the Jewish traditions that he holds so dear. One by one his daughters choose men to marry rather than waiting for the Matchmaker, skilfully portrayed by Megan Stodel (I 05-07) to find them “the perfect match”.

The audiences departed entertained, but the final scene left them with an uneasy feeling and a clear reminder of the atrocities that religious believers and ethnic minorities have suffered throughout history and are still enduring today.

George Masters (E 94-99, SCR)

## Fiddler on the Roof



The College experienced severe flooding when the Thames Valley had unusually high levels of rainfall in July. Army House



Cellars, Staff houses, the Art School, and the College Reception were all flooded. The Site Services team worked extremely hard to clear up the mess and restore the College to a working state before the start of term. Those present at the time of the flooding did their best to salvage people’s possessions by breaking into houses and carrying items upstairs away from rising water levels. Many children at Bradfield Southend primary school were also cut off from their parents until some 4x4s were able to carry them safely across the rising water levels. Art students started the beginning of term in the Old Gym, because many of the class rooms were still damaged. One of the blessings from the disaster is that Army House has a newly refurbished Common Room.

## Floods



On Sunday 23 September pupils, parents, staff and OBs took part in the BCPA clay shoot at Bradfield College organised by Jilly Hawkesworth (parent). There were 72 novice shots and 50 experienced shots who entered and had a fantastic day with a delicious hog roast lunch. The shot of the day was Simon Crane (Parent and Trustee of the Bradfield Foundation), who also won the father and son competition, with Charlie Crane (A). The winners for the school team were James Harding (Housemaster, Loyd House) and Richard Smith (parent and ICT). Jack Hawkesworth (E) won the individual shot of the day and the winners for the team of four consisted of Martin and Ben Bowley (C) and Jonathan and Hugo Glover (C). The event raised £1,500 for Addington School.

## BCPA Clay Pigeon Shoot

## Bursary Appeal



Thank you to all our Old Bradfieldians who contributed to the Foundation's Annual Fund Appeal in support of Bursaries. With a team of 14 callers 800 OBs were contacted and over £100,000



was raised! The Foundation is aiming to raise £1million in order that a Bursary can be supported in perpetuity by the Old Bradfieldian community.

Our young OB Callers thoroughly enjoyed their conversations – many a young eye was opened to very different perspectives of the College they know today. We appreciate the feedback we received regarding the Old Bradfieldian Society events and services and we look forward to working on your comments.

The College and the Foundation appreciates your support and we do hope you enjoyed your conversation.

## 1850 Society Lunch



On Monday 24 September the third 1850 Society Lunch was held at the College to thank our OBs for their support. The Day coincided with the visit of the College



Visitor, the Bishop of Oxford. Our OBs joined pupils and members of the SCR on quad to greet the Bishop.



## Golf Day

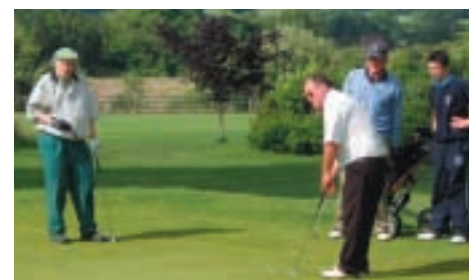


The third Bradfield Foundation Golf Day hosted by Bernard Gallacher (former parent and past Ryder Cup Captain) was held on 18 June. Twenty teams comprised of Old Bradfieldians, parents, staff and pupils competed in the Texan Scramble for a wealth of excellent prizes donated by Edward Demery (H 60-65), Peter Du Buisson (H 39-43) and George Burne (A 48-53). This year's winners were the Adkins family, their son York is a current pupil in Loyd House. The longest drive was won by James Macilroy (Bernard Gallacher's team), Nearest to the pin was won by Sandy Bull, and York Adkins (A) won the putting competition. Jeremy Bull (parent) won the Auction prize of a round of Golf with Bernard Gallacher!



**Winners of the Auction competition**

A most enjoyable day that raised just under £13,000 for the Foundation. Many thanks to all those who contributed and participated.



## Marriages



**Rupert (A 85-90) and Esther Demery**

CAMERON-HOLLYER, Alexander (H 89-94) to Dawn Flora Kathleen Cameron on 9 December 2006, St Patrick's, Kilrea, Northern Ireland.

DEMERY, Rupert (A 85-90) to Esther Parsons on 9 April 2007, Eton College Chapel.

DYSON, Jamie (H 94-99) to Jane Ellam on 23 June 2007, Christ Church, New Mill, Nr Huddersfield.

FOX, Farances (J 92-94) to John Sheekey on 25 August 2007, Bradfield College Chapel.

MASTERS, George (E 94-99, SCR) to Elizabeth Louise Atkinson (Director of Development) on 31 March 2007, Bradfield College Chapel.

PRINT, Ben (B 92-97) to SRATFORD, Annie (J 95-97) on 29 December 2006, Church of St Edward the Confessor, Westcote Barton, Oxon.



**Jane and Jamie Dyson (H 94-99)**



**George (E 94-99, SCR) and Elizabeth Masters (SCR)**



**Dawn and Alexander Cameron-Hollyer (H 89-94)**



**Frances (J 92-94) and John Sheekey**

**Left to right: Neil Sinton (B 92-96), Pips Bell, Charles Stratford (E 85-90), Anna Moss-Gibbons (I 95-97), Jim Storer, Annie Stratford (J 95-97), Ben Print (B 92-97), Rebecca Mardle (J 95-97), Nick Moore (C 92-97), Louise Print, Jonathan Stratford (E 52-57)**

## Births

BELLWOOD, Chris (B 77-80) and Diane (nee Bowman) a son, Ciaran Haris Power on 25 May 2007.

BENYON, Richard (H 74-78) and Zoe, a son, Jimmy on 10 May 2007.

DUNNING, Helen (nee Sills) (I 89-91) and Jamie, a son, Thomas William Michael on 28 September 2006 and brother for Eloise.

OLIVER, Steve (E 94-99) and Hayley (nee Bevan) (K 97-99) a son, William Louis on 24 June 2007.



**William Oliver**



**Ciaran Bellwood**



**Thomas and Eloise Dunning**

Apologies to William James Hurd, whose picture in Spring 07 had the incorrect name of Hugh Williams beneath it.

## Deaths

BEETON, David Frederick (H 47-52) on 4 March 2007.

BENNETT, Peter Dove Courtenay (H 34-38) on 10 January 2007.

BRADLEY, Jeremy Michael Edwin (F 75-79) on 25 January 2007.

BROCKLEHURST, Benjamin Gilbert (B 35-40) on 17 June 2007.

BURTON, Neal Edmond (H 47-52) on 4 April 2007.

CARVELL, John Anthony Gordon (A 49-53) on 23 September 2007.

DE SELINCOURT, Anthony (G 39-43) on 7 March 2007.

DUNLOP, Kenneth Charles (G 40-44) on 21 August 2007.

EMANUEL, Richard Wolff (G 36-41) on 12 April 2007.

GEACH, Andrew James (G 85-87) on 11 June 2007.

HODGSON, James Brian (F 52-57) on 18 August 2007.

HOGG, Peter Beauchamp (D 38-42) on 7 March 2007.

JOHNSON, David Gower (B 35-38) on 14 September 2006.

MAUDE, Rodney Michael Sandwith (B 29-33) on 8 May 2007.

MAXSE, Edward (F 83-88) on 4 April 2007.

OSBORNE, Kenneth William (B31-35) on 18 May 2007.

SILCOCK, John Patrick (G 43-47) on 10 December 2006

SPENCER, Anthony Kenneth Guy (F 35-39) on 12 January 2007.

STEVENSON, John David R L (A 55-59) on 31 January 2007.

STUCKEY, Derek Richard (D 30-35) on 19 September 2007.

In order that announcements on this page are accurate, OBs and their families are urged to submit the correct information.

## Luke Thornton (G 68-72)



When Luke Thornton left Bradfield College in 1972 after five happy years spent in G House I'm sure that he couldn't have predicted the unusual and exciting path that his life would take. He is now the president of a successful production company Believe Media, with offices in London, New York and Los Angeles. The Bradfield College Film Studies department was lucky enough to spend some time with Luke earlier this year when he kindly hosted us as part of our biennial Hollywood trip.

The Bradfield party arrived at the Las Palmas buildings, where Believe Media is based, on a sunny Tuesday afternoon in March. The company is housed in the old Zoetrope studios once owned by Frances Ford Coppola, where popular 1950s television show *I Love Lucy* used to be filmed. Our students were stunned not only by the sheer scale of some of the sound stages, but also by the lavish lunch that Luke provided. We ate with the cast and crew of the Verizon Wireless commercial that was being filmed that day, and several of our students unknowingly had conversations with the face of Verizon; an actor known in every household across the USA, but somehow remaining entirely unknown to our party! After lunch we were given a tour of the studio and were even given the chance to see the Verizon crew at work on set. The final part of our day involved a trip to Warner Brothers Studios and a private screening of the film *300*, directed by Zack Snyder who has worked closely with Believe Media in the past. *300* is a visually stunning film based on Frank Miller's graphic novel concerning the Battle of Thermopylae and the assembled company very much enjoyed it. We left Luke late that afternoon having enjoyed our unique and memorable visit and with a far better understanding of the film industry and Luke's journey from Bradfield College to the heady heights of Hollywood.

Luke founded Believe Media in 2000 with his wife Elizabeth Silver. It is now an



Outside studio

international Commercial Production Company with a number of different projects being worked on at any one time. More recently, Believe has begun to be involved with features outside of the commercial world including a documentary about Ugandan boxing champ Kassim Ouma, films such as *300* and *Goal II: Living the Dream* and music videos for artists as diverse as Snow Patrol and Christina Aguilera. This variety is one of the things that sustains Luke's enthusiasm for his job.

Luke may have lived in Los Angeles for sixteen years but returns to the UK regularly and is still in contact with a number of his contemporaries. He told our students a little about his Bradfield memories over lunch, namely his participation in games of football up on the hill, which looked rather different in the days before Faulkner's and the new Close were built. Our students however, were far more interested in hearing about the celebrities that Luke mixes with on a regular basis and the mention of his friendships with stars such as Orlando Bloom and Johnny Depp was considered particularly exciting!

The Bradfield College Film Studies department very much enjoyed visiting Luke and his colleagues at Believe Media and appreciated being hosted so generously. We hope we will be able to lure him back to Bradfield in order to return the favour at some point in the future.

Abby Hatch  
(Head of Film Studies)



Lunch provided by Luke



Zoetrope Studios

On leaving school David decided he would like to go into farming, so undertook practical farming experience working in Cornwall and Sussex prior to attending The Royal Agricultural College at Cirencester. He then qualified to become a Farm Manager in Yorkshire where he was for six years prior to the owner returning from overseas. In 1968, he took the momentous decision to change careers totally “much to the bewilderment of my dear parents!” he writes, and became an insurance broker in the City of London to train in Aviation Insurance with Stewart Smith. Thirty-nine years later, he is still working in Aviation Insurance with a company called AON. He is now a senior consultant with the group having been Managing Director of a company, Bayley Martin and Fay, which is now part of AON. He has been lucky enough to travel to 71 different countries during his business career and has had many happy experiences during this time. He holds two world air-speed records from city centre to city centre, these being from New York to London 3 hours 40 minutes and 40 seconds, and from Paris to London in 38 minutes and 58 seconds, which was live on the BBC *Noel Edmonds Late Late Breakfast Show*.



He also holds the speed record from London to Cork in 57 minutes. David is also privileged to have had a 40 year relationship with the Red Arrows Aerobatic Team and greatly honoured to have flown with them on several occasions, receiving a Fellowship Trophy from them.

He is a liveryman of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators and a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society, a member of the Air League and the Aviation Club of Great Britain and also involved with the British Helicopter Advisory Board. In addition to this he holds membership at the Hurlingham Club where he plays tennis and swims! He has run the Marathon and swum the swimathon and played tennis for the Suffolk Veterans!

In October 2006 he underwent a triple heart-bypass but is now fully recovered and firing on all four cylinders, swimming, and playing golf and tennis.



## David Boyce (D 54-58)

Mark works for a dive centre in Thailand following a fall from a balcony two and a half years ago. The centre deals in ordinary scuba instruction although Mark's particular specialty for which the website exists is getting other handicapped people in the water simply because of the barriers that it can break down. He finds it thrilling when teaching scuba because he is “out of the wheelchair and the same as anyone else in the water”. The major thing he does at Mermaid's besides his PADI work is teaching other instructors how to work with the handicapped both in physical and mental challenges. He says that ‘the fact that I'm in a wheelchair can only give encouragement to those who want to try the same path as it is clear that diving can

offer some serious help in things such as spinal injury rehabilitation. It was only one month after I was discharged from the spinal unit at Stoke Mandeville before I was back in Thailand teaching again”. He is frustrated about the consequence of his fall, but happy to be in a position to offer a life changing experience for others in a similar position and those who are able-bodied too”. Mark is now trying to get the message out that there are possibilities like this and also trying to get other dive centres to do the same so it can be offered in other places worldwide. He also runs internships in Thailand for those who want to take a break from life or a career change which takes people through to instructor level. [www.handicapped-scuba.com](http://www.handicapped-scuba.com)

## Mark Slingo (C 95-00)





**Peter Warmlesley Sedwick (B 27-32)**

**Peter Warmlesley Sedwick (B 27-32, SCR)**  
Dr Charles P Sedgwick has kindly sent in six photos across from the other side of the world back to where they were taken. One of the photos of 'Mr Gilliat's House "Under Sixteen" Football Eleven, Winners of Cup 1927-1928 shows Charles' father on the right of the back row.



**Victor Shankland (E 36-40)**

**Victor Shankland (E 36-40)** received the Queen's Service Medal in September 2006, presented to him by the Governor General (who represents the Queen) in Auckland, New Zealand for his services to the community of Warkworth over a period of 20 years. The Queen's Service Order (QSO) was instituted by Royal Warrant dated 13 March 1975 and in an amending Royal Warrant dated 15 October 1981, as a single fourth-level Order sub-divided into two divisions: "For Community Service" and "For Public Services". Instituted under the same Royal Warrant was an associated Medal of the Order, designated The Queen's Service Medal (QSM), which ranks as a sixth level honour and, like the Order, had the same two sub-divisions.

**David Wright (E 48-53)** and Prue have sent in a photo taken just before the Court Family Lunch held at the Painter-Stainers' Hall on Thursday 26th July 2007. Edward Demery (H 60-65) and Peter Bostelann (A 57-61) were attending the first Livery function since they had stepped down as Master of the Vintners and Grocers' Companies respectively. It is almost unique, unless you come from Eton, for two of the Great Twelve Companies' Masters to have come from the same school and be Masters of their Companies in the same year.



**From left to right: Edward and Alex Demery, Peter and Hilary Bostelmann, Prue and David Wright and Coral and George Burne (A 48-53)**

**Christopher A Thorne (E 51-56)** sent in the photo of CSM Munnoch (who later was RSM at Bradfield College), together with his then CO, Lt-Col Stewart, in a revolting mangrove swamp during the Malayan campaign 1941-1942. RSM Munnoch was attached to the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders

**Martin Marix Evans (D 53-58)** has, for seven years past, been chairing the Naseby Battlefield Project. The aim is to enhance the sparse facilities for visitors and the first phase of the undertaking is approaching completion. New viewpoints are being created to offer a self-guided battlefield tour that will make clear the events of this crucial engagement of the English Civil War. Here, on Saturday 14 June 1645, autocratic monarchy was destroyed in England. This first part of the Project has attracted a budget in excess of £300,000 from private



**Christopher A Thorne (E 51-56)**



**Naseby Battlefield Project**

donors, the Sealed Knot, Northamptonshire County Council and East Midlands Tourism. Air Vice-Marshal David Walker (foreground) and his party of RAF officers were there to hear Martin's account of the Royalist attack on Parliament's lines at the Cromwell battlefield monument (see photo). The achievements so far can be reviewed on [www.naseby.com](http://www.naseby.com). The next task is to raise £12 million for a visitor centre.

**Simon Dixon (C 58-61)** was appointed as a Grand Officer of the United Grand Lodge of England with the rank of Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies by the Grand Master, HRH The Duke of Kent in April this year.



**OBs at the Bigshotte Prep School reunion**

**Brian Crook (B 58-62), Andrew Tyrie (G 58-62), Andrew Marshall (G 65-69) and Robin Leuchars (B 57-62)** attended a Bigshotte Prep School reunion. In 2003 Bigshotte 'old boys' Nicholas Jenkins and David Hartridge organised a 'one-off' reunion of 15 Old Bigshottians. The most recent and most successful reunion so far, was held on April 29th 2007 when 45 attended whose leaving dates ranged from 1951 to 1973.



**The Bradfield contingent. Left to right: Steve Vince (D 70-75); Colin Burgess (SCR); John Tyson (SCR 66-78); Rev Nigella Tyson; Tim Boaden (C 67-72)**

Professor Ian Bone (E 59-64) writes:

It was with great regret that I read of the death of Michael Goode in the Spring Newsletter. He and I arrived as “new boys” at Bradfield in the same year. Michael’s personal encouragement and belief in me, a then academically struggling adolescent, has stayed with me throughout my own professional life.

I visited the legendary Bridge House for individual chemistry tuition from Michael where he simultaneously taught other pupils (other subjects) and prepared the evening meal for his fellow bachelor residents. The chaotic informality of these timeless coaching sessions, the ease with which he could impart the mystery of organic chemistry in a mesmerising manner and the constant good humour were all unforgettable. He was a charismatic individual who immediately gained our loyalty and respect. I started in the lowest chemistry set, but with Michael’s guidance I was awarded the 4th year Chemistry prize. As a reward for this success he gave me an inscribed paperback book on the exploration of space. Forty six years later I still have that book, regard it as one of my most treasured possessions, and can lay my hand on it in an instant.

I left Bradfield and with Michael’s encouragement, along with that of Michael Ricketts (SCR 51-67) and Malcolm Thompson (SCR 64-97), applied for and was accepted by St Andrew’s University to study medicine. I eventually become a Neurologist with an academic interest and taught medical students and postgraduates at Glasgow University for more than 30 years. I have learnt never to “knock” or dampen the efforts of someone who has tried hard but may have fallen short. In all of this Michael Goode has been my role model and exemplar.

When asked about whom, apart from family, has been my greatest influence, the answer consistently over the years has been Mr Goode. I only wish I had told him this in person.

**Major General Andrew Cumming (A 61-65)** returned for a SSAFA (Soldiers, Sailors and Airforce Families Association) AGM held at Bradfield on 29th March as the principal guest Speaker. Approximately 50 people attended with the AGM held in Big School and a buffet lunch to follow in the Warden’s room. Also in attendance was Brigadier Martin Roberts (former parent of two OBs).

**Douglas Kell (H 66-70)** writes:

Mike Goode – known to all in my day as ‘Jack’ – was an outstanding teacher of Chemistry. He knew full well that without a fundamental understanding of the rudiments, vocabulary and overall structure of the subject one could not possibly hope to progress, and his detailed knowledge of these (and indeed of the requirements of the Examiners at ‘O’ and ‘A’ level) meant that our skills were honed to perfection. His mastery of the subject made us feel he had been teaching it for years, though in fact he was just 28 when I came to Bradfield aged 13. I well remember one of the dramatic effects to which Terry Ronan (SCR) refers, when I was invited to describe the smell of the gas bromine before he taught us how one was ACTUALLY supposed to do this!

As Terry says, the 3rd XI cricket team was an abiding passion, but its success was singularly helped by MWG ensuring that a number of the better players were not available to the 1st and 2nd XIs (who did have more numerous fixtures) on “academic grounds”.

It was sad to hear of his premature passing. I and many other Bradfieldians owe him a lot.

**Steve Vince (D 70-75)** celebrated his 50th birthday in April 2007 by running a special train on the Tallylyn Railway in Wales, where he is a working volunteer in his spare time – not, as was a standing joke in his time in D House, as an engine driver, but as a signalman. Apart from Steve, the Bradfield contingent consisted of Colin Burgess (SCR), John Tyson (SCR 66-78) and Rev Nigella Tyson, and Tim Boaden (C 67-72). In lieu of presents he asked for donations to a drinking water project in rural Uganda under the auspices of Tearfund, a Christian relief organisation. Glorious weather aided the celebration, and the train raised just over £2000 for the project.

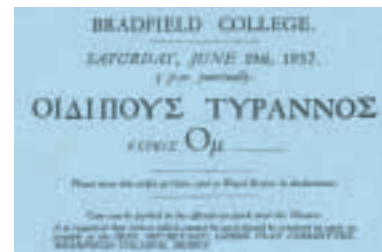
**William Corbett (G 72-75)** returned to Bradfield for the memorial service of Anthony Quick, Headmaster (71-85) and very kindly brought with him a selection of pictures and memorabilia from Bradfield’s earlier days. Amongst the fascinating collection are some Greek Play tickets for the year of 1937, a picture of his father Robin Corbett climbing up the river holding on to a rope and a supplement from the Illustrated London News with hand sketches and information about Bradfield College.



**Major General Andrew Cumming (A 61-65) and Jo Best (I 99-01)**



**Michael Goode (SRC 59-98)**



**William Corbett's (G 72-75) memorabilia**



**Toby Peyton-Jones (D 72-77)**

**Tobias Peyton-Jones (D 72-77)** joined the Royal Engineers via Sandhurst immediately after Bradfield for nearly 1½ years. He then studied Zoology at Nottingham with a subsidiary in Psychology. Following his studies he spent three years as a professional racing Skipper of a Noryema, an Admirals Cupper. This was followed by working for The Centre for Leadership and Development at Brathay Hall in the Lake District for five years and meeting his wife Angie. He then worked in Management Consulting for three years and joined Siemens (a large German Engineering Company with 420,000 employees making everything from hearing aids to power stations) in 1989 and started a family: Rory, Issy and Flo now 14, 11 and 8 years of age.

Toby has been with Siemens ever since. He has changed jobs roughly every three years, starting in HR, moving to head up Corporate Training in the UK, then a General Manager role setting up shared services in the UK, followed by three years in Beijing with the family then back to Europe as integration manager for an acquisition they made. He is now in a Headquarter role doing Mergers and Acquisitions, splitting his time between a home office in the Lake District and Munich Siemens HQ. Toby is keen to hear from anyone who would like to get in touch [tribepj@hotmail.com](mailto:tribepj@hotmail.com) or 01539 448477.



**Derek Jacombs (E 74-79)**

**Derek Jacombs (E 74-79)** left Bradfield to go to Southampton University. He dropped out after a year to follow music full-time. In the early eighties Derek moved to New Zealand where he has been living and working as a professional musician, singer and songwriter, for 25 years.

During that time he has been involved in a wide variety of musical ventures, from hosting radio series on New Zealand Music and the History of the Blues to writing music for theatre. For nine years Derek was the Director of the National Jazz Festival. He has also been heavily involved in studio production and won awards as a producer; his most recent work has been with iconic New Zealand singer Shona Laing.

For the past fifteen years Derek's main focus has been as leader of popular blues & roots band Kokomo. With Kokomo he has recorded eight albums, and this year the band released its first DVD, *Kokomo A Gogo*, a full-length concert film and companion to the 2006 live album of the same name. It also includes two Kokomo music videos – directed by Derek – both of which won awards and one of which is held in the permanent collection of the New Zealand National Film Archive.

To contact Derek, visit the band's website, [www.kokomo.co.nz](http://www.kokomo.co.nz).



**Paul Hibbard (F 88-93)**

**Paul Stone (A 82-87)** graduated from Oxford University and became a lawyer for several years. He changed careers in 2005 when he left the law and moved to the US to become a teacher. He is married to Lisa and has one son Simon (aged 4). His wife is American, hence part of the reason why they are now living in the US! He says he is “trying to teach his students how to play rugby and cricket. They enjoy rugby but find it difficult to understand how cricket can last five days and still end in a draw!”

**Paul Hibbard (F 88-93)** became Formula 1 World Hovercraft Champion in August 2006. Paul started Hovercraft racing at Bradfield and has continued to compete at an international level ever since. The World Championships, which are held every two years, were for 2006 on a part-land, part-water course near Figeac in France. Paul won the event in machine that was self-designed and self-built competing at speeds of up to 70mph. Paul will defend his title in 2008. Since leaving Bradfield Paul has spent time living in France and Denmark, working as a composites engineer in the wind energy industry. He is currently living near London.

**Alex Cameron-Hollyer (H 89-94)** left Bradfield and spent six months working in Bahrain setting up computer systems for Long International Ltd and successfully completed a BA honours Degree in Graphic Design & Media at Southampton Institution of Higher Education. His first job after university was working on the Classified Section of Autocar Magazine out of Teddington. For the past seven years he has worked for Modern Operations starting as a Sales representative and rising to become a Development Manager and Client Retentions Director. Alex has very recently moved to join O2 as a Business Consultant on the South Coast responsible for business through 11 stores.

He married Dawn in 2006 and they have spent time working and travelling Thailand, Malaysia, Australia and more recently the Gulf.

Alex and Dawn have recently become Owners and Investors in their own business servicing the Marine, Construction and Renovation industry and they are looking to expand into Gibraltar and the Gulf. ‘ARC’ aims to provide a very professional service in tune with today's eco-friendly directives. Services include: Marine; Removal and re-application of Antifoul, covering of boats for storage/maintenance, towing, and cleaning-topside, deck and hull. Building; removal of graffiti, patio and conservatory cleaning, and restoration.

Alex has recently exhibited at the Southampton Boat Show and is offering all OBs who could have need of their

services a 15% discount as long as they complete the online enquiry form and quote the ref: OBAMH94. OBs will be required to quote this code and confirm the years that they attended Bradfield. [www.arccompany.co.uk](http://www.arccompany.co.uk)



**William Lyons (H 89-94) with Jilly Goolden**

William Lyons (H 89-94) teamed up with fellow wine critic Jilly Goolden to open this year's inaugural Edinburgh Wine Festival. Jilly, best known for her outrageously florid wine descriptions, introduced the red and white wines while Will presented the port and pudding wine. "It was a tough act to follow," admits Will "but I kept it simple; tiptoeing naked through a field of tulips and mouth puckering like a dog's bum is not in my repertoire. I stuck to dried bananas and marmalade." The event raised more than £10,000 for charity.

**Philip Pinnell (C 98-03)**

Earlier this year I began my work experience at the European Parliament with help and guidance from Charles Tannock (D 71-75). On meeting Charles I realised that being in his office was a rather exciting place to be: he was foreign affairs



**David Warren (C 98-03) and friend Toby**

spokesman for the Conservative party. My work varied from drafting parliamentary questions on individual human rights abuses to sitting in on debates, whilst my experiences included having supper with the Indian ambassador and watching Desmond Tutu speak on Darfur. Following two months in Charles' office I now have a rather smart blue flag with yellow stars on my wall, as well as an even smarter blue membership card in my wallet.

David Warren (C 98-03) has been studying for a Religious Studies MA at Edinburgh University since leaving Bradfield. Before this he undertook Trekforce Expeditions in Borneo, as well as further travel in S.E Asia and S. America, and a short stint in Kenya in his GAP year. He ran the Paris Marathon to raise money for children at the Orphanage in Eldoret, Kenya. He volunteered to work at the Kazi Mingi Foundation Orphanage ([www.kmf-web.org.uk](http://www.kmf-web.org.uk)) at the end of his GAP year for a fortnight, which was set up with help from his church in Maidenhead. He only realised the impact of the good work they do when he returned to East Africa, last summer and saw the on-going problem of street children. The other charity David is raising money for is Leukaemia Research, having lost his Mother to Leukaemia 7½ years ago. Any donations would be greatly appreciated [www.justgiving.com/davidwarrenparisamarathon](http://www.justgiving.com/davidwarrenparisamarathon)

Ting Leung (J 04-04) has obtained a first class honours result from Oxford, in Mathematics and Statistics at St. Hilda's College and is going to study an MSc in Finance and Economics at LSE in September.

Ben Peggs (F 04-07) takes another big step towards his dream of representing Great Britain in the 2012 Olympics in London as he takes up his sport full-time this autumn. Ben has completed GCSEs at Bradfield and with the support of his family and sponsors HotelsRus, Fruitful Developments and a fencing equipment supplier, is now focusing solely on his fencing. The top cadet swordsman, who turns 17 in October, will now move into the junior ranks of the sport, which will see him fence against players up to the age of 20, as well as competing in a number of senior events. Ben is hoping to force his way into the British junior squad this year, and hopes to compete in as many rounds of the World Junior Series as possible to enhance his overall ranking.



**Charles Tannock (D 71-75)**



**Ting Leung (J 04-04)**



**Ben Peggs (F 04-07)**

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## John Butler MBE (Staff 19-89)



John was born in Derbyshire, on 21 April 1905 and moved to Bradfield when he was nine years old. He went to school in Bradfield, spent the 1st World War in the village and then, in 1919, when he was 14, left school and started work at Bradfield College. The same year, in response to a recruitment drive for bell ringers after the war, John took up bell ringing at St Andrew's Church, Bradfield.

John always took an active part in both village and college life: sport was a major interest – secretary of the cricket club, a member of the football team and tennis club. He was a member of the village social club where he played snooker, whist and cribbage. The College had an active rifle club where John won many awards. Throughout his life he supported both Derby County and Reading football teams and was thrilled to hear that Derby would join Reading in the Premier League this season.

It was through working at Bradfield College that John met Eva and they were married at St Michael's Church, Tilehurst on 3 September 1938 – 2nd W.W. broke out on their 1st wedding anniversary! Throughout the war and for several years after the war John served in the Royal Observer Corps. He was proud of the service and took his role very seriously. They lived in four different addresses in Bradfield. As well as becoming father of Rosemary and Sylvia – who sadly died – he became foster father to Lynda and Margaret.

He continued to work at the College until well into his 70s and for many years was a secretary of the Old Bradfieldian Society.

John rang the bells in St Andrew's Church for over 80 years and was tower captain for over 70 of those years. This was a remarkable achievement and in 2001 John was awarded the MBE for his services to church bell ringing.

In 2000 John moved to Chudleigh to live with his daughter. For his first 4 years in Chudleigh he continued to ring bells and was much loved by the Chudleigh bell ringing team. John last rang on his 98th birthday.

John will be remembered by all who knew him for being a quiet, loyal, honest, lovely gentleman. He always thanked people for visiting him and for doing anything for him – he was a true English gentleman and a wonderful father, grandfather and great grandfather.

Finally he was bowled out at 102 – not a bad innings for a former cricketer!

Rosemary Morgan

When John (or Johnny as I knew him later) started work, Bradfield College had existed for only 69 years and he was a mere 14 years. Beloe was Headmaster (15-28) and Eric Faulkner (E 27-33) had yet to start as a

pupil. It is probably safe to assume that John ranks as one of the longest serving and most loyal members of staff ever – with the late carpenter Billy Butler (no relation) close by.

Changes in Bradfield traditions, personnel and buildings evolved fairly slowly in those days; but as happens over the years some of the changes go full circle when yet another new Head Master or Bursar comes up with a revolutionary idea that had been discarded in a previous decade. John Butler had seen it all before, but took it in his stride.

The Dickensian conditions that existed in most boarding schools well into the 60s certainly prevailed in the Bursary Office, located over the main archway. It was dark, and very cold with ill-fitting windows and gaps in the floorboards. John's main position of Chief Clerk covered diverse duties; wages, the ordering and supply of books and stationery, and making transport arrangements for boys and their luggage. He was a very organised man and skilled in mental arithmetic. Parent's accounts were totalled up with diligence and speed, usually without the aid of the slow hand-cranked adding machine. The modern technology of the day!

John was a fine upstanding man and enormously kind. He looked after me when I was a very junior Junior, for example slipping me bits of paper giving me the name of the master who had just come through the door: Argyle (SCR 47-84), Sopwith (SCR 26-73), Young (SCR 36-74) etc.

He bicycled up the steep hill from Back Lane to the Bursary at least four times a day; the first trip to deal with the main school post before breakfast. This together with sports and a lifetime bell-ringing surely contributed to his fitness. No one remembers him ever being ill and having time off. His cheerful whistling (*Around the world in 80 days* was his speciality) seemed to reassure us that he was a very contented man.

The Old Bradfieldian Society benefitted from his talents and help, particularly under the Secretaryship of Francis Templer (B 30-56) and later of Basil Johnson (C 33-38, SCR 47-81). John was responsible for the time-consuming postal distribution of OB Newsletters, address books and other circulars over many years and of course remembered for his support of OB cricket from Pit boundary. John Butler was elected an Honorary Life Member of the OB Society for his great service to OBs.

John's calming influence throughout the generations is remembered with affection, gratitude and many a smile. Fittingly his ashes are buried under the west window of St Andrew's Church with his dear wife Eva. Together they made a significant contribution to the College.

Denise Hall-Wilton  
(Bursary colleague and friend)

Peter Dove Courtenay Bennett attended Bradfield (The Close) from 1934 to 1938. He excelled at rifle shooting and, much later in life, took great pleasure in participating in OB shooting competitions. Having forged a close friendship with the late Alan Archibald (C 34-38), the two remained good friends for many years after leaving Bradfield.

In 1938 Peter passed his entrance exam to the Executive Branch of the Royal Navy and a year later, when war broke out, joined HMS Hood. By the grace of God he left the Hood just weeks before she went down, and went on to pursue his training in submarines. After joining his first operational submarine in 1941, he was sent to the Far East in December 1943 to patrol the Malacca Straits. He assumed his first submarine command at the age of 24.

In 1950, Peter married Joan Marcia Bennett, and went on to have two children, Patricia (Trisha) and Alan (H 68-72). He built a house overlooking the Hamble River in Warsash, Hampshire, and lived there until the end of his life. Joan still resides there today.

Peter left the Navy in 1959 and, after a brief stint with Guinness, joined the financial services company AMP. He proved to be a highly successful life insurance agent, reaching the pinnacle of

his career in 1982 when he was awarded the life insurance scheme for new VSO recruits. He eventually retired from AMP in 1990 at the age of 70.

When Peter left the Navy, he did not abandon the sea. In 1961 he bought his first sailing boat "Tantivy", and taught his family to sail. After the family outgrew "Tantivy", Peter commissioned the building of his next boat, "Tanera", a 25ft Vertue, and his sailing trips around the Solent and to northern France became more adventurous, culminating in a two month trip to Norway. His next boat was a 31ft Westerly Longbow, which he continued to sail with friends into his late seventies.

Sailing was not Peter's only passion during his full and active retirement. He and Joan made frequent trips to France, visited South Africa and Malta, and enjoyed cultural cruises to Greece and Italy. With their two children and five grandchildren, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2000.

After a short illness, Peter died on 10 January 2007 at Southampton General Hospital, surrounded by his loving family. He was a wonderful father and grandfather, a loyal friend, and a model husband. He is greatly missed by all who knew him.

Trisha Bennett Mayer

## Peter Dove Courtenay Bennett (H 34-38)

Guy Spencer was born in Rawalpindi in 1921 and spent his early childhood with his parents in India, where his father was an officer in the Indian Army. He was educated in England and went up to Cambridge shortly after war broke out. Commissioned into the 2nd Royal Lancers (Indian Army), he saw action in Libya and Egypt before being seriously wounded in June 1942. In early 1945 he transferred to the 6th DCO Lancers for the final weeks of the Italian campaign. The regiment was in India preparing for operations against the Japanese when the war ended.

Guy now found himself in Kohat, on the Afghan frontier, pondering his own future. Appointed Adjutant to the regiment and promoted Major at 24, a military career beckoned. But then, on New Year's Day 1946, he met and fell in love with his future wife Eunice. The two returned to England and civilian life. He finished his degree at Cambridge and soon had a wife and two sons (Nicholas F 61-65, Timothy F 63-68) to support. Though an unassuming and rather private man, he chose to make his mark in the rumbustious world of advertising sales, spending the first seven years of his career with newspaper publishers.

The arrival of commercial television in 1955 transformed the business of advertising. Guy became one of the pioneers in this new medium, joining ATV under the leadership of the formidable tycoon Lew Grade. By 1968 Guy was Sales Controller of ATV and playing a wider role in the television industry, respected for his integrity, business acumen and diplomatic skills.

As a prominent member of the old guard, he was an early victim of a change of ownership at ATV in the late seventies. His friends rallied round and helped him find a job particularly suited to his talents: overseeing the industry's audience research and reconciling the often-conflicting interests of the programme making companies, the advertisers and the advertising agencies.

He retired in 1984, and led an active though not too strenuous life. As the years passed, he had to devote an increasing amount of his time to caring for his wife and younger son as ill health took its toll. In 1977 he lost his beloved wife Eunice to cancer. Then his own health began to deteriorate but he bore the indignities of old age without fuss or complaint. He died, after a short illness, on 12 January 2007.

Nick Spencer (F 61-65)

## Anthony Kenneth Guy Spencer (F 35-39)



## Ben Brocklehurst (B 35-40)



Cricketer turned publisher, born on 18 February, 1922, died on 17 June, 2007, aged 85, who saved *The Cricketer* magazine and introduced big competitions to local teams. Although he played cricket with sufficient capability to be chosen to captain Somerset, Ben Brocklehurst made a contribution to the game off the field which far surpassed anything he achieved on it. It was he who first thought of staging a World Cup and he saved *The Cricketer* magazine from closure, turning it into a viable concern through an adjunct that dealt with tours and holidays for supporters and club players.

Brocklehurst founded the National Village Competition, which attracted more than 1,000 entrants each year and culminated in a final at Lord's. The upshot was considerable fame and publicity, not least because journalists and spectators were keen to see whether the classic account of the game at that level in A. G. Macdonell's England, their England was a reality.

His standing in the game was such that the President of MCC always attended the finals, as, on occasion, did the Minister of Sport. Brocklehurst's friends included prominent personalities such as Colin Cowdrey, Brian Johnston, the commentator, and John Woodcock, the cricket correspondent of this newspaper, and they duly became directors of *The Cricketer*, the oldest continuous monthly sports publication in the world. Under his proprietorship, the circulation doubled from when he acquired the title from Mercury House in 1972 to about 30,000 20 years later. The editorial line, which was guided by E. W. Swanton, was somewhat predictable, as was the tone, but the coverage was commendably thorough.

Brocklehurst's bonhomie masked a sharp business sense and judgment of character. He regarded Swanton as something of a bully (though they were to become good friends) and realised he would have to establish who was in charge of the magazine when Swanton threatened to resign unless a demand for four more pages was met. Brocklehurst, who did not have the means to finance this, wrote on a postcard: "Go to hell, Jim!" and had no difficulties thereafter.

In conjunction with the English Schools Cricket Association and Lord's Taverners, whose Council Brocklehurst sat on, *The Cricketer* also ran a national colts tournament, which was to the considerable benefit of the game. In 2001 there was an ideal final at Trent Bridge: Eton versus a comprehensive from Lancashire. This resulted in publicity along predictable lines of toffs and yokels, which Brocklehurst did not particularly relish.



No cricket final was more enjoyable to attend during this time than The Cricketer Cup, contested by old boys from leading schools. For many years it was sponsored by Moët et Chandon. After their backing came to an end, Brocklehurst was prepared to fund this and other competitions out of his company's proceeds, although he could hardly afford to do so.

Benjamin Gilbert Brocklehurst, the youngest of four boys from a Norfolk family, was a keen sportsman who represented Bradfield College in four sports in addition to cricket. He was Victor Ludorum in a public schools event at White City. He wanted to join the Navy for his war service, but, finding the recruiting office closed for lunch, he crossed the road and joined the Army. He was posted to the 10th Devons, and was wounded by a bomb splinter during the bombing of Bristol.

Transferred to the Indian Army after finding coastal defence duties in East Anglia too boring, Brocklehurst was badly mauled by a bear on the North West frontier. After recovering from that, he volunteered for service in Burma, joining the 4th/12th Frontier Force Regiment in 17th India division, commanding the Pathan company as a major. He was mentioned in dispatches following fighting in Lower Burma and became an acting lieutenant-colonel at the age of 24. When Japan surrendered, he had to take control of more than 2,000 prisoners.

Brocklehurst was a gifted amateur artist and farmed for eight years, combining this with leading Somerset, a weak county at the time, in 1953-54. A powerful, aggressive batsman who would have been well suited to the one-day game that was to be initiated a decade later, he made a rapid 89 against Pakistan in 1954 but only 1,671 runs in 64 first-class matches at an average of 15.61. He was better suited to club cricket with MCC, I Zingari, Free Foresters, The Arabs, Hampshire Hogs and Bradfield Waifs.

Brocklehurst became managing director of 23 titles controlled by Mercury House, which published technical magazines. He incurred a considerable financial risk by severing his connection with the takeover of *The Cricketer*. Even after a merger with *Playfair Cricket Monthly*, *The Cricketer's* chief rival, in 1973, the magazine required the support of its developing travel business, but remained the market leader in spite of competition in later years from *Wisden Cricket Monthly*.

To his friends, as to the game, he was loyal and generous. He married, first, Mary Wynn, and secondly, Belinda Bristowe. She survives him, together with three sons and a daughter.

Distinguished cardiologist with an international reputation in teaching and research Richard Emanuel, a physician and lecturer at the Middlesex and National Heart Hospitals in London and civil consultant to the RAF, was one of the most distinguished cardiologists of his generation.

In the early 1960s he created an ongoing database on the genetic aspects of heart disease at the Institute of Cardiology (now National Heart and Lung Institute) where he was Assistant Director. He researched the serious cardiac complications of Marfan's Syndrome and the treatment of the progressive aortic root dilatation in this condition. He also published papers on the effects of infection and emotion on the heart.

Richard Wolff Emanuel was born in 1923 in Birmingham. His father was Professor of Medicine Queen's Hospital Birmingham and his mother an early Chair of the Family Planning Association. He was educated at Bradfield and Oriel College Oxford, moved to London and married in 1950. His international reputation in teaching and research was acknowledged by membership and honorary medical degrees from numerous cardiovascular societies and universities. Overseas universities frequently sought his help, so he travelled

extensively, to Singapore, the Philippines, Sudan and Thailand, among other places. He was awarded the Order of the Crown of Pahang for medical services.

Emanuel's meticulous attention to detail, his great charm and kindness was fondly remembered by his patients, many of whom stayed in touch long after his retirement. His peers and juniors respected and sought out his knowledge and experience, which he willingly shared.

Emanuel was chairman of the cardiac care committees of the British Heart Foundation and Royal College of Physicians. In his spare time he was a keen fisherman and an acknowledged expert in English 18th-century pedestal stem drinking glasses.

Richard W. Emanuel entered Mr. Moulds's House (G) May 1936. He was made a House Prefect in September 1940 and a School Prefect in January 1941. He played Fives in 1942, Cricket 2nd XI 1941, Football 2nd XI 1939 and 1st XI 1940, being Captain in January 1941 and on the Games Committee too. He was awarded the Headmaster's Essay Prize in 1940 and was J.U.O. in J.T.C.

Richard Emanuel was born on 13 January, 1923. He died on 12 April, 2007, aged 84. He is survived by his wife Lavinia and three sons.

## Richard Wolff Emanuel (G 36-41)



Tony was born in London on Saturday 13 February 1926 into the affluent de Selincourt family. He was the second of three brothers and they were very close. Despite being brought up by a host of household staff, my father had no airs and graces. He was always a humble and refreshingly modest man and it has been quite hard to find out about his accomplishments. He was all the more remarkable for this humility.

I asked him whether he had been a cricketer, at school. Dad's typically brief response was, "No, I ran." Last week his brother Derek unearthed an old newsletter from Dad's final term at his prep school Kingsmead. It revealed that not only was he Captain of the school's 1st Cricket XI but that he was rather proficient with the bat.

Dad was always passionate about the turf. He grew up surrounded by talk of racehorses with his mother being heralded as a successful national hunt owner. In 1944, aged 17, my father was called up to do National Service. After a bitter winter of infantry training in Scotland, he volunteered for the Palestinian Police Force and spent the next two years fighting the Israeli Stern Gang, in an attempt to settle the Middle East.

In 1949, my parents met at a dance given to celebrate the 18th birthday of my mother's cousin. Neither was particularly enamoured at the thought of going to a

party where they knew few people. Soon after that meeting, they started seeing each other, even though my mother says she insisted that she was going to marry someone else. A point Dad totally ignored in typical Tony fashion. In December 1954, my father married Cherry Huntley-Robertson, the most beautiful girl in the South of England – and gave up his motorbikes!

My parents continued to live at Glebe Cottage. It was here that all three of us were born. In 1972 we moved from Glebe Cottage, the family home for thirty years to Oaklands in Chobham. Here, largely due to my father's success with his investments, Anna, Martyn and I celebrated our twenty-firsts in style.

Through good and bad, my parents have enjoyed a close and loving marriage – Dad has always provided, and my mother always cared.

Every one of us will remember my father differently. I invite you to picture him: a slender man just under six foot, dark wavy hair with an auburn moustache — latterly waving his stick at something he wished you to notice. His wonderful sense of humour and colourful language sprinkled with delightful jokes, his twinkling eyes and mischievous grin, his taste for Foxes glacier mints and chocolate digestive biscuits along with his dislike of crunchy vegetables made him Tony.

(Taken from his Eulogy)

## Antony de Selincourt (G 39-43)



## Walter James Mizen (B 42-46)

Old Bradfieldians will be saddened to learn of the death of Jim Mizen, born on 17 July 1928, died on 21 November 2006 in Toronto, from complications of Parkinson's disease. After College he did his National Service with the Royal Army Ordnance Corps. In 1951 he married Nora, and went



Left to right: Jim Mizen (B 42-46), Basil Johnson (C 33-38 and SCR) and Charles Baillie (C 43-48) in Toronto 1981

to Canada soon thereafter, to join the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in Toronto. As a self described "old fashioned banker" he climbed their ranks steadily, whilst together they raised three daughters and a son. He travelled widely and successfully on business, but still found time to pursue tennis, becoming President of the Toronto Lawn Tennis Club, singing in three choirs and supporting the performances of the Canadian Opera Company. He had a lasting interest in, participation with, and generosity to, the North American Old Bradfieldian Society. Always very civil, with a piquant sense of humour and allied to an acute wit, he will be very sadly missed by the NAOBS and those of his many friends, our sympathies are extended to Nora and to their family.

Simon Taylor (G 49-53)

## John Silcock (G 43-47)



As chairman of the Finance and Strategic Planning committees for much of the 1990s, John Silcock was a key player in transforming Bradfield College into the modern and forward looking institution it is today, equipped with the facilities to compete with the very best of any modern day public school. As a pupil, parent and member of the College council he kept up a close association with Bradfield throughout his life.

Born on 8 February, 1929 in Surrey, he entered G-House in the autumn of 1942 under the Housemastership of John Molesdale. The Bradfield he joined was in the midst of wartime frugality but nevertheless he settled in quickly and used to fondly recount stories of unheated swimming pools, dormitories without curtains, carpets or radiators and in-house dining. I might add that this was a situation that had barely changed by the time the first of his sons joined G-House in 1975! Gifted academically, he excelled in maths and the sciences and also used his time at school to develop his love of sports, particularly cricket and hockey.

On leaving Bradfield in the summer of 1947 he was called up to National Service in the Army, a time that was spent teaching cadets to drive four-tonners in Kenya. In 1950 he went up to Worcester College, Oxford, to read PPE. Armed with his degree, the daunting world of commerce beckoned and he chose to join Shell, quickly rising through the ranks. Having become a finance director and after a lengthy secondment in Rio de Janeiro, he decided that with a rapidly growing family, it was necessary to put down roots. He returned home to Surrey and in 1967 joined N.M.Rothschild & Sons, the Merchant Bank. Here he quickly developed their reputation in natural resources. Notably, he was also involved in some of the first eurobond issues and was widely considered

to be responsible for instituting the bond market. Countless numbers of pipelines, excavations and mines around the globe relied upon his extensive expertise to become reality, including some of the largest copper and gold mines now in operation. With the onset of North Sea Oil in the early 1970's he demonstrated his adeptness at juggling borrowers, lenders and the governments of several countries. He was particularly proud of his work with the Ekofisk Field. In 1973, following the oil crisis, he was requested by the Government to go on a secret mission to Iran to try and negotiate special oil privileges for Britain from the Shah of Persia. Disappointingly it was all to no avail.

He retired in 1989 and chose to donate his enthusiasm and energy to the Bradfield cause. Sitting on the Council with a number of his school time contemporaries he presided over one of the most dramatic periods in the school's development. Intimately involved in the development of the music school, the sports halls and the new boarding houses, he used his confidence, foresightedness and financial common sense to bring the school and its facilities into the 21st century. Reluctantly, having served his 10 year term, he stepped down from this role in 1999.

In his spare time he pursued his enjoyment of music and the arts and was a long-time member of Glyndebourne. He was a keen ornithologist, and this was a pastime that kept him sane during his many trips abroad. He also developed a passion for fine porcelain and together with his wife he amassed a collection of 18th and 19th century teapots, which is widely regarded to be one of the finest in Britain.

John Silcock died on 10 December 2006 after a short illness. He is survived by his wife Jennifer, five sons, five daughters-in-law and nine grandchildren.

Michael Silcock (G 77-82)



Neal, who has died aged 73, had a distinguished international publishing career with Oxford University Press and then with Intermediate Technology, the appropriate technology organisation founded by E.F. Schumacher.

Burton grew up in Farnham in Surrey and like his father went to school at Bradfield where he was stage manager in the Bradfield Greek Play of 1952, *Antigone*. He was commissioned in the Essex Regiment, where he saw service in Korea towards the end of that war. From there he went to Oriel College, Oxford in 1954 where he combined intellectual and sporting success in a typically modest way. He won his Blue at Rugby Fives, and when on tour in Denmark with the Oriel cricket team, no less a person than Ted Dexter prevailed on him to stay behind for a time to help coach the national team. He got his Congratulatory First in modern history, he claimed, by including in his finals examination paper all the jokes he could think of.

After university Burton joined Oxford University Press, and shortly afterwards was sent to the Press's Pakistan office in Karachi as assistant general manager, where he combined a cheerful and high-spirited social life with profound reflection on the poverty that surrounded him. Friends remember his coming back from a trip to Calcutta, and spending the next few days writing a long and bitter poem in the style of Eliot's *Waste Land*, savagely comparing the lot of the wealthy with that of the masses who had to live in the streets. Burton worked with the General Manager, John Rendall, rescuing the branch from potential bankruptcy and transforming it into one of the major educational publishers in the country. One of the editorial projects dear to his heart was a series of Number Workbooks compiled by the formidable Sister Mary Bernadette who was principal of the Roman Catholic Primary School in Karachi. The author/publisher relationship was a model of its kind and the series proved to be a best seller much to his delight.

Working in Pakistan required qualities that an editor in the UK would find exotic to say the least. In addition to the primitive conditions of the office – on the first floor of an old caravanserai – the majority of the authors had English as a second language, and manuscripts had often to be subject to a complete rewrite. Despite the strains

Burton was cheerful and popular, not only with his authors, but also with all his office staff and he retained a great affection for Pakistan throughout his life.

Burton remained engaged with the problems of poverty and underdevelopment throughout the rest of his life, both through his interest in ideas and writers, and through his work. His work with OUP took him around the world, despite his extreme dislike of flying, and with his friend and colleague Rex Collings he became well-acquainted with writers of the new post-colonial world such as Wole Soyinka. After Rex Collings' death Burton worked with the Africa Education Trust to endow scholarships for young Africans in Collings' memory.

With Rex Collings and others Burton was involved in OUP's Three Crowns series, books about Africa published in London for both the UK and an international market.

After leaving OUP 1980 Burton joined the organisation set up by E.F. Schumacher to promote his 'small is beautiful' approach, the Intermediate Technology Development Group, as managing director of its publishing arm. From its base in King Street, Covent Garden, he built IT Publications over the remaining eighteen years of his working life to a position of international significance, with a truly worldwide reputation and reach. His qualities of empathy and modesty were ideally suited to coping with the people and causes it espoused, and not least for surviving in the inescapable atmosphere of benign chaos which such work generates. The range of books he published there covered not only technology – from water pumps to traditional cheese making – but also economics, sociology and anthropology as they related to questions of international economic development. His authors there loved him for his close attention and interest in their manuscripts, if not for any generosity in offering royalties.

Burton retained an enthusiastic interest in cricket throughout his life, and was for many years a member of the MCC. He continued to be a regular and popular visitor at Lord's, even after resigning his membership. He ended his years in Farnham again, where he always felt most at home. He is survived by his wife, Wendy. Born on 11 December 1933. Died on 3 April 2007.

Guy Bentham

## Neal Edmund Burton (H 47-52)



## David Frederick Beeton (H 47-52)



David was born in Croydon and spent most of his life there. He went to Bradfield College from 1947-1952. He enjoyed his time at the school and made lasting friends, particularly Christopher Pool (H 47-52) and Simon Groves (G 52-57).

After school, he completed his National Service. He was posted to Egypt during the Suez crisis. Only very recently, the service of those serving there was formally recognised and David was excited to find he could claim a medal for his service, which he did, two years ago.

David became a Freeman of the City of London, joining the Armourers & Brasiers Company. He later became a Liveryman and up until late last year, he enjoyed attending the various annual functions and dinners which the Company held, particularly as several of his cousins were also Freeman/Liverymen.

After his national service, David trained as an accountant with Whinney, Smith and

Whinney (now Ernst and Young) in London. With this firm he undertook a two year assignment to Milan. David mastered the Italian language, which allowed him to see a lot more of Italy than the average tourist, both then and later with his family.

Later he worked for ICI in London, and then joined The Wellcome Foundation where he subsequently became Group Treasurer in the London office.

He married Mary in June 1969 and his daughter Caroline was born in March 1972. David continued to work for Wellcome for many years, retiring in 1991. After retirement David volunteered for the Prince's Trust, he also was the accountant for a nearby day centre-a role he relinquished only last year-and was a member of his local Probus Club.

In September 2003, David became a grandfather to Euan. David passed away on 4 March 2007 after a courageous battle against his illness.

## James Brian Hodgson (F 52-57)



Friends, colleagues and political rivals have been stunned by the death of one of the county's leading lights in the Labour Party, Brian Hodgson. He had been admitted to Oxford's John Radcliffe Hospital with heart problems and died on Saturday 18 August, aged 68.

Tributes have been pouring in to the family home at Stonesfield, west Oxfordshire, emphasising his humanity rather than his political beliefs. The Tory chairman of Oxfordshire County Council, Keith Mitchell, said that, despite political differences, "here was a man for whom the word gentleman could have been invented. He had the character and leadership skills that a front-line politician requires as part of his armoury, but he was also charming and polite." He added: "Brian will be hugely missed and I know that his loss has stunned people both at Oxfordshire County Council and in the area that he represented so ably for many years."

Mr Hodgson was a former leader of the Labour group on the county council and served as councillor for Charlbury and surrounding villages. He was born in Blackheath, London, and spent his childhood in Wensleydale, Yorkshire. He went to Durham University where he graduated in politics and economics and, after gaining a teaching diploma at Oxford, settled at Stonesfield in 1966, becoming a lecturer at the city's College of Further Education until retirement eight years ago. His strong Labour Party background involved not just an immersion in local politics, but also activity with traditional socialist issues, including the Campaign Against Nuclear Disarmament, the

Workers' Education Association and the annual Levellers Day at Burford. He was also a chairman of the West Oxfordshire branch of the United Nations Association and took a leading role in the branch's fundraising of £32,000 for the Adopt A Minefield scheme.

Fellow member Ann Harper, who lives in Charlbury, said: "Brian was very involved with that, as he was with so many other things. He seemed to be out every night working on them." Mr Hodgson was current chairman of the Witney constituency Labour Party. Membership secretary Colin Carritt said: "He was a man, regardless of what political party he represented, who always worked very hard for his constituents in Charlbury.

"I know there were many people who did not share his politics but voted for him on that basis.

"He also did a tremendous amount of work promoting sign language for deaf people." Mr Hodgson was first elected to the county council in 1993, winning two further elections until losing his seat in 2005. In 1998 he became the leader of the Labour group. In 2001 there was an unsuccessful attempt to form an administration with the Liberal Democrats and he stepped down as leader in 2003, becoming shadow executive member for schools for a year. While serving on the county council Mr Hodgson led campaigns to save three respite centres for disabled children, the banning of traffic from the Ridgeway, more funding for British Sign Language interpreters and new council tax bands. He leaves a widow Penny and two sons, Dan, 41, and Steve, 38.

John's father, John Moreton Stevenson (B 19-22) was transferred to South America as a young banker. Born in Santiago, Chile March 1941, John lived his childhood in Santiago, and Viña del Mar with his sister, Diana, and brother, Bob, until 1954. John was sent from Chile to England for his education and entered Bradfield College, A House in January 1955.

In July 1959 John left Bradfield, Anthony Chenevix-Trench wrote to John's father in Valparaiso, Chile;

"It was very sad to say goodbye to John but he has really done wonderfully well and is quite ready to leave . . . He was the first boy whose name I learnt at Bradfield when I came as a new Headmaster, and he will tell you how on that occasion, he was very nice to me. I should not like to lose touch with him!! Yours very sincerely Anthony Chenevix Trench, Headmaster "

On 4 July 1959 Philip Stibbe wrote to John's parents and said: "We shall miss him. John has been such a pleasant person to deal with. Thank you for sending him here."

His enthusiasm for cricket took root and he was regularly in touch with Test Match results. He articulated to be a Quantity Surveyor with Gardiner & Theobald in London. John lived at HYELM in Hampstead and, to his delight, this was situated near St. Goderick's Secretarial College.

John had a love of music, so much so that he booked and attended a whole season at The Albert Hall for the Proms, and sang 2nd Tenor in the London Symphony Orchestra – 1968, John Alidis Chorus – 1969, London Philharmonic Choir – 1970. He gained knowledge of conducting and was blessed from an early age playing music by ear. John conducted The HYELM Choir at Christmas in Trafalgar Square and at Mainline Stations raising funds for charity. John had a fine tenor singing voice. He joined The London Symphony Orchestra Choir and sang under the direction of John Aildis. He later joined the London Philharmonic Orchestra Choir and sang under Sir Colin Davis.

One evening John called by to visit his friend and he was introduced to her new Canadian flatmate, Judy, who was working in London with a view to onward travel. Judy could see the twinkle in John's eye. His chat up line was "a young Lady shouldn't walk around London alone". John became Judy's companion and love blossomed. Judy embarked, as planned, on her overland journey with Penn Overland. By the time she reached India they decided to marry.

John and Judy married 6 February 1971 in Perth, Western Australia and lived there happily for two years. They returned to England via the overland route through Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Nepal, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran, Turkey, and Europe – a journey of a lifetime.

John's profession was that of a Senior Surveyor, working at Messrs Gardiner & Theobald, 59-63, Harry Neal Limited, 63-71, Sabemo (W.A.) Pty. Limited, 71-72, Kirk & Kirk Limited, 73-86, R. Mansell (Croydon) Limited 86-91, Bowmate Limited, 91-92, R. Mansell (Thames Valley) Limited, 93, Stonewest Limited, 94, R. Mansell Limited, 94-96. From May 1997 – November 2006, John worked with TQS, a lively IT Company and retired with them having an enhanced appreciation of the IT industry at 65 years.

John was a people person, popular with his family, friends and colleagues. His excellent sense of humour cheered people. John will be remembered in Judy's heart as a loving caring husband over the 35 years of their marriage. He died peacefully on 31 January 2007, after battling with cancer. He has been a lifetime of fun to be with – a truly lovely man. His positive attitude and infectious smile touched us all.

The beloved husband of Judy Stevenson, brother of Diana Holland and Robert Stevenson. An affectionate uncle, he will be dearly missed by all his many relatives and friends worldwide.

Judy Stevenson

## John David Robert Lowsley Stevenson (A 55-59)



After leaving school Andrew worked in Insurance and Finance. Always a keen sportsman at school he especially enjoyed football and cricket which he continued to play whilst he was able. He was extremely sociable and had a wide circle of loyal friends who were able to sustain him and his partner Cathy during his illness.

A month into his last post with the NPD Group, in November 2004, he became acutely ill requiring a major emergency operation. He was diagnosed with a Neuroendocrine Tumour with secondary deposits. Following this and because of the treatment he needed he was

unable to return to work, his pain and disability progressed but he showed great courage, strength of character and cheerfulness to the end which mercifully was extremely peaceful.

His greatest achievement occurred after he was diagnosed. When well enough he was instrumental with the help of others to setup the NET Patient Foundation, the aim of which is to help and support other sufferers and their relatives. He was very proud of this. Their web site can be found at [www.netpatientfoundation.com](http://www.netpatientfoundation.com) where some fine tributes to him can be read.

Dr A Geach

## Andrew Geach (G 85-87)



# Bradfield Club in Peckham



Bowling



Kayaking

What happens at the Bradfield Club? It is a Youth Club in the evenings (mainly run by us, but also involving the local Clubs and scouts and a Taekwondo group), a school for the local Nigerian community on Saturdays, a Pentecostal church on Sunday mornings, and a social club on Sunday afternoons. This makes management demanding and there are few dull moments, with high spots and problems regularly alternating.

However, it can be reported that the Bradfield Youth Club in Peckham is in better shape than for many years, with an enthusiastic team of young leaders in place, brimming with ideas as to how to introduce new activities this September to attract and stimulate local young people. The Summer Scheme, funded by the London Borough of Southwark and the Old Bradfieldian Society was a huge success. It included a stay at the College, including a bowling trip and kayaking at Burghfield Sailing Club. Many of them capsized including the youth leaders which the children thought was brilliant.

It really is an exciting time for the Club: thanks to the efforts by Tim Ashton (E 83-88) and Iain Clark (B 63-68) (Chairman of the Club's Management Committee) our accounts are up to date and filed with Charities Commission.

Links with the College have never been closer, thanks to the close involvement of the Headmaster and thanks also to others who helped with the Summer Scheme visit. The new Bursar is also a very welcome addition to our governing body.

Phase II of the building scheme is about to commence, entirely funded by generous contributions from OB and College-related sources for which the Club is extremely grateful. We are indebted to last year's OB Master of the Grocers Company for sponsoring our cause. There are new outside lights funded by parents at the College.

We still need further OBs to help in the management of the Club – so if anyone, young or old, might be interested, please do not hesitate to contact either Elizabeth Masters (Director of Development) at the College or Charles George ([charles.george@ukgateway.net](mailto:charles.george@ukgateway.net)). We also need a Covenants Secretary (and of course new covenanters). If any OB would like to visit, this can easily be arranged.

Finally it is with great sadness that we have said goodbye to Alex Richardson (C 90-95, SCR 01-07) a stalwart supporter and link with the SCR over many years.

Charles George (A 58-63)

## OB Sailing

The OB Sailing Club entered a team for the Arrow Trophy Competition held over the weekend of 6 and 7 October in the Solent. The weekend included dinner on the Saturday evening and Sailing against various other school Clubs. The event is always held on the first weekend of October with a maximum of eight people per boat. There are no limits for the number of boats though so anyone interested should contact Ollie Meats for entry next year. Entries must be confirmed by the end of August. Ollie is very keen to organise a match against the College team and make this another yearly event. Some experience is good but not essential. Ollie is also keen to hear if anyone has access to boats, if so please get in touch. [Ollieandlisa@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:Ollieandlisa@blueyonder.co.uk)



## OB Ladies Hockey Club



I'm sure there are plenty of girls out there who would just love to have a trip down memory lane and head to the AWP, hockey stick in hand and play against the current 1st XI! Last years match ended in a 3-3 draw so if anyone would like to come and play this year please put 9 December in your diaries and contact Mary Bucknell (J 99-01) at [marybucknell@hotmail.com](mailto:marybucknell@hotmail.com). All standards welcome – please get in touch and spread the word as we are always keen to get as many girls as possible along for OB Winter Day.

After a successful season in 2006/07 the OB football club is looking build on that this year. The 1st XI won Division I, gaining promotion to the Premier League, and reached the final of the Arthur Dunn where we were narrowly beaten 1-0 by Old Harrovians. The 2nd XI narrowly missed promotion to Division II and so are looking to go one better this year. 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. The 1st XI begins this years quest for glory in the Arthur Dunn on 27 October v Old Eastbournians on Rectory 3 – any support would be most welcome. You can follow our progress both in the League and Cups at [www.arthurianleague.com](http://www.arthurianleague.com)

Stuart Dennis (D 87-92)

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## OB Football



After the blistering heat of 2006, in what has been declared the wettest Bisley Imperial Meeting in living memory, as well as wind conditions which often wrought havoc on competitors' scores, three OB's distinguished themselves making it into the Queen's Hundred – Nick Tremlett (A 72-76) 34th, Alex Woodward (E 97-02) 39th and Guy van Koetsveld (D 77-82) 40th. Nick was also 4th in the St. Georges final. In the Schools Veterans' Trophy OBSS 'A' team were a respectable 7th and we were also 6th in the 'B' Team competition. If the five highest scorers from the two teams had been selected for the 'A' Team, we would have been 2nd. You never can tell who is going to pop in a really good score on the day! That evening we enjoyed our usual Veterans' day dinner at the North London Rifle Club where the generations exchanged stories of their time at Bradfield. Target Rifle shooting is, of course, a sport where failing eyesight is the only excluding factor. Even at advanced years, good scores are still possible. Christopher Elgood (F 46-51), who at 75 still manages some very respectable scores. One member of the NLRC is still shooting match Rifle even at over 90!

Sadly, for the first time since 1884 Bradfield failed to enter a team to compete in the Schools' Ashburton Trophy. This precluded Bradfield from competing in the Lucas Trophy (the aggregate of the Ashburton and the Veterans' team scores). The closure of the miniature range last year clearly had its impact but now re-

commissioned it is hoped that Bradfield Full Bore shooting will be revived in 2008.

This year we welcomed two new members to the OBSS, Johnny Thomson (E 00-04) and Will Wood (00-05) both of whom also shot in the Bisley Meeting. However, parenthood took its toll on two other members in that both William Dixon (C 86-91) and Richard Vary (E 86-91) were unavailable to compete in the meeting this year.

The OBSS clinched the Berkshire County Team Trophy in both the Short Range match in May and the Long Range match in September, the first time we have won both in the same year. In May William Dixon won the Open Short Range Championship and in September Alex Woodward was 2nd in the Open Long Range Championship, which also placed him 2nd and Simon Dixon (C 58-61) was 5th for the second year running in the combined Open Championship. Alex also won the Berkshire Rifle Club Trophy (pictured) and the Under 25 competition at both ranges.

## OB Shooting



**Alex Woodward (E 97-02) with one of the Berkshire trophies**



**OBSS Captain Alex Woodward (E 97-02) and Nigel Suffield-Jones (SCR 67-92)**

### Short Range Team Championship

<i>1st OBSS</i>	
Alex Woodward	148.15
Richard Vary	146.12
Simon Dixon	142.08
<i>Total</i>	436.35
2nd Windsor RC	433.51
3rd Berkshire RC	433.42

# Waifs Cricket Club



Similarly to last year we reached the third round of the Cricketer Cup but progressed no further than that and even then our success only amounted to one match. A rare hot day in early June was tempered by a cool wind and sea fret on the south coast: batting first Lancing Rovers made 223 for 9 off their 50 overs, one of those scores which always takes some getting and looked even more of a challenge when we lost two early wickets including that of Stuart Seymour who so often has put his stamp firmly on any run chase. However Will Kendall (A 87-92) first steadied the ship and then with the left-handed Duncan Irens (C 96-01) scoring freely a third-wicket partnership of 137 saw us well on the way to victory by six wickets, sealed by a succession of boundaries by Peter Came (D 77-81) after Kendall had been bowled for 73. Irens finished on 82 not out.

From then on our fortunes and fixtures were washed away: down the River Severn in the case of the second attempt to play the second round at Shrewsbury. We did proceed to the third round on the toss of a coin and in a dry interlude at the end of Waifs Week had to field first against our old foe, Radley Rangers. A second wicket partnership of 170 seemed to herald a big score but their final total of 256 for 8 after Peter Came had taken four wickets gave us some hope. With no Seymour (F 87-92) or Perkins (G 92-97) to give us their usual flying start that looked very forlorn and none more so than when we lost two wickets in the first two overs and half the side including the captain were out for 70. Only a robust and sensible 49 from Nick Woodroffe (D 99-04) gave anything like respectability to our

reply but in the end we were well short, losing by 87 runs with eight overs to spare.

Waifs Week was one of the most disappointing ever, the first three days being washed out and the first day of the Pelsham match was abandoned on the previous morning. Perversely the weather was warm and sunny with a drying wind for much of the time but ferocious storms around midday made any play impossible. Very occasionally in the Week we have had to abandon Pit in favour of the higher ground on Rectory but this year even that was out of the question. There loomed the prospect of having to entertain MCC in a 20-20 contest on NG. We did have such a match, on Pit, on the Thursday against Pelsham, one which Dan Clark (SCR) dominated and perhaps we should be proud to have won the inaugural match played by the Waifs in this format.

Strong winds helped the drying process enough for a full game on the Friday against another strong MCC side and though Jason Doole (99-04) and Charlie Russell (E 98-03) both made forties we could only manage 142 in reply to their 254 for 6 declared. Saturday did turn out a fine sunny day for the game against the Hampshire Hogs. Peter Came made an undefeated century and took four wickets and Duncan Irens 75 but we could not quite winkle out the last Hogs wicket so we had to be content with a draw. It was fine on the Sunday too for the match against Radley Rangers but sadly no joy for our usual host of supporters on Rectory bank.

And the deluge at the end of July was yet to come.

Robert Stallard (G 57-62)

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# Masonic Lodge No. 3549

In the recent past the OB Lodge has enjoyed resurgence in membership. We welcomed Mike Goodwin (SCR) in 2004, with the ceremonies conducted by the Worshipful Master at the time – Peter Sanders (G 71-76) and then Tim Parker (G 72-77) in 2005. In 2006 Sam Outram (A 97-02) was Initiated into the Lodge by Quentin Edwards (SCR 75-92). By this time we had a backlog of people waiting to join, namely Keven Bentley (F 72-76) and Tim Ackroyd (F 72-76). Fortunately, Gavin Merrylees (E 55-59) came to the rescue by suggesting that his other Lodge could help out because another OB Lodge member – Derek Stuckey (D 30-35) who incidentally at 91 is our oldest member, was at that time Worshipful Master of the Gray's Inn Lodge No. 4938. Accordingly, they were able to conduct one of Sam's ceremonies on behalf of the OB Lodge with our own members also taking part. In April 2006 Keven Bentley was then Initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. Quentin

Edwards and Tim Ackroyd was Initiated by W.M. Gavin Merrylees in October 2006.

In 2011 the OB Lodge will be celebrating its Centenary and is also taking the opportunity during this significant year in the Lodge's history to host the Public School Lodges' Festival, probably in the June. These Festivals take place each year at a different school. Next year it is the turn of Sherborne, in 2009 Eton and then Rugby in 2010. A committee is being formed to make the necessary arrangements for our own Festival when we hope that between 300-400 guests, both Masons and their partners will visit Bradfield for the celebrations. If you have been thinking of joining Freemasonry, now would be a very good time to do so because even as a new member you could play a most useful and enjoyable part in the proceedings. The Honorary Secretary of the OB Lodge, Andrew Tenison (A 97-82) would be more than delighted to hear from you. [andrew.tenison@ic24.net](mailto:andrew.tenison@ic24.net)

Simon Dixon (C 58-61)



The sixth meeting of the Bradfield Geriatrics was held on Wednesday 27 June 2007 at Skinkers in Tooley Street.

Twenty nine Old Bradfieldians over 70 years of age gathered for lunch and drinks. I was privileged to be asked to this distinguished gathering and what an enlightening(!) and fun time I had. I learnt of an age when bumpf tests and gowns prevailed at the College. There were some



very interesting tales I think they all should be persuaded to contribute to a book about the College!

John Tyrie (G 44-49) organized the event and did a remarkable job. It is now going to be an annual gathering and anyone wishing to attend should email John via the Development Office. John promises a reminiscent talk of school days and a very enjoyable meal.

Elizabeth Masters

## BGs



The Classes of 1971-1980 reunited on 24 June for Bradfield Day. Over 200 people attended and enjoyed a drinks reception in the Warden's Room, followed by lunch in the marquee on Major. Families of Old Bradfieldians were invited and children were able to use the swimming pool and bouncy castle when the rain ceased! The first ever OB Art Exhibition provided a display of over 40 works all of which were by OB artists, displayed in the Art school. The afternoon ended with Evensong, led by the OB Choir and then an afternoon tea in the marquee.

The following OB Artists exhibited their works; Thomas Lamb (A 00-05), Jo Best (I 99-01, Alumni Relations Officer), Anna Freeman (K 98-00), Davina Bosanquet (I 98-00), Victoria Maxwell (I 94-96), Henry Garfit (F 89-94), Helen Maynard (I 91-93), Edward Fairbairn (SCR 81-02, Head of Art 81-98), John Bawtree (A 66-70), William Garfit (B 58-63), Roger Wood (H 34-38), Peter Bell (G 31-35). Many styles of work were on display and almost all of the 200 Old Bradfieldians who came for Bradfield Day went to the view the varied art forms. Any one interested in future exhibitions should register their details with Jo Best, [jbest@bradfieldcollege.org.uk](mailto:jbest@bradfieldcollege.org.uk)

## Bradfield Day



# OB Art Exhibition – 24 June 2007



**Anna Freeman (K 98-00)**

The great opportunities in the Art department and the constant encouragement from the teachers gave me the confidence to continue with art right at the beginning.



**John Bawtree (A 66-70)**



**William Garfit (B 58-63)**

My years at Bradfield had a profound formative influence on my work. The river Pang was a focus, not just for its beauty, wildlife and paintable subjects but also my passion of fishing.

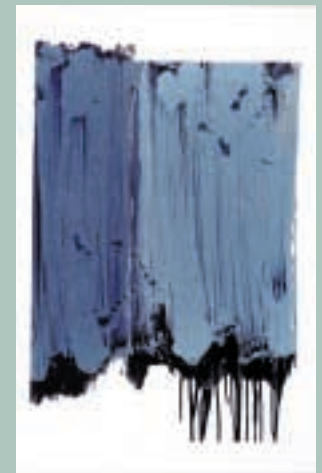


**Jo Best (I 99-01)**



**Thomas Lamb (A 00-05)**

My main influences from Bradfield have to be the Art Department who taught me with openness and broadness of techniques. The teaching staff encouraged me to carry on with art and pursue my art career.



**Henry Garfit (F 89-94)**

I remember sitting in the churchyard at Bradfield, and endlessly painting the church, in the style of Piper.



**Davina Bosanquet (I 98-00)**

Great teachers who were fun and interesting and pushed you, with lots of encouragement and an art school which makes you want to spend the whole time there-and I did!

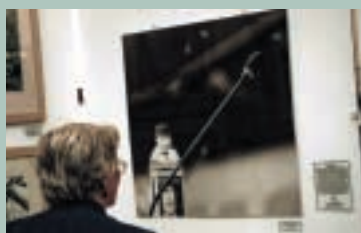


**Roger Wood (H 34-38)**

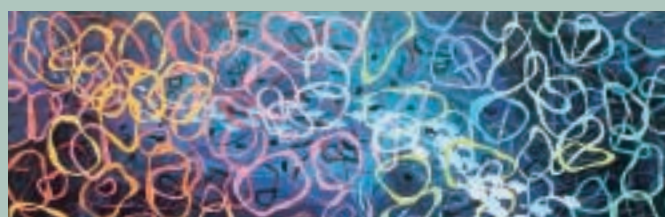


**Victoria Maxwell (I 94-96)**

The setting of this school is like no other and as an Art teacher now I can fully appreciate the importance of a place of work to inspire and nurture students.



**Helen Maynard (I 91-93)**



**Peter Bell (G 31-35)**

**Edward Fairbairn (SCR 81-02)**

