



# The Old Bradfieldian

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Welcome to another bumper edition of the Newsletter!

Apart from our usual features, this time we have reports from two OBs from both the Northern Arctic and the South Pole as well as a photo of David Wright (E 48-53) exercising his right to drive sheep across London Bridge . . . !

The news that the Council has given the go-ahead for a new Science Centre at Bradfield is welcome indeed. Not only is the College much in need of more classroom capacity but the old Chemistry and Physics labs had long ago reached their sell-by date! These will now be refurbished to provide new classrooms. The magnificent new facility will transform the teaching of science at Bradfield, and in the ever competitive world of independent schools will really make Bradfield stand out. Thanks to the generosity of Old Bradfieldians, the Foundation has currently raised just over £3 million for the project. This is a tremendous response in difficult times and justifies the cautious optimism of David Shilton (C 60-64), Chairman of the Bradfield Foundation, that the target would be reached by 12 March.

The success of the Foundation can be traced directly back to Michael Stone (E 49-54), Chairman between 1990-1999 and then again 2003-2006. Michael's enthusiasm and benevolent arm-twisting over the years ensured that the Foundation has delivered many millions of pounds to improve the Bradfield facilities. In recognition of his enormous contribution to Bradfield both with respect to the Foundation, as a Council member for 15 years and as a generous benefactor, Council has decided to rename Field House (E) Stone House from the start of the summer term.

The Headmaster has written to all Old Bradfieldians on our mailing list about the Greek Theatre. Regretfully the building itself is now structurally unsafe and the auditorium will need substantial investment to comply with Health and Safety regulations. Although the Greek Play this year will be performed in Big School, the Headmaster has made the commitment in respect of future Greek Plays returning to Greeker. Consultation is now underway to look at a number of alternatives on the basis that the theatre building itself will have to be demolished. There will be more news on this subject in later Newsletters.

The College's website ([www.bradfieldcollege.org.uk](http://www.bradfieldcollege.org.uk)) has now been completely re-engineered and I do encourage you to take a look. We are due to launch 'Bradfieldians Online' in June and this will be the interactive area of the Old Bradfieldian section on that website. This substantial upgrade will enable you to update your contact details, communicate more easily with each other and sign up to events. Those of you for whom we have email addresses will have full details of the new service in June.

Finally, may I say a big public 'thank you' to Elizabeth Masters who has retired as Development Director following the birth of her first child, Beatrice, last year. Elizabeth's enthusiasm and personality were key to the successful launch and integration of the Development Office within the College. She established a rapport with many Old Bradfieldians and was a consummate 'friend raiser'. She concentrated on bringing back to Bradfield many Old Bradfieldians who had either been 'lost' or were disaffected. Furthermore her previous experience in fundraising in an academic environment was of enormous help to the Foundation. James Wyatt (G 58-63), Past President of the Society, who has covered for Elizabeth since last May, has now formally become Development Director and is of course well known to several generations of Old Bradfieldians. With Jo Macmillan (I 99-01) who has looked after Alumni Relations now on maternity leave herself, James will now be assisted by Tom Robertson (F 95-00). Tom, after graduating from Edinburgh in 2005, brings with him customer service, marketing and event management experience. His interests include fencing, real tennis, most country pursuits, marathon running and Scottish reeling. I extend him a warm welcome.



Martin Young (C 59-64)  
 President

Front cover photo:  
**Matthew Gaskell (F 03-08) with father Kevin at the South Pole (see page 13).**

I am pleased to report that the Lent term has been a great success so far as I write at the beginning of the Lenten period itself. The boys hockey has been very strong; the impact of the great new facility of the second wet dressed all weather pitch is now there and the coaching from the staff, headed by Director of Hockey, the South African international, Austin Smith, has been inspirational. The girls sport continues to develop very encouragingly: we now host full fixtures for netball against the top coed and girls' schools; equally, the lacrosse is a popular and successful option.



There has been a full and dynamic theatre programme centered on the production of Anouilh's *Antigone* and the special performance of the Kindertransport play for the grand re-opening of Big School. Big School is a beautiful setting, but now also an exciting stage for our vibrant drama tradition.

Please can I add my tribute as HM to the work of Elizabeth Masters as the pioneer Director of Development and to record how the Senior Management Team benefitted from her energy and vision.

The College continues to come forward confidently in terms of academic development and the creation of a deeper boarding ethos. Bradfield will be inspected by the Inspection team from the Independent Schools' Inspectorate in April: we are looking forward to the process to show how much the College has come on since the last inspection in 2003. As we all know, Bradfield is the best all round public school!

At the time of going to print it was with great sadness at Bradfield that we learned of the sudden death of Fred Packard on 1 March, 2009, at the early age of 60. Fred was educated at Marlborough and Cambridge. He was the grandson of J Arthur Rank (Lord Rank). After Cambridge, he left for Brazil, where he made his fortune in banking and brewing. On returning to England, he became Chairman of the Rank Foundation and was involved in many charitable causes. Following an introduction by John Bodie (C 44-48), Fred visited Bradfield in 2007, when it was agreed that the College should be included as a Rank Foundation School. Rank Schools Scholarships are awarded to existing Fifth Form pupils who show outstanding leadership qualities and whose continuation of their College education in the Sixth Form would not be possible without this support. Our thoughts are with Fred's wife, Dulce, and their two daughters, Tessa and Antonia.

With best wishes,

Peter Roberts

Tom Robertson (F 95-00) takes over the reins from Jo Macmillan (née Best) (I 99-01), Alumni Relations Officer, while she is on maternity leave.

The pictures below show Jo and Tom at the Garth and South Berks Junior Pony Club Camp in the summer of 1993 and 16 years later at Bradfield, March 2009.



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## Remembrance Sunday



The Bradfield Family Remembrance Sunday, held at the College on 9 November, was a special service to remember not only those who gave their lives in the last century, but also those involved in the more recent operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. The wreaths were laid at the Collingwood Cross, recently restored by a kind donation from an Old Bradfieldian. Following the Service was lunch in Hall and an opportunity to view an excellent archive display put on by the College Archivist, Adam Smith (SCR) and his assistant Val Johnston. Numerous objects from the 1st and 2nd World Wars were on display including battle maps and photos. An officer's trench torch with original bulb in working order and a cased clinometer, also in pristine condition, were kindly brought to the occasion and generously donated to the archives by Sir David Stewart (H 49-53).



**Sir David Stewart (H 49-53) and Val Johnston with the clinometers**

## Tony Hancock (G 38-39)



On the afternoon of 10 October 2008 four G House boys, two in the Shell and two in the Lower Sixth, went with Mr Keeley (SCR) to the British Film Institute (BFI) up on London's Southbank. Although we were hit with Friday afternoon rush hour traffic, we arrived in plenty of time.

The purpose for going to London was to attend a talk on one of the world's most well known comedians, Tony Hancock, who went to Bradfield College and was in G House just before the Second World War.

John Fisher has devoted his career to preserving England's comic heritage and the

show he put on was truly fantastic. He told us how Hancock became famous, not just because he was aurally funny, but because he was great at miming. We were shown famous clips like the *Blood Donor* and I distinctly remember this because of the line "A pint? That's almost an armful!"

At the end of the lecture, we moved to the BFI gift shop so that we could purchase a signed book and photograph from Mr Fisher. All in all it was a fantastic evening and I am looking forward to the next BFI trip!

*James Pearson (G)*

## Jazz Band and John Etheridge (C 61-65)



Reading John Etheridge's website is an eye-opener: which great musicians has this man not played with?! John Williams, Yehudi Menuhin, Dizzie Gillespie, Nigel Kennedy, Pat Metheny ... he has been told "you're great" by Jimi Hendrix and "you're a great guitarist" by Eric Clapton (guitarists clearly don't waste words!)

An old boy of the College (C 61-65), John was invited to speak at the Upper Sixth Athena Lecture in early January. I realised that this meant that virtually the entire school jazz band would be in the audience, so why not play with the great man? John was delighted to oblige, and after his thoroughly entertaining talk about

Bradfield in the 1960s and his subsequent life as a musician, the College Jazz Band played two numbers with him. It was one of those magic occasions which will stay in the minds of the pupils (and me!) for a long time. The Upper Sixth were very warm with their applause, and luckily the session was captured on DVD too. John will hopefully be returning to the school for the Summer Jazz Concert.

Many thanks to Roger Keeley (SCR) for organising John's visit.

*Mark Etherington (SCR)*

## Netball Tournament

The Bradfield College Invitation Netball tournament started in 1997 for U18s and has now been won by the College for the third time. The number of entries varies each year but is usually between eight and ten. This year 10 teams entered on Saturday 28 February and the College 1st VII came home with the winning shield after a very close final against Epson. Previous wins for the College were back in the inaugural year in 1997 and again in 2000.



Very many thanks to the following OBs for giving up their time to come back and give lectures to the pupils on varying topics of great interest which were thoroughly enjoyed by all. Roger Elgood (F 51-56), Insight into Blindness; Michelle Cheer (I 92-94) Working for the World's Favourite Airline; Sir John Nott (B 46-50) The Falklands War;

Henry Hanning, author of *The British Grenadiers*; Simon Cox (G 96-01), A Career in the Royal Marines; Rick Velati (H 92-97), From Bradfield to Beijing Coaching Professional Triathletes; Adam Way (F 87-92), The Life of a Surgeon, Professor Stephen Oakley (D 72-76), *Oedipus Tyrannos* and former staff member David Raeburn (SCR 54-57), The Bradfield Greek Play.

## General Studies Lectures



## Bradfield in the Snow



Hattie (M) and Connie Blake (M) are now a familiar part of the broad Bradfield landscape. Hattie joined in 2005 and loved every second from the start. Connie joined Faulkner's this year, and she too wears a large smile. Both girls are very sporty so many hours have been spent shouting encouragement from the sidelines which has been a wonderful way for us to meet other parents. Next year both girls will be together in Stanley House, so I wish Sue Duff (SCR) the very best of luck – Roger Wall (SCR) will have peace and quiet

from now on – no more Blakes in Faulkners! We looked at Bradfield at the suggestion of Amesbury's Headmaster, Nigel Taylor. He was right – it is a well-rounded school, offering much to all its pupils. I think the only change the girls would make, is rugby for football! Bradfield has been a wonderful choice of school for both girls, challenging, fun, sporty and with excellent pastoral care – as parents we really couldn't ask for anything more.

*Glynis Blake*

## A Parental Perspective



As part of the College's rebranding process the new College website, which unites all the different sections of the extended Bradfield family, is now up and running at [www.bradfieldcollege.org.uk](http://www.bradfieldcollege.org.uk)

From the Home Page you can navigate to the Community area which includes sites for the Old Bradfieldian Society and the Bradfield Foundation as well as the Friends of Bradfield and the Parents' Association.



## New College Website

Work on the implementation of 'Bradfieldians Online' is in progress and will be live by early June.

## Golf

Findlay Ingram (G) has been selected to represent the Swifts (British Independent Schools Golf Team) on their biennial tour of the Eastern States of the USA from 21 March – 12 April 2009. This will be the 39th tour in the exchange programme. He follows in the footsteps of Jon Rafferty (H 03-08), Jay Mawji (C 99-01) and Paul Burton (F 94-99). Over 100 schools are invited to nominate their best golfers for this tour, so his selection is a great accolade both to Findlay personally and to the College.

**Findlay Ingram (G)**



## British Mathematical Olympiad

In early November, Sara Yuan (J) competed in the UK Senior Mathematics Challenge. Around 90,000 pupils take part in the competition from across the UK and participants are faced with an intriguing test of reasoning and mental agility that consists of 25 challenging problems. Having successfully completed the Challenge, Sara automatically qualified for entry to Round 1 of the British Mathematical Olympiad, which took place during the first week of December.

We were delighted to hear that Sara was one of the successful candidates to make it through to Round 2 of the competition, a huge achievement as only the top 100 pupils from across the UK are invited to participate in the second stage.



**Sara Yuan (J)**

## Drama



**The School of Sociologicalities**

2009 Bradfield Drama opened with a production in English of Anouilh's *Antigone*. Written in the last years of the German occupation, it anticipates the radical left's rejection of the post-war settlements. *Antigone*, daughter of the exiled Oedipus, demands honourable burial for her brother which the king, her uncle Creon, is unable to grant for political reasons. Caught twice trying to bury the corpse she chooses death rather than to live in a compromised world.

The play was presented austere, on a multi-levelled black set with a rather beautiful clean line of sand on the border between audience and stage. *Antigone* was played by a sulky Anna Putt (K) and Creon by a business-like Alex Allan (F): there were debuts for Edward Roberts (L) Laura Campbell (L) in a large cast assembled from all year groups.

The gravity and economy of this production was a striking contrast to the following week's play, *The School of Sociologicalities*, devised by pupils drawn mainly from the VIth Form, led by Head Boy, Chris Scott (E). It took the form of a school tour which started by the Linnell Room, went up the stairs to the Spanish classrooms, into the Beaumont Library, down to Big School and finally out onto Quad. It was a satire on the shallow perfectionism of the 'Tatler' class, leading to a rebellion in a series

of physical theatre/dance pieces in which the pupils rejected socialised attainment for unruly emotion. Led in performance by the wonderfully narcissistic Alex Crump-Hail (A) as Headmaster, this production was lively, funny, performed with passion and produced one of the funniest ends to a play I have seen in Bradfield – the entire cast of school children chasing Headmaster and his Deputy into the darkness over Major.

Immediately after Long Leave the College performed Berkoff's *The Trail*. It involved a cast of 28 who successfully told the story of Joseph K (from Kafka's novel). Accused of a crime he undergoes an ordeal of comic frustration trying first to establish what his crime was. The production was like a catalogue of taught drama techniques from GCSE and GCE Drama, fused into an almost coherent whole.

*Alan Kilburn (SCR)*



**Antigone**

At the end of the Michaelmas term, the girls hockey team set off on the long flight to Singapore. After a brief acclimatisation to the hot and humid conditions, the girls began their tour with a very difficult match against the Singapore under 21s. They battled from the start with great determination allowing Sarah Middleton (M) to sneak in an amazing first goal of the tour. Singapore then stepped up the pace scoring eight goals against us to end the match, despite Hattie Blake (M) battling hard in defence to gain man of the match. It was an amazing first match. After a brief rest and some shopping in Singapore the girls took on their second opposition, playing at the Singapore Cricket Club. Set in a stunning location on grass, surrounded by the large city buildings, it was the perfect setting to gain the first win of the tour. The girls were entertained after the match by the opposition and it was lovely to see them socialising and finding out a bit more about life in Singapore. After this it was time to set off over the bridge to Malaysia, on our way to Kuala Lumpur for our next two matches. The girls played exceptionally well again in their third match but lost to Kuala Lumpur under 18s, but once again in their fourth match they really showed their skills by beating the Kuala Lumpur Convent girls 3-1, with Ysabel Brown (M) being awarded man of the match. As well as hockey we had a visit to Batu caves and various other attractions in the city. After four matches the girls were ready for some relaxation time on Penang beach and of course some more hockey! Even before settling into the beach hotel, the girls stopped off on the way at Penang stadium for a match against Penang University and managed to pick up a

3-1 win in the hottest match so far. Rebecca Masterman (M) made some spectacular saves and the whole team worked well together. After the match the girls were treated to a visit to Felix Faskerty's (G 95-97) flat (who arranged the Penang matches) with a panoramic view over Penang harbour, and then a traditional seafood meal where two of the girls impressed me by eating fish eyes! They spent the next day doing their favourite activity, sunbathing by the pool, before heading off to Penang Sports Club for their final match. They were in for a shock when the opposition turned out to be men but battled well once again allowing Helena Golby (J) to score a goal against them! I was extremely impressed by the standard of hockey and well done to Sarah Middleton who was awarded Player of the Tour. It was a very interesting trip, enjoyed by all.

*Elizabeth Barnes (SCR)*

## Hockey Tour



**Felix Faskerty (G 95-97) (pointing at camera) with daughter Jemima, wife Lisa (white shirt), Lizzie Barnes (SCR), Hannah Jervis (SCR) and travelling supporters**



On a cold, damp morning, 30 pupils and staff set off for a weekend in Köln. Soon after arriving we headed off to our first Christmas Market; despite no-one plucking up the courage to ice-skate, we enjoyed ourselves with many of the group tucking into an oversized but tasty Bratwurst.



Early the next morning we visited the Cathedral; most of the pupils chose to climb the 509 stairs to the belfry, which afforded a very beautiful view of the city. We continued our tour with further visits to several Christmas Markets and practised our German, buying presents for family and friends. This was followed by a trip to the Lindt Chocolate Factory, which left most wallets empty and stomachs full. Nevertheless, that night we went to the Hard Rock Café for some international cuisine (burger and chips), most having overdosed on German cuisine already!

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the trip and can now look forward to sampling the culture and language of Germany again next year.

*Mark Etherington (SCR)*

## Köln Christmas Market



## Big School



Thanks to the very generous support of Old Bradfieldians, Big School has been restored to its former glory and enhanced with the provision of a fully equipped lighting and sound system. As a studio theatre it provides an atmospheric and versatile performance space, whose extensive curtaining means an increase in the ways plays are staged and watched; the extra lighting means lights can be adjusted for new productions instead of re-rigging every play; new rostra will speed up re-staging and the enlarged space allows for more invention. Each week 176 pupils appear in Big School and the Beaumont Library for between three and seven lessons of Drama a week. These pupils, besides their written work and class work, will produce this year 14 separate pieces of drama, five of which will be complete plays, and each with its own staging and lighting needs. In short drama at Bradfield is flourishing.

A Gala Evening was held on 20 March to mark the official re-opening of Big School. A reception was held in the Linnell Room at which the Headmaster paid tribute to many of the illustrious actors and directors who had enriched drama at the College and also expressed gratitude to the Foundation and its supporters. Following the reception the pupils performed Diane Samuels' moving play, *Kindertransport*, which details one woman's account of her

escape from Germany before the start of the Second World War and the effect it has on her life and her relationship with her daughter. The fact that Britain took in 10,000 Jewish children from Germany, Czechoslovakia and Austria in the run up to World War II is a part of our history that many people know little about. This inspired the pupils involved and the director, Julia Crossley, to stage the play as an effective way of raising awareness about this important historical event. During the planning and rehearsal process a number of people came forward to share how they, and their families, had links to the Kindertransport. As a consequence of one such link, one of the surviving 'Kinder' – Professor Leslie Brent – offered to attend the performance and take part in a post performance discussion.

Professor Brent came to Britain on the very first train in 1938 and his memories of the experience are still clear. The high quality performance and the question and answer session that followed proved an emotional experience for him, the cast of young actors and the audience. His presence made for a memorable occasion and one of which the College and the Drama Department should be justifiably proud.

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



The Foundation's current major campaign has successfully achieved its initial target and has now raised over £3m towards the new Science Centre. Very excitingly this has enabled the Council to give the go ahead to the project for completion in time for the start of the academic year in September 2010. In addition the new Centre will enable the College to develop new teaching rooms in the 'old' Physics and Chemistry buildings over the summer of 2010.

The Foundation and the College are extremely grateful for the tremendous generosity of the Old Bradfieldian Community who have contributed such outstanding support in the current extremely challenging economic environment.



The campaign continues and if you have not yet been part of this exciting venture and would like to be, please contact the Development Office ([development@bradfieldcollege.org.uk](mailto:development@bradfieldcollege.org.uk))

## New Science Centre – go ahead given!

Thanks to the very generous support of two Foundation supporters, clay shooting at Bradfield has moved to the College's new site, down on the water meadow between the river and New Ground. It was a special moment in the Lent term, when, on Thursday 26th February, a 'friendly' fixture between Bradfield, Marlborough and Millfield took place, the first to make use of the splendid new ground and lodge. Millfield's 'A' team came in first, which meant a very sound second place for Bradfield's first team, a significant achievement. Clay shooting at the College continues to make promising progress. Coaches Paul 'Alfie' Oldring, Sarah Daly and Sean O'Shea have been working with the pupils, developing their individual and collective expertise – between 15 and 20 boys and girls

receive expert coaching in the sport each week. They enjoyed their day out at the Oxford Gun Company's 'Schools Challenge' on 11th March, at which the Bradfield 'A' team managed a respectable seventh place. There is plenty to aim for in the future but with the splendid new facilities now fully operational, hopes are very high for the continued renaissance of clay shooting at the College.



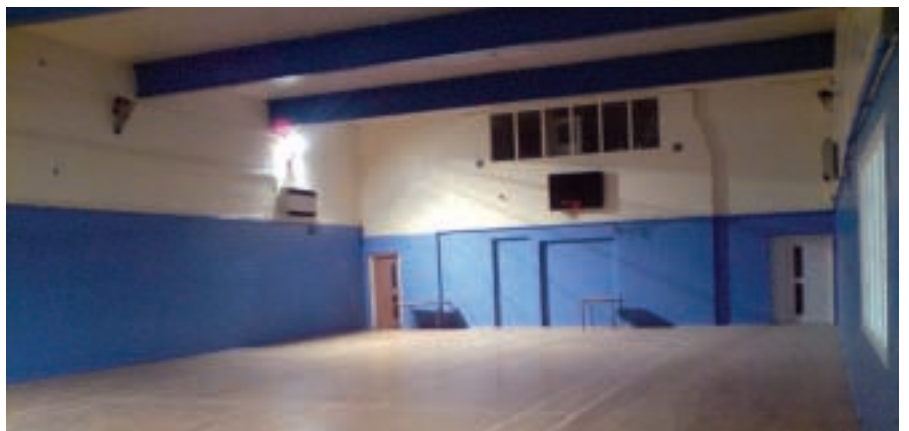
## Clay Shooting



Very major refurbishment works at the Bradfield Club in Peckham are drawing to a close. These have been made possible by several large donations from Old Bradfieldians, as well as financial support from the College and the OB Society. The large (and very well used) gym has now been completely re-roofed, and six large ventilators inserted through its ceiling. Its steel rafters and lower walls are now resplendent in 'Bradfield Blue' and use of the upper floors of the building can be safely resumed, following extensive and expensive works to secure fire protected passageways. The outside has been redecorated and there is new signing. The training room also looks better than it has done for many years with its new floor paid for by the Grocers' Company – courtesy Peter Bostelmann (A 57-61) – and the ceiling and lighting replaced. A new boiler has ensured that the Club is no longer icy cold. On 19 March the Club was honoured by a visit from HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, the Federation of London Youth Clubs

– the Club had been chosen as one of two from out of 400 of London Youth's members. He met the club management, its leaders and members. The Headmaster was also present and sat next to Prince Philip at a dinner afterwards. A full report on the Royal visit, the Headmaster's Paris Marathon to raise funds for the Club and the completed refurbishment will be carried in the Autumn 2009 Newsletter.

## Bradfield Club in Peckham



## Rob Martin (B 62-67)



**Rob trying to present the goat (being a little stubborn) to the lady in blue (Alice), who had won it in a raffle in Isiolo.**

About 20 parish members and I sat in a small church below the rain forest where elephants roam on the remote mountain of Marsabit in the centre of the vast desert regions of Northern Kenya. We were discussing our new found freedom to govern our own affairs and not be controlled by a diocese based 250 miles south in the fertile foothills of Mt. Kenya. We were balancing the joys of independence with the poverty it brought, as we had previously been bankrolled by the wealthy southerners, whereas now we had to find our own funding.

Suddenly I noticed more and more people leaving. I asked Elema, the vicar, what was happening. She could hardly speak – she had just received a phone call to say two young Boran Christians, brothers, had been murdered in a cattle raid by Rendille warriors. We immediately stopped to pray, then went to the family's compound. We found a community in shock, terrible wailing filled the air. Every time it died down another group would come causing a new crescendo. I have never seen such grief. It was too noisy even for us to pray.

Here we were in one of the poorest areas in Kenya (95th in wealth terms out of 97 districts), where famine is a daily reality, water is scarce, disease is rife, but worst is the regular ethnic violence which tears the whole fabric of society apart. How long before a revenge Boran attack will inflict the agony of loss on a Rendille community? Christ died for all and He calls us to be one family, regardless of tribe or class. This is the good news the communities need to hear.

How had I come to be here? I was confirmed under the ministry of the College Chaplain, Reverend John Swinbank (SCR 53-73), in the 1960s, but somehow my faith got lost as I grew

older. I left Bradfield as a confirmed agnostic and went up to Cambridge to read languages, a gift that stood me in good stead when I later wrestled with African languages such as Swahili and Kikuyu and now Boran. However in my last year I was, as they say, "soundly converted", gave my life to Christ and sought to see how my life could be used in his service.

I went up to the City and qualified as a chartered accountant with Peat Marwick, Mitchell (now KPMG). A visit to East Africa changed the course of my life. I heard the call for trained accountants in the African Church, and so, with Sue my wife, spent nine years as a Diocesan accountant in Kenya, where two of our three sons were born. I regularly travelled to North Kenya to see World Vision and other projects and so began to know this wild remote area and some of its many peoples (seven main groups). Our link with Kenya never ended, even after our return to UK for theological training at Trinity College Bristol, then later as vicar in Frome in Somerset.

When my Boran predecessor, Bishop William Waqo, was killed in a plane crash on the mountain (as had happened to his predecessor Andrew Adano), the Kenyan Church decided to appoint a missionary, who would be outside ethnic politics. So here we are, Sue and I, sponsored by the Anglican Mission, Crosslinks, back in Kenya for six years, God willing.

As Suffragan (Area) Bishop of Marsabit I am responsible for an area the size of England. Mainly desert and scrub, it stretches from Isiolo in the south, to Moyale 350 miles away on the Ethiopian border. No tarmac anywhere in the vast terrain, among scattered villages and towns, where pastoralists and nomads roam in search of water.

At the moment famine stalks the whole of Kenya, but poverty does not weaken people's faith, in fact it is a great strength. More of a problem is the inter ethnic violence; the majority Moslem presence, (90% in Moyale where they burn down churches, 60% in Marsabit and 50% in Isiolo where there is relative peace); and traditional religions, with their spirit and ancestor worship and their complete subjugation of women, seeing them as children, and in some groups as communal chattels (don't ask). How they need the insights of the gospel, in which there is no male or female, but all are called through repentance and faith to become one in Christ, partners in the great task of sharing God's love revealed in Christ, and his liberating call on our lives.

**First confirmation in August 2008 in Sagante on Mt. Marsabit, where the two boys were murdered just recently. Elema is the vicar with a white head dress, Marclus was the curate (green scarf), and Daqi an ordinand (in red).**



Ben Avern has lived in Canada since 1993, and in the Western Arctic since 2001. He has a regular contract with the Canadian Arctic Network for the Detection of Atmospheric Change which sees him spending six weeks at a time at Eureka, on Ellesmere Island in Canada's newest territory, Nunavut. At 80° north, Eureka is the second most northerly permanently populated place on earth and as such is in permanent darkness for four months of the year. He works as an Arctic Research Officer, maintaining tens of millions of dollars worth of instruments which record atmospheric change for scientists and researchers in the south. Eureka is too far north to see the aurora borealis (imagine being too far north for the northern lights!), but wolves, musk-oxen and arctic hares are daily sights. Occasionally polar bears saunter by looking for food.

Ben also works as a radio announcer, a substitute teacher and freelance writer. Other highlights of living in the arctic include a two week camping trip – in winter. Dropped off in the bush by a plane fitted with skis, he and five others live largely off the land for a fortnight, shooting caribou for food and cutting their own firewood. Woodstoves are kept burning in their tents all night which require someone getting up every three hours to add more logs. Chainsaws are brought in and warmed up beside the stoves for an hour before they can even start. For two nights, as part of a survival exercise, four of them were dropped off by snowmobile and left with no heat or shelter for a weekend. The first afternoon, before it became dark, they built a shelter out of brush wood and a tarpaulin they had with them, using snow for insulation. The next morning, wondering why they had all been even more uncomfortable than they had anticipated during the night, they saw that the temperature was -43°C! For the second night they built a quincy

(a 'poor man's igloo') on a frozen lake and hunkered down. That night the temperature dropped yet another 20°C.

In the summer of 2008 Ben went on a six week, 8,000 mile solo motorbike journey, traversing Canada north to south and camping all the way. The trip included riding the infamous Dempster Highway both ways through some of the world's most spectacular scenery. The Dempster Highway is 470 miles of coarse gravel, and causes problems for so many travellers that cars are recommended to carry not one but two spare tyres. Even in summer the temperature can drop below freezing and it is not uncommon to see cars, bikes and even articulated lorries on their sides and roofs along this road.

2009 was Avern's third season as an Ice Road Trucker. There is a popular television series currently airing about this job, which sees men and women driving 60 ton 'big rigs' across frozen lakes from Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories to diamond and gold mines in the tundra above the treeline. Eighty-six per cent of the journey is on frozen water, and when the drivers roll down their windows they can hear the ice cracking beneath them (it is a good sign, as it means that the ice is flexing beneath their trucks). On his very first trip in his first season, when he arrived at the Diavik Diamond Mine, the temperature was -87°C with the wind chill. It was 2am and he had to jump out and supervise the unloading of his truck. On another trip the following year his cab heater broke five hours into a forty hour journey. That was in 2006, and he says that he is only just about thawed out now!

## Ben Avern (E 84-89)



Ben at the Arctic Circle sign



Ben and a truck on Lupin Road



Aurora Village

## Oliver Hicks (D 95-96)



"Only Olly", grin his friends, knowingly. Audacious, perhaps courageous, definitely slightly nuts, are the adjectives often used to describe Oliver Hicks, popular 26 year-old, tree-surgeon, and serial adventurer. They are terms as applicable to his current expedition as they are to the man himself, as of late January 2009 he is attempting to become the first man to row around the globe, solo, circumnavigating Antarctica.

The Virgin Global Row Expedition launched at precisely 14:00 local time, 23 January 2009, from Recherche Bay, South Tasmania, Australia. Two years logistical planning, the raising of over £500,000 from international sponsors, and a nervous two-day wait inside Recherche Bay for a northerly wind had come to fruition as Olly left the bay in The Flying Carrot, a red rowing boat to face 24,000 km and two years alone in the Southern Oceans.

He bid an emotional farewell to his support boat Blizzard after 100 nautical miles out to sea, position 43°34', 146°53'. From there he will drop south to pass below New Zealand's South Island before heading east across the South Pacific Ocean towards Cape Horn. Here Olly aims to pass through the Drake Passage, at around 58 degrees south, before making course for South Georgia, where he will land ashore to re-supply with food, repair equipment and to stretch his legs after seven months in a boat. The scale, and indeed dangers, of the expedition need little exaggeration. Contending with icebergs, whale and shark attacks, wind chill temperatures expected to fall below -60°, and acute loneliness and claustrophobia, Olly's life expectancy in the water, with dry suit and life raft, is estimated at a maximum of four and a half hours, should a rogue wave or debris force



him out of the boat. Nevertheless, he has a solid support team, satellite phone, 24 hour medical support and, crucially, Albert Ross, a friendly albatross which has been a loyal companion over the last few weeks and buoyed his morale when the occasional Great White Shark has nibbled on his parachute anchor buoy.

Crucially too, the expedition team, the sponsors, and in fact anyone, can work out where The Flying Carrot is to the nearest metre. A global positioning system (GPS) on board relays his position to a central computer which, using Google Earth, pinpoints his position and progress hourly on Olly's expedition website, [www.virginglobalrow.com](http://www.virginglobalrow.com). His position, a daily blog from the flying carrot, sponsors and expedition details are all contained within this website, as well as updated satellite feed created by Olly from The Flying Carrot on [youtube.com/virginglobalrow.com](http://youtube.com/virginglobalrow.com). It helps keeps the expedition team informed, allows a fluid dialogue between the boat and the rest of the world, and helps keep Olly sane.

From an objective perspective, one might find it a challenge to gauge Olly's personal motivation in rowing solo around the Antarctic, spending the best part of two years alone in a rowing boat half the size of his bedroom at home. Knowledge of his previous expeditions help. He has already broken records as the first person to row solo the 'wrong way' across the Atlantic from New York to Falmouth in Cornwall, cycled Lands End to John O'Groats, run the Marathon Des Sables (running six marathons back to back across the Sahara), and finished the Yukon Canoe race (canoeing 700 km, the longest canoe race in the world). Olly also has the added incentive of Hope and Homes for Children, a children's charity he is raising money for through the Virgin Global Row expedition; he's raised over £90,000 so far. Perhaps too, one can understand his personal desire to undertake this expedition given the numerous talks and lectures given at school by similar individuals, evident in Olly's announcement aged 14 that he was going to row the Atlantic. He became the youngest person in the world to do so. But perhaps these reasons only partially explain his inherent motivation for undertaking Virgin Global Row. The other part, what really makes him tick, one perhaps can't truly explain. It's just his zest for life, expressed in the most creative, adventurous, and exciting way he knows. That's the beauty of it. Only Olly.

*George Olver (Expedition manager and CEO of  
Pendragon Productions)*

Having only left Bradfield last year Matthew has already achieved an incredible feat. On Boxing Day last year, he took a flight to Chile in order to get to the Patriot Hills – where he was to begin his arduous expedition to the South Pole. When asked why he decided to undertake such an adventure, Matthew explained modestly that the opportunity was there: he had met Alan Chambers (who was to become his guide) at a leadership and management talk through his father’s company. Matthew soon discovered through this first conversation that Alan had just completed an expedition to the North Pole and was planning another to the South Pole. Quite simply Matthew said ‘I asked if I could go with him’.

In order to prepare for such an extreme climate 3000m above sea level, where temperatures on the South Polar Plateau can range from -20°C to -80°C, averaging at -50°C, or even as low as -100°C with the wind chill factor, Matthew and his father, Kevin, who also undertook the expedition, gained their fitness by dragging second hand car tyres behind them over the countryside of Watership Down and Kingsclere. Although this training was crucial for their physical fitness, it could do nothing to prepare them for the altitude sickness which affected them for the first three days of trekking.

In total there were seven members of the team; Matthew, Kevin, Alan Chambers (guide) and four others who had also undertaken the

North Pole expedition together in 2007. Between them Matthew and Kevin raised £25,000 for Leukemia Research, a charity close to Matthew’s family after loosing his aunt to the disease a couple of year ago.

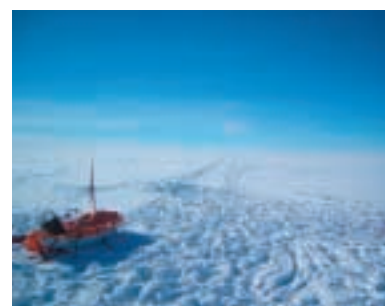
Matthew describes the scenery as a constant “up is blue and down is white, there is nothing to break up the scenery”. The coldest temperature he experienced was -47°C, while the average for the entire 200 miles that were covered in 12 days was -30°C. Matthew’s personal equipment cost him £3000 and included specialist sleeping bags, down filled jacket, Dragon Fly MSR Cookers, food from a Norwegian Military store and of course thermals!

At present Matthew has no more expeditions planned, however, he is keen to do something in the future and says he is sure to keep in touch with the other team members. He enjoyed the camaraderie and the time he spent getting to know the other team members. After sharing tents with each other and achieving their goal he reflects that it was “never stressful . . . very hard work, but everyone wanted to get there”.

Despite rumours in the papers Matthew made it clear that he had not broken any records that he was aware of. In fact his modesty is quite extraordinary – perhaps even more so than the achievement itself!

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

## Matthew Gaskell (F 03-08)



## In Vino Veritas



Louis de Bernières (D 68-72)

Louis de Bernières (D 68-72) professionally known as de Bernières, has a glint in his eye. The former motorbike messenger, gardener, mechanic, supply teacher, Old Bradfieldian, winner of the Denning English Prize and literary sensation, replete with comparisons to Dickens, Waugh and Tolstoy, wants to share with me his other, less publicised, passion – Brazilian wine.

"I like to explore wines from unimportant wine producing countries," he smiles. "So when I am travelling I will always drink the local wine. Have you tried Brazilian wine? We drank it all the time when we were in South America. It's fascinating, they have some much under rated sparkling varietals."

It's festival time and Louis has just finished performing an hour of music and readings from his latest book, *A Partisan's Daughter*, with his co-star Ilone Antonius-Jones – gentle fun with plenty of audience participation. He famously dislikes giving interviews, but this is different, I've sold it as a winetasting so we're sharing a glass of Prosecco over dinner in a well known Edinburgh establishment, VinCaffè, home of Italian wine importers Philip and Mary Contini.

"Turkey is another good example," he continues. "It has some very interesting wines. Actually, Cephalonia has its own grape variety. It's called Robola and makes a very fresh, white wine." He smiles: "Do you know they are even producing a Captain Corelli's wine?"

I ask whether this practice means that when he appears at the Hay-on-Wye literary festival he drinks Welsh wine.

"No, but there are a few English wines I enjoy. Denbie's (in Surrey) has a rosé made from a blend of pinot noir and dornfelder which I quite like and near where I live in Suffolk there is a very good local white."

I was in the Upper Sixth when Louis burst onto the literary scene with *Captain Corelli's Mandolin*, a hauntingly beautiful love story set on the Greek island of Cephalonia during the Second World War. It took off by word of mouth, sold more than 1.5m copies and was adapted into a film starring Nicolas Cage and Penelope Cruz. By the time I found myself a gap year job in London everyone was reading it on the tube. Its success has meant that Louis can afford almost any wine in the world but often it's the simplest wines that derive the most pleasure.

"What I love about wine appreciation is the journey," says Louis. "It's a series of unexpected encounters."

He grew up in Hambledon, Surrey, but at 14 came to Bradfield via an army scholarship whereby he was guaranteed entrance to the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst. He was poised to take a place in his father's old regiment but decided army life wasn't for him so he took himself off to Colombia, an exotic

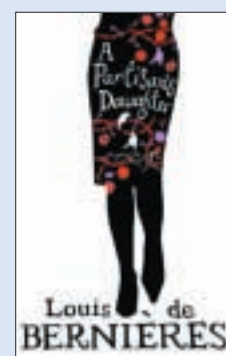
## *A Partisan's Daughter* by Louis de Bernières

This new novel by Louis is a love story at once raw and sweetly funny, wry and heartbreakingly sad.

Chris is bored, lonely, trapped in a loveless, sexless marriage. In his forties, he's a stranger to the 1970s youth culture of London, a stranger to himself on the night when he invites a hooker into his car. Roza is Yugoslavian, recently moved to London, the daughter of one of Tito's partisans. She's in her twenties, but has already lived a life filled with danger, misadventure, romance, and tragedy. And though she's not a hooker, when she's propositioned by Chris, she gets into his car anyway.

Over the next few months Roza tells Chris the stories of her past. She's a fast-talking Scheherazade, saving her own life by telling it to Chris. And he takes in her tales as if they were oxygen in an otherwise airless world. But is Roza telling the truth? Does Chris hear the stories through the filter of his own need? Does it even matter?

This deeply moving novel of their unlikely love-narrated in the moment and through recollection, each of their voices deftly realised-is also a brilliantly subtle commentary on storytelling: its seductions and powers, and its ultimately unavoidable dangers.



experience which inspired *The War of Don Emmanuel's Nether Parts*, the first of a trio of hilarious, picaresque, South American romps. I was wondering whether these novels could have sparked off some sort of relationship with South American wine. But the clue is in his French roots, the surname is Huguenot. Brought up as a child with a thimble full of red at mealtimes it is not surprising to learn that he favours mainly French wine particularly lighter styles such as Burgundy and Beaujolais.

At Bradfield Louis excelled at English under the tutelage of Charles Lepper (A 36-40, SCR 67-85) and amid, what he describes as a large amount of "Christianity and vigorous exercise," he won the Denning Prize for original English writing, an achievement he fondly recalls. Sadly La Confrérie, the wine tasting society where I cut my teeth sniffing white Burgundys under the watchful eye of Kenny Urquhart (SCR 80-06), didn't exist in Louis's day, but there is one Bradfield wine connection: we both share an aversion to heavy, New World wines.

"I find wines from the New World are just too fruity, too ripe and have too much alcohol. One of the problems I have with them is that they are very dehydrating, so I tend to avoid them. My father drank a lot of Rioja but even that I find too heavy these days."

His Georgian house in Suffolk has a cellar but "nothing survives for more than five years". Cases arrive, mainly from The Wine Society,

often filled with experimental wines after hours spent scouring their list.

"I have tasted some monstrously expensive wines and have found they have a surprising effect on the drinker," he says. "There tends to be a reverence which inspires more thoughtful drinking. I certainly believe that wine frees the intellect. There is an actual point where this (freeing) is achieved which is easier to retain with wine than other forms of alcohol." This is not to discredit wine criticism.

"If you look back in history wine has always been at the essence of civilisation. Intelligent wine drinking is one of the greatest contributors to one's cultural appreciation."

We finish our West Coast mussels and move on from Specogna's snappy pinot grigio to an intense, dark Beneventano Aglianico. The conversation also moves to another of Louis's loves: poetry. "There's a famous Chilean poet called Pablo Neruda who wrote a poem called *Ode to Wine* in which he refers to 'the light of a bottle of intelligent wine'. I like that; I like the idea that a wine can be intelligent."

*Will Lyons (H 89-94)*

*Will Lyons is Wine Correspondent for The Reader's Digest and Scotland on Sunday newspaper and the Louis Roederer Regional Wine Writer of the year 2008.*



**Will Lyons (H 89-94)**

John Coldstream (E 61-66) has spent the past nine years working on the Life and Letters of the actor and writer Sir Dirk Bogarde, who died in May 1999. The second part of this 'Bogarde project' was published by Weidenfeld & Nicolson as *Ever, Dirk: The Bogarde Letters* and is due out in paperback from Phoenix on May 7. On its release the book was widely acclaimed. John Carey in the *Sunday Times* described it as 'a cornucopia'; in the *Spectator* the director and novelist Bryan Forbes said it was 'engrossing'; and in the *Guardian* the actor Simon Callow, himself a distinguished biographer, called the collection 'charming, engaging, funny, touching, baffling', and decided that it 'reveals a fascinating, original and in some ways haunted man in shockingly unmediated form.' Reviews appeared in publications as diverse as the *Riviera Reporter* and Thailand's *Chiang Mai Mail*. None,

**Dirk Bogarde in his South of France home, July 1978**

however, was as pithy as that of the *Stage's* pseudonymous columnist Tabard, who said of Bogarde's letters: 'Bitchy? Eat your heart out Joan Rivers.'



## The Bogarde Letters

## Marriages



**Olivia Fenton (I 96-98) and Fadil**

**Karen Mfinanga, Susannah Saunders, Emma Ridley (I 97-99), Tara Nash-King (I 97-99), George Fenton, Lucy Swinglehurst (I 96-98), Charlie Richardson (I 96-98), Olivia Fenton Mohabe (I 96-98), Katy Gibbons (K 97-99), Mel Clark (I 96-98), Danae Vrettos (I 96-98), Carla Roman (I 96-98), Rosie Cameron (J 97-99), Consolatha Mfinanga, Lulu Urlo.**



FENTON, Olivia (I 96-98) to Fadil Mohabe on 18 October 2008 on Kunduchi Beach, Dar es salaam, Tanzania.

FULLER, Steve (G 92-97) to Colette Wilcock on the 27 September 2008 at St John's Church, Farnham. The Best Man was Justin Hurley (G 91-94).



**James Moss-Gibbons (F 90-95) (rear left), Annie Print (née Stratford) (J 95-97) (rear right) Rosi Fairbairn (J 95-97) (rear right 2nd in)**

FURBER, Thomas (A 93-98) to Nancy PRALL (I 96-98) at St George's Church, Benenden, Kent on 6 September 2008. OBs included The Best Man, Derek Smith (F 93-98) bridesmaids, Charlotte Richardson (I 96-98) and Arabella Stewart (J 96-98) the Bride's father, Bill Prall (G 60-65) and her uncle, Peter Prall (G 51-55).

McDOWALL, Kendra (J 00-02) to Nathan Gilbert on 21 June 2008 at the Royal Plantation Resort, Ochos Rios, Jamaica.

MOSS-GIBBONS, Anna (I 95-97) to Nye Davies on 20 December 2008 at The Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Lympstone.

OLDALE, Briony (J 96-98) to Alex Cavell on 22 April 2006.



**Thomas Furber (A 93-98) and Nancy (I 96-98)**



**Kendra (J 00-02) and Nathan Gilbert**



**Steve Fuller (G 92-97) and Colette**

## Births

DEMERY, Rupert (A 85-90) and Esther a son Gilbert (Bertie) Rupert Thomas on 2 June 2008.

HUTCHINSON, James (G 80-85) and Donna a son, Lucas Rafael Gwynne on 8 August 2008.

McDOWALL-GILBERT, Kendra (née McDowall) (J 00-02) and Nathan a daughter, Madison Kendra Elizabeth on 20 December 2008.

SEALEY, Mark (D 93-98) and Beth (née Lester) (I 96-98) a daughter Isabella Rose on 22 November 2008.

SEMPILL, Ilona (née Reayer) (J 90-92) and Colin, a son Broden Richard, on 29 August 2008, a brother for Millan.

WYATT, Ben (A 85-90) and Mona a son, Noah Jehan Digby on 5 January 2009, a brother for Ava Scout.



**Lucas Hutchinson**



**Madison McDowell-Gilbert**



**Isabella Sealey**



**Broden Sempill**

## Deaths

BELL, Ralph Robert (B 32-36) on 2 January 2009.

BOYD, Alastair Ivor Gilbert, the 7th Lord Kilmarnock (C 44-45) on 19 March 2009.

BROWN, Derek Edward Meredith (H 34-38) on 16 September 2008.

BROWN, Michael Meredith (H 31-36) on 6 March 2009.

CLEMENT, Richard Michael (D 34-38) on 21 February 2008.

DENING, John Cranmer (B 35-39) on 7 July 2008.

ELGOOD, Frank Reginald Michael (G 33-39) on 13 January 2009.

GARRETT, Richard Strang (B 33-37) on 29 July 2008.

GLANVILLE, John Foster (B 31-35) on 5 December 2009.

JOSEPH, N. Stephen (G 26-30) on 20 December 2008.

LEICESTER, Anthony (D 37-40) on 30 January 2009.

LENG, General Sir Peter (B 39-43) on 11 February 2009.

LOMAS, Mark (D 35-40) on 10 October 2008.

NEVILLE, David Gartside (F 48-52) on 16 September 2008.

NASMYTH, James Ashley (D 32-36) on 11 September 2008.

POTTER, William Goring (G 36-39) on 30 October 2008.

PRALL, Richard John (G 51-55) on 19 January 2009.

REID, Andrew John Ker (D 43-48) on 28 October 2008.

RODWELL, John Henry Denham (D 39-42) on 11 February 2008.

SIMMS, Arthur Paul (E 36-40) on 14 September 2008.

TYNDALE, Peter Guise (A 34-39) on 28 August 2008.

TYRIE, John Robson (G 44-49) on 22 October 2007.

WALKER, Timothy Charles Bruce (H 58-61) on 25 November 2008.

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

**Arthur Barton (D 39-43)** left Bradfield and served in the army. Following this he worked as an architect as well as being a Scout leader and a volunteer in several conservation organisations. He warmly welcomes any OBs in the Edinburgh area to visit him and talk over old times. Tel 0131 449 3064.

**Derek Fullerton (A 41-45)** left Bradfield and joined the Army in National Service for 2½ years, serving chiefly in the Middle East in Palestine, Egypt and Cyprus. He was demobbed in 1948, and did some welfare work in the East of London in combination with a secretarial course in the West End. In 1950 he joined a team working at an orphanage in the South Midlands. After this he took teacher training in Cheltenham. He has taught in different schools in Shropshire, Bournemouth, Hoylake, Lewes, New Milton, Exeter, Tiverton and Ascot. Semi-retirement followed and he helped for 10 years at a school in Lymington, followed by a further 10 years doing 'Volunteer Reading Help' in a school in Parkstone. Derek has some vivid wartime memories of Bradfield including "washing-up in the scullery, Mr Harry Young and his mother managing the provender, 'Wootton Pie' once a week (sort of pastry pie with vegetables), good dried scrambled egg – Sunday tea: honey, bangers and cake. etc. etc!" "Grubs" too was run by Mr and Mrs Maillardet who did us well. Mr Wilson our Housemaster (known as 'the Egg!') with "Bumbles", working in his study; a quick illegal exit to main road from school beegans via Budgeon's Yard, hoping to avoid Headmaster, John Hills (40-55), coming up the road with parents!" Derek now lives in Parkstone, Dorset, and has been in the area for 60 years. OB visitors always welcome.

**John Reeve (C 45-49)** has written a book called *A Life to Enjoy*. The book is a collection of memoirs recording the life of John Reeve. From his early upbringing in Byfleet, Surrey, where he was born in 1931 and where the family lived before and throughout the Second World War, he then went to live in remotest



**John Reeve (C 45-49)**

Cornwall where the family set about converting a dilapidated manor house into a self-sufficient family-run hotel. This was hard work but great fun, however John had no

wish to spend the rest of his life there. The call of the sea beckoned, so after leaving school at Bradfield he joined the Royal Navy as an officer cadet in the newly formed electrical branch. This brought with it the attraction of three years reading engineering at Cambridge. He was in the Royal Navy for 20 years during which time he married and had two children. He then joined Kodak Limited and worked at their Harrow factory for another 20 years before retiring. Both John and his wife are keen on walking and Scottish Country Dancing, so holidays would always be active ones. These memoirs, describe the enjoyment of such a life with its entertaining moments and anecdotal incidents that make for a good read. ISBN 1-904502-98-9. Anybody interested in buying a copy should contact John; 233 Cassiobury Drive, Watford, WD17 3AN. john.reeve5@btinternet.com

**David Wright (E 48-53)** exercised his right as a Freeman of the City of London to drive sheep over London Bridge in aid of the Lord Mayor's Appeal 2008. Fifteen Romney sheep were led over the Bridge on 19 September 2008, all with accompanying pomp and due ceremony. Organised by the 'World Traders' Company the exercise was conducted in bright sunny weather with some obligatory "Bo-peeps" in costumed attendance. The memorable occasion raised in excess of £40,000 in a good cause.

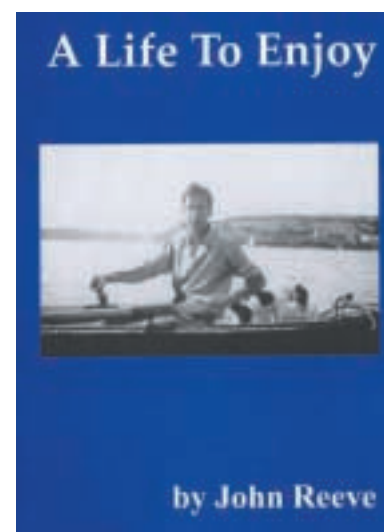
David also attended the Lord's Taverners Centurions Celebratory Dinner, hosted by Mark Nicholas (G 71-76). The photo shows Mark, David and Karen Rattray, who was physiotherapist to the West Indian test team for 18 years, and also physiotherapist to Prue, David's late wife. David explains that 25 cricketers have made more than one hundred first class centuries, and the ten of them still alive were present either in person, or via video link. The event raised £50,000 for the Lord's Taverners.



**David Wright (E 48-53) with Mark Nicholas (G 71-76) and Karen Rattray**



**Derek Fullerton (A 41-45)**



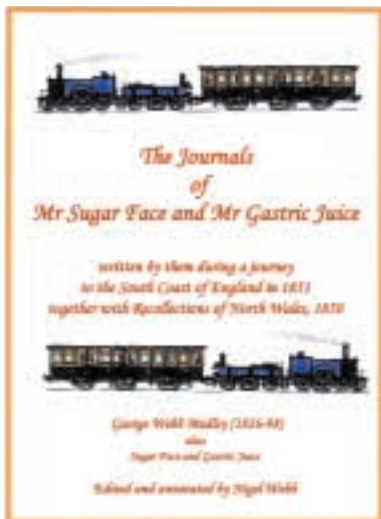
**David Wright (E 48-53) exercising his right to drive sheep over London Bridge**



**1954 Fencing team – back left to right: Sargeant Hartigan, David Bellan (F 51-56); front left to right: unidentified OB, Ian Spofforth (F 50-55), Nigel Snell (A 50-54)**



**Nigel Snell (A 50-54) 2008**



**Nigel Webb's (C 52-57) latest publication, *The Journals of Mr Sugar Face and Mr Gastric Juice***

**Nigel Snell (A 50-54)** was in the fencing team when he was a pupil, but had not fenced at the College since leaving in 1954. Last year, on 16 November Nigel found himself back at Bradfield competing in the South of England Épée competition which was held in the new sports hall. Nigel says "It was quite a strange feeling to be back fencing at Bradfield 54 years after the last time! And what different facilities from the Old Gym. I was pleased to see that it still exists. Sgt. Major Hartigan reigned supreme there in my day and one of the joys of being in the team was the visit on the way home from away matches to a little pub in Tidmarsh, now sadly gone, where he bought us all a pint! We had a successful team probably due to the fact that Ian Spofforth (F 50-55) was part of it. He became a British International and was also the tallest man in Britain for a time. He eventually reached 7'4" quite an advantage in fencing. I think it is wonderful how the school has changed and yet is to us very 'Old' Boys still our school."

**Peter Melrose (D 45-49)** writes a tribute to 'the late John Tyrie (G 44-49) who, over the years, so enthusiastically, and efficiently, organised a number of Bee Gee (Bradfield Geriatrics) lunch gatherings. Without his sterling efforts in this regard, these happy reunions would never have taken place. He will be greatly missed.'

**Nigel Webb (C 52-57)** continues, in his 'retirement', to produce books based on a little pile of family diaries which he inherited. His first, *The Earl and his Butler in Constantinople*, drawing on the diary of a butler-ancestor, written in the 1730s, sold out quickly in 2007 and is now back on the shelves, published by I B Tauris in December 2008. His latest publication is *The Journals of Mr Sugar Face and Mr Gastric Juice*, a feast of Victorian frivolity written by his great great great uncle in 1851. If interested, see [www.leginipress.co.uk](http://www.leginipress.co.uk)



**Nigel Webb (C 52-57)**

**Rodney Radcliffe (H 53-56)** a personnel manager, trainer and career advisor by trade as well as a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development, has been forming, overseeing and leading teams in and around London for 33 years, in an unpaid role – providing events where men and women in the employment marketplace can be encouraged

to discover the relevance of faith at work. Having more truly found Christ as his Saviour after Bradfield in his mid twenties he considered entering into church ministry, work with the homeless or overseas mission.



**Rodney Radcliffe (H 53-56)**

Instead circumstances led him to help co-found an international recruitment company in London's West End and to form teams to hold dinners, breakfasts and other events in and around London open to all for marketplace men and women.

At these events people share how they have found a faith in Christ which they relate practically to their everyday home and business lives. Rodney has been the London Director and a National Director of this christian work, which is a global network encompassing all church backgrounds, for the last twelve years, having been a founder and in leadership from the start in London. He is also now active in its progression in Europe. The UK and global outreach is commended by the most Rev and Rt Hon Dr John Sentamu, the Arch Bishop of York.

Rodney says that in the present turbulent times in the City of London and beyond the need for re-establishing faith and values is surely as important as ever. He is grateful for faith foundations developed and nurtured at Bradfield through the Reverend John Swinbank (SCR 53-73) and others and through his preparation for confirmation at Bradfield.

Rodney is married to Judy. Their son Timothy and daughter in law Lucy, leave for Peru in early 2009 for a short term mission with Latin Link before settling back in the UK.

**James Larkins (E 53-56)** left Bradfield and went into farming and horticulture via Writtle Agricultural College. He went to Rhodesia in 1965 working with the Ministry of Agriculture and living in the Eastern Highlands for ten years where he met Ursula. Ten years later, as security deteriorated there, they moved to Natal, South Africa, with their two small daughters returning to the UK in 1979. Now retired, they have five grandchildren, the oldest aged eight. They have just returned from a ten week stay in New Zealand/Australia where he had the chance to hone fly fishing skills, forged on the Pang – having friends worldwide he says, is an



**James Larkins (E 53-56)**

advantage of earlier ramblings. They happily busy themselves in village and church activities in the parish of Slaugham near Haywards Heath, and plan a trip to Canada soon.

**Bill Street (B 57-61)** loved his days at Bradfield especially sports and his early jazz drumming dedication. He remembers hearing for the first time modern jazz coming from a prefect's study and knocking on the door to find out who the musicians were; from then to now he has been immersed in the music. One of his proudest moments at Bradfield was doing a drum solo in Big School to a delighted audience and then on stage being awarded his athletics colours. "Bradfield prepared me for life in every way, I was so lucky to have gone there", says Bill today. On leaving Bradfield he adventured to Canada with OB Tim Lloyd (A 57-60). Vancouver BC saw Bill hone his skills as a musician and play with well known Canadian and American jazzmen including the Duke Ellington Orchestra. On returning to London he was quickly immersed in the jazz scene of the day. For several years he ran the family business in Mayfair and played gigs at night. He then married, started a family, and decided to enter a career in the probation service. He loved the work with Hampshire and Wiltshire, especially the courts at all levels.

In 1974 Bill and his family returned to BC Canada where he has had a long career in probation, being twice elected for city council, as well as volunteering for several years as a fire fighter. He was also President and Founder of the local fire fighter's association.



**Bill Street (B 57-61)**

In 2006 Bill was a BBC jazz guest and did two shows with Dave Cash on Radio Kent. Bill tries to get back to the UK every two years. He retired from probation in 2002, to become involved in jazz education and now plays in both Canada and Mexico for an international jazz singer. Bill would love to hear from OBs. See his website [www.georgiastraightjazz.com](http://www.georgiastraightjazz.com) or email [swingbop@telus.net](mailto:swingbop@telus.net)

**Simon Annand (G 68-73)** has recently published *The Half*, Faber and Faber, a photographic book containing actors and actresses in their solitude before performing. The dressing room is a physical space that allows for concentration and privacy so the psychological negotiation between the actor and this fictional character can take place. When *The Half* is called over the loudspeaker backstage, it is the start of a 35 minute countdown to facing the audience and there is no escape. It is rare to see actors at this point in their work. Over 25 years Simon has been given unprecedented access to photograph this in-between world that the audience never sees. *The Half* is available at all good book shops. Simon says that his passion started in the Greek Theatre – "I was also the first person to book a rock concert at Bradfield in 1970!" There is a V&A tour of the UK during 2009 and then it returns to the V&A for a new exhibition on 25 January 2010.

**Julian Spencer D (70-74)** has been appointed Head of Classics at Winchester College from January 2009. He is the second D House classicist of the 1970s to have been appointed to a prestigious teaching post recently, following Stephen Oakley's (D 72-76) appointment as Kennedy Professor of Latin at Cambridge. Julian remarks 'Like Stephen, I owe a huge amount to the inspiration of the Classics teaching at Bradfield, particularly that of my housemaster, David Norwood (SCR 54-87), Raymond Hawthorn (SCR 37-73), David Jenkins (former SCR) and Christopher Stone (73-05)'.

**Noel Flint (H 72-75)** left Bradfield and studied at Cirencester College, taking a job with Knight Frank & Rutley after that. He started as a land manager in Herefordshire, but after a few years moved back to London where he has been living and working ever since. He has been running the Sloane street office at KFR for a number of years and is now a full partner. He has been married for a number of years, and has a son and a daughter.



**Simon Annand's (G 68-73) recently published book *The Half***



**Simon Annand's (G 68-73) photograph of Daniel Radcliffe**



**Julian Spencer D (70-74) and his three sons**



**Rick Velati (H 92-97)**

**Rick Velati (H 92-97)** left Bradfield having thoroughly enjoyed the sports on offer and began coaching triathlon at Loughborough University. He was there for four years before moving down to Swansea, Wales in 2004 to work in the British Triathlon Olympic Programme. He has travelled over the world in the last few years on camps and to championships. 2008 he says 'was great; coaching Helen Tucker to win the Senior World Championship and getting to work at the Olympic Games with a great team of support staff and other coaches. This coaching isn't as glamorous as Alex Ferguson or Fabio Capello, but the principles are the same – beat the rest of the world. This requires independence, single-mindedness, and diligent patience to work with people and push them to the limit – I am sure five years in the boarding house helped hone these skills'



**Felicity Davidson (J 99-01)**

Rick was accepted onto the UK sport elite coach programme in 2007. He says it 'was also great to see Dan (A 88-93) and Will Robinson (A 90-95) in the athletes lodge at the Olympic Games in Beijing. Dan as an athlete, me as a coach!'

Rick is thankful for the opportunities he had at Bradfield to access sport and coaching daily which he believes is the reason why he is now coaching full time in professional and Olympic sport.

Rick is happy to give advice to anyone looking into a career in coaching.

**Annabel Nosworthy (née Summers) (I 93-95), Miranda Hackett (née Summers) (I 93-95) and Lucy Mace (née Summers) (I 91-93)** are all married with children. The photo from left to right includes Miranda (next baby due in June) with Thomas (15 months), Annabel with Rebecca (2 years) and Ellie (3.5 years) and Lucy with Jessica (nearly 2 years) and Rory (3.5 years). This photo was taken at a Christmas when all the family were together including Peter Hollom (H 69-73) (Lucy, Annabel and Miranda's uncle) and his two children Freddie Hollom (H 02-07) and Isabel Hollom (K).

Annabel has worked in IT project management and now manages a barrister husband, children and chickens! Miranda worked in the commercial sector for a multinational oil company before having her son and she now runs an interior design company. Prior to having children Lucy



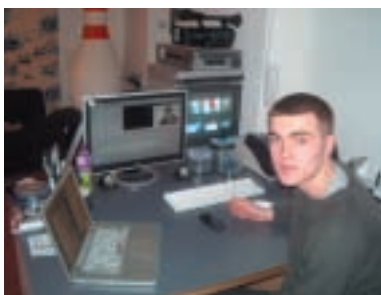
**Miranda Hackett (née Summers) (I 93-95), Annabel Nosworthy (née Summers) (I 93-95) and Lucy Mace (née Summers) (I 91-93) with their children**

worked as an accountant for ICI and she continues to keep her eye in at rifle shooting. She has shot for England over the last few years and is soon off to compete against South Africa.

**Felicity Davidson (J 99-01)** cycled the hilly 400 miles from Dover to Lands End along the South Coast of Britain with a friend raising just under £2000 for Breakthrough Breast Cancer, the UK's first dedicated breast cancer research centre. Felicity says "I had been cycling in London for a while and wanted a bit of a challenge, not that the London traffic isn't, and this charity is incredibly important to me because of the number of women affected by the disease in my family. We had shocking weather and strong Easterly winds but it was brilliant fun!"

**Luke Scully (F 01-05)** left Bradfield and attended a foundation film and media course at Chelsea College of Art before immersing himself into the Film and Television industry. He has worked for various production companies on projects such as *The Bank Job*, *QI* and *Property Ladder* and is now working for Hungryman as a Production Assistant/Editor. In his spare time Luke is a freelance Editor and Cameraman as well as filming weddings and events including one for OB Jo Macmillan (I 99-01) (nee Best). Luke hopes to have his own business within the near future. Anyone interested in his services should contact him via email at [lukescully@btinternet.com](mailto:lukescully@btinternet.com)

**Ben Beggs (F 04-07)** was selected to represent England at foil fencing in the Junior Commonwealths which took place in Penang Malaysia in February. He had an outstanding week, winning the men's individual title and was part of the men's foil team who won their title as well. Ben is the 2009 Junior Commonwealth foil fencing Champion and has bought home two Commonwealth Gold Medals.



**Luke Scully (F 01-05)**

"A war hero and well known local solicitor has died aged 90. John Glanville was senior partner of Portsmouth "Glanvilles" founded by his grandfather. Born in 1918, in the war he became a Sub Lieutenant in the Special Reserve of the RNVR as a Meteorological Liaison Officer based in Aden and then Alexandria, serving on board HMS Eagle and HMS Formidable protecting convoys in the Eastern Mediterranean and later escorting convoys on the run to Murmansk in Russia. He was posted to Crete in a land based operation where he had a narrow escape from the invading Nazis. In Tobruk he made a dramatic escape. Under fire from Nazi tanks he dived into the harbour and swam to an Army Lighter barge which was on fire and sinking. Having grown up in the Portsmouth area, he had some experience of sailing. He took charge of the barge and guided it out of the harbour under heavy gun fire into the open ocean where he and 12 survivors were rescued by an MTB. He was awarded the DSC (Distinguished Service Cross). In 1971 he was made President of the Hampshire incorporated Law Society. He was also Chairman of the Portsmouth Water Company on whose Board he served from 1956. In 1979 he was appointed HM Coroner for Portsmouth – a position he held for seven years. John lived in Emsworth with his wife Judy whom he married in 1952. The couple had three children together – Pippa, Charles and Louise. He was very keen on sailing and in particular had been Commodore



of the Emsworth Sailing Club and the Royal Albert Yacht Club. He also hunted with the Cowdray Hunt and, for a number of years, was involved with the Emsworth Museum, the Emsworth Maritime Trust and the Portsmouth Sea Scouts. Music was an important part of his life and he and his wife sang with the Portsmouth Choral Union. His son Charles Glanville (G 69-74) said: "He had a great sense of humour and was a charming and warm-hearted man. He loved talking to people from all walks of life and was keen to support the interests of individuals and to see that justice was done. He was always very proud of his Portsmouth roots and connections with the local community. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends."

## John Foster Glanville (B 31-35)



The son of Hugh Nasmyth, a mining engineer, and Dorothy Maude, a doctor, he was born on 3 June 1918 in a Harley Street basement during the course of a Zeppelin raid.

Following Bradfield, he studied at Balliol College, Oxford, where he switched from Physiology to PPE, taking his degree in the summer of 1939. He immediately tried to join the Army, but was rejected by the regiments with which he had any connection as he had only one eye, the result of a boyhood shooting accident.

The Balliol careers office came to the rescue and he was accepted into Field Security, which made him a sergeant and sent him to France with a motorcycle to hunt for German saboteurs. He was wounded at Dunkirk while waiting to be evacuated.

Back in England in 1940, he joined a disparate group of people who, under the eccentric Major Gus March-Phillips, were eager to strike back at the Germans in any way possible. After training at Loch Fyne, the group, by now called the Small

Scale Raiding Force (forerunners of the Special Boat Squadron), moved to Wareham in Dorset to launch pinprick assaults across the Channel.

During this time Nasmyth wrote a paper on the philosophy of raiding which was adopted by the Special Operations Executive as the blueprint for such activities. He was commissioned and took command of a troop, one of whose members was the ferocious Dane - Anders Lassen - who went on to win a posthumous VC near the end of the war.

Nasmyth helped plan SSRF's greatest coup, Operation Postmaster, in which March-Phillips and 30 commandos sailed a Brixham trawler, Maid Honor, to the neutral Spanish colony of Fernando Po, off West Africa. There they "cut out" three enemy merchantmen, including the Italian liner Duchessa d'Aosta, and brought them to Britain as prizes.

The escapade convinced Britain's conservative military leadership of the value of commando raiding.

## Jan (James) Nasmyth (D 32-36)



**Jan (James) Nasmyth (D 32-36)**  
*(Courtesy of The Daily Telegraph)*

Nasmyth himself did not take part in the raid, having been granted compassionate leave to be with his dying father. Subsequently, he transferred to more regular soldiering with the 7th Queen's Own Hussars. On asking the CO whether his lack of an eye would be a problem, he was told that it didn't matter because "you can't see anything from a tank anyway". The regiment was sent first to Syria and then to Iraq, where Nasmyth became aware of the complexities of Iraqi society.

In 1944 the Hussars went into action in Italy under Polish command. Despite the particular horrors of armoured warfare – Nasmyth never forgot the cries of men trapped in burning tanks – he was bewitched by Italy. He also became interested in Roman Catholicism following a papal audience.

In the bitter winter of 1944-45 the Hussars fought as dismounted infantry, with Nasmyth as regimental signals officer. He was mentioned in dispatches.

Back in England, Nasmyth joined the Treasury as private secretary to Sir Wilfred Eady. The biggest task was to try to make sterling convertible on current account, but as Nasmyth later said; "We didn't really have a clue, and floundered around the world telling people what we wanted them to do with their finance systems."

In 1949 Nasmyth married the journalist Jenny Turner, and a year later – at the start of what she described as "a curious spiritual arc" – he abruptly resigned from the Treasury and bought an old yacht which they sailed to Italy, ending up on a Mediterranean sandbank. On their return to Britain Nasmyth joined the City desk of *The Daily Telegraph*. He later moved on to Reuters and the *Manchester Guardian*.

At Reuters he had become interested in commodity prices, and especially oil, which remained stable in times of crisis when all other commodities were volatile. This led him to close contact with the oil industry, and BP offered him a job liaising with international institutions.

In 1968 he transferred to the United Nations in New York, which asked him to prepare a survey of world energy sources. This was impossible, he reasoned, without accurate prices, and when the UN failed to come up with the necessary money, he decided to do the job on his own account. The result was the influential newsletter *Europ-Oil Prices*.

The newsletter, published from the basement of his house in Hampstead, reported on the Rotterdam spot market, gathering accurate prices and identifying underlying trends.

The publication remained a cottage industry, however, until 1979, when the Iranian revolution threw the market into turmoil. Pressed by his staff of two, he agreed to publish a daily oil market report, which almost overnight became one of the oil industry's key indicators – and made Nasmyth's fortune.

Nasmyth had been received into the Roman Catholic Church in the late 1950s, to the surprise of friends who had regarded him as a sceptical rationalist. He was privately devout, and for many years supported the work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

Jan Nasmyth died on 11 September. His first marriage was annulled in 1960 and he married secondly, in 1962, Catherine Gilbert. She survives him, together with two sons and a daughter of his first marriage, and a son and a daughter of the second.

*(Courtesy of The Daily Telegraph)*

## William Goring Potter DFC (G 36-39)



Canada, with Harvard Aircraft

Born on 14 July, 1922, at Taplow, Buckinghamshire, William had been destined to join the family printing business founded in the City of London by his paternal grandfather. However, on his 18th birthday in July 1940, he volunteered for RAF air crew and was selected for pilot training. Four months later he made his first solo flight after only eight hours of dual instruction and in April 1941 qualified as a pilot. Such was the demand for new pilots that the RAF was then cripplingly short of flying instructors.

In his training Potter had already shown great aptitude so, instead of a posting to an operational training unit, he was sent to the Central Flying School at Cranwell to qualify as a

flying instructor. On completing the course and still only 18, he was told that he was the youngest instructor in the RAF, an unofficial record still intact at his death.

For six months he instructed at Little Rissington and was then transferred to Canada, serving at the RAF training schools at Swift Current and Calgary. In June 1943 he was promoted to Flight Lieutenant and at only 20 years old was posted to Weyburn in Saskatchewan as a Flight Commander.

Returning to England in January 1944 he moved to 107 Mosquito Squadron at Lasham, Hampshire. On his fifth operational night sortie his plane was hit by heavy flak over Northern

France. The flying controls were badly damaged and Potter's navigator had clipped on his parachute ready to bale out. Potter struggled to keep the plane aloft and they eventually limped home to Hampshire where the Mosquito was deemed a write off because of the damage.

Seven months later Potter was with 107 Squadron's daylight raid on railway marshalling yards near Dijon in support of the American forces who had landed on the Mediterranean coast of France.

The French Resistance had noted that the yards were filling up with rail wagons loaded with ammunition and explosives and by radio had asked that any raid should be at a precise time and date so that civilians in the area could be surreptitiously evacuated. This was agreed and, despite heavy German flak, the raid was pressed home with one Mosquito shot down in flames.

After the war the Resistance revealed that the yard had held 800 ammunition trucks and 70 tons of gelnite in others. After the attacking RAF planes had cleared the area, their time-fused bombs caused a huge explosion, killing over 100 German soldiers, blowing a crater 50 yards deep and flattening the surrounding residential suburb.

Amazingly the Resistance had unobtrusively managed to clear the entire area before the precise time requested for the raid and there was only one French casualty – an elderly woman living over half a mile away who died from a heart attack when the bogey of a rail truck landed in her front garden.

Those of his contemporaries still around will be saddened to learn of the death of Tony (L A Leicester) in Florida, on 30 January 2009, at the age of almost 86, the son of an old Bradfieldian and younger brother of another.

After leaving Bradfield, Tony entered the RAF in wartime years, and flew Wellington bombers both in Britain and later on in India. He transferred to the Royal Canadian Air Force shortly after the Second World War, serving first in 412 Squadron (the Canadian equivalent of the Queen's Flight, based in Ottawa); later on at 426 Training Squadron, and then on 437 Squadron of Transport Command, both at R.C.A.F Station, Trenton, Ontario, where he flew both the Cosmopolitan and four engine turboprop Yukon aircraft, ahead of his retirement in 1970. Always an enthusiast for a warmer climate, he found his way southwards to Florida in 1971-2, and hence to the Bahamas, where he ran a vacation resort on San Salvador (Watling) Island for some years, before returning

Later Potter was one of the first pilots to fly Meteors – the RAF's first jet fighter. In 1945 he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. The citation noted his part in "many operations which had inflicted much damage on the enemy" and it ended: "At all times this officer has displayed praiseworthy courage and determination".

After leaving the RAF in 1946 he qualified as a commercial pilot with the British Overseas Airways Corporation but a routine medical check later showed that he was "high-tone deaf" – a condition not tested for in military flying. Faced with a complete change of career, he made use of his family's past connections with the printing trade and later moved into journalism.

For many years he edited a weekly journal dealing with the timber trade and for seven years was press officer for both the Timber Trade Federation and the Timber Research and Development Association. He was also a regular contributor to the *Financial Times*. But he never forgot about flying – and in 1991, aged 69, he qualified for a private pilot's licence. According to his nephew Nick Potter (G 62-66) 'he was compulsorily 'grounded' due to deafness which annoyed him . . . his other great loves were Border Terriers and gardening, not to mention his family and grandchildren'.

In 1948 Potter married Marjorie Mayall who in wartime had been an officer in the Women's Royal Auxiliary Air Force. She pre-deceased him. They had two daughters. Both survive him.

*Stanley Blenkinsop*

to Florida. Despite living abroad, he frequently returned to visit Bradfield, most recently in 2008.

I first met Tony in 1964, at Trenton – we soon established a lasting rapport: he was a first rate instructor both on Service matters and on the many recreational pursuits to which he turned his hand; endlessly patient and highly knowledgeable, with a good sense of humour. He was the first President of the nascent North American Old Bradfieldian Society, in support of which he, allied to the efforts of Peter Williams (G 29-34), Jim Mason (E 25-30) and other OBs, made this Society a focal point for those emigrating to Canada and the northern United States, particularly in the 1948-65 era when such perambulations were at their height. A Celebration of Life Service was held in Florida on 15th February.

Our condolences are expressed to his wife, Elizabeth and to his son, Michael.

*Simon Taylor (G 49-53)*



Learning to fly in a Tiger Moth

## Anthony ('Tony') Leicester (D 37-40)



# General Sir Peter Leng, KCB, MBE, MC (B 39-43), Master- General of the Ordnance, 1981-83



**General Sir Peter Leng, KCB, MBE, MC  
(B 39-43)**



In 1973 Leng became Commander Land Forces Northern Ireland. Unrest was at its peak, with some 12,000 bombing and shooting incidents each year. Leng, however, was an inspiring leader, with prodigious stamina, who insisted on spending three days a week on the ground, rather than in his office, seeing for himself the problems facing his soldiers and the police.

Leng and the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Lieutenant-General Sir Frank King, made a highly effective team and, by the end of Leng's tour in 1975, violent incidents had fallen to one sixth of their previous level. Much of this was due to the originality of his ideas for combating the terrorists. These were often unorthodox, and if his subordinates came up with more workable proposals he was ready to adopt them.

Some years later, when Leng was commanding a corps, a brother officer said to him: "Still sparking those bright ideas, I see. I bet some of them are bloody losers." "Perhaps," replied Leng with a smile, "but nobody dares tell me now."

Peter John Hall Leng was born in Sunderland on May 9 1925 and educated at Bradfield. He was commissioned into the Scots Guards in 1944 and was soon on active service in north-west Europe.

In April 1945 a sub-battle group of the 2nd Battalion, comprising infantry and a squadron of tanks, was ordered to cut off the town of Visselhövede, east of Bremen. After advancing five miles, the group came under accurate fire from mortars and spandaus. Leng, then a lieutenant in command of a platoon, ordered a section of his unit to engage the machine guns so that the group could move up to a strategically important railway line.

As a troop of tanks and two platoons entered a thick wood, the leading tank was knocked out by a bazooka. One of the platoon commanders was wounded – and the other had been wounded earlier. There were then no officers with the leading platoons, and Leng was ordered to go forward, take charge of them, clear the wood to a depth of 150 yards on both sides of the road and secure a level crossing.

He led his small force through the wood, where they ran into fire from snipers and machine gunners. Two grenades burst within a few feet of him, but Leng pressed on to the railway line and took 63 prisoners. The citation for his Military Cross stated that he had shown the highest possible degree of leadership, determination and gallantry.

Leng was wounded in May during the advance on Hamburg. After the war he served with the

Scots Guards and the Guards Independent Parachute Company in the Middle East. In 1959 he was appointed Military Assistant to the Chief of Defence Staff, Earl Mountbatten of Burma.

After a spell as second-in-command of 2nd Scots Guards, in 1964 he was transferred to the Royal Anglian Regiment and commanded the 3rd Battalion in Berlin and on active service in Aden when the security situation was rapidly deteriorating. He had a great talent for developing the skills of junior officers and NCOs, and in BAOR – in what he called his "Jolly Fortnight" – his soldiers were introduced to challenging activities ranging from gliding to ice hockey; morale rose sky-high.

In 1968 Leng took command of 24th Airborne Brigade. Once, in Northern Ireland, when he was visiting a company in uniform in his staff car, his identity card was not checked at the gate. It was not unknown for extremists to bluff their way into armouries, and the company commander was on the receiving end of a verbal salvo. Later that day the officer, whose birthday it was, was surprised to receive also a congratulatory message from Leng.

Leng moved to the MoD as Deputy Military Secretary in 1971, and returned there in 1976, after his successful tour in Northern Ireland, as Director of Military Operations. The sterling crisis led to widespread cutbacks, and he had the uncongenial task of implementing the Labour government's Defence Review, which confined the Army's future commitments primarily to within the Nato area. Leng then commanded 1 (British) Corps, and was promoted to general upon his appointment as Master-General of the Ordnance and became a member of the Army Board. He retired from the Army in 1983.

After settling in Dorset he took over the chairmanship of the Racecourse Association, the trade association that represents some 60 tracks. He was Colonel Commandant of the Royal Army Veterinary Corps and of the Royal Military Police from 1976 to 1983.

He was appointed MBE in 1962 and knighted in 1978.

Peter Leng died on February 11. He married first, in 1951 (dissolved), Virginia Rosemary Pearson. He married secondly, in 1981, Flavia Tower, daughter of General Sir Frederick ("Boy") Browning and his wife Daphne du Maurier. His second wife survives him with three sons and two daughters of his first marriage.

*(Courtesy of The Daily Telegraph)*

John Rodwell died at his home in Santa Barbara, California. He was 82. He took his final flight on 11 February, leaving behind the mortal coils of Parkinson's. He fought it for 17 years and may have set a record.

After education at Bradfield, where (to quote a contemporary) "he was an excellent games player, was outstanding in anything that he did and got on with colleagues and masters alike" (a trait he displayed to the full in the Fleet Air Arm, which he joined as a pilot under training in 1944), he carried out EFTS and SFTS equivalent in the USA and obtained his Pilot's Wings just as the war was ending, followed by Fighter Training at RNAS Yeovilton 1945/46.

After the War, he was one of the founder members of 1832 Squadron at Culham, which he joined in 1947, flying Seafires and managing also to get some time in the station Vampire – well before the days of Jet conversion courses! On its formation in summer 1951, John transferred to the newly formed 1840 Squadron, flying Firefly As.6's, at RNAS Ford. The squadron expanded to become Channel Air Division in summer 1952, when it went to sea for Deck Landings in HMS "Triumph" and two years later in HMS "Illustrious". Before the disbandment of the RNR squadrons in 1957, John managed to persuade the Navy to allow him to take a helicopter conversion course,

John came to Bradfield in autumn 1944 and always maintained a keen interest in the College and above all his fellow pupils.

Born in Sandhurst Kent in 1931 he attended Hillsbrow, a prep-school in the Redhill area. During the 2nd World War the entire school was relocated to the Devon/Somerset border, which proved a very unhappy time for John but helped considerably to seal his love of natural history, in particular bird watching, a hobby he thoroughly enjoyed all his life. The move to Bradfield was far more successful. As well as his academic studies he enjoyed acting and took roles in Shakespearean plays, the Agamemnon in Greek and also various house productions. Childhood asthma curtailed his participation in sports but in its place he founded a Natural History Society.

On leaving Bradfield he followed his father into the City and became an insurance broker. Not a career he altogether relished but his father firmly refused to entertain his idea of becoming an actor. A disappointment which stayed with him for life. Becoming frustrated by the lack of opportunity to progress by working with his

probably the first and only member of the RNR squadrons to do so.

While flying with the RNVR/RNR Squadrons, John started to work as a schoolmaster at a prep school, Westbourne House, Shopwyke, which was conveniently near RNAS Ford. It was here that he met his first wife, Jillian Shilcock, with whom he had four children Susan, Sally, Sandra and Jonathan. He also became a co-Principal of the school.

It was here too that John met an ex-RN friend who introduced him to the cultivated mushroom business. John set up his own mushroom business nearby – claiming that he used only the best horse manure, from Kensington Barracks! The business expanded rapidly and John became an expert on cultivated mushrooms, travelling all over the world advising other producers and contributing regularly to relevant trade publications.

It was on one of his business sorties to California that he met his second wife, Jeanne. They married July 1981. In America he continued his world wide consulting business and started his own farm, "Meadow Mist Mushroom" in Santa Ynez, California. During this time he appeared on national television with Julia Childs on *Good Morning America* hosted by David Hartman – and explained mushrooms to the entire USA.

father, he broke away and formed his own company. He enjoyed life in the City which gave him good contact with people, interesting challenges and an opportunity to wine and dine clients, giving him a keen interest in food and drink. He was himself an excellent cook and was for many years a voluntary inspector for *The Good Food Guide*.

At the age of 58, with the rapidly changing insurance world losing its appeal, he readily accepted the challenge of leaving these shores, together with his wife, Marion, who worked for CBM - an international charity for the blind and disabled. He quickly took on a roll which he cherished, supporting Marion, a post which gave enormous satisfaction to them both and involved travelling in many countries in West and East Africa as well as Asia. During this time he showed outstanding dedication, courage and leadership. Constantly finding himself 'up against it' due to local uprisings or volatile political situations, his courage never wavered and he was an inspiration to all fellow travellers. During this time he continued to maintain his interest in Bradfield meeting up with past scholars both in Kenya and Thailand as well at home.

## John Rodwell (D 39-42)



## John Tyrie (G 44-49)



In 1998 retirement beckoned and a move was made to Devon, an area which had appealed to him so much since his younger years. As a wit and raconteur, John was incomparable and is very much missed by Diana, his first wife, Clare, Lindy, Meriel and Roger and by Marion to whom he was married for 25 years.

Dedicating the last meeting of the Bradfield Geriatrics to John was much appreciated by his extended family who have found it so difficult to come to terms with his sudden death from a heart attack in October 2007. John, together with Oliver Rowell (G 45-49) and Peter Melrose (D 45-49) had done much to instigate this informal reunion of students who attended Bradfield during the years of 1942 and 1946.

## Eliane Johnson



Eliane Johnson, wife of Basil Johnson (C 33-38, SCR 47-77), first came to England from Belgium in 1946 as a young bride of twenty-one, hardly speaking a word of English. Undaunted, she learnt her new language very swiftly, and when she and Basil came to Bradfield in 1947, after two terms in Kimbolton School, she spoke without an accent.

Her early childhood was spent in Gent and Antwerp, and among others, she was a pupil at Le Nid d'Aiglons, an innovative school that included married couples as teachers. Life under the Occupation was hard and risky as her father was a member of the Belgian Resistance and often absent. Eventually she had to go into hiding in Brussels with her mother and sister. She became a member of the Armée Secrète for the last few weeks of the War. She met Basil when his regiment moved forward to her village in Belgium. They were engaged shortly after VE Day and married in April 1946. They had two children, Patricia and Alan.

During Basil's 16 years as Housemaster of Hillside, Eliane played her part and was genuinely interested in the boys in their charge. She helped run the domestic side of the house, working with the Matron; dining in Hall, and supporting Hillside at football, cricket and

athletics matches. She became adept at team teas, particularly for the highly successful College tennis team, and had a legendary, large Aldermaston teapot, still fondly remembered by some OBs.

She joined the teaching staff in the 60s, taking French conversation classes for Fifth Formers and belonged to play-reading group, Les Amis de Molière, always adding a note of glamour to the proceedings. Outside school she gave French classes in Reading, belonged to the Red Cross, and was a keen tennis player.

Eliane was a bon viveur and a brilliant cook. She and Basil entertained generations of Hillside boys to breakfast, tea and dinner, introducing them to wine and continental cooking. Her severe stroke at the age of 52 left her paralysed down one side but she fought back, kept busy, travelled and never lost her zest for life.

It was hard for her in Bucklebury after Basil's death and she realised that she would have to move. She chose Rush Court, at Wallingford. There she remained elegant, bright, sociable and in touch till the end, supported by visits from her family and friends.

*Patricia Stoughton (daughter)*

## David Gartside Neville (F 48-52)



After leaving Bradfield in 1952 David became a trainee in London with a prominent firm of shipbrokers – Simpson Spence and Young – and, as such, spent some time working in the Baltic Exchange. I was also working in the City and we met by chance around that time, renewing an acquaintanceship from school that became a friendship that was to last for 50 years and more.

After 10 years in London David decided to accept a position with another shipbroker – Harley Mullion – in their Hong Kong office, and he spent several interesting years there.

He was devoted to choral music and, in particular, had a deep knowledge of opera. Amongst his other interests were a love of good food, cooking and gardening. In the 1980s he returned home by way of Bangkok and Paris, changed career and developed a well deserved reputation for catering. The last few years of his life were spent happily in Devon managing properties for owners who were overseas.

David was always a welcome visitor to our home and he spent several family holidays with us. A friend much missed.

*Peter Cottingham (B 49-53)*

Chris was an innovative and prolific boat designer and builder who brought the relatively expensive sport of powerboat racing within reach of a host of enthusiasts who would otherwise have been spectators.

His interest in boats began when he built his own pram dinghy at the age of 14 and slowly progressed to his acquisition of an International 14 sailing dinghy. The purchase of this boat was the beginning of Tremlett's long association with a form of construction that used thin strips of mahogany and waterproof adhesive compressed over a mould in a hot oven. Tremlett felt that hot moulding was the best way to make a strong hull but he had neither the space nor the capital for a custom-built autoclave and the equipment it would require, so he had to devise an easier route.

His method was simple. Strips of veneer were laid over a wooden mould, which was then covered with a rubber blanket and the air evacuated from beneath it. The compressed veneers and glue were then cured by a long blast of hot air. Tremlett's technique produced a hull which was both strong and affordable. In 1961 he set up in business on the banks of the River Clyst, Devon.

The early Tremlett craft were aimed at the up-and-coming sport of waterskiing but Tremlett soon realised that a market also existed in powerboat racing. Although his craft regularly entered this prestigious event, it was in the smaller offshore Class III category that the Chris Tremlett brand excelled. Although other builders were producing highly competitive craft, they often cost twice as much as Tremlett's, whose boats were usually in the winning frame.

Famous events won by Tremlett boats included the 220-mile London-Calais-London, contest for small outboard-powered boats, while his larger hulls distinguished themselves in the Round Britain and London-Monte Carlo events. While output at Topsham was gathering pace, there was also a growing demand for basic,

unfinished hulls, especially when the Kent-based boat builder Ray Stapley ordered bare hulls for completion under his own name, thus initiating the hugely successful Stapley Tremlett marque.

Gradually racing boats became a smaller part of the business. Since Tremlett hulls were easily driven, they required less power than boats of similar size and this, coupled with their speed and good sea-keeping qualities, began to attract interest from the commercial field. Orders for harbour launches, patrol craft, police and military boats began arriving from several African and Middle Eastern countries. At the same time Tremlett kept his eye on the domestic market, progressing into a new range of much larger craft. At the same time small runabouts and cruisers were increasingly being produced in glass reinforced plastic (GRP).

While the hot-moulded wooden hull still had a loyal following, Tremlett realised that he had to move with the times and he began to produce his popular Sportsman 21 in both materials. In the same decade he also established a link with a builder in Mauritius to build his boats under licence. This arrangement lasted for 30 years, until Tremlett opened his own boatyard in Mauritius four years ago.

Tremlett was born in 1936, near Beaworthy, Devon. After school at Bradfield, he joined the family leather tannery business in Exeter. Following his National Service in Germany, he studied French at Grenoble University. On returning to the UK he spent two years at the Byam Shaw School of Art, in London, studying drawing and design where his thoughts turned to designing and building boats. Tremlett was an all-round sportsman, a good sailing helmsman, powerboat driver, international snow skier, a championship-winning water-skier and pilot – he later owned his own aircraft and flew himself to visit his many customers in Europe. Tremlett died after a long illness on January 13, 2008, aged 71. He is survived by his wife, Diana, whom he married in 1964, and their daughter and son.

## Chris Tremlett (A 50-54)



Peter Prall entered G House in January 1952 under John Mouldsdale. He was a talented all round games player but not an academic. His enthusiasm for cricket waned under the tutelage of AJN (Guts) Young (SCR 36-74), who was something of a martinet, and instead he decided to swim, representing the College with distinction in the low tech pool known as "Outers". He won his 1st XI Football colours and was famously shopped for smoking on the way back from Shrewsbury by a contemporary who subsequently became the youngest Foreign Secretary in the Labour Administration under Harold Wilson. This episode caused

great embarrassment to Francis Templer (B 30-36, SCR 46-72), his Housemaster, who had to explain to Peter's father that despite the fact he was a House Prefect he had no alternative but to beat him. His father's response was along the lines that he didn't mind how often he beat him as long as it made his brain work. Peter subsequently pursued a successful career as a Chartered Surveyor in the family firm and turned out regularly for the Old Bradfieldian Football Club throughout the 1960s. He died after a long illness on 19 January 2009 aged 70.

*William H Prall (G 60-65)*

## Richard John (Peter) Prall (G 52-55)



## Hockey

Festive OB Day was for once a beautiful, crisp December day and we were delighted to see a full team of OB girls coming back to play hockey. We played against a College team as lots of the girls were preparing for a trip to Singapore.

It was a well balanced match with everyone playing a great game. Hannah Bucknell and Hannah Spencer played particularly well in defence, whilst the many rotating forwards kept the College team on their toes with lots of great shots on goal. Only two goals made it past the two SCR goalies so the game ended as a 1-1 draw. This years team was made up of: Hannah Spencer (K 98-00, SCR), Rachel Holloway, (K 00-02), Hannah Bucknell (I 03-05), Lucy Bucknell (K 03-05), Cally Kilduff (I 02-04), Chloe Emburey (I 02-04), Jess Muller (I 02-04), Katie Weeks (K 02-04), Davina Walker (J 00-02), Mary Bucknell (K 99-01), Annie Evans (K 02-04) and Chris Barnes (SCR) in goal. The teams



then enjoyed tea by the fire in Hall followed by Christmas Carols by Candlelight in the Chapel.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and the 1-1 draw only means one thing – a rematch next year! If you would like to get involved contact Mary Bucknell. marybucknell@hotmail.com

*Mary Bucknell (K 99-01)*

## Shooting

On 7 December the OB Shooting Society arrived at College to compete against the College team. I'm pleased to say that the OBs were beaten fairly decisively, by some 20 points. This is an excellent reflection on the improvement in College shooting that Tim Bowbrick (SCR) is starting to bring about.

The College fielded a strong squad of nine, captained by Ed Mearns (H). Top scorer was Tim Ettlinger (C) with a 98 out of 100, with Tom Williams (A) and Eliot Brown (H) scoring 97s. The OBs could only field a team of six firers, ably coached by Nigel Suffield Jones (SCR 67-92). Richard Vary (E 86-91) was top scorer with a 98, closely followed by Julian Hartwell (H 69-73) with 97. Shooting for the first time in many years, Matt Kimmins (E 85-90) managed a very creditable 93 out of 100. But it wasn't enough to beat the College: the final scores were: College 577, OBs 557.

Earlier in the year, OBs had some great successes. At the Imperial Meeting at Bisley, Nick Tremlett (A 72-76) won the Hopton Match Rifle aggregate for a fourth year running, scoring 997 with 108 V bulls, and captained the England Elcho team to win the match by just one point over next best team, Ireland. In the target rifle events, Richard Vary (E 86-91) managed second place in the Wimbledon. In the European Long Range Championships Nick also coached the winning England team, which included Richard as one of the firers.

The College VIII has a full training schedule during the spring and summer, and a number of OBs are kindly helping to coach the team. We look forward to the College putting in a strong Ashburton entry this year.

*Richard Vary (E 86-91)*

## Choir

Many thanks go to Andrew Parker (D 91-96) for his time and commitment spent looking after the OB Choir for the last two and a half years. Andrew is now stepping down from the role of Honorary Secretary and a committee is taking on the responsibility until someone is appointed to the role. The huge success of the Carols by Candlelight in the Chapel on Festive OB Day were a testimony to Andrew's hard work and efforts.



The 1st XI have struggled this year in Division I. After some tough opening fixtures we found ourselves winless and bottom of the league. Since December we've picked up a few points and moved off the bottom and during this period we've had a much more consistent team. We are now looking forward to some more successful results in the last third of the season. We have a young side, who, if we can keep together, will prove to be much stronger over the coming years, however remaining in Division I remains the focus for this season. Special mentions go to captain Will Walker (H 00-05) and vice captain Julian Stutley (G 98-03) for keeping the guys motivated and ensuring we have a team week in week out and Tom Storer (A 99-04), Richard Stutley (G00-05) and Tom Pitcher (H 00-05) who have played in almost every game.

The 2nd XI have had a much more successful season and are currently 3rd in Division II. The most notable performances have been wins both home and away to league leaders Old Carthusians. Promotion is not possible as this is the highest division a 2nd XI can compete in, so the target is to finish as high as possible in the league this season. We remain in the Junior



League Cup and have drawn Old Carthusians in the quarter-finals. Ben Reeves (A 89-94) continues to manage the side with great enthusiasm and special mentions also go to Chris Stow (F 92-97) and Tom Swallow (B 94-97) who are usually two of the first names on the team sheet.

This year has seen the reforming of a veterans team (over 35s), whose first outing was on Festive OB Day when we lost 3-0 to the College 3rd XI. Playing in the Veterans Plate Competition wins over Old Reptonians, 5-3, and Old Malvernians, 4-1, have taken us through to the final against Old Foresters

We are always looking for new players and anyone interested in playing in any of the three teams should contact Stuart Dennis – [sdennis@ultrasis.com](mailto:sdennis@ultrasis.com) or 07855 386393.

*Stuart Dennis (D 87-92)*



## Football



Tim Beech (A 03-05), Jonny Haskell (G 87-92), Dan Barnard (C 91-96), Matt Barnard and Andrew Dixon (C 00-05) took on the College team on Festive OB Day and, like most previous years, managed to scrape a victory. We are hoping to fix more matches next season and I urge all of you who play squash and have left Bradfield to get back in contact if you would like to take part. ([andrew@inetex.co.uk](mailto:andrew@inetex.co.uk)).

*Andrew Dixon (C 00-05)*

## Squash



The OB Lodge meet twice a year in the months of October and January in London and once at Bradfield in April. In 2011 the Lodge celebrates its Centenary and the College will play host to the annual Public Schools Lodge Festival.

For further information about the Lodge please contact Simon Dixon [simon.dixon7@ntlworld.com](mailto:simon.dixon7@ntlworld.com) or the Lodge Secretary, Andrew Tenison [andrew.tenison@ic24.net](mailto:andrew.tenison@ic24.net).

## Lodge

## B House

Peter Munn (B 59-64) sent in a photo of a small OB gathering on 28 August 2008. Simon Nuttall (B 59-63), Henry Wilson (B 59-64) Andrew Cullen (B 59-64) and Peter himself met at Andrew's house in Dulwich for a lunch. Simon was visiting from Australia and Peter from France.



## Bradfield Geriatrics



Brian Ling (E 45-48), Mark Taylor (G 45-50)



Robin Salmon (B 44-49), John Humphreys (A 43-48), Peter Fraser (A 44-48)



Chris Lee (G 45-50), Bryan Whalley (E 44-48)



Bob Bascombe (D 43-48), Ian Meredith (G 44-48), Alan Smallbone (C 43-48)

On the 8th October 2008, about 35 rather old Old Bradfieldians met for a most convivial lunch at the Boot and Flogger hostelry near London Bridge Station. Some thought the inn aptly named. The qualification for attendance was that each of us had to have been a boy at Bradfield in the year 1946-47, which we all remembered as the coldest winter of our lifetimes. The oldest at the lunch was said to be Jim Davis (G 42-46) and the youngest Geoffrey Beccle (G 47-50), though he did not look any younger than the rest of us! There are no speeches at these lunches and there were none on this occasion, other than to welcome, as a guest, Marion Tyrie, widow of the late John Tyrie (G 44-49), who, with Oliver Rowell (G 45-49) and Peter Melrose (D 45-49), started these meetings some years ago. It is hoped that these meetings will continue

annually. Up until now, attendance has been invited to all who have found their way on to an invitation list. But the list is far from complete and any OB who meets the qualification test and would like to come, would be most welcome. The lunch is at present organised by Bryan Whalley [bryan.whalley@btinternet.com](mailto:bryan.whalley@btinternet.com) and/or Peter Slot (very much the understudy) [tarq1840@aol.com](mailto:tarq1840@aol.com) and a request to either for an invitation will be greeted with pleasure and be acted on. The company is, and was, very good and the experience most enjoyable.

With the Tempus Fugit Lunch for all OBs over 70 years of age being held at Bradfield College on Thursday 22 October 2009, the next Geriatrics lunch is planned for early 2010.

*Peter Slot (E 46-51)*



Jim Davis (G 42-46), Chris Hacking (E 44-48), Bryan Whalley (E 44-48)



Sunday 7 December saw many OBs returning to the College to play matches against the College in football, squash, shooting and girls hockey. OBs travelled from far and wide, including Mike Cole-Hamilton (H 54-57) and his wife Jane who were visiting from Canada. Afternoon tea with a log fire in Hall was followed by Carols by Candlelight in the Chapel led by the OB Choir under the careful leadership of Andrew Parker.

## Festive OB Day

### Diary of Events

Sunday 10 May:	<b>Give it Your Max Charity Tennis Tournament</b> ( <a href="mailto:tennischarity@bradfieldcollege.org.uk">tennischarity@bradfieldcollege.org.uk</a> )
Friday 26 June-Thursday 2 July:	<b>Greek Play Oedipus</b> (OB Reception and Performance 27 June)
Sunday 28 June:	<b>Bradfield Day</b> (Classes of 1991-2000) <b>OB Society AGM</b> 11.30 am
Sunday 20 September:	<b>Palmer House 20th Anniversary Reunion</b> and <b>opening of new extension</b>
Friday 2 October:	<b>Foundation Golf Day</b> hosted by Bernard Gallagher
Sunday 18 October:	<b>Charity Hockey Day</b> in memory of David Moss-Gibbons contact Ellie Clarke (I 98-00) or Will Barnett (F 95-00) ( <a href="mailto:ellieclarke@btinternet.com">ellieclarke@btinternet.com</a> or <a href="mailto:wilba@me.com">wilba@me.com</a> )
Thursday 22 October:	<b>Tempus Fugit</b> (Over 70s Lunch)

### Polite Notice

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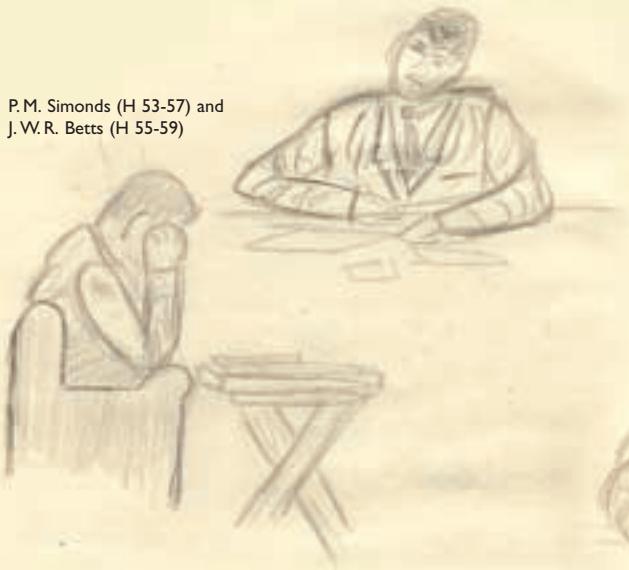
## Rolls-Royce Enthusiasts Club south of England Rally

Bradfield College 17 May 2009



Tom Fenton (H 62-66) is keen to meet up with any OB Enthusiasts Club members who are at the event and hope they would visit him at his car on the day. [tomfen@highnamband.co.uk](mailto:tomfen@highnamband.co.uk) 01452 412341. Photographed above are his two cars, a 1937 Rolls-Royce 25/30 sports saloon and a 1937 Bentley 4 1/4 tourer. Tom will have an A4 notice up at his car to show OBs where to meet him.

P.M. Simonds (H 53-57) and  
J.W.R. Betts (H 55-59)



K.I. Bayley (H 54-59)



A. M. Rutherford-Warren (H 55-59)



P.M. Simonds (H 53-57)



J.W.R. Betts (H 53-57)



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J.W.R. Betts (H 53-57)



J.K.T. Munro (H 54-57)

Sketched by Mike-Cole Hamilton (H 54-57) on a typical Bradfield notebook from the 1950s during prep in The Close Houseroom.

Mike remarks that 'Dick Betts (H 53-57) was the prefect in charge and unlikely to get up and prow! – unlike some others.'

K.I. Bayley, J.W.R. Betts, A.M. Rutherford-Warren and P.M. Simonds were drawn one evening in the autumn of 1956. J.K.T. Munro was sketched after lunch sitting on a houseroom table to read the newspaper. The two featuring P.M. Simonds alone were done early in 1957. Mike remarks 'Peter, Hugh Dolton (H 54-59) and I shared The Close's outside study – Peter was a good model, Hugh was restless. The study was a brick-built bulge on the back of the building, I think it had been a coal shed. It was hellishly cold and we kept a paraffin stove lit almost all the time. Look at what Peter is wearing, a sports jacket over a heavy sweater over all the rest.'