

# Summer 1999

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**BAINES** Helen (81) "I moved to Los Angeles in 1984 as a journalist affiliate of several magazines in order to conduct celebrity interviews and cover stories of general interest. I thought it offered potential to a writing career – to write scripts one needs no qualifications other than imagination, consequently it seemed an appropriate opportunity given my lack of a degree. I married a few years later and we live in the Hollywood hills not far from the infamous Sunset Strip which, sadly, is far more innocuous than its typical theatrical portrayal as a den of iniquity. For awhile [worked as a staff writer for an appalling bad television show and freelanced for another. Badly paid and poorly produced, still loved the work. Now I'm working in development for a production company which basically means I read gazillions of scripts and books –most not worth the value of the trees they're printed on – and occasionally find a nugget worth all the time spent wading through the junk. There are worse ways to make a living."

**BAUGH** James ('93) writes "It has been a while since I last had contact with Oakham. I am now working in London as a commodities reporter for Dow Jones Newswires following the Coffee, Cocoa and sugar markets. I previously worked as an economist at a government quango studying grain markets and before that [graduated from Newcastle with a degree in Agricultural Economics. I used to see a fair bit of Dave MANN ('93), but he has since left London and is learning to fly in Oxford. Very occasionally I bump into Dave BAILEY ('93) who works at JP Morgan. Last week whilst watching the Man U Inter game at a pub [bumped into Alistair BINS ('94). I would like to know if anybody has heard from Mark HAWKINS ('93). I last saw him a couple of years ago before he went off to New Zealand and haven't heard anything since."

**BIRD** Rachel ('90) left Leeds University (French and Italian), to work for the Promotions and Sponsorships department of MasterCard International, starting with the Euro '96 sponsorship programme based in London, then moving with them in '97 to Paris to do the same thing for World Cup 98, and now finally back in London.

**BROOK** Melissa ('93) had a year off on leaving Oakham and worked for six months on an archaeological dig in Mexico. She also helped to run a riding school whilst out there. Melissa then went to the University of Liverpool for four years to study Archaeology, graduating last summer with a 2:1 BA Hons. She then returned to the USA (where her parents now live) and works for a large customer service company called World Access, which has branches in seven different cities worldwide. As an Assistance Coordinator she helps people while travelling if they need emergency medical assistance, evacuations, etc. She would love to hear from anyone in her year who also left in 1993.

**BORRILL** Helen (87) gave up a career in tourism to help the family farm as pressures mounted and prices fell. Now she copes with a mountain of red-tape and paperwork to allow her father, Arthur, to deal with the more physical tasks on the 1,300 acre arable farm at Brigg near Lincoln. "it will take a long time to educate the public, but people should know the care that is taken over quality and animal welfare to produce good British food. Supermarkets could also help by buying more British produce but they want to buy the cheapest and are happy to import supplies from abroad. No matter that meat comes from pigs kept in conditions that have been banned in this country or from chickens in Thailand and Brazil," she said.

**BROWNE** Oliver ('96), who is at Leeds College of Art & Design is shown were with

international model Caprice, after winning his class in The Cancer Research Campaign's National Recycled Fashion Show.

**CHAI Philip ('80)** is a "partner of a leading commercial/corporate law firm in Kuala Lumpur...doing mainly litigation and so am in court a few times a week. (If I am in UK I'd be a barrister.) In my free time, I am the chairman of the Philharmonic Society of Selangor and the choirmaster of the Selangor Philharmonic Choir as well as a director of a theatre company, Music Theatre. Apart from my practice, the year is taken up with concerts and musicals and administration matters of the society and company. In my free time (what little) I serve the Rotary Club and am also a Freemason." Philip gave news (info. January 1999) of other OOs:

Ken Kew CHAt ('80) recently became the father of a baby boy...just over a month and he is thrilled to say the least. Jook Kew CHAI (82) just got registered to be married and will have his wedding ceremony in March. Lim Chee Mm, psychiatrist was married on Saturday (16.1.99) to a neurologist doctor. Lai C TAt ('80) is a lawyer with his own practice. - .a small conveyancing/banking firm. Kah Onn YAP ('81) is a very important man in Hong Kong. Heng Peng LEE ('81) works for a software computer company in KL and holds a prominent position in the company." Last January "a few of the OO's got together in KL and had discussions of our grand time at Oakham." CLARK, Chris ('63) After graduating from UEA (the University of East Anglia) in Norwich (1996), he moved to Breda in the Netherlands to work for a Dutch automation company as a software developer (for 8 months). Afterwards, he changed to his current job with a car manufacturing company in the Netherlands (NedCar), working as a system developer. Chris would like to hear from any OO's who knew him and his address is available on request or he can be contacted by email: [caclark@cobweb.nl](mailto:caclark@cobweb.nl)

**COOKE Jemma ('90)** Since I last spoke to you, my life has been quite hectic...I left Andersen Consulting last year and went travelling around China. I am now working as a management consultant at Beaufort and studying for a MSc in HR Consultancy at Ashridge College.

**CORY Steve ('75)** lives with his wife Wendy and six year old son Alex in Bolton, MA, thirty miles west of Boston. Steve moved to the US in 1983 and is currently Director of Marketing at Simplex ([www.simplexnet.com](http://www.simplexnet.com)) in Gardner, MA. He'd enjoy hearing from any OOs and can be reached via e-mail at [corys@tiac.net](mailto:corys@tiac.net) or at 167 Wilder Road, Bolton, MA 01740."

**DUCK Robert ('96)** is on a gold scholarship at Augusta State University. He finished fourth at Forest Heights, Georgia, having previously come 4th (twice) and 5th.

**DUNBABIN Andrew ('78)**. After working overseas for ten years he has settled down and is living near King's Lynn with his wife and two young children. He works for a local company, Porvair, who claim to be world leaders in microporous technology. He is the electrical and control engineer and spends most of his time with computer automation doing other people out of a job!

**FOX Derek ('49)** is enjoying village life following his retirement from a career in the hire industry during which he was Assistant General Manager at Eddison Plant Ltd; Managing Director at Andrews Industrial Equipment Ltd; Managing Director at Sheriff Plant Hire Ltd and Chairman at the Alternative Group of Hire Companies. G

**GHANDOUR Hadia ('84)** married Ahmad Ghandour in Beirut, Lebanon in June 1995. In November 1997 they had a son, Osman. For 10 years Hadia worked in the Silicon Vally/computer industry. The family currently reside in Columbia, South Carolina, USA.

**GURR David** ('80) Is married and living in Apsley, Hertfordshire. Beverley and he have a two-year-old son, Matthew. David is a sales account manager for SCO, an IT software and services company specialising in UNIX systems software. He would be happy to hear from any ex-schoolmates and can be contacted via email as [davidgu@sco.com](mailto:davidgu@sco.com)

**HAIRSINE Janet** ('95) graduated from Durham University in July with a BSc Hons Geology, and is now working for Arthur Andersen, London. She played for England Students Women's 1st XV rugby seasons 1996-8, and now plays for the senior England Women's squad for the 1998-9 season, whilst also playing at Richmond, London.

**HARDWICK Adam** ('95) is currently based at Carlton/Central Television in Nottingham as a Technical Operator in the Video Operations department. He has worked on a wide range of programmes including "Question Time", "Supermarket Sweep" and "Thursday Night Live". In his spare time he has also presented two series of "The Big Cheese", a magazine programme on the Diamond Cable community channel across the East Midlands and a third series is expected in March. [adam.hardwick@carltontv.co.uk](mailto:adam.hardwick@carltontv.co.uk)

**HARRISON Kathryn** ('95) studied Biology at Manchester University and hopes to graduate with a PhD in biological sciences.

**HAYES Robert** ('75) has been promoted to Superintendent within Cambridgeshire Constabulary, and has responsibility for Roads Policing, Tactical Firearms, Police Dogs, Air Support, Emergency Planning and Communications. He is also involved in the national training of Hostage Negotiators.

**HEARNSHAW Gill** ('93) "Hi, after leaving Oaklmm I spent a wonderful year in Thailand with Project Trust. On my return I moved down to Brighton where I trained as a child carer and worked in nurseries for a couple of years. In Nov97 I left the UK to travel, coming via the USA, Fiji and NZ to Australia where I am working as a nanny in Melbourne and having a fantastic time. In Feb 99 I plan to go back to NZ for a year or so before travelling home through Asia. I'd love to hear from anyone who remembers me,.." email: [mikesquill@hotmail.com](mailto:mikesquill@hotmail.com)

**Crowther (née HITCHENS) Zoe** ('84). "I have not been very good at keeping in touch except at the reunion for our year ('86) a couple of years ago. However, I am still in close contact with a few Oakham friends such as Sue Storer, Kim Carvell and Francesca Harden (nee Freeman). I graduated with a French degree from Reading University in 1990 and then took a year off travelling and working my way around the world. On my return I started work at the Conservation Foundation, a small environmental charity run by David Bellamy, I then made a big change to my career by joining General Electric (USA) where I eventually ended up working in the Treasury department as a money markets dealer, and a year ago I moved to Societe Generale, where I am an internal auditor. I got married on July 11th 1998, at St Mary's, Elland, West Yorkshire. My husband, Paul, is Canadian (from Kamloops, British Columbia). We are living and working in London, (although, all being well, we will be moving to Tunbridge Wells in Feb '99)."

**JONES-FENLEIGH Ben** ('88) and **James COOPER** ('88), Financial Controller and Managing Director, respectively, of Metalcraft of Leicester are at the cutting edge of precision sheet metal work. The company, although only 18 months old is going from strength to strength.

**JUPP Ed** ('95). "I spent four months of my gap year working on a kibbutz in Israel, which was an amazing experience, and which I recommend to everyone. I met loads of people from all around the world and saw quite a lot of a wonderful country (problems caused by religious conflict aside). [also got to go to Cairo and Dahab. I spent most of my time working in a soap factory, which was not as bad as it sounds! In fact, infinitely

preferable to working at Barnsdale Country Club, where I worked when I came home. I also spent time working at Egmont Fleetway in London, publishers, of amongst other things, 2000AD. I went to the University of Kent at Canterbury in October 1996, originally to read Visual and Performed Arts, but I am now in the final year of a Philosophy degree! However, watching all those Fritz Lang and Martin Scorsese films was a fun way to get back into education! Since being here, I've played in a couple of rock bands, and also been in the university chamber choir. I also went to China to visit Tamaki Kobayashi (95) who was there for a year as part of her degree. All being well, I'll graduate in July 1999. After that, hopefully I'll be doing something that involves living in London and working in the media."

Weng Hua LIM ('79) Graduated as a pharmacist from Aston University (1984), he emigrated from Australia in 1986. He obtained his MSc in the field of medicine at the University of Queensland and later on was awarded a PhD from the University of Melbourne. For the last four years he worked as a gallery director until recently. Now in funds/stocks management. Weng Hua would like to hear from any more he knows (especially Phillip Chai (my study/room mate no 52, where are you) & Lai Choy & CB Tay) and can be contacted at labrena@cosmos.net.au or postal address: POBox 57, Sydney Road, Coburg 3058, Victoria, Australia.

KOTZEVA Anna ('94) was Called to the Degree of the Upper Bar of Middle Temple and began a pupillage as a Barrister at 2 Crown Office Row, Temple, London. She graduated from the Inns of Court School of Law, London after gaining BA in Law from Peterhouse, Cambridge.

NORTH Linsey North ('97) "Since leaving Oakham I have taken a gap year and went travelling in Australia and New Zealand. It was a fantastic experience but I didn't really leave Oakham behind that much as I managed to see some 45 people connected with Oakham whilst on my travels!! I am now in my first year at the University of Manchester studying Computer Science with Business and Management. My email there is [north18@cs.man.ac.uk](mailto:north18@cs.man.ac.uk).

PIERSE Fiona ('85). "I am now living in London, working as a Computer Analyst for BBC Worldwide. I would love to hear from any of my old classmates especially Jenny Smith my partner in crime for many years. I can be contacted on email at [fionam\\_98@yahoo.com](mailto:fionam_98@yahoo.com).

SHORE Simon ('77) directed the feature film GET REAL which will be released in cinemas around the UK from 14th May 1999. It won the Audience Award at the Edinburgh Film Festival (beating "Lock Stock and Two Smoking Barrels") and was the only British Film in Competition at the Sundance Film Festival. More details soon at [www.UIPcom](http://www.UIPcom).

SHORE Marian ('85) has been forbidden from attending public screenings of GET REAL because of her embarrassing tendency to stand up and shout "that's my brother!" when the credits appear on the screen.

SHORE Nigel ('81) hasn't seen GET REAL yet. But he's planning to go on May 14th when it opens.

Siobhain Conen (nee PIERSE) ('83) is married with two children and living in Grafham, she has just returned to work in charge of a local nursery school.

Roisin Bazzocchi (nee PIERSE) ('81) is married with three children and living in Sardinia with her Italian husband. Anyone wanting to contact her can contact her and Siobhain through their sister Fiona on email at [fionam\\_98@yahoo.com](mailto:fionam_98@yahoo.com).

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**AWCOCK** Allan ('56) wrote: It is long overdue for me to let those interested hear from me!! Briefly I left for Malaya in 1958 to take up a career in tropical plantation management, and over the course of the next 40 years held positions as manager of Rubber, oil palm, coconut, cocoa, and tea estates in many states of the Federation of Malaya, now Malaysia. I retired last year but was asked to return to Sumatra to become a general manager of a huge Oil palm, rubber estate totalling over 65000 acres on 6 estates stretching over 180 kilometres from North to South in the district of Bengkulu North. I was very pleased to meet Robert Stevens for whom I fagged' in 1952, whilst visiting Oxford, and to find he was now Master of Pembroke. Congratulations!

**APSION** Annabelle ('76) recently appeared in the TV serial, **The Lakes** by Jimmy McGovern, giving her a chance to do her first major stunt, which involved running away

as a car exploded behind her.

**BACKERMANN** Dennis ('89) commenced employment with KPMG Consulting at Dusseldorf (Germany), in the area of software consultation with the focus on the software SAP R/3, in September 1999.

**BALL** Dan ('91) will be moving from London to Bath to set up a sales office for the exhibition equipment company that he has been working for for the last two years.

**BERRY** John ('91) was admitted to the Roll of Solicitors of the Supreme Court of England and Wales on 1st June, and to the Bar of the State of New York at the Justice Department, Albany on 22nd June. John returned from Allen & Overy's New York office to its head office in London in April, where he became an associate in the US Law Group. He now advises clients (including the International Swaps and Derivatives Association) on English law and New York law governed derivative products and on due diligence and documentation matters in connection with international debt and equity offerings and US private placements.

**BETTINSON** Charles ('92) is a regular Dot E instructor/assessor, and has just completed his MSc, and is considering a PhD in Strategic Management. He reports that Kirsten SLACK has completed his PhD and has emigrated to New Zealand with his Kiwi girlfriend.

**BUTLIN** Roger ('78) writes: I married Anne Lister on 18<sup>th</sup> July 1998 at the Church of St Thomas, Henbury, Cheshire. We are both organic chemists working at AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals (I'm in Discovery Research and Anne works in Process R&D) but it was our mutual love of hill walking that brought us together in this very pleasant corner of Cheshire. We also escape to the Lake District and Scotland when we can! I'm still playing badminton but have dropped out of team play. My trumpet now belongs firmly shut away in its case but has had the cobwebs blown out on the odd occasion!

**CARLEY** Nick (89) studied Applied Chemistry at Liverpool after which he took a year out to teach sailing in the South of France. Since 1994 he has worked with banks and currently works for American Credit Card Company MBNA International, where he progressed through an Accelerated Management Programme, and has since fulfilled several managerial positions within Risk Management, Marketing and the Facility Management Department. Sailing remains a passion of his and he races on a 35ft yacht (J35) in regattas around the Irish Sea most weekends. He would like to hear news of anyone who knew him at Oakham and he can be contacted at 17 Walpole Street, Chester, CH1 4HG.

**COPP** Sally (96) took a 2i from Oxford, plus a full blue for sailing (she captained the side against Cambridge and won). She then went teaching in Nepal.

**CORBEET** Michael F ('94) is currently at Manchester University in his second year studying Law.

**CORY** Philip (78) is currently living in Ipswich and has just been appointed Director of an import/export shipping agency where he has been employed for the past fifteen years. He continues to be a very active thespian and is heavily involved in the local amateur drama scene. He welcomes correspondence from other OOs of the time and can be reached at 105 Maryon Road, Ipswich, P3 9NL, England.

**CORY** Steve (76) wrote: I have already heard from two old friends following my inclusion in the News of... section of the last magazine. There's only one problem now though: my e-mail address has changed to [coryswa@mediaone.net](mailto:coryswa@mediaone.net)!

**CRUMBIE** B Neil (42- 50) or BNC. Is now serving a second tour on SAO TOME Island in the Atlantic Ocean as Charge D'Affaires and Head of the Office of the European Commission to the Democratic Republic of SAD TOME and PRINCIPE from which appointment he will retire in July 2000 and return to Leicester. Previously he also served there from 1990-1993. BAF Smith (same time as BNC at Oakham) known to many as BAF" and Mrs Jill Smith both visited BNC at SAG TOME for a week in early 1999 and had a fun time. Bearing in mind the extreme likelihood anyone will pass by and call on him where he is at present BNC welcomes E Mail contact from any of his old friends still able to read and write on: [ncrumbie@sol.stome.telepac.net](mailto:ncrumbie@sol.stome.telepac.net)

**DAVIES** John (77) graduated from Bristol University and since then been working as a director/designer of opera and theatre, originally with English National Opera, but now principally in Europe (especially Austria, Germany and Scandinavia). He has just been awarded the prestigious Josef Kainz Medal by the city of Vienna (the Austrian equivalent of the Oliviers) and is the first British artist ever to win such an award -after nearly twenty productions in Vienna, including directing the acclaimed Viennese premiere of Benjamin Britten's last opera, Death in Venice. He is rarely in the UK, but as Director of Productions of New Sussex Opera, he sometime directs operas for the internationally known baroque orchestra The Hanover Band in Brighton.

**DEAN** Philippa (94) travelled to Australia in her GAP year for twelve months before travelling to Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, Thailand, Fiji and Cook Islands and qualifies as a Divemaster (scuba diving). She travelled to Egypt and has qualified as an Instructor and is off on a Frontier marine expedition to Tanzania to do fish and coral surveys.

**DONALDSON** Ian (77). Having been elected as a Councillor for the Royal Hospital Ward of the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea in 1990, I was reelected in May 1998. I have just retired as Chairman of the Libraries and Arts Committee after three years, and have been appointed Vice-Chirman of the Highways & Traffic Committee.

**Everett Beverley** (née **HERBERT**) (90)I am now working at David S. Smith (Holdings) PLC for the Group Communications Manager (Marketing and Investor Relations) and will be working for the Group Legal Adviser in January 2000. I am living and working in London and have now been married for 18 months. My sister (Antonia **HERBERT** 92) is living and working in Manchester for English Heritage and my brother (Paul **HERBERT** 95) has just returned from touring Australia and is now working for Cable and Wireless in Holborn, London.

**FARMER** Jeremy (67) moved to Winnetka, Illinois, (about 20 miles from Chicago on Lake Michigan), 12 years ago after transferring from London with First National Bank of Chicago -now Bank One, the fourth largest US Bank. He is responsible for several of the Human Resources departments including Recruiting and Development. He and Gill have three boys aged 17,15, and 12 years.

**FARRIN** Neil (69) Now residing in New Zealand has published a book called 'New Zealand The Millennium', a 250 page photographic book on New Zealand with a foreword by Sir Edmund Hillary.

**FORBES-ROBERTSON** Amy (98) and **MORTIMER** Claire (98) travelled to India and wrote back - Where to start? So much has happened and all too soon we are contemplating home but we really have had the most incredible time. India is fantastic - we spent the first two months travelling. A ridiculously large amount to see in such a short period of time - and now, coming to the end of our three months at Raphael. Time has flown by. Raphael is such a fantastic place - a stocky start but all fell into place remarkably well, the residents are so much fun, we never imagined we would enjoy it quite so much...thinking we were coming to give our help - yet everyone here seems to have

opened our eyes more than we could have foreseen! RAPHAEL, at Debra Dun, is a Ryder Cheshire Home for the Relief of Suffering. Over the years, quite a number of Oakhamians have helped out at Raphael - physically and mentally handicapped children and children from leper families - always to their great personal gain. The Second Master, Nigel WEBB, writes that his youngest daughter Nicola (88) was one and, for her, it changed her aims totally, leading her to become a Clinical Psychologist.

**GILLIVER** Wendy (86) After leaving school I went to Newcastle Poly, to study Geography. After finishing I had a year off and travelled around Australia. I then attended Aberystwyth Uni and completed a PGCE. I then worked in a boys' prep school in Sevenoaks for three years before emigrating to Australia. I am now living in Sydney, still teaching and on 27th November I get married to Keith Williams. I can be contacted on [Wendygg@ozemail.com.au](mailto:Wendygg@ozemail.com.au) and would love to hear from anyone venturing out to Australia for the Olympics!

**GRIFFIN** Michael J (63) is presently Director of Research and Development with ADAS Consulting Ltd.

**HADDON** Louise (91) is living in London working in Sales and Project Management for a contract furniture company, a job that she has done since returning from working in Australia in 1996/7. She will be joining Dan BALL after their wedding next year.

**HARDY** Steve (80) I am in my ninth year teaching at St. George's College Weybridge -Head of Year and Head of Sport. Recently I was appointed by the Welsh Hockey Association to become their assistant coach to the men's team which is competing in the European Championships in Italy this September. In the same week Lily-Ann, our third child, was born (Jack 6, Alice 4). If any 00's are in our area please contact us on <mailto:hardymill1@tinyonline.co.uk>

**HEWLETT** Nick (95) graduated from Cardiff University in 98 with a BSc in Marine Meography (2:2) and since had a year out working and then travelling through South East Asia, Australia and New Zealand. He is doing an MSc in Hydrography at Plymouth University.

**HICKS** Greg (70) performed in Dreaming by Peter Barnes at the Royal Exchange, Manchester earlier this year.

**HOLLAND** Julian (88). Following his PGCE at Homerton College, Cambridge he is now teaching German, IT and RE at Barnardiston Hall Preparatory School, Norfolk. (Nikki Smith (89) also taught there.)

**HOLLIDAY** Amy ('97) is in her third year of Physiotherapy at Bradford University. Last summer she went to Cape Town for a four week work placement, after which she spent five weeks touring South Africa before going to Bali for two weeks.

**HOLLIDAY** Clare (95) travelled to France in September for the final year of her European Studies degree, having spent much of the summer break in Egypt and Israel.

**HUGHES** Owen ('93) writes: I'm currently working in Singapore helping set up and run new offices for Sponsorship Information Services, (having joined them in Nov 1997), researching and evaluating sports sponsorship. Things are going very well so far, working hard, but making the time to experience the social and sporting life - playing hockey and cricket at the Singapore Cricket Club on the 'padang', (I'm sure you've seen the pictures of the ground surrounded by sky-scrapers.) I expect to be here for about a year, but who knows?!

**HURTON** Stephen 'Cutie' (89) gained HND in Agriculture from Harper Adams, moved to London, became a gardener, learnt about computers, became a secretary, worked on



internet design and desktop publishing, and is now a project manager in the marketing department of Arthur Anderson. He reports that he has just returned from Africa on the last leg of his second global tour. He partied in Cape Town; bought and renovated a Kombi van; drove to Ourban and sold it at vast profit, then bussed to Pretoria and hitched to Nairobi (via Zimbabwe, Zambia, and Tanzania), and is already planning another trip. He plans to get hold of a Toyota Land Cruiser and to drive through West Africa to Uganda or Tanzania and is looking for some like-minded OOs willing to spend three months travelling and share the costs.

**Kavourides** (née **SWINFEN**) Victoria (78) recently moved to the Stansted area as her husband, George, is based at the airport working for Ryanair flight crew. They have two children Katerina (3 years) and Michalis (18 months).

**KIANG I-Peng** (81) moved to London in 1988, where he has been working as an Architect for a private practice involved in urban regeneration, social housing and healthcare work. He is also involved with a Christian Housing Charity - Southwark Habitat for Humanity - which builds homes for people on low income, through volunteer labour and corporate sponsorship. The programme gives hope to families caught in the poverty trap, living in inner city areas. The official opening of their first four houses was earlier this year by Hillary Armstrong, the Minister of Housing. Body Shop and united Airlines sponsored a home each in this first programme. I-Peng is married with two children and lives in Peckham, London. He can be contacted at [ipeng@bailygarner.co.uk](mailto:ipeng@bailygarner.co.uk)

**LATTIN-RAWSTRONE** Charlotte (96) writes: I am now working at Research Machines near Oxford after leaving Manchester University. I had a beautiful baby boy called Jack in October last year and things are going really well. My sister has just graduated from Cambridge with a high 2:1 in English so she is doing well in a very different way!

**LAWSON-DICK** Alasdair (84) Following their return in 1995 from sunny Bahrain, Alasdair and Anna Stromberg were married in Stockholm in 1997. They have recently moved to a house in south London, just in time for the arrival of their first baby girl, Johanna Margaux Birgitta, born on 12th May at The Chelsea & Westminster Hospital. Alasdair has left the US firm, BrownForman Wines International, to join Justerini & Brooks, part of UDV/Diageo. He is leading a new Fine Wine division created to supply top London Hotels and Restaurants and is based in the St James's Street office. J & B began trading in 1749 and celebrates its 250th anniversary this year. Alasdair can be contacted via e-mail as <mailto:alasdair.lawson-dick@udv.com>

**MURRAY** Adam ('98) has embarked on a career in IT and is working for a Web Development Company in Norwich, in the Sales and Marketing Department. He is also studying for a degree (Open University) in Marketing through Leeds University.

**NEALE** Celia ('91) I left Leeds at the end of September (1998) after 3 years of a PhD in Biochemistry. I completed my thesis, had my viva and finally graduated from The University of Leeds with my PhD this July. In January I also started a new job at the University of Bath as a post-doctoral research officer in the department of Biochemistry researching into diabetes. I am really enjoying the new job and new location and if there are any other OOs in the area do get in touch. My new e-mail address is [bsscrn@bath.ac.uk](mailto:bsscrn@bath.ac.uk)

**NEEDHAM** Brian (Hon.OO) was visited by a member of Oakham staff this summer who reported back that Brian is enjoying living and teaching at Kamuzu, Malawi. He has explored the remotest corners of the country, seeing the wildlife, and especially enjoying the ornithology.

**NORMAN** Miche ('80) wrote: I took a GAP year in Israel and then did an accountancy foundation course in Manchester followed by articles in London and qualified as a

Chartered Accountant. I moved to Israel in 1986 got married and following a disastrous marriage, divorced and am now happily engaged to Angela, a wonderful American lady. Having worked in the Israeli offices of Deloitte and Pannell Kerr Forster, I have recently joined RMC as assistant to the financial controller/internal auditor. The work is interesting and involves quite a bit of travel to Jordan. Life is made more interesting by being a single parent bringing up two children. Since Israel is somewhat primitive so far as family law is concerned only 0.1% of fathers get custody so it really is something of a challenge which I am thoroughly enjoying!

**NORSHAINI M Jeran** ('87) is working for Bank Negara (Malaysia). He was transferred to their office in New York in January 1996. He married Pui Ling Ong (also from Kuala Lumpur) in New York in 2nd January 1998. He'd welcome hearing from his 00 friends.

**Nottingham** (née **WELCH**) Hayley (81) has recently completed Project 2000 and gained a B.Sc Nursing 2.1 degree.

**PARR John** (82) Has been working for Vorsprung Business Systems in Manchester since 1995 when his boss at Siemens Nixdorf (SNI) bought out the section he was working for and set up for himself. They sell & support business management software, primarily Navision Financials (they are the largest dealer in the UK) and an older product called Comet.

**PEARCE-SMITH Philip** ('49) has been awarded the MBE in the latest Queen's Birthday Honours List. He has run the Lepe based League of Venturers search and rescue organisation since he founded it 38 years ago.

**PEARSON Lucy** ('90) is included in the squad from which the England Women's Cricket team will be selected for the World Cup, in December 2000, in New Zealand.

**PLANT Mark** ('74) is working for a large American software company, encouraging others to get onto the 'Information Superhighway'.

**PRIESTNALL Nick** (69) now runs a project management consultancy based in Central London. After a number of years as a director of a London PR company, and then European Marketing Director for the NFL (National Football League), he established his own business nearly five years ago. The consultancy has a number of blue chip clients and provides an advisory service, particularly in marketing communications and sponsorship and project management expertise, to companies who lack adequate in-house resources for ad hoc projects or events. He is married with two daughters, aged 8 and 12, and lives in North London. He still plays a lot of cricket and is wrestling with the vagaries of golf! He would be delighted to re-establish contact with contemporaries from Chapmans and College House and the school cricket teams in which he played.

**RATNAVEL Nandiran** ('87) Having spent 2 years living together in St. Johns' Wood, London, "Rats" got married on 4th September 1999 in St. Johns' Wood to Debbie.

**Matt RADLEY** ('87) was the best man. "Rats" is a paediatric registrar working in London and is greatly respected within the medical community. Debbie also works in paediatrics. They will almost certainly live in St. Albans. Matt RADLEY works for the largest demolition firm in London as an explosive engineer and senior projects manager. He is also an inventor with two patents to his name. After the wedding (above) and losing his flat mate he now lives in Maida Vale with Mala, also a doctor. If anybody is interested in contacting either "Rats" or Matt, we can be contacted on [malasiva@aol.com](mailto:malasiva@aol.com)

**SHEPARD Ruth** ('95) graduated from Birmingham Summer 1999. In September she intends to go round the world from east to west, arriving in Fiji in December for Christmas and the Millennium and then continue to Raratonga, Hawaii, Vancouver and

then down the coast from Seattle to Los Angeles.

**SLACK** Kirsten (87) is a veterinary surgeon.

**SLACK** Kristian ('89) moved to New Zealand at the end of August 1999. He is a research chemist at Materials Performance Technologies. Things are very busy and a lot more varied here with many small projects in place at any one time. The company also has offices in Melbourne, Wellington, Singapore, the US and Japan. It is part of what used to be the DSIR (Department of Scientific and Industrial Research) and as such is wholly owned by the NZ government. However in order to thrive, a great deal of work is going on in the private sector.

**SMITH** B.A.F. ('54) was awarded an Honorary Degree of Master of Business Administration by De Montfort University, Leicester in July 1998. In February 1999 he was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Leicestershire.

**SMITH** Neil ('97) is studying for a BA(Hons) in Russian and Soviet Studies and is currently in Russia. He will spend five months studying in St Petersburg followed by four months in Novosibirsk (Siberia!).

**SOPER** David ('95) After leaving Oakham I picked hops in Kent then went to southern Bavaria in Germany for 6 months where I worked in a ski resort in a hotel, washing dishes and odd jobs such as painting and decorating and cleaning the pool. In my spare time I would ski and snowboard. I came home for the summer and worked as a groundsman in the parks of Leicester. After 4 months I flew to Israel where I worked on a kibbutz harvesting cotton, I made several trips, including Jerusalem and the Dead Sea and also Egypt where I visited the pyramids. Then as it was turning colder I went to Hong Kong then Thailand and travelled down through Malaysia to Singapore, arriving in Australia for Christmas. I found work in Victoria, on farms driving tractors, picking/packing fruit: apples, pears, peaches, apricots and plums in heat of up to 42 deg C without shade. Then I carried bananas in northern Queensland (they can weigh up to 85KG). I worked within inches of some of the world's most dangerous snakes and spiders. During my time I travelled the great ocean road, the red centre seeing Ayres Rock, dived at the Great Barrier Reef and sorted down the east coast. Going home I bungee jumped in New Zealand and travelled across the USA visiting the Grand Canyon, Niagara Falls and the Deep South. Since returning home I have made trips to Scandinavia and Western Europe. I am now studying Business Studies at UWE in Bristol and have just started a placement at Volkswagen in Germany. Contact address [david.soper@volkswagen.de](mailto:david.soper@volkswagen.de)

**SUTTON**, Mark (89). Having won the sword of Honour at Sandhurst he was commissioned into the 6th Gurkhas. He served primarily in the Far East but was also ADC to the Governor of Gibraltar. He received accelerated promotion and was a Captain at 23 years of age. Primarily because of the effects of defence cuts he decided to leave the Army after five years and having gained experience in various departments of Citibank is now a trader in emerging markets in Citibank's Strand office.

**SUTTON**, Stephen ('91) is a lieutenant in the Royal Marines and has already enjoyed great variety in roles and locations, including serving as an officer of the watch in HMS Boxer during the Bosnia patrol. For some years he has been a qualified naval diver and free fall parachutist and has recently gained his 'wings' as a helicopter pilot.

**SWINFEN** Sally ('80) continues to live on Fuerteventura, Canary Islands with her husband, Antonio Rodriguez-Calero, and son Tineri (18 months).

**TOMLINSON Lucy** ('94) On leaving Oakham I went to The Gambia, West Africa, to work for an NGO that supplied educational equipment and sponsored poor students in rural schools. It was a fantastic, yet extremely eye opening experience. In September of 1995 I started Manchester University. I graduated from there in June 1998 with a 2:1 B.Soc Sci (Social Policy). In July of that year I moved to Japan to become an English teacher. I have already worked for one year of my two year contract with the local Board of Education. I teach English in 5 Junior High Schools and also teach Adult Ed. I can be contacted on email at [Loose30@hotmail.com](mailto:Loose30@hotmail.com)

**TOWNEND Georgina** ('95). Having graduated from the University of Bristol with a degree in Pharmacology, George travelled extensively throughout Australia and the wilds of Alaska, returning to take up a position as a trainee manager for a large London based restaurant group.

**TOWNEND Nicholas** ('93). After graduating from Sunderland University with a degree in Art and Design majoring in Photography and subsequently working for a national photographic company, Nick is about to take up a position at Huddersfield Infirmary as a Medical Photographer.

**TURNER Michael** ('70) is a member of the Philharmonia Orchestra.

**VENNETT-SMITH Trevor** ('69) is currently involved with running one of the country's leading sports memorabilia auctions, specialising in cricket, football, tennis and the like. He has just been re-elected as Borough councillor for the Gotham Ward (now 20 years service).

**WALTERS Zoe** ('92) Graduated from UEA with a BA Hons in French and History and went on to work for Sponsorship and Promotions department of Capital Radio London. She then worked in Publishing on a number of titles before "settling down to a tab job as an advertising executive on Marie Claire Magazine." She is enjoying country life in Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire and will be married on September 18th 1999.

**WEBB Philip RH** ('44). My wife and I live in Australia in retirement from my chair of law at Auckland University, but I am still one of the team that writes Butterworths Family Law service. I also keep part of the Laws of New Zealand updated on the law of partnership, which I originally wrote in 1992, and I try to keep my textbook on that subject up to date. New Plymouth is a good place. Not far away and readily visible from home is Mt. Fgmont -a dormant volcano of very fine shape.

**Williams (née MOCKFORD) Katie** ('82) works as an IT consultant for Renaissance Worldwide in London, married to Ian and has a two year old son, Alex.

**WOOD Ashley** ('94) graduated from the University of Southampton with a 2.1 Hons in Business Economics and Spanish. After spending two months travelling through South Africa, he'll begin as a trainee chartered accountant at Price Waterhouse Coopers, London in September 1999. His email address is: [ashwood100@hotmail.com](mailto:ashwood100@hotmail.com)

**WRIGHT KLUGER Amanda V** ('91) attended University of West of England, Bristol 1991-94 and achieved LLB.Hons in Law, and in 1994-5 achieved Legal Practice Course (LPC). 1997-99 attended Dickenson School of Law in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, USA graduating with a Juris Doctor in American law. She has been successful in completing the Bar exams and has been admitted to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Amanda is currently working in the law offices of Margolis Edelstein, Attorneys at Law, a leading Philadelphia firm of lawyers with 130 partners with branches throughout Pennsylvania. She hopes eventually to be practising law in both the USA and in England.

**PUGH** Gwilym (93) achieved a BSc (2i) in Agriculture and Management from The Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester. He is currently managing his family farm and wishes to pursue a career in residential development.

**SMITH** Brian AF ('54) has been appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Leicestershire.

**SQUIRELL** Rebecca ('98), of Morcott, has taken time out from her studies to teach English to school children in India. Rebecca is at the Lotus English School in Tamil Nadu, and is teaching youngsters between three and nine. She lives at the school with the head teacher's family which enables her to absorb local customs and culture. Following her year out, Rebecca hopes to go to Edinburgh University to study maths and economics.

**THOMPSON** Keith ('75). Living in Much Hadham, Herts. Working in the communications industry as regional sales manager for a leading supplier of Internet networking technology. Father of two (10 and 12). Email: [kethomps@cisco.com](mailto:kethomps@cisco.com)

**TWEEDIE** Juliette ('94) gained a First Class degree in Textile Design from Glasgow School of Art, and has gained a place at the Royal College of Art to study for an MA, starting September 1999.

**WATSON** Andrew ('91) gained a 2.1 in Industrial Design at university and is now a freelance graphic designer with most of his work being magazine and other advertising for a shop called Millennium.

**Whitehead**, Clare (née BUTTERFIELD) ('82) gained a 2.1 BSc in PE & Sports Science at Loughborough University. She was a tennis coach in Portugal, and in Sydney, Australia for three years. On returning to England Clare coached at the Royal County of Berkshire Rackets & Health Club. In September 1994 she married Paul Whitehead of Cheshire and on May 19th 1998 their son, Charlie James, was born.

**WRIGHT** Richard ('75). After leaving school spent 22 years serving in the Royal Artillery. After training at Woolwich served eight years as a surveyor in Germany. He served three tours of duty in Northern Ireland and was seconded to the Sultan of Oman's Artillery for two years as an instructor after learning to speak Arabic. On his return to the British Army, served as a technical instructor and training manager at the Royal School of Artillery and in Germany. On leaving the army in 1997 he settled in Wiltshire and took up a position as Buyer and Health & Safety Manager with Canac Pet Product. He is currently employed as a Systems Training Officer with VMTC involved in voice mail and communications training. Married in 1988 and now has two daughters.

# New CCF Headquarters at Oakham School opened by Colonel M Heron MBE ('74)

Colonel M Heron MBE opened the new CCF Headquarters at Oakham School on Monday 26

April, in memory of his father, the late Major J Heron.MC. ('33)

Colonel Heron's daughter, Annabel, is currently a pupil, hoping to join the CCF next year. The plaque to commemorate the opening was unveiled by Mrs. Heron, Major Heron's widow. Major Heron saw active service in the war and was awarded the Military Cross.

Colonel Heron inspected the cadets lined up in the new parade ground and took time to speak to some of them. Oakham School CCF is going through a period of significant growth and is currently made up of nearly 200 cadets. The Oakham CCF is voluntary, unlike in many schools – this is one of the country's biggest voluntary CCF sections.

## Army Section

The army section is affiliated to both the Royal Anglian Regiment and the Household Cavalry. The training syllabus focuses upon aspects of turnout, drill, teamwork, physical skills, map and compass skills, weapon handling, fieldcraft, battle skills, expedition training, military knowledge and leadership training.

## RAF Section

The RAF Section is parented by RAF Cottesmore. The training syllabus covers a similar range of activities to the Army Section, though less emphasis is placed upon physical skills and weapon handling. The basic principles of flight and aircraft recognition are taught and there are opportunities for RAF cadets to learn to fly in powered Bulldogs at RAF Newton and in Vigilant gliders at RAF Syerston.



The plaque to commemorate the opening of Oakham School's new CCF Headquarters being unveiled by Mrs. Heron, Major Heron's widow.

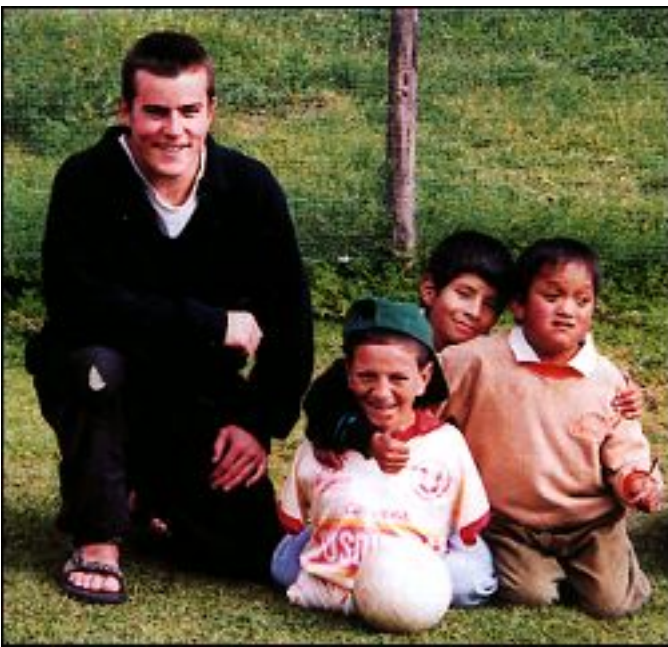


Colonel Heron talks to cadets during the inspection on the new parade ground.



# Peru Trip 1999

By Oliver Marshall



Through the Christian Union at Chester University, I had the opportunity to do some work experience as part of my work-based learning module out in Cajamarca, situated 2650m in the northern Andes of Peru. As it was through the University's Christian Union it was a voluntary job and entailed that I worked with children of varying disabilities. For the short period of only seven weeks helped within the Special School and my afternoons were spent at the nearby Orphanage (connected to the School).

The Special School was set up by a German lady about 40 years ago and aims to give the disabled children of the area an equal opportunity in life (as they are treated awfully in Peru). It is one of only two schools in Peru of its kind and has around 300 children attending with all different types of disabilities from Down's syndrome to mentally retarded and physical disabilities (deaf and blind).

I was actually involved with the mentally retarded children helping the teacher with basic maths, grammar and art classes. I also took PE and sports lessons teaching the children basic skills in co-ordination and playing together. I often joined in a game of football during break time. Having never worked with special needs children before and knowing very little Spanish, I

found the first few weeks very demanding. However, things became progressively easier (including the Spanish) and I was very sad finally to leave. My afternoons were spent at the orphanage where some 30 or 40 children lived. This was slightly less demanding and communication not as important because it was just recreational time, giving the children love and attention.

It has been a valuable experience in terms of awareness of the needs and abilities of special needs people and given me a better understanding of global poverty and how I could help in the future.

After my work experience was over I took the chance to travel for three months with a couple of friends also on the course. We spent one and a half months covering most of Peru, from the desert sandunes, across the magnificent Andes and east into the vast regions of the Amazon rainforest. We also found time to visit Bolivia and Chile briefly to visit more incredible Andean scenery.

## Rugby Kit and Sunday Best in the 30s

From Roger Anderson ('39)

These photographs were taken by my father in the garden of Chapel Close when I started in the First form in 1936.

The gate at the back of the rugby picture, which separated Chapel Close from the School Sanatorium, is no longer there.

The door at the back of the Eton collar photograph would have been father's study with Church Passage and Choir Close just over the wall on the left. The post-Chapel sherry parties took place in this area in the Summer Term. I believe Bob Duesbury had this room as a study during the War.





# Patrick John Fisher (OO) celebrates his 90th Birthday

Patrick John Fisher PJ" celebrated his 90th birthday with five other OOs spanning three generations, in the wood panelled splendour of Armoury House, London. PJs fellow OOs were Sam Weller, David Bromley, John Fisher (son) and Steve, Jo and Sara Tideswell (grandchildren).

The champagne reception and dinner was held at the Headquarters of the Honorable Artillery Company (HAC), fitting as this has been PJs second home, club and sportsground for the last seventy years!

The genteel surroundings were mirrored by the sounds of leather on willow as a not so hotly contested cricket match proceeded. At the same time, and to the amusement of the OOs we witnessed square bashing from the latest recruits to the Regiment.

**"Stomachs in. Shoulders back – my goodness one of them is a woman!" . . .!**

daresay old hat to current Oakhamians.

After dinner speeches from members of the Regiment and OOs included a fabulous tale from PJ's school days courtesy of Sam Wellar. It transpired that PJ and a friend had taken a motorcycle trip to Leicester –strangely the motivation for the trip was never mentioned! On returning through the rain and in the dark, they accidentally knocked a policeman off his bicycle a few miles outside Oakham! Punishment for this, and for their unauthorised excursion was moderated by a rapid appointment with the Head Master, Tom Sargant, and some finely chosen words.

The following year PJ went on to become Head Prefect – poacher turned gamekeeper!

# Reminiscences - Oakham School in the late 19th century

By M Aldred

ARCHIVES. Headmastership of Rev. E.V. Hodge.

ALDRED, Maxwell, son of Dr J.C.Aldred, Dore, Sheffield. Born 27 October 1879.

Came to Oakham in 1893/4: left 1899. Prefect 1898. Cricket XI 1897-9 (capt 1 year).

Played football for Midland Counties.

Lt.Col N.Z. Forces in Egypt. V. seriously wounded.

Farmer in New Zealand.

The most miserable time of my life was the first two years I spent at Oakham, my father's old school. I was 13 years old at the time when I went there and found myself in the First Form amongst boys two or three years younger than myself. I was so ashamed that I used to try to make myself look small but, as I was tall for my age, this was not easy.

Oakham was the old type of Public School, with about two hundred boarders aged from ten to twenty. The building used for the First and Second Forms was hundreds of years old, the stone walls being about six feet thick. There were names carved in the oak desks by boys who had laboured there in the seventeen-hundreds. The food was good but very plain. One excellent thing was that any boy over fourteen years could have a glass of beer instead of milk, for supper, and I think that very few of we boys who were taught to regard beer as just an ordinary drink, ever took it in excess afterwards.

There was half an hour early school before breakfast, school all morning and, except for half-holidays on Wednesday and Saturday, again from 4pm to 6pm in the two winter terms and from 2pm to 4pm in the summer. The Prep. from 7 to 8.30pm for the lower school and Second Prep. from 9 to 10pm for the Upper.

Games were taken very seriously it being compulsory to play Cricket or Rugby on four days a week, while it was considered very bad form indeed not to watch the First XI or XV matches on Saturdays. The captain of the Cricket or Football teams was certainly considered to be far more important than the head prefect.

Late in my school career, too, a prize won by me for English or French evoked no enthusiasm at home, whereas a big score at cricket always resulted in one or more Postal Orders arriving by the next mail! Wednesday was the only real half-holiday and then only if you managed to dodge "detention" to which any master could commit you for periods of from half-an-hour to two hours. Boys receiving "overtime" – or more than two hours detention – were required to report at the Head Master's study when it was generally a case of "bend over my boy."

Two lower school boys had to share one of the very small studies and my first study mate was one Tommy Porter, a rather notorious character. Tommy generally had "overtime" on Wednesday afternoon and on one famous occasion no less than four masters gave him the maximum sentence of two hours. Knowing what must happen afterwards, we padded him well with exercise books but, unfortunately for Tommy, over-did it as the sound of the first whack gave him away. The Head was really angry and, after all obstructions had been removed, gave poor Tom an awful hiding. However, Tom and myself turned this to good account for at suppertime he stood on the study table and I collected pennies from all those who wished to peep round the door at Tom's awful weals! We made quite a lot of money from this, my first business transaction! The Head's famous malacca was certainly some cane.

Shame impelled me to work really hard for my first three years at school and, although I was always handicapped by my lack of grounding, I succeeded in catching up to most boys of my own age and in dodging the "Third Remove" – which was the form in which youths of between sixteen and twenty who were too old to remain with the small boys in the lower school but not fit for promotion to the upper school – resided.

However, any chance I might have had of doing well was settled, for after I became captain of the First XI and also the Football XV, only my master – who I afterwards realised was my best friend – ever expected me to do any work.

The following (which is an actual conversation as well as I can remember it) illustrates this:—

**Mr Fitch:** "Aldred, you haven't done any work this week. I have you down for an hour's detention. You got no runs on Saturday either, did you?"

**Aldred:** "No Sir, but I took six wickets."

**Mr Firch:** 'So you did, so you did, twill cross you off my list.'

As a matter of fact I broke all records by playing Rugby for Leicester and the Midland Counties while still at school and also getting some big scores and taking wickets in good cricket during the holidays.

An exploit when I was just over seventeen years old nearly resulted in my school days ending abruptly. A certain gentleman, one "Slogger Walker," of the Town Gymnasium, was the local boxing champion and he and other "townites" were always taunting our boxing instructor, Sgt. Gregg, that boxing at the school gymnasium consisted of "patting" and not "hitting". The upshot of this was that I was secretly matched to fight "Slogger" fifteen three-minute rounds in the town gymnasium.

One evening (with the knowledge of the whole school and, I think, some of the masters,) took a lot of punishment and was lucky to survive the first few rounds. However, superior training (football five days a week and very plain food) gradually told its tale and enabled me to get some of my own back. The end came in the fourteenth round when "Slogger" went down for the count – I think he was too tired to get up.

There was great enthusiasm on my return when I was chaired round the "quad" at supper-time, but all remedies – including the application of raw beef steak – entirely failed to camouflage traces of "Sloggers" work on my face where the chief damage consisted of two black eyes, swollen nose and cut lips. Valiant efforts were made to shield me from public view at prayers the next morning but all to no avail and the Head (good sport as he was) could not possibly pretend not to notice my deplorable condition. The inevitable summons to the study resulted and I was nearly expelled but in consideration of my good conduct in the past was not sent home in disgrace but was confined to my class-room and study "until such time as I was fit to be seen by civilised people." which meant that I missed two good football matches!

Old Oakhamians who I met in later life told me that the Slogger Walker fight (with suitable additions regarding the knock-out blow) became one of the school legends. In the end I left school at the age of nineteen, really unfitted for any profession. It was suggested that I should go to Cambridge, on the chance of earning at least one "blue", and then becoming a parson but, as I did not fancy the latter, it was decided that I should learn farming with a view of going to the Colonies some day.

Michael Stevens ('36) writes ...

I enjoyed five very happy years at School House from 1931 to 1937 under the successive headships of Frank Doherty and Talbot Griffith, when I left for Lausanne University, Switzerland. When I arrived in 1931, fagging was still in operation and) was assigned to that most notable OO, Thomas Merton. He was a most benevolent despot, and I still remember his quizzical but amused smile when I brought him buttered toast and tea in his study. I recall he played among the forwards in the School's First XV.

Mine, deo gratias was the Oakham of Tom Froud, Furley & Hassan and the Crown Hotel. Remembering too the delightful presence of the late Bill Hamer of Wharflands. He and I were in the 6th form together and played on opposite wings of the not-over-successful School's Rugby XV of 1936-37. John Barber's fine book on Oakham is a favourite among my books. Always remember him topping the line-out and spearheading the School's fast bowling with JAS Taylor. Halcyon days!

Happy memories too of caddying for JM at Luffenham Heath with lunch afterwards at the Ram Jam. I am now in my tenth year of retirement after 35 years as a country solicitor. My war years were spent mostly with armoured cars, with an Evelyn Waugh-ish spell training to join Tito's partisans in Yugoslavia - now in vogue again! Played scrappy rucker for Bishop's Stortford prewar. Best sport was road running, and I ran for the 8th Army in Europe in a three-sided International in Brussels against US Forces in Europe and Belgium. Remember boxing at welter-weight for School House against Rook of Wharflands. (AL> Rook represented Great Britain in the three-day event at the Olympic Games in Helsinki). Only one inter-house match during my five years.

Are Sunday afternoon walks over the Cold Overton hills still in vogue? Still remember 'Buggy's' presence in the pulpit and his sermons - a very Matthew Arnold-ish impression.

From Mr RE Duesbury (Hon OO- ex member of staff)

**Those persons named have given their permission.**

Dear Jon Wills,

You asked for reminiscences. Here's one:-

I learnt it quite recently from Miss Sylvia Higgs, formerly Bursar's Secretary. It concerns one of my House Prefects, Charles Cooper (1945 - 50) who asked me what he should do about a malefactor. You listened with your hands behind your back, looking out of the window, turned your head, and said "Beat him", and turned back.

When the other prefects heard that Charles had never actually been beaten himself, they said he couldn't do it without the experience, - and administered it to him there and then."

## 1970s Reflections

The following information is from an opinion poll taken during the Winter term 1970, the year before Oakham went independent.

53% think that the school will not benefit from going independent.

School House alone feel that the inauguration of the Seventh Form House system has not created a diversion within the school, whereas 63% of the Middle School think otherwise.

80% prefer the School Council to the School prefect system.

The school is evidently not satisfied with the range of languages which the curriculum offers. Russian (29%) and Spanish (29%) would be the most popular additions to the range, Italian (17%) would be less so, and a course in Classical Greek (3%) would have a job finding students!

83% favour a secretarial course of some description. Psychology also met with popular approval.

83% remain unsatisfied with the present school uniform, 81% expressing a desire for its modification, a further 22% for its abolition.

Of the 73% who want a voluntary CCF 34% want another societies afternoon, 20% another afternoon of games, 15% community work and 4% lessons. One assumes that the remainder would like a day off.

The school is quite adamantly against the re-introduction of National Service, and only 15% want it reinstated.

53% remain loyal to Rugby as the rightful Christmas-term sport, but 42% prefer soccer.

66% believe one period of PE a week is of some value'.

62% prefer the present feeding arrangements to a system involving self-service.

All in all, the school appears to be fairly satisfied with the present state of affairs. The School Council has evidently made a favourable impression on most people. But the prevailing rift between School House and the remainder is alarming. A secretarial course is demanded, and the Food Committee should take note that the forthcoming self-service' system has already met with opposition.

## School 60 years ago

It was in the days of Dr Doncaster. We were a conceited, if not a rather lawless set, who looked down with supreme contempt on all who did not belong to the School; and called them cads. We, the first class, deemed ourselves men (as Dr. Doncaster called us), and ignored the common conventionalities of society as being superior to such things. I well remember one summer morning, seven of us starting at Sam to bathe at Burley. We had but three pairs of trousers between us; the others robed in dressing gowns, &c. What the good people of the town thought, as we returned at 8 o'clock and strode into the market place, did not distress us.

We assisted the three policemen in the town to keep order among the navvies assembled for work at the Manton tunnel; and when tramps tried to set fire to their ward at the workhouse, helped the police, collared and handcuffed the rioters, and

escorted them to gaol. However, we let the police thoroughly understand that we were above the law; and when a bobby remonstrated with one of us, in the narrow passage between the churchyard and the wall of the vicarage, he promptly ran at him with a wheelbarrow that was handy, and trundled him into the road. There was also the mad freak of abstracting the horeshoe from the Courts of Justice in the Castle. But with all this we worked aye hard; and Dr. Doncaster, the best of masters, helped us much. Our class went to him at IOam reading, we will say, **Horace**. Having got through half a page, he would take up his cane, an inseparable companion, lay it gently on the head of one of us, saying, Young man, what does that put you in mind of in **Homer** or other author?" and great was his delight, and bright the twinkle of his eye if anyone could quote the passage; but if not he would toddle down to the cupboard, where books and also coals were kept, bring back a **Homer**, and the rest of the morning was spent on it; unless, as was often the case, a similar digression occurred. We therefore never could prepare our lessons for him; and, from this his custom, had considerable practice in translating at sight.

I remember a few boys being birched. On these occasions hisbutler, James, was always called in to hold up the culprit's shirt, for which he received a fee of half-a-crown, which was inserted in the bill sent home, and for what service it was earned. The worst punishment I ever received, with several others, was to be sent to bed after dinner on a half-holiday, and kept there till the next morning. We were all put in different rooms, locked in, and only allowed a Latin author, **Horace or Virgil**, to comfort us. The doctor paid me a visit in the afternoon, to see that I was in bed and undressed, went to the window, and, with his head resting on his hand, a favourite pose of his, soliloquised, saying Ah! a lovely day! There they are, going to play cricket; I hope they will enjoy themselves," and so forth. I could have thrown, with pleasure, a boot at his head, but did not. He was a dear old man, and I reverence his memory.

Our food was rough — a pint tin of hot milk and a hot roll for breakfast, which we big lads supplemented with eggs, bacon, sausages, etc.; all prepared by our fags, who fed after us, and washed up; a good meat dinner, and very mild beer, that cheered but did not inebriate, and at tea, two thick slices of bread and butter, and beer **ad libitum**. The latter we used to bottle, and keep in our studies, some of which had a private cellar formed by cutting through the floor and scooping out the soil. In one of these the horse-shoe of Lord Willoughby d'Eresby, taken from the castle, reposed for a month or two till the holidays came.

The doctor required all of us to learn a Technical Memory," as it was called, of dates, which I have found most useful; and many others have said the same. He was full of old tales and saws, was a contemporary of Porson, and knew him well, relating several anecdotes regarding him.

A common saying of the doctor was:

Per risum multum possis cognoscere stultum,

a line which one of us, not I, had the impudence to quote in some Latin verse we had to do for him, adding—

Dixit nescio quis stultus, et ipse senex.

The author ought to have been birched, but was not, for the Doctor was no tyrant. I can even now recall him with his broad-brimmed hat (not three-cornered), breeches and worsted stockings, broad-toed shoes, that fitted all of us, when ours had not been cleaned, and large buckles to the same. I love and revere him still.

Robert Noble Jackson  
Rector of Studeley School (1845-47)

# Births

**Beadon** (née **HOUSTON**) Claire ('87) and Richard, a beautiful daughter, Imogen Beatrice, on Friday, 19th March, 1999.

**Brading** (née **ERVIN**) Alex ('79) and Nick, twin terrors, Iohn and James, born in Copenhagen on 24th April, 1998.

**Campbell** (née **MUNTZ**) Georgina ('80) and Donald, a son, Michael Alexander, on 21st January, 1999. A brother for Harry.

Rebecca **Chatterton** (née **BLACK** '87) and her husband Mark have had a baby boy called Billy on Thursday 17th June, 1999 who weighed 9 lb 7oz. They also have another son called George who was born in January 1998.

**COTTON** Laura (91) and Bruce Beardwood a son, Tom, on March 30th, 1998, a beautiful bouncing angel!

**CHURCHOUSE** Paul (78) and Kate, a son, Michael James, born on 15 December 1998.

**CROFT** Nicolas (80) a daughter, Hannah, born on 7th October, 1998.

**Hall-Taylor**, Clare (née **COUSINS** '87) and Mike a daughter, Anna Elizabeth on 15 November 1998.

Majda **Gahan** (née **HASHEM** '82) a daughter, Claudia Emily, a sister to Joseph and Gabriel, on 15 October 1998.

**Oxley** (née **MASON**) Amanda (85) and Robert, a son, Charles Robert, born on 17th July 1998.

**Scott** (née **ARCHER**) Karen (83) and Ian a son, William David John, on 20 August 1997.

**SLY** Edward (82) and Florence, a son, Samuel Peter, on 15th April, 1999.

**TAYLOR**, Darren ('86) and Helen (87) née **GILMAN**, a son, Dominic James on 28 December 1998. Eight weeks early but a very resilient little boy!

**THOMPSON** Mike (77) and Patricia, a son, Jackson Stillivan born on 11 February 1999 in Wellington, New Zealand A brother for Katrina.

# Engagements

**BALL** Dan ('91) to **HADDON** Louise ('91), daughter of ii Angus Haddon (58), on 16th May, 1999 at Dan Cowan's ('91) house in Lincolnshire after 're-meeting' at an Oakham reunion that our year held in London in May 1997.

**CRAIG** Andrew (91) to Elizabeth

**HARGREAVES** (91) on 26<sup>th</sup> September, 1998.

**LANGFORD** Anna (93) to James Layard on 7th August 1998

# Marriages

**CALLUN** ('79) Mark to Yvonne Arnold of North Luffenham.

**CARLEY** Nick (89) to Camille Harris on 6th August, 1999 at St Peter's in Heswall, Wirral.

**COTTON** Laura (91) to Bruce Beardwood of Sydney, Australia on June 25th, 1998 at Kensington & Chelsea Register Office.

**CRAIG** Andrew 1 (91) to **HARGREAVES** Elizabeth ('91) on 31<sup>st</sup> July 1999 at Thornton Curtis, North Lincolnshire.

**ERVIN** Alexandra Jane (79) to Nicholas James Brading on 17th May 1997.

**HEMMING** Katherine ('93) to Howard Collison on 25th July, 1999 at Bedford School Chapel.

**HERON** Sarah (76) to Nigel Algar on 9th January 1999 at the Church of St Mary the virgin, Clothall, Hertfordshire.

**LANGFORD** Anna (93) to James Layard on 7th August 1999, at Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-upon-Avon.

**LEE** Sophie ('87) to **BREWILL** Peter ('87) on 22nd August 1998.

**PARR** John ('82) married Sarah Derrett in August 1998 at St Paul's Church, Kersal Moor, Manchester.

**STUBBS** Sara Jane ('84) to Robert James Parker at St. Mary's Church, Melton Mowbray, on 14<sup>th</sup> August 1999.

# Deaths

**ATKIN JR** ('48)

**BAKER** Michael Lewis (58) on 11<sup>th</sup> February 1999.

**BLOUNT** Patrick Clavell ('23) on 22 January 1999, aged 92 years.

**CALVERT** Terence George (57) on 28th October, 1998.

**DUESBURY** RF (Hon 00) on 4th November 1999.

**DUTTON** Ronald M (21) on 26th March 1999, at the age of 96.

**GOODCHILD** Rt.Revd. Ronald (Hon 00) on 28th December, 1998.

**HENTON** Ronnie (Hon 00) on 20th June, 1999.

**MACHIN** Curtis William (34) on 8th April, 1999 aged 80 years.

**MOSELEY** AR (Reg) (48) at home in Windsor on 1st July, 1999.

**PANTON** Anthony Russell (54) on 13th February, 1999 in Vancouver, Canada.

**PEARSON** Marshall SW (34) on 26th August 1999.

**ROWLEY** James SH (42) on 28th August 1999.

**SANDERS** Reginald H ('30) on 29<sup>th</sup> March 1999.

**SOUTHWELL** JH ('51)

**STRICKLAND** John Addington Stott ('46) on 12th July, 1999.

**THOMPSTONE** John ('29) on 2nd April, 1999 in Leicestershire.

**WALKER**, M.B.E., Brigadier Thomas G ('31) on 7th May 1999.



**WESTWOOD** The Rt. Revd. Bill (Hon 00) on 15th September, 1999.

**WISE** The Very Revd. Randolph (Hon.00) on 9th September, 1999.

## Obituaries

**BAKER** Michael Lewis ('55)

**BLOUNT** Patrick Clavell ('23)

**DUESBURY** Bob (staff)

**GOODCHILD** Rev Ronald (Hon 00)

**HEATH** Frank Philip ('15)

**HENTON** Ronnie (staff)

**MACHIN** Curtis William ('34)

**STRICKLAND** John Addington Stott ('46)

# Obituaries

## **Michael Lewis Baker ('55)**

Died on 11th February after a courageous fight against cancer. He came to Oakham School in 1950. In spite of considering himself a late developer' as he did not leave until he was 19, he sang in the chapel choir, played rugby for the 1st XV, broke the school record for the 220 yard sprint and became Head Boy.

Michael continued his education at Trinity College, Dublin where he read Geology and Geography and then went on to Keble College Oxford to take a Diploma in Education.

In 1967, after teaching at several preparatory schools and at King's School, Rochester he set off on an overland journey from London to Calcutta, the first of many adventures. He travelled on to Australia where he spent time as a storeman on an Aboriginal Mission Station, taught at St. Pauls School, Hamilton, New Zealand and in Western Samoa. He was on the first passenger flight to land on Easter Island and left his sleeping bag in Machu Pichu!

On returning to England Michael lectured about his travels for a couple of years before joining King's College, Taunton where he became Head of Geography. He believed in visiting and filming the countries he taught about and continued to travel in the holidays, introducing many pupils and colleagues to the spirit of adventure. Following his expedition to the Amazon region of British Guyana in 1975 he was made a Life Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.

Michael retired in 1994 and enjoyed many interests including running his local Tourist Information Office in Wellington, Somerset. Submitted by his widow, Bridget. August 1999.

## **Patrick Clavell Blount ('23)**

Born in South Africa in 1906, he was educated at Oakham School before taking a short service commission in the RAF, serving with them during the War. In the 1920s he worked in the timber trade in the Philippines. On returning to England he opened his dry cleaning business.

He was the author of 'Ideas into Action' (1962). His campaign, 'There is Always a Better Way', encouraged workers to suggest new ideas. He campaigned against compulsory fluoridation of water supplies and, in 1963, founded the London (later to be the National) Anti-Fluoridation Campaign.

His wife, Madeline, predeceased him. They had two sons.

## **Bob Duesbury. Staff**

Hon OO, died at home in Malvern Wells on Thursday 4 November 1999. Oakham School staff 1929 - 1965.

## **GOODCHILD Rev Ronald (Hon OO)**

Died 28th December 1998.

**Excerpt from a letter from Philip Morris (42)** Ronnie Goodchild came to Oakham as Chaplain in January 1937 and left, with the support of 'the big four' (Liebert, B owes, Moore and Duesbury) in July 1942 to join the RAE in defiance of Talbot Griffith, the Headmaster, who tried hard to retain him. My own dates happen to coincide exactly and in his last year or two at Oakham he was acting Housemaster of Wharflands whilst Bertie Bowes was away in the army. I was a Prefect and therefore have strong memories of him which include my debt to him for my Christian faith - and his formidable performance with a cricket bat (left handed).

Of his subsequent life I know little other than that he was a beacon to many and eventually became Bishop of Kensington.

### **HEATH Frank Philip (Phil) 1915-1998**

Born in 1915, the son of a Leicester insurance broker, he came to Oakham School in 1926 where he gained rugby first XV colours and became House, then School, Prefect. He was a member of the OTC and played in the band as leading side drum.

Whilst at school his fascination with motorcycles grew and with fellow pupil, Rob Buxton, he entered his first competitive event, The Schoolboys' Trial in 1932. This was the beginning of a life long friendship between them and also for Phil an enduring passion for anything on two or three wheels. They teamed up to race a three wheeler Morgan at Donnington in 1934.

He raced in the 1936, 1937 and 1938 Manx Grand Prix in the Isle of Man, but the Second World War was imminent and he volunteered to join the BAF as a pilot but failed the eye test. He served as an officer in the Royal Artillery mostly in Egypt, Libya and Tripolitania, and later on was found training troops in the Gold Coast.

In the early post war years he had a fair amount of racing successes on home ground and turned professional in 1949, teaming up once again with his old school friend Rob Buxton. The pair of them spent the summer months driving an old RAF Ford van carrying two racing solos and a sidecar outfit across Europe from circuit to circuit.

He met his wife, a journalist reporting an event he attended in Belgium, and they married in 1953. They continued their nomadic life for another three years racing at many continental meetings including most of the Grand Prix until he retired from active full time racing at the end of the 1956 season.

He then worked as a representative for the old excelsior motor cycle company, then as a freelance journalist for several motorcycling magazines and having joined the vintage motor cycle club in its early years started racing, sprinting and hill climbing machines dating back to his youth again. He also held many posts within this organisation culminating in being elected President of the club in 1990. He ran the V.M.C.C. library service for 20 or more years from home and when it moved to the club's new permanent premises in Burton on Trent continued to act as consultant librarian till the time of his death.

### **Ronnie Henton. Staff**

Hon OO, died 20th June 1999.

A full tribute to the two above staff members will appear in the next edition.

### **Curtis William Machin ('34)**

Curtis William Machin (Bill) retained his friendship with Oakham School from leaving in 1934 until his death at 80 years of age in April 1999. Upon leaving school Bill was called up for army service during the early war years. Thereafter he devoted his life to working the family farm in Ruddington, Nottingham.

His three sons, Michael, Cohn and Piers followed in his footsteps by attending Oakham School from 1956 - 1968. During this time Bill and his wife Margaret forged many great friendships with parents and staff.

In his own day, Bill enjoyed success as a cross-country runner. He was then to become an avid supporter of his sons and the school's rugby teams. Most weekends he could be found on the touch-line as an ardent (if somewhat vociferous) supporter until the season before his death.

Bill Macbin was a man of great character and fun. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

### **John Addington Stott Strickland ('46)**

John Strickland, who was in Wharflands from 1943 to 1946, died at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge on 12th July 1999. A brewer by profession, John served his pupillage at Northampton Brewery Company winning the Ford Memorial Award for Malting. He was commissioned in the Sherwood Foresters during his National Service when he spent some time in Kenya on secondment in the King's African Rifles. On demobilisation he became a brewer at Camerons Brewery of West Hartlepool and in 1955 he moved to Steward & Patteson of Norwich where he later rose to become Head Brewer at Norwich Brewery. Following retirement he worked for the National Trust as Administrator of Oxburgh Hall, Norfolk. He had a great interest in Norfolk and Norwich affairs. He was a keen sailor and kept a boat on the Broads. In his later years he became a voluntary guide at Norwich Cathedral.

He leaves a widow, two sons and three grandchildren. At a memorial service held in Norwich Cathedral one of the addresses was given by Michael Churchouse OO ('47)

# OO Golf

## 17th April

This year's annual meeting was held on Saturday 17th April at Luffenham Heath GC, with 23 players taking part. The weather was kind and most players completed 36 holes during the day. It was good to see several new faces at the AGM and for some fresh names to carry off the trophies, which were presented to the winners by Mr Tony Little, the Headmaster.

A dinner completed a most enjoyable day.

Old Oakhamians wishing to play next year should contact Brian Welford at the School. Next year the meeting will be on Saturday 8th April, again at Luffenham.

### Elections:

President David Brooks

Captain Steve Teakston

Hon.Sec. Brian Welford

### Results:

Johnson (bogey): Peter Buckingham

Peake (medal): Jim Cooil

Doherty (scratch): David Brooks

Brewill/Humphrey: (stableford) Ian Bridgewood

Barnes (short holes): Mark Grant

Scruby (vets): Roger Blackmore

Rabbits: Mike Chamberlain

Oakham Driver (aggregate): William Brewill

Anne Propert-Williams (ladies): Jenny Welford

## 19th September

On Sunday 19th September the annual match for the Shaw Cup between the OO team and the School took place at Luffenham Heath. This year proved particularly difficult in raising a full OO team due to illness and injury. A very late cry off was resolved when an enthusiastic seventh former stepped in.

A most enjoyable match took place and ended with the OO team retaining the cup by a margin of two matches to one. Following the match a dinner was held in the clubhouse for both teams.

OO team: David Shaw, Simon Shaw, Tim Shaw, Simon Stephenson, Alan Craig, David Hall (sub)

## The Grafton Morrish: an appeal for low handicap players

This annual competition for Old Boys' Associations has a very large entry with a regional qualifier. The standard is very high and in order to succeed each team needs to put out six low handicap players. Despite the many fine golfers who belong to the OO Association we have not for many years been able to field a strong team. The qualifying round is usually on a Sunday in early June and the finals are in October over two days. It would be great to put out a good team in the millennium and put Oakham firmly on the map, even better on the green. If you are a golfer, with a low handicap and would like to play in this prestigious tournament please contact Brian Welford at the School.

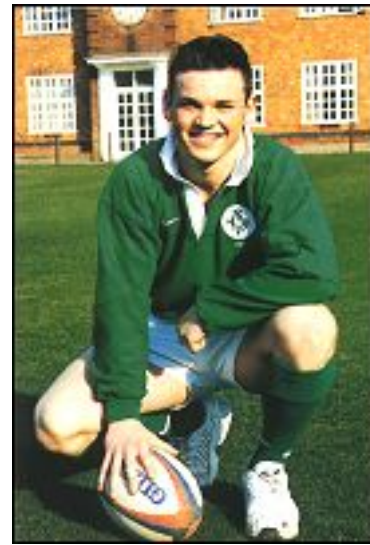
## Three kinds of Cap



Michael Holford (prop) played for England Schools Rugby XV (18 Group) against France in the Home International Championships, at Twickenham on 27th March.



Nicholas Ferraby played hockey for England U16 in the Home International in Cardiff and scored a hat trick against Wales.



Mark Meenan (fly Half) was selected by Ireland U19 Rugby team for the World Cup, held at Easter in Wales. He represented Leicester Tigers U19 before Christmas, subsequently in 1999 he progressed to the U21 and Extra team, his debut for the latter was against Richmond at Welford Road.