



A Welcome from the Editor

Welcome to the 2012/13 edition of the OU Magazine. In this issue we feature the usual cross-section of stories from the lives of OUs, wherever they may be, photos of events from around the world, a collection of memories of former Headmaster Martin Lloyd and some surprising news on ex-Housemaster and languages master Denis Oswald.

With Science high on the agenda at Uppingham, the front cover depicts a scene from a science class taken during the pre-health and safety days of the 1930s when the subject was taught in the Victoria Block.

Please do keep sending in your news and make sure we have your up-to-date email address so that you can receive the eNewsletter we will be sending out in the Spring.

We hope you enjoy your OU magazine and a big thank you to everyone who has contributed articles and photographs.

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Welcome to the Spring 2012 OU eNewsletter, which brings you the latest news and events from Uppingham School and the Association.

To mark the 100th anniversary of the OU Association, we have collated film clips from over the last thirty years, which features archive footage of OUs such as **Boris Karloff (F 1903)**. This has been put together by **Rick Spurway (Fgh 62)** who has been filming events at Uppingham since he covered the quatercentenary visit of HRH the Queen in 1984.



Enjoy the film here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U-HJjVv1BIOU>

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After some thirty-eight years of teaching in the English Department at Uppingham, Casey O'Hanrahan retires in June. As an enormously popular master, with many years of dedication to Uppingham behind him, the School would like to mark his retirement by putting together a book of personal anecdotes or reminiscences from OUs. If you have a story to share please email it, together with your name and the years you were here, to Carolyn Miller in the English Department at cam@uppingham.co.uk.



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Uppingham School Monopoly
Our very own limited edition Uppingham School Monopoly game is now available.



Dates for your Calendar

- UVRC Dinner – 3rd March 2012
- South East Dinner – 15th March 2012
- OU Hockey – 18th March 2012
- Hong Kong Dinner – 27th March 2012
- Western Australia – 28th March 2012
- Sydney dinner – 4th April 2012
- West Coast USA – 10th April 2012

Details of all these events are available on the OU website www.olduppinghamian.co.uk.

The Uppingham Wine Offer launched before Christmas by **Johnny Wheeler (Hf 80)** will be finishing soon. To take advantage of this exclusive offer of a delicious 2009 Grand Vin Chardonnay and a stunning barrel-aged Cabernet Sauvignon, please visit <http://www.thewinecompany.co.uk/> for further information or to place an order. £10 will be donated to Uppingham School for each case sold.



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The Headmaster – Chairman
Richard Boston (B 56) – Secretary

Members: Mike Higgs (Fgh 69), David Gavins (LH 73), Peter Doleman (C 76), Dawn Wilson (Fd 80), Fiona Bettles (Fd 86), Jim Reddy (Hf 89), Emma Cannings (L 93), Ben Fry (B 96)

The OU Committee is made up of a group of OUs who have a keen interest in how the Association is run and meet yearly to discuss and air ideas for forthcoming OU events and projects. If you are interested in joining the Committee please contact Richard Boston, RASB@uppingham.co.uk or telephone (01572) 820679.

Message from the Headmaster

Having completed my year as Chairman of the Boarding Schools' Association I am looking forward to being "on the road" a little less over the coming twelve months. Getting out and about around the country, though, did give me the chance to reflect both on the quality and depth of what goes on at Uppingham.

I was reminded again and again of the benefits a real boarding education can offer in a world of rapid change. Uppinghamians quickly learn to become flexible and resilient people, whilst the sheer range of opportunities here for individual talents to be honed and shaped is a rare and precious thing. And then there is the singing in Chapel. The sense of belonging runs deep. No wonder OUs are such a loyal, creative and independent-minded group of people.

I am pleased to say that it has been another excellent year for Uppingham. There was good news on exam results days, despite the national headlines being dominated by stories of grade deflation. The departing Upper Sixth achieved 100% passes for their A Levels and 85% of all entries gained A*-B grades. Five pupils gained straight A* grades and two pupils got five straight A* grades, for the first time ever at Uppingham. Virtually all our candidates secured a place at a university of their choice, with, for the first time, Edinburgh being the most popular destination.

The Upper Fifth did especially well at the top end of the ability range. Nearly 40% of the grades were at A* and over 70% were at A*/A, our best results ever in those respects. Twenty four pupils gained straight A*/A grades and 61 pupils gained at least 8 A*/A grades. Given the debate about "dumbing-down" in many GCSE papers, our decision to move to the more rigorous IGCSEs in almost all subjects has certainly been vindicated.

At the end of June I announced that the Trustees had given their approval for work to start on the new Science Centre, 55 years after the current facility was opened by HRH the Duke of

Edinburgh. Our tireless Foundation Chairman Mark Glatman (L 69), backed by Patrick Mulvihill and Lisa Menzies-Gow in the Development team, have continued to pour their energies into the project and the contractors started work in the summer. It will be exciting to watch the new building taking shape in the next 18 months or so. This will be the last major infrastructure project for some time and it will cement our place as a world-class academic all-round institution.

In this Olympic year, the new Sports Centre continues to win accolades from all quarters for its fantastic design. Our investment in sport has paid off, not only in the well-being and health of the School but also in lifting achievement across the board. We are particularly proud to have had Lord Coe open this building for us, given the spectacular success of London 2012.

Our traditional strength in music has not been diminished by our investment in sport. I hope that you saw the Chapel Choir's performance at the Festival of Remembrance in the Royal Albert Hall last November in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen. The fact that Uppingham got exposure to a live TV audience of six million added to the thrill of their superb singing.

It just remains for me to thank once again all the OUs who remain so positive about their school, as parents, donors, ambassadors and friends. Uppingham continues to thrive thanks to your ongoing support. I look forward to connecting with many of you again at one of the numerous OU events in what I trust will be another vintage year.



Richard Harman

Director's message

In September I marked my tenth anniversary of working for Uppingham, which, when compared to Richard Boston's tenure (38 years and counting), is merely an apprenticeship, but by most people's standards is a major part of one's career.

Whilst being interviewed by **Johnny Nettleton (SH 61)** and **Colin Williams (L 55)**, as well as former Headmaster Dr Stephen Winkley, I could not have foreseen what an interesting, enjoyable and sometimes eccentric career move it would be. Reflecting on the last decade it has been a time of significant change with a period of construction to rival any other era in Uppingham's history.

In these ten years we have seen the building of a dedicated Modern Languages Centre, the stunning Paul David Music School, the Colin Williams Studio Theatre and of course the world-class Uppingham School Sports Centre. With work having just begun on the building of a new Science Centre and the creation of the Western Quad, the outer-lying facilities of the School have been greatly enhanced, with the heart of Uppingham remaining as it has done for the better part of a century.

All being well, the final stage of the Western Quad vision will be completed in 2014 and I am sure that visitors will marvel at the superb array of buildings which the School will then possess. Thanks to the vision of the Trustees and the Headmaster, to the Foundation Board and team, and to the many OUs and parents who have offered their support, the future of Uppingham will be secure.

As OUs who were telephoned during the recent summer campaign will know, we are still raising the funds to complete the Western Quad and we hope that we may count on the continued support of our alumni. The School could not have achieved the fantastic changes of recent times without your support and we trust that you will take great pride in these recent developments.

On a personal note it has been a very good ten years working at Uppingham and I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting a great many OUs at events around the world. Uppingham has a well-deserved reputation for producing gregarious, interesting and successful old boys and girls and I can certainly vouch for that. My warmest, personal thanks for your support and friendship in this time.



Patrick Mulvihill

Secretary's Message

I am delighted to say that it has been another year of great events and achievements for the OU community. We organised an array of reunions both in the UK and around the world and a report on these is featured later in the magazine.

On a sad note we were sorry to lose Nicola Tyers, our Events and Database Co-ordinator when she resigned in August and we thank her for all her efforts on our behalf. As well as being the warm and efficient voice on the phone and the friendly front-of-house at OU occasions, one of Nicola's main tasks was to develop and manage an OU Facebook page and you will find all the latest OU news as we get it here and on the OU website.

Earlier this year we welcomed one of the daughters of the late **Brian Pope (Fgh 25)** to the School and she kindly donated Brian's England, Cambridge and Uppingham rugby caps. These mementoes of another age are now on permanent display in the Sports Centre to inspire future sporting Uppinghamians. OUs interested in archive material should take a look at the OU website on which Jerry Rudman has placed a great deal of information relating to the history of our School and I know he always welcomes any School memorabilia you may wish to pass on.

OUs are always welcome here and we meet many during the year, some as current or prospective parents in the company of the next generation of Uppinghamians, some as day-trippers on nostalgic visits, and others who are here to offer their career guidance. In an increasingly competitive job market we greatly value all the assistance that more senior OUs can offer to those current pupils planning ahead for their careers or to OUs just graduating from university. In 2013 we aim to develop this resource even further and the support of established professional OUs would be greatly appreciated.

Your comments and feedback on our activities are always welcome. This is your Association and we aim to do our best to meet the needs of our thriving OU community.

From a flourishing Uppingham, best wishes for the Christmas Season and the New Year.



Richard Boston

An Uppingham Year in Pictures

In a typically exciting and diverse year, here are some of the photographic highlights of the last twelve months at Uppingham School, featuring the choir singing during the Remembrance Concert at the Royal Albert Hall for Her Majesty the Queen in November 2011; 1st with All Black rugby legend Sean Fitzpatrick; a scene from the outstanding production of Amadeus; the 1st XI team gathering after taking on the MCC in May 2012; tug-of-war teams on the Leicester on Speech Day; Amazon explorer Ed Stafford (WB 89) discussing his travels with the School in January and trampolinists performing in the USSC.



1926



Harry Loveday (LH 26) celebrated his 100th birthday on the 2nd July with family and friends in Spain.

He attended Uppingham from 1926-30 when Major "Bubbly" Hale was House-master of LH. After leaving Uppingham he entered a three year apprenticeship with the Central Argentine Railway and in 1936 he played rugby for Central Provinces against the British Lions on their tour of Argentina. In 1938 Harry married Mary whose father, **Fred Boardman (LH 1887)**, was also an OU.

In 1942 Harry joined the Royal Engineers and from 1944-46 served as Staff Captain at GHQ in Delhi. After the war he went back

to Argentina with his wife and two children until 1956 when they moved to the UK. He retired to southern Spain in 1972 and has lived there to this day.

Harry has very fond memories of his time at Uppingham and marvels at the continued development of the School. He has provided articles for the OU Magazine on two occasions; with reference to his headmaster R.H. Owen and "Customs and Habits of Uppingham Pupils in 1926". Harry has four grandchildren, two of which are OUs: **Simon (Fgh 83)** and **Rupert (LH 87) Gibbs** (both pictured with him on his 100th birthday). We wonder if Harry is the oldest living OU?

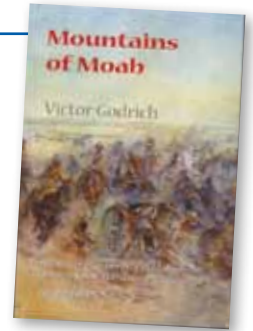
1942

Peter Lawrence (WD 42) was first elected to Buckinghamshire County Council on his retirement from industry in 1989 and was re-elected in the following three elections before retiring in 2005. In May 2010 the Council appointed Peter to be Honorary Alderman of Buckinghamshire County Council for his distinguished service.

1944

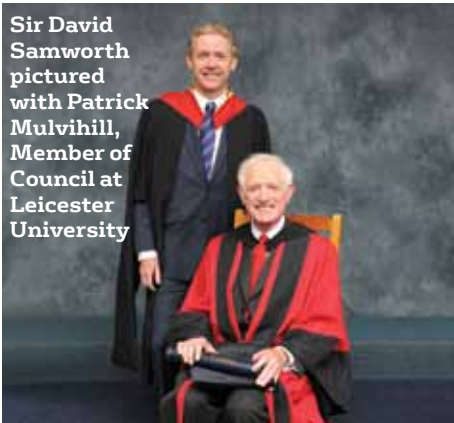
At the age of 82, and after convalescing from heart bypass surgery, **John Godrich (WB 44)** has succeeded in publishing his father's diary of a cavalryman in WWI. His father was enlisted in the T.A. of the Worcestershire Yeomanry in 1908 and was mobilised two days after the declaration of war in August 1914. He kept a diary of his life in the Regiment, and went to Gallipoli as a machine gunner. After getting typhoid and being treated in an English hospital he returned to his regiment in time for

the battles for Gaza, Beersheba, Jerusalem and up the Jordan Valley, finishing in Damascus. The book is published by John Godrich. Please contact John at godrich.email@btinternet.com or by post Dr J.E.Godrich, 4 Court Green, Minehead, Somerset, TA24 5TS. The book is priced at £20 plus P&P (£5 in UK).



1948

Sir David Samworth pictured with Patrick Mulvihill, Member of Council at Leicester University



Sir David Samworth CBE (F 48) was awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws by Leicester University in July 2012. In presenting this honour, the University's Vice-Chancellor, Sir Robert Burgess, said: "David is a very successful businessman who has developed Samworth Brothers from small beginnings and now employs over 5,000 people locally. He also has a great interest in education, setting up three academies, including the Samworth Academy in Leicester. He works tirelessly to support the local economy and to

provide young people with the best opportunities which we applaud."

Anthony Thornely (C 48), a member of the Conservative Africa Business Group, was responsible for inviting Dr Daniel Othol, South Sudan's Head of Mission for the UK to attend a special lunch at the House of Commons. The lunch supported South Sudan's introduction to the international community following the creation of this State in 2011, the first new African country since the Treaty of Berlin in 1885.

1949

Leo Rutherford (Hf 49) has published his 6th book "Spirituality versus Religion" which is available to purchase on Amazon and via his website – www.eagleswing.co.uk



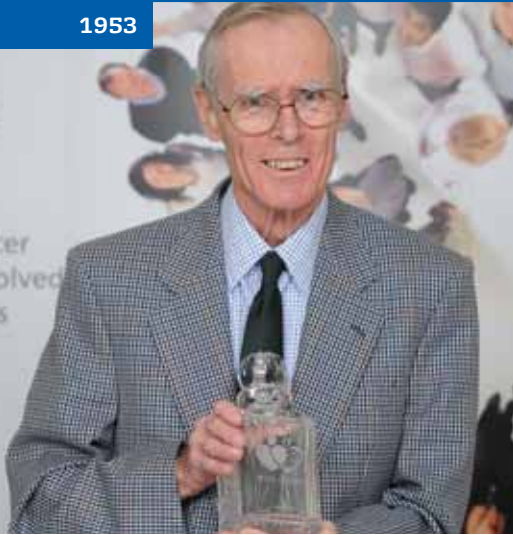
1951

Major Henry Sawrey-Cookson (Hf 51) was elected as District Councillor for Eden District in Cumbria for the fourth time in May 2011.

1952

Playwright and director **Robin Hawdon's (Oldroyd) (B 52)** first Broadway production opened in April 2012 with his adaptation of Marc Camoletti's 'Don't Dress for Dinner' which ran in London's West End for six years in the nineties. During 2011, Robin had plays running in Paris, Warsaw, Bonn, Copenhagen, Stockholm, Italy, Russia, South Africa and the USA. His comedy, 'Perfect Wedding' is due to be made into a Hollywood film. Visit www.robinhawdon.com for more details.

1953



Godfree Browne (WB 53) continues to teach RYA shore-based courses up to Yachtmaster Ocean and VHF/SRC radio courses. He has become an Associate Fellow of the Royal Institute of Navigation and fits his responsibilities in between spending time in Southwest Greece.

Evan Issard-Davies (M 53) pictured left has received an award from the National Blood Service for donating more than 100 pints of blood in his lifetime.

1954



Dr the Hon Sir David KP Li (H 54), Chairman & Chief Executive of The Bank of East Asia received the title of Commandeur dans l'Ordre National de la Legion d'honneur from the world renowned French Professor, Dr. Jacques Attali, on 9 January 2012, in the presence of Donald Tsang, Chief Executive of the Government of the HKSAR and Arnaud Barthélémy, Consul General of France in Hong Kong and Macau.

1955

Andrew Coe (Hf 55) was one of the Olympic torch bearers in Great Yarmouth. At 70 years of age he continues to be an inspiration. In 1992, Andrew was chosen to receive the prestigious honour of becoming the British Olympic Association official photographer in Barcelona and then again in Atlanta in 1996. This was a dream come true after injury had prevented his own ongoing competitive participation. He has not missed a 100m final since 1988 and his Olympic passion led him to bid at a charity auction to have lunch with Lord Coe (no relation!) at the House of Lords.

Jon Robertshaw (H 55) has been appointed Honorary Chaplain at Penzance, Cornwall by the Mission to Seafarers, for volunteer work in Penzance and Falmouth. Jon was a full-time Chaplain with the Missions to Seamen in various ports from 1969-1973 and then parish priest in Cornwall until his retirement.



1956

In the 40th Anniversary year of CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale), **Andrew Cunningham (F 56)** was presented with a special award at the AGM as the campaign's longest-serving (volunteer) national officer and then voted by the full membership as one of the top 40 campaigners of all time. Andrew says it has been a pleasure to be actively involved in what Lord Young once called "the most successful consumer movement in Europe".

1959

In June 2012, after being diagnosed with Parkinson's in 2010 aged 64, **Nigel Hamilton (F 59)** was joined by **Nick Gray (F 60)** to walk 67 miles along the North Cornwall coast path from Bude to Newquay raising funds for The Cure Parkinson's Trust.

1960



Seventy two years after **Frank Day (SH 31)** flew a Spitfire his son, **Michael (L 60)** pictured above has flown one in Suffolk. Michael says "it was exhilarating – rather like flying an E-Type Jaguar".

Nick Gray's (F 60) book *Escape From Tibet* was published in March 2012. For an ITV documentary, Nick filmed Pasang and his brother Tenzin in the course of their dramatic escape from Chinese control of their homeland by taking the most dangerous escape route in the world.

1961

David Sneath (Fgh 61) has completed a book on his time in Iraq in 2006 as an Operational Lawyer. Copies are available on request at david_sneath@yahoo.co.uk

Humphrey 'Bevis' Clarke-Smith (WB 61) has retired after 37 years in the European Civil Service. He puts his career choice down to Uppingham having done so much to nurture his love of French.



Anthony Nightingale (L 61), pictured with the Headmaster, has been awarded the Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George in the Queen's birthday honours. This was awarded to Anthony to reflect over 40 years in the Far East, concluding as Group Managing Director of Jardine's and his significant contribution to a British-based business and British interests overseas.

1963

Captain Charles Howeson RNR (Fgh 63), has been asked to chair a newly established NHS Estates and Property Services organisation by the government and also to lead for the NHS on Armed Forces, Veterans and Reserves matters in the South of England. Charles is also Chairman of First Great Western Trains and Regional Chairman of Coutts & Co and he was recently given the rank of Honorary Captain in the Royal Naval Reserve.

1964



Bart Hellyer (Fgh 64), pictured left, is Rutland's High Sheriff for 2012/13. In his inauguration speech he named the Rev'd Dr Karin Harman (the Headmaster's wife) as his chaplain and thanked Katie Heard (J 10) for helping him with his sword, being one of the High Sheriff's cadets. The other cadet was Ollie Crump (WD 08). Bart's duties have included organising Rutland's contribution to the Jubilee Pageant on the Thames, which was the Sailability boat from Rutland Water with disabled crew members, as well as welcoming the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Anglian Regiment to their new home at the Kendrew Barracks. More details of Bart's year can be found on the OU website.

Matthew Sample (SH 64) returned from an 18 month 'world tour' in June 2012. Anyone wishing to read about his exploits should visit Matthew's travel blog at 'matthewsample.blogspot.com'.

Jonathan Jagger (LH 64), Surgeon Oculist to the Queen, has been made a Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order (RVO). Jonathan is a consultant surgeon specialising in cataract surgery and is based at the Royal Free Hampstead NHS Trust in London.

Jonathan Vaughan (WD 64) was invited by the Hon Sharn Legge-Bourke, Lord Lieutenant of Powys, to be introduced to Her Majesty the Queen at a Diamond Jubilee event in Powys, Wales in June 2012. Jonathan's Leicestershire-based company Eco Track and Access Ltd provides ground protection for events and they were invited to provide a roadway for the Royal occasion at the Glanus Estate to ensure safe and easy access for some 10,000 visitors.



John Duckers (M 64) was named Business Journalist of the Year in the Midlands Media Awards 2012. A former business editor of The Birmingham Post, now a freelance journalist, the award was for a series of profiles of leading businessmen in Midlands Insider magazine. He previously worked in Scotland on Aberdeen-based regional daily The Press and Journal where he was part of the team that won Reporter of the Year in the late 1980s for the paper's coverage of the Piper Alpha oil platform disaster in which 167 workers died.

1965



Wyn Fanshawe's (WB 65) company 'Capture the Event' signed with LOCOG as souvenir photographic services provider for athletics, spectators and sponsors from within the Olympic Village. He was also lucky enough

to secure, through ballot, one of the places in the Olympic Park 5 mile run finishing in the Olympic Stadium where he remembered some wise words from Malcolm Tozer to "burst from the last bend...". Wyn still holds the School 800m record set in 1970 which he ran in 1 minute 58.5 seconds.

Tim Taylor (WD 65) is a member of the Hawthorn Leslie 3837 Preservation Society, formed in 2010 by a group of enthusiasts to rescue a derelict steam engine from the Leatherhead Leisure Centre where it had languished for 25 years. Purchased for £1 from the Council, the engine, which spent its entire working life between 1934 and 1969 at

Stewarts and Lloyds at Corby, was rescued over the winter of 2010 and is now on display at The Lavender Line at Isfield near Lewes in East Sussex. For more information visit www.HL3837.org.



1966

Peter Winslow (L 66), Chief Executive of the BGL Group (owner of the 'Compare the Market' insurance brand) was awarded a CBE for services to financial services in the 2012 New Year's Honours List. Peter joined the BGL Group in 1995 as deputy managing director and became group Chief Executive in 1997.

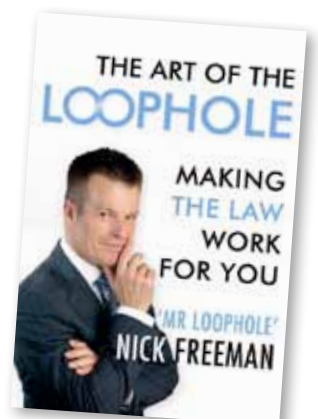
1970

Richard Spencer (WB 70) has lived in Jakarta since March 2011 and is working in offshore oil and gas construction, specifically FLNG (Floating LNG Vessel) for Indonesian Waters.

In November 2011, **Chris Sharrock (L 70)** successfully completed the RacingThePlanet Nepal 2011, a 250km race across mountains over seven days raising £7,500 for the Cambodian Children's Fund.



Nick Freeman (L 70), Britain's highest profile lawyer, has had his first book 'The Art of the Loophole: Making the Law Work for You' published by Hodder and Stoughton.



1971

Guy Brown (M 71) has set up a company called Artballing Ltd with former England cricket captain, Michael Vaughan OBE. The company sells contemporary and sporting art created by England's most successful cricket captain. For more information visit www.artballing.com – discounts are available for any OU by emailing guy.brown@artballing.com.

1973

Jonathan Agnew (L 73) was made an Honorary Doctor of Letters (HonDLitt) in recognition of his outstanding contribution to broadcasting and journalism and to Leicestershire and England cricket in 2011 by Loughborough University.

1975

Carl Islam (M 75) barrister (www.carlislam.co.uk), has launched a new internet business 'Wealth Planning TV' (www.wealthplanning.tv). Carl's third book, 'Tax-Efficient Wills Simplified 2012/2013' was published on November 2nd 2012.

Mark Haddon's (LH 75) latest book *The Red House* was published in May 2012. Mark is an author, illustrator and screenwriter who has written 15 books for children and won two BAFTAs. His bestselling novel, 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time', which was published in 2003, won seventeen literary prizes, including the Whitbread Award, is now a major play at the National Theatre, described in the Daily Telegraph as "intensely, innately theatrical; it is also funny and extremely moving".

1976



Mark Colquhoun (WB 76) and **Adam Diel (SH 76)** celebrated their 50th birthdays this year with a motorbike ride down the west coast of the USA. On June 13th they met up in Seattle to begin their ride. Adam rode a Harley Davidson Road King 1900cc

and Mark the Street Glide 1900cc. The trip took 14 days and they covered 2529 miles from Seattle, through Washington State, across the Columbia River into Oregon where they rode through the Redwood Forests and into California and

down the coast to near Los Angeles. From there northeast through the Sierra Nevada mountains and Nevada desert to Reno and via Tahoe and Yosemite back to San Francisco and then to Bermuda where Mark stayed with Adam and his family before returning to his home in Cobo on the west coast of Guernsey.

Adam now works as the facilities supervisor for WEDCo at Dockyard in Bermuda. He's married to Darlene and has an 18 year old son, Coles. Mark is very happily divorced and looks after his son Finley. They would both like to wish all of their peers at Uppingham who turn 50 in 2012 a very happy year. For anyone wishing to get in touch with Mark and Adam their email addresses are: Monkbt66@hotmail.com and adel@wedco.bm.

Lieutenant-Colonel Nicholas Mercer (SH 76) was awarded Human Rights Lawyer of the Year by Liberty for his work as a military lawyer during the Iraq War in 2003. He has since left the Army and been ordained serving his title post in Gillingham, Dorset.

1978

Charles Dunstone (LH 78), founder and chairman of the Carphone Warehouse Group, was Knighted in the Queen's birthday honours list 2012 for services to charity.

Rev'd Dr Giles Fraser (Fgh 78) (Former Canon Chancellor of St Paul's) and the Rev'd Nicholas Mercer (SH 76) (Human Rights Lawyer of the Year and former Colonel in the

British Army), gave a joint lecture at Salisbury Cathedral on 2nd May 2012. The subject was Human Rights on the Battlefield and Rev'd Mercer outlined the development of Human Rights Law and how it has affected the conduct of warfare by the British Army in Northern Ireland, the Balkans and the Iraq War in 2003. This was then followed by a discussion with

Giles Fraser with plenty of references to life at Uppingham and how it might have affected the theology of both presenters. Having resigned from his post at St Paul's Cathedral following the Occupy London protests, Giles is now a parish priest in the Elephant and Castle and a regular columnist with the Guardian.

1979

James Maziak (WD 79), MD of Maziak Compressor Services Ltd, has been appointed to the British Compressed Air Society (BCAS) Executive Board as a representative of compressed air distributor members UK-wide.

Johnny Vaughan (LH 79) stepped down as presenter of the Capital FM Breakfast Show in November 2011. Johnny presented a special afternoon show for Absolute Radio during the Olympics, can be seen presenting *Mud Men* on the History Channel and is a director of a successful TV production company, World's End.

1980

Michael Gibbon (Hf 80) was made a Queen's Counsel in April 2011.

1981

Dr Magnus Williamson (Hf 81) has been awarded the Claude Palisca Prize by the American Musicological Society for his facsimile Edition of the Eton Choirbook.

1983

Richard Billington's (B 83) heating and energy company The Billington Partnership has expanded its existing range of services to include renewable energy products such as biomass systems, solar thermal heating, ground source heat pumps and wind turbines. To find out more visit their website www.billingtonpartnership.co.uk.

After three years working for Vodafone in Ghana, **Patrick Hunt (Fgh 83)** has become Chief Financial Officer of American Tower in Uganda.

1985

James Timpson (LH 85) was awarded an OBE in the 2011 Queen's birthday honours for 'services to training and employment for disadvantaged people'. James masterminded Timpson's pioneering training and recruitment programme within prisons across the country, with many former inmates going on to take jobs with Timpson after their release.

1987



Tom Barton (WB 87) ran the 2012 London Marathon for the third time having so far raised more than £10,000 for charity, this time in support of LEPR Health in Action. Any OUs interested in supporting Tom

can visit www.justgiving.com/Tom-Barton2. Tom is pictured after completing the GRIM challenge, an 8.5 mile race over the Army Vehicle Testing course near Aldershot.



Having been re-elected in the 2010 General Election, **Edward Timpson MP (LH 87)** has since been appointed as a Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at

the Department for Education and is also Chairman of the All Party Parliamentary Groups on Adoption & Fostering.

Matthew Walker (SH 87) moved in February 2012 with his wife, Lesley, and their children, Imogen and Rory, from South-East London to Doha, Qatar, where Matthew continues to work as a construction lawyer, doing both disputes and project work. Matthew works for SNR Denton & Co, an Anglo-American law firm, and would be delighted to hear from any OUs based in or visiting the GCC, and particularly Qatar, at matthew.walker@srdenton.com.

1988

Tom Cooke (B 88) and his family set off on an 'Aussie Adventure' for a 'late' gap year. Follow their travels on their blog <http://thecookesallaussieadventures.blogspot.com.au/>.

Hugo Isaac (B 88) worked as an osteopath for the 2012 Olympic medical team, the first time that osteopathy has been included in the provision of host medical services at the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Laura Silk (J 88) (née Chesney), left Uppingham for Harvard and is now an obstetrician-gynaecologist in Massachusetts. In 2013 she is taking a year off with her husband and two daughters to live in Auckland. Inspired by the TV coverage of the UK during the Olympics, Laura would love to hear from her old friends at Uppingham via email at lkcsilk@yahoo.com.

1989

Elliot Cowan (M/L 89), known for portraying Corporal Jem Poynton in *Ultimate Force*, Mr Darcy in *Lost in Austen* and Ptolemy in the 2004 film *Alexander*, is now starring in Sky One's Sunday night re-telling of *Sinbad*.

Toby Heasman (F 89) pictured right with **Rick Stein (WD 60)** is working as the Head Brewer for Hall & Woodhouse and has designed and installed their first new brewhouse since 1899. He is married to Claire and has two children, Freddie and Esme.

Lt Col Alex Janzen RM (B 89) has been awarded an OBE in the Operational Honours List which recognises service on operations in Afghanistan and national operations between April and September 2011. He is currently the youngest Lt Col in the Corps and Chief of Staff to 3 Commando Brigade. OUs continue to serve with distinction in this very difficult theatre of operations. Just over a year ago Major Marcus Mudd (B 88) was also awarded an OBE for outstanding service in Afghanistan.



1992

After living in London for eight years and teaching at an independent prep school for the last five years, **Henry Hamilton-Turner (F 92)** has moved to Kuwait to an IAPS school to broaden his experience and to explore the Middle East.

1995

Ashley Grote (Hf 95) has been appointed Master of the Choristers at Norwich Cathedral where he joins David Dunnett (ex-staff) who is Organist.

1997

David Hewstone (Fgh 97) joined Arsenal's commercial team in 2008 (despite being a fan of Everton), and his role has evolved to one that encompasses all match-day hospitality sales and seasonal box new business. The Premium Tier at Emirates Stadium generates revenues in excess of all 38,000 seats at the old Highbury ground. Should any OU have any interest in purchasing a hospitality package at the Emirates, please contact David at dheystone@arsenal.co.uk.



1999



Callum Bush (WB 99) founded phone/tablet accessory brand MediaDevil from his bedroom in 2009 with £3,000 in savings. MediaDevil has grown via word-of-mouth and has earned a number of high-profile achievements and awards along the way, including Vince Cable presenting Callum with the UKTI's 2011 Business Innovation Award, articles in the Sunday Times and the Metro, and a recent visit to No.10 Downing Street to meet with the PM's senior advisors. MediaDevil is now the best-selling screen protector and touch screen stylus brand on Amazon.co.uk and Callum will soon be opening an office in the USA to add to his bases in London and Milan. Use code OUWINTER2012 on the MediaDevil website before 1st January 2013, and 30% of the proceeds from any purchase will be donated to the Uppingham Foundation. Callum is happy to receive your emails at callum.bush@mediadevil.com.



Jack Godwin (B 99) was commissioned into the Royal Logistics Corps from Sandhurst in April 2012 and will join the 10th Queen's Own Gurkha Logistics Regiment as a troop commander after a ten-week short language course in Nepal later this year.

Harry Judd (F 99) overcame tough competition from Jason Donovan and Chelsea Healey, to win Strictly Come Dancing in December 2011. He won praise from all the judges - with Head Judge Len Goodman telling him: "If you were a stick of rock you'd have talent written right through you" - and topped the public vote to lift the coveted Glitterball trophy.

2000

At university, **Matt Bianco (LH 00)** became a keen volleyball player. He started his coaching career with the York women's team and ended up at Northumbria, also coaching the women, and this year as complete outsiders, they won the national league. His experience earned him a role as performance analyst for the GB women's team at the London

Olympics, where the team beat the African champions Algeria before going out in the group stage.

In 2012, **Freddie Gore Browne (WB 00)** and **Stuart Peters (WB 00)** both ran across the Atacama desert, Chile completing 250km and raising money for the British Limbless Ex-Servicemens' Association.

2001

Tom Ryder (B 01) was included in the Scotland Rugby team to play against Australia, Fiji and Samoa in June 2012. Tom plays at lock for Glasgow Warriors after signing from Saracens in the Summer of 2011.

Natasha Archer (Sa 2001) is thoroughly enjoying her life in the Royal household as PA to The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and recently accompanied them on their tour of Asia and the South Pacific. Previously Natasha was Programme Coordinator to The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester.

2004



In 2009, **Laura Christopherson (Sa 04)** gave a Chapel talk about her mother being diagnosed with cancer and stressed how important it was to think not just of oneself, but to think of others. At the end of her talk, she promised to run the London Marathon the following year. However that didn't go to plan and whilst travelling around Australia during 2010 she was involved in a horrific bus accident where she fractured her back in four places and had 3" deep lacerations across the whole of her lower back. Four operations later, she has returned to the UK, still with glass in her back, and is undertaking weekly physiotherapy to try and ease the pain along with other treatment.

In April 2012, Laura ran the Virgin London Marathon in aid of Cancer Research UK as she refused to break the promise she made in her speech. It was a huge challenge for Laura after all her injuries but she was determined to prove people wrong and complete the marathon raising £14,000 for the charity.

2005



Florence Bailey (L 05) and **Fleur Cazalet (L 05)** completed the Florence Marathon in November 2011,

with times of 3 hours and 16 minutes and 4 hours and 1 minute respectively, in aid of Brain Tumour Research.

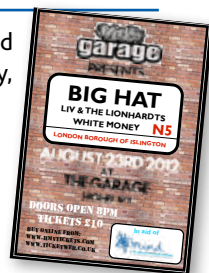
Todd Freedman (Hf 05) was in the Welsh squad for the annual U-21 mixed hockey international against England at NHC, Cardiff in July 2012.

2006



Lorna Gallagher (C 06) is currently in northern India volunteering as an assistant teacher at Beyond School.

Henry Snow (B 06) organised a gig at The Garage, Highbury, one of London's premier live music venues in August 2012 to raise funds for the mental health charity MIND. OU bands were top of the bill with Big Hat (featuring **George Taylor (Hf 06)**, **Rollo Doherty (F 06)**, **Jack Raeder (F 06)** and **Toby Richards (Hf 06)**), Liv & the Lionhardtts featuring **Olivia Le Poidevin (J 09)** and **Toya Peal (L 09)** and White Money featuring **Mike Sharp (B 06)**.



JUST VISITING

OUs are always welcome to call in if they are passing through Rutland. This Summer we welcomed back three OUs who were holidaying in the UK: pictured with the Headmaster is one of our early ESU Scholars **Michael Miller (WD 49)**; in the School House Quad is **Charles Fogden (M 71)** and his wife Ayesha Navarro; in front of the Thring statue is **Abboudi El-Hoss (Hf 62)**.



OUs in Hotels

OUs have a reputation for being a very social and entrepreneurial breed and so it is not surprising that running hotels has been a popular career choice. Three such OUs share their experiences of Uppingham and how it influenced their future ambitions.



Robert Gough (LH 77), owner of the Salthouse Harbour Hotel, Ipswich and The Angel, Bury St Edmunds

Spring 2012. On a cold, wet April morning I was sitting very nervously in Oakham thinking about going back to Uppingham. Was I up to the challenge? Was it too soon? Am I too old? As I went up Stockerston Hill my stomach tightened and I was getting short of breath. I was taking part in the Rutland CiCLE Tour bike race and as I cruised into Uppingham, two things went through my mind. Firstly, who was it that talked me into this horrible hilly ride? Secondly, looking at Uppingham and the surrounding countryside, how lucky I was to attend such a school and how it has influenced my life. The teenage years of 13 to 18 are a liminal period in one's life. Outwardly, one goes through great

change but more significantly, inwardly, it is a time one takes on values and principles that shape the rest of your life.

My time after school took me to London to read History and Economics, and then I returned to a small family hotel business in Suffolk. Shaped by a desire to aim high and question the traditional, I grew the company through acquisition and building and I gained an MBA from Oxford Brookes along the way. Presently, I enjoy life in Suffolk with my wife, Claire, and family.

I recall many of the theatre productions put on by the School and trips to London plays which drip fed one to be creative and question different ways to be creative; anything from seeing a young Rowan Atkinson, Stephen Fry or Derek Jacobi in London or school productions of the Mikado – starring my Housemaster David Gaine as a larger than life title role

– inspires one to create and approach the established things like hotels in an unconventional manner.

A desire to question traditional ways has led me towards the Arts. As a member of the National Theatre and a regular at Sadler's Wells, I have developed a keen interest in the Arts which was first ignited at Uppingham. At present, I am on the Board of DanceEast, the country's newest dance house which represents one of the key cultural centres in the East of England – through this we have been very fortunate to bring in world class performers such as Akrim Khan (who performed at the Olympic Opening Ceremony) and Slyvie Guiem.

In planning and building a boutique hotel in Ipswich and then in 2008 expanding that hotel by another 30 bedrooms, this project drew on an attention to detail also learnt at Uppingham. I put meticulous thought into what exactly guests want from a stay in a four star hotel. This has resulted in an award winning hotel which features Urban art, copper baths, a bespoke music collection and food and wines personally sourced from around the world.

Currently searching for another unusual project, I am still surprised how I am shaped by the ideas and values I discovered whilst at Uppingham.

And in answer to the question of who talked me into the horrible hill ride it was the result of a dare set by work colleagues whilst on a wine trip to Tuscany. Roll on next spring and Stockerston Hill!



David Chaplin (M 77), The Gonville Hotel, Cambridge

The biggest thing that I got out of Uppingham was the friendships that I took with me when I left in 1982. I was lucky in that my year group was strong. After Uppingham and nine months with the family construction business on site in Great Yarmouth, I read Civil Engineering at KCL. It was wonderful to be in London. It was both a strength and a weakness that I arrived in London with others from Uppingham. I shared a flat with two fellow Uppinghamians (Suzanne Brand and my cousin, Robbie Parr (H 77)). It's perhaps not surprising that my social life in London was quite Uppingham focused and it still is to this day. As one goes through life one meets many great people and some become lifelong friends but the most enduring friendships that I have made have their roots at Uppingham School.

The best piece of advice that I ever received was from my father. He advised me against accepting an offer to join my grandfather's



business when I graduated as he felt that it would be better if I learned elsewhere and came back to lead. I cannot thank my father enough for his wise advice. So I remained in London and qualified as a chartered accountant, engaging in several of the different business areas of accountancy before settling into a role in corporate finance where I had the privilege of being instrumental in the development of one of Britain's great corporate adventures in Asian telecoms. Great fun and a fabulous experience but not a settled life and home shores beckoned. The construction business had made it through the 89-93 recession only through a punitive reverse takeover and my grandfather's meat processing business had been shut down in 1993. Incidentally, all of the sausages that went down to the Falklands on the armada in 1982 were made at his factory in Cambridge. My parents had looked after the remains in most difficult circumstances and by 2002 there came the opportunity for my brother Simon (M 81) who was already running the agricultural side and me to take over the day to day management. That's not quite true as we have managers and general managers in two of our business areas – farming and the hotel and I look after property development personally.

The Gonville Hotel was acquired in 1964 by our grandfather because he wanted somewhere to park when he went to lunch at the University Arms Hotel on Fridays. For those who don't know

Cambridge, the two hotels face each other across Parker's Piece. Additions were made in 1972, 1990 and 2001. Interestingly all times of recession or at least uncertainty and it has always been our policy to develop the hotel when the economy is weak. When I arrived it was clear that another bout of capital expenditure was overdue and most obviously in the bedrooms. Lunch with Robert Gough at his newly refurbished Angel at Bury St Edmunds led to the appointment of Trevillion Interiors and we have now remodelled the bedrooms and corridors to a standard that we can be proud of. We are about to start on the next phase of capital investment and this will result in remodelling the bar, restaurant and all important loos. [Having travelled the world and stayed in many of the finest hotels I have a keen eye for the quality of the loos. I remember a discussion with Paul Whittome about his then newly done underground loos at the Hoste. It's clearly something on which a hotel is judged – and rightly so as it's an indication of the management's care and attention to detail.]

The Gonville has now progressed from a mediocre Tripadvisor ranking of 18th in Cambridge two years ago to 3rd today and we have just been rewarded by the AA travel organisation who have upgraded the hotel to four star. That's something of which I am enormously proud.

Some years ago, my mother was planning a family party and she called Wheelers to order the champagne. The following day she had a phone call from Mr Wheeler's secretary. He had noted the name on the order and wanted to know if my mother was parent to Simon Chaplin who had been at Uppingham with his son. She confirmed that this was the case and Mr Wheeler's secretary informed my mother that she had been instructed to give my mother 10% off the bill. That was an experience that my mother often spoke of and for her it illustrated an important quality often found in Uppinghamian families. In the same spirit we will be pleased to see Uppinghamians and their families at the Gonville and to offer them 10% off their bill. This can be done by telephoning the hotel on 01223 221111 and quoting 'OU Rate' to claim your discount.



Bill Clifford (SH 69), General Manager of the Hoste Arms, Burnham Market, recalling his links to the late **Paul Whittome (F 68)**.

Whilst Paul was a year ahead of me at Uppingham we were good chums and amongst other things we played for various rugby and athletics teams together and shared a very close friend, Dillon Wood, whose sister Bee is the new joint owner of the Hoste with her

husband Brendan. I followed with interest the development of the Hoste over the last 22 years or so and kept in contact with Paul (The Hoste became members of Fine Individual Hotels a number of years ago which is a 'marketing group' of independently owned UK hotels which I was running until recently) – and Paul visited the Lake District (where I lived) shortly before he died. There are many tales to relate but none that I am prepared to put in writing!

It was not a great surprise to learn that Brendan and Bee had acquired The Hoste – what better new owners could there be than Paul's very closest friends? – but it was a bit of a surprise when Brendan and Bee stopped over in the Lakes earlier in the year and advised me of their 'purchase' and essentially tempted me in to assisting with some operational advice. Well that has now developed somewhat and I find myself the new General

Manager – not something I had planned or considered but a role that I am delighted to be fulfilling with the exciting plans that Brendan and Bee have for the Hoste.

My career has followed a fairly typical path – working my way up the ladder with various organizations: the Savoy Group (Claridges, The Berkeley and the Savoy itself), a stint at Lord's Cricket Ground running the Private Boxes and Banqueting and then further junior management positions with Thistle Hotels and Holiday Inn – achieving my first ambition of becoming a General Manager before my 30th birthday with Copthorne Hotels who at the time were a new 4* hotel company just developing in the UK. I opened three hotels for the company (two takeovers from private ownership and one new build) and spent a fond 10 years in the south east, the last five of which were running the two Copthorne Hotels near Gatwick Airport as Regional General Manager.

My family and I moved to the Lakes – my wife Caroline had the desire to become a commercial airline pilot and I wanted to get to know our two children better as hotel life to that point had meant I had barely met them both! So we essentially swapped roles and I became home based – and set up my own business providing support and advice to the hospitality industry and interim management and a role as a hotel inspector/assessor – and this continued until Brendan and Bee came knocking on my door and the rest as they say is....



Martin Lloyd, Headmaster 1944-1965

The Spring of 1944 was not an easy time to begin looking for a successor to Lord Wolfenden. Nevertheless the field was a good one, and there were 29 applicants who were whittled down to three for the final interviews. Of these, two were already headmasters, and the other had been an assistant master at Rugby before war service in officers' training regiments and in Intelligence. He was Martin Lloyd, educated at Marlborough and Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, where he had obtained first class honours in both parts of the Modern Languages Tripos (which he had modestly defined at his interview as 'yes, a First, but not in classics').

Martin Lloyd was 35 at the time of his appointment, only two years younger than the departing Lord Wolfenden; like him he had married the year before his appointment and like the Wolfendens, the Lloyds were expecting their first child during their first term in office, though Mrs Lloyd remained in her native Caithness until their son Michael was born. It was also not an easy time to take over a school. No headmaster opening his career at a peak time of rationing and restrictions of all kinds, with the dislocation that more than five years of war had brought, could expect to make instant or fundamental changes in the running of the school he had taken over. He was however able to make some changes at Uppingham, of which the most significant was to raise the fees and the masters' salaries. The salary scale had not changed since 1921 nor had the fees altered from the £186 per annum fixed at that date. In post for 21 years, Martin Lloyd remains the longest-serving Uppingham Headmaster since Edward Thring.

Martin Lloyd and I both joined the School the same term - Christmas 1944 - so my "cohort" of pupils knew no other Headmaster. I like to think we were somehow special. I recall that one of the first topics in ML's opening session in Hall that first day was to report the death in action of OU and master J R Dain - the first of many such reports during his first year as Headmaster. I recall that ML explained one could always distinguish Americans from English people by eating habits. "The Americans cut up everything on their plate to start with and mix it up - the English cut a single mouthful at a time!"

Russell Hinton (F 44)

'Martinus' Lloyd was regarded by us pupils as an austere and somewhat frightening 'Headman'. Calling himself 'Martinus' rather than Martin, reinforced his aura of pomposity. Being called to the Headmaster's study was terrifying, even if it was merely, I remember, to request a signature permitting the wearing of 1st XV colours.

Michael Thornton (L 50)

My parents had put the start of term one week early in their diary so I was duly dispatched from Northumberland to Uppingham where, on arrival, I found the door to School House shut. I rang the Headmaster's bell and when he came to the door, apologised for being late. He said, "On the contrary, you're a week early." He then invited me to stay with him and his family for five nights and arranged with one of my aunts who lived close by to take me for the night before term started so that I could arrive at the same time as the rest of the house. All this to save me embarrassment.

James Bemrose (SH 51)

He gave us an astonishing degree of independence, together with all which that implied in terms of trust. In many departments of school life — most notably in the houses — we were our own masters with power to make or, in the wrong hands, to break. On meeting him in later life I asked him why he had allowed us such freedom and responsibility? His reply was to this effect: "Like all institutions, schools have to change. On the academic side, of course, change has to be led by the staff. But on

the social side we liked change to be led by the boys." And I can quote his final words verbatim, for they etched themselves on my memory.

"We wanted you to be, ah, the architects of your own society."

Michael Lewis (LH 52)

John Emsley (SH 52) and myself built a Land Yacht to sail on the Middle with the encouragement of Martin Lloyd. John Emsley, who was the main instigator, designed the yacht and provided the Firefly Rig and the Dexion Alloy that was used as the frame. The photo show Martin Lloyd aboard obviously enjoying the ride.

Jeremy Higgins (SH 53)

In 1958 there was a competition to learn poetry and recite it to the Headman. As I was studying Macbeth for O'Level, I was encouraged to enter. A visit to the Headman in those days usually meant at least a severe reprimand, if not "six of the best," so I went there with much apprehension. I had given a large amount of time in preparation, but nerves got the better and, halfway through,

"When shall we three meet again?" I lost the plot! With a wry smile, I was sent on my way with, "At least you tried."

[Jon Robertshaw \(H 55\)](#)

Martin Lloyd had just one joke which he offered as advice to all School leavers at the end of term "Try not to commit adultery in O.U. pyjamas".

[Malcolm Pershke \(WD 56\)](#)

As secretary of the Motor Club, an incident occurred on a speech day when we were displaying our cars and I was "testing" an old Austin around the School House gravel quad in an opposite lock slide amidst flying gravel, when Martin Lloyd drives under the School Tower in his sedate saloon motor car, a dark green Morris. I narrowly missed him as the brakes weren't much good, (we were more interested in going than stopping!). He was most gracious in his response. I remember he did comment to me that he considered motor racing a "cheap thrill", but this in no way deterred me from pursuing this dream. Again I remember driving the club Go Kart around the old swimming pool on the gravel driveway and narrowly missing Mrs Martin Lloyd who was pushing a pram by water tower corner! This incident was ignored.

[Alistair Welch \(LH 56\)](#)

I am the son of [Christopher Reeves \(L 1917\)](#), who, at an Uppingham Masonic Lodge meeting, asked Martin Lloyd what he would most like to achieve before he retired.

Martin replied to the effect that he would like the whole School to be able to fit into the chapel and not have secondary services in the parish church. My father took up the challenge and in co-operation with other OUs they raised enough funds to enable the Chapel extension to be built.

[Edward Reeves \(L 56\)](#)

I don't think that we exchanged one word during my five years at Uppingham. It never occurred to me at the time that he was a shy man. My most vivid memory of him is the lecture he gave us on suppressing coughs during concerts. "The loud cough that betokens the empty mind" seemed to be the gist of it. I've carried it usefully over decades through scores of concerts!

[Roger Neill \(B 57\)](#)

He was quite a disciplinarian and got very upset with uncontrolled coughing, particularly in Chapel, where it had become quite an

epidemic, especially when the service had become unusually boring. On one occasion we could all see that he was going blue in the face during the sermon trying to stifle a cough. Ultimately he had to give in and his coughing fit gave us all great amusement. Another issue which caused him concern was snapping hymn books closed with a loud bang which had also become a popular source of amusement for the boys to annoy him and especially the music master. The boys were very adept at concealing this activity and it was always entertaining to see Martin Lloyd's eyes darting from side to side to spot the culprits.

[David Dickson \(Fgh 57\)](#)

ML was endearingly capable of self parody. I remember in 1963 a satirical revue (Uppingham's answer to Beyond The Fringe) that was staged in the Hall. Piers Gough (WB 59), then editor of U, which may or may not have been Uppingham's answer to Private Eye, stood, gowned, under the canopy of the carved wooden lectern and started to move a stack of books one at a time to create a fresh stack at the other end of the desk. This familiar twitch of the Headman brought forth hoots of derision from the audience. The following morning after prayers in the Hall, ML stood to make his announcements, grasped his pile of books with both hands, grinned broadly and gained the same peals of laughter that had greeted Piers the night before. I don't think he ever fidgeted with his books again.

[Rob Tresidder \(M 59\)](#)

An anecdote which might amuse you but which needs corroborating was the incident when some boys pushed the old horse-drawn cricket-pitch roller down the hill towards the South Back Way. It gathered so much momentum that it went half-way up the hill on the other side completely demolishing PF Saunders' greenhouse. One of the culprits was one of a pair of identical twins who predictably claimed that the guilty party was his twin brother. Martin Lloyd beat him just the same!

[Neil Kennedy \(Hf 59\)](#)

My clearest memory of ML is meeting him with my father for an interview to decide if a lowly colonial was worthy of admission despite having been educated to date in Canada, then a year at the less than world-renowned Davies Tutoring School in Holland Park. Father set about describing my impressive results in Canadian IQ testing (routine in Canada in those days). ML had clearly never heard of such

a concept, so my father began describing it as the latest thing developed in the US education system. With an expression suggesting he had just complete disdain, Mr Lloyd advised that the Americans were no doubt worthy people, but no one could suggest that they were remotely as advanced as the English in education or much of anything else.

[Michael Royce \(SH 60\)](#)

Martin and his wife Kay were very much a couple. Kay Lloyd was glamorous and oozed Scottish charm and was in charge of the House budget. Complaints as to the quality of the food – usually at its worst mid-week – were greeted with put downs such as 'O yer poor wee things!' Sometimes efforts at revenge were tried. If a particularly tough stew was served for lunch, the prefect responsible for serving on the Headmaster's table would try and find the toughest, most grizzly piece for Martin Lloyd. All to no avail as he would happily chomp his way through whatever was presented to him. Their sense of humour again manifested itself when they agreed to (and took part in) the scene in the School House film when Kay Lloyd puts scraps in the dustbin, followed immediately by Mr Stokes, the cook, looking in the bin and pleased with what he finds taking the bin back into the kitchen ...

[Tom Ryland \(SH 60\)](#)

I was Head of School when the changeover from Martin Lloyd to John Royds occurred at Easter 1965. It fell to me to arrange a collection from the boys and to spend it on a present for Martin and Kay Lloyd. We collected about £160, with which we bought for them a "radiogram". Today, that sounds quite a lot of money for a machine whose sound reproduction was of doubtful quality - but the Lloyds seemed to be very pleased with it!

[Richard Venables \(H 60\)](#)

My abiding memory of him is always when he walked down the aisle after the services in Chapel. He would be clothed in gown and mortarboard and his piercing eyes would rove from side to side as he walked. I always remember trying not to catch his steely glance because it made me feel as if he could see into my soul and knew exactly what sins I was concealing. I suppose I felt that he and the Lord God were closely aligned in that.

[Robert Leader \(L 61\)](#)

We had a huge response to our appeal for recollections of Martin Lloyd – enough to fill eight pages of this magazine. Our apologies that we did not have space to include every memory, and that we had to edit some of those we have used, but all the contributions are featured on the OU website. If you would like a hard-copy, please contact the OU office and we will send you a transcript.



The Uppingham Society is a branch of the Uppingham Association which is responsible for financial grants issued to OUs who are either raising money for good causes or involved with charity work.

During an opportune break in the wet and windy summer weather, two OUs with 12 friends set out in June to row across the English Channel. In two small Irish gigs the six oarsmen and one cox per boat set off from Dover Harbour on a course, as the crow flies, of approximately 20 miles, to a beach close to Sangatte. One boat contained two OUs, Jack Frost (M 81) and Justin Wateridge (Hf 83) whose boat completed the crossing in five hours and allowing for the currents, a distance of approximately 22 miles. Both boats were the first boats of that type to cross the Channel without using rotating or any spare crew. It was a very unique and different experience, one which they all loved, albeit out of their comfort zones and one they will all remember for some time. They raised £12,000 in support of the RNLI and Marie Curie Cancer.



Olivia Le Poidevin (J 09), daughter of **Michael (WD 69)** received a donation from the Uppingham Society to support her educational work in Zambia. She sent in this report following her trip: "After a memorable three weeks, I have returned from an incredibly exciting and rewarding student-led outreach program in Lusaka with Durham Student Theatre: Project Zambia. One of the main aims of the project was to set up a network of partners whom we hope to work with on future projects. In a place where free education discontinues after primary school, leaving many with only a basic education, our

belief in the 'talking power' of drama was reinforced when we carried out various drama workshops with the highly energetic and attentive children in Kalingalinga. With drama not featuring on the national curriculum, we brought something different to the 250 kids at IBEX school.

One of my most lasting memories was working within the Kalingalinga community. This was probably the most deprived area in which we worked: the buildings were slum-like, with very basic sanitation, resulting in the kids playing quite literally in rubbish. The 'school'

there consisted of one tiny room, with no tables or chairs, and one teacher to 80 children. We departed Zambia with skills exchanged, a string of new friendships, and being labeled affectionately as their 'brothers and sisters'. In return, we left our friends in Lusaka with many new skill-based games, the foundations of a sustainable project, and a lot of big smiles on the kids' faces. I truly believe, from even just three weeks there, we have proven that drama can have a positive effect and influence on all ages, backgrounds and abilities."

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The OU London Dinner	7th February	The Mandarin Oriental, Knightsbridge
Middle East Dinner	15th February	Dubai
UVRC Dinner	9th March	Uppingham School
Hong Kong Dinner	March tbc	tbc
Canada	Spring	tbc
Speech Day / Founder's Day	25th May	Uppingham School
Highfield 150th Anniversary	25th May	Uppingham School
Uppingham Rovers 150th Anniversary	24th-26th May	Uppingham School, The Upper
Norfolk Dinner	20th June	The Hoste Arms, Burnham Market
OU Golf Captain's Day	28th September	Luffenham Heath
Over 60s London Lunch	3rd October	Cavalry & Guards Club, London

RICHARD BOSTON'S EVENTFUL YEAR:

The calendar has been no less full in the Association's 101st year and our schedule began back in October 2011 with the ever-popular Over 60s' lunch followed by dinners in Birmingham and Edinburgh. The well-established London dinner in February was filled to capacity, as is now the norm, with a great number of younger OUs attending for the first time. Early bookings are recommended for 2013!

In March the regional event programme took us to the South-East with a dinner at the George Hotel, Cranbrook before international events were held in Australia and the USA. The first event was the Western Australia dinner held in the stunning surrounds of King's Park in Perth overlooking the harbour. The evening was masterminded by **John Bird (L 67)** and we were honoured by the presence of **Lockie Baird (LH 40)** who, despite serious illness, was determined to be present. Lockie's infectious enthusiasm was uplifting, though sadly this was to be his last public appearance as he passed away in July.

The Union Hotel in Sydney provided the next venue for a dinner organised by **Ed Watson (M 88)** which attracted over 20 OUs as well as two Knox Uppingham "gappers" Andrew Blamey and Tom Sloane and Alan and Margie Marsden who were part of the Knox/Uppingham staff exchange in 1982/83. The Australian connection was in evidence later in the year when another Knox pupil and former Brooklands' Tutor Hugh Jackman called into the OU office whilst on a break from filming *Les Miserables*.

In April we held the first West Coast USA OU dinner at the Balboa Club in Newport Beach, California, thanks to our organisers **Phil Baker (Fgh 77)** and **William Cazalet (LH 81)** who made all the arrangements.

Back in the UK we held an excellent dinner at the superb Forde Abbey, near Chard, the home of **Julian Kennard (B 85)** and his wife Alice. We are most grateful to the family for opening up the Abbey for us. Peterhouse, Cambridge was the prestigious

setting for the Cambridge dinner by kind permission of **Professor Adrian Dixon (Fgh 61)**, the Master of the College.

One of the main purposes of these events is to provide a network of OU 'hubs' both at home and around the world, so strengthening the links between the OUs and the communities in which they live. For OUs relocating or just on their travels, we can provide useful contact information on local OUs willing to offer their advice or to just meet for a coffee.

Please note that Founder's Day on the weekend of May 25th/26th 2013, will be a landmark occasion when we will celebrate the 150th anniversary of both the Uppingham Rovers and Highfield. More details will be circulated in the New Year of these two events. We also look forward to a dinner at the Hoste Arms in Norfolk in June which will be chaired by **Sir Charles Dunstone (LH 78)**, whom we congratulate on his Knighthood.

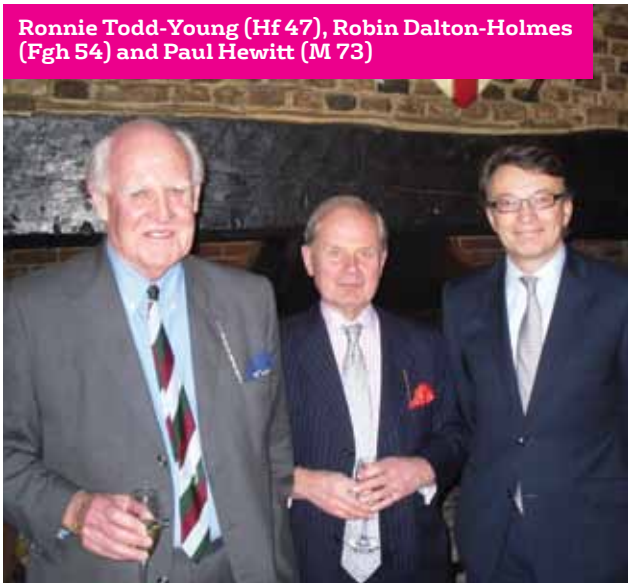


Where possible, the names of guests in larger group shots will be included on the OU Website (www.oulduppinghamian.co.uk)



SCOTLAND DINNER

The Balmoral, 23rd November 2011



Ronnie Todd-Young (Hf 47), Robin Dalton-Holmes (Fgh 54) and Paul Hewitt (M 73)



SOUTH EAST ENGLAND DINNER

The George Hotel, Cranbrook, 15th March 2012



SOMERSET DINNER

Forde Abbey, 3rd May 2012

Mr and Mrs Oliver Pemberton (SH 42) with Professor Adrian Dixon (Fgh 61)



CAMBRIDGE DINNER

Peterhouse, 10th May 2012



Adrian Dixon (Fgh 61), Mark Thomas (L 50), David Chaplin (M 77) and Richard Harman

Rosalind Oglethorpe (Fd 01), Richard Boston, Alice Archer (Sa 05) and Piers Robson (LH 85)

Back L-R, Humphrey Pigott, John Barnett, Sandy Hart, Patrick Taylor and wives at a Lodge 1951 reunion



THE LUSTRUM MEETING

7th August 2012



YOUNG 1ST XV REUNION

2nd September 2012



london
EVENTS

Martin Cardoe (Hf 74), David Barrow (Hf 74) and John Muncey (C 75)



LONDON DINNER

Thursday 2nd February 2012 -
The Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Knightsbridge



Joe Hunter (WD 90) and
Nnamdi Ezulike (Hf 90)



Charlotte Fitzgerald (Fd 99),
Fiona Slominska (Fd 99) and
Helen Roberts (Fd 99)



Chris Watson (M 92) and
Alex Williams (Fgh 92)



Julie Maury (nee Butler) (Fd 75), Tim Vaughan (WB 77), Fionah Rowlands (nee Butler) (Fd 78) and Chris Pearson (WB 74)

Tim Hough (L 61), Richard Proctor (WD 52), Peter Rice (B 59), Greg Hutchings (M 60) and Nick Taylor (WD 58)



John Hewett-Hicks (Hf 46), Michael O'Hagan (Fgh 44), Geoffrey Hargreaves (F 47), Richard Griffiths (LH 39)

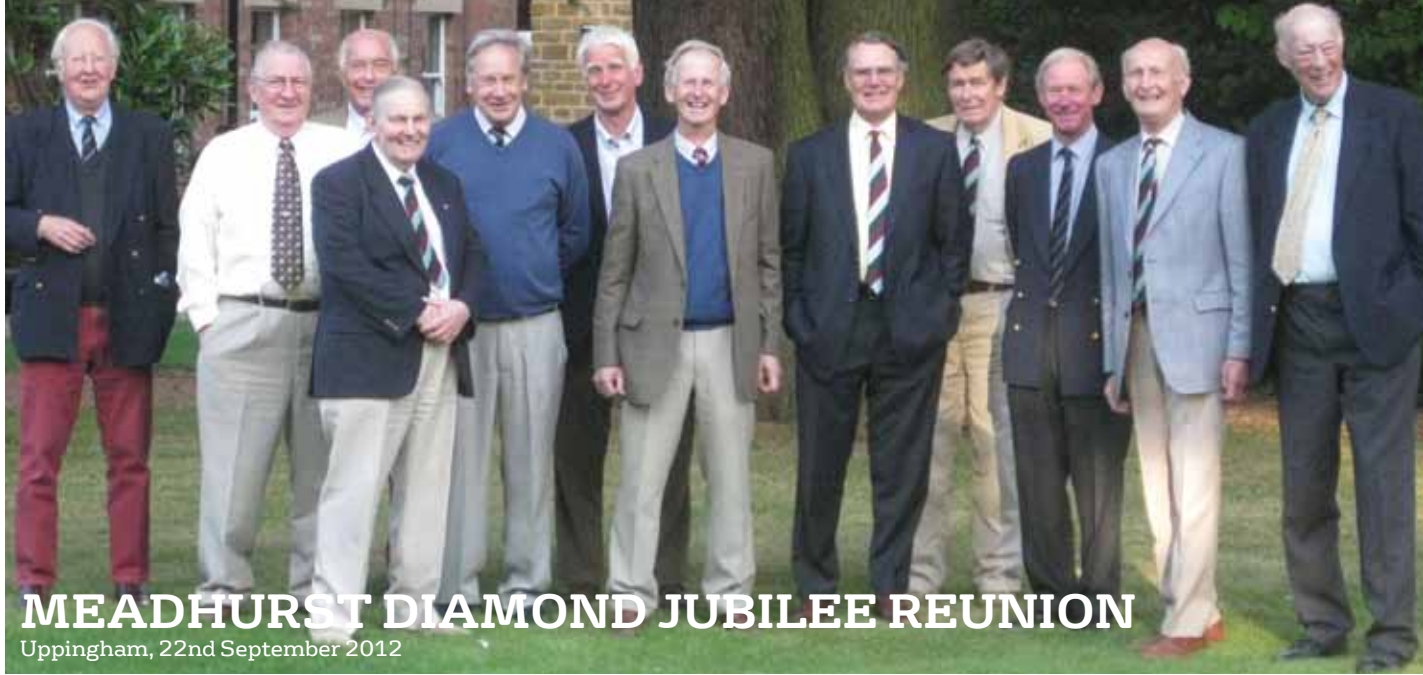


Anthony Roper (WB 51), Barry Moody (WB 62), Richard Hardman (SH 50), Tony Pull (M 49)

OVER 60s LONDON LUNCH

The Cavalry and Guards Club, 4th October 2012

Guy Sutcliffe (MS2); Edward Gothard (M 52); Michael Waller (M 53); Graham Hill (M 52); Simon Brice (M 52); Andrew Osborne (M 52); David Johnson (M 52); Peter Owthwaite (M 52); Roger Jones (M 53); David Hughes (M 53); John Williamson (M 52); Bill Humphrey (M 52)



MEADHURST DIAMOND JUBILEE REUNION

Uppingham, 22nd September 2012

Andrew Bowles (M 73) with our generous host Mike Higgs (Fgh 69)



LEICESTERSHIRE DRINKS

20th September 2012



Tony Waite (WD 62) and Robert Symington (Fgh 65)



Colin Williams (L 55), Susan and Anthony (Hf 52) Hardy

Annabelle Thompson (L 04) & Emma Sharrock (Fd 02)

HONG KONG

The Hong Kong Club, 27th March 2012



Christopher Law (WB 92), Tom Ma (Hf 91), Daniel Yeung (WB 93) and Christopher Wong (C 85)



WEST COAST USA

Newport Beach, California, 10th April 2012

Back row: Greg Neal, Jeremy Davies (WB 55), Richard Haigh (SH 66), Richard Boston, Rosemary Neal (nee Ellis) (Fd 75) and William Cazalet (LH 81), Front row: David Owthwaite (M 78), Phil Baker (Fgh 77) and Harry van Gorkum (Fgh 76)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

King's Park, Perth, 28th March 2012



SYDNEY

The Union Hotel, 4th April 2012



Uppingham Staff News



Nicola Tyers joined the team as OU Events and Membership Co-ordinator in August 2007, and sadly resigned from the post in August this year.

During her tenure she made an outstanding contribution to the running of the OU office due primarily to her remarkable efficiency and organisational skills. The prime example of this is the London Dinner which developed enormously under her stewardship into the high-profile and stunning event it is now. No task was too daunting for her and the considerable expansion in our events programme during her time in office was in part due to her efficiency and calmness 'under fire'.

Her communication skills were first class, the friendly voice at the end of the phone dealing with enquiries, and the welcoming smile at OU events will be remembered by all those who had dealings with her. Nicola was very involved in the revamping of the OU website, with pioneering our presence on Facebook and of course in compiling the OU Magazine, all of which have been well received by OUs around the world.

Her five years with us have passed too quickly and we thank her for the enormous amount of work she did for the Association. We wish her well as she starts a new role which fits in with her many family commitments in Oakham.



Tim Montagnon taught at Uppingham for 42 years and now that the time has come for him to put away the red pen for good, we wish Tim all the very best and thank him for his fantastic service to the School and a professional life very well lived. Generations of pupils in the Classics and Economics departments, including the Chairman of Trustees, benefited from his knowledge, skill and enthusiasm and colleagues will miss his great warmth and wit in the Common

Room. A deeply civilised human being, Tim is an excellent actor with great comic timing; one of the highlights every year has been to see him on stage in the Classics play and, in the days when there was time for such things, the staff revues. Both Tim and Casey will soon be immortalised not only in our memory but on canvas in Chapel. They have been two of David Kirk's models for the three wise men, as he is painting a triptych to be hung above the inside of the Thring doors.



Penny Rowell was Deputy Head of Uppingham for seven years; she saw one Headmaster out and another in, all with consummate skill and tact. Her warm, instinctive connection with people at all levels and her zest for life will be sorely missed. Referred to by one colleague recently as "an amazing dynamo", Penny is a true friend to so many at Uppingham and we can only say thank you and good luck as she embarks upon her new adventures.

Casey O'Hanrahan was held in such great esteem by the Common Room that he was their President for the last five years. Indeed, the affection in which he was held by the whole Uppingham family was evident in the standing ovation he got at February's OU London dinner. In true Irish tradition, Casey is a wonderful raconteur and bibliophile. His classroom is unlikely to be the tidiest space in the School but his love of literature, sympathy for the young and sharp mind meant that he has always had a loyal and inspired following among the pupils. The depth of his reading and his open door policy can, however, lead passers-by to mistake his home for one of Uppingham's second-hand bookshops. On one occasion some of the Constables boys put a notice on the front door of his house in Orange Street saying "All books 50p, come in and browse" following which Casey came down to his sitting room to find various folk holding armfuls of his books and asking where they should pay for their purchases. His track-suit, still in use this season, first appeared on the Middle in the same year that the original VW Golf rolled off the production line. A much-loved colleague and mentor, at once wise, jovial and deeply pastoral, Casey has been part of every aspect of the School's life since 1974. His retirement will leave a profound space in many lives.

Nic and Anna Merrett leave Constables at the end of this term, having completed 19 distinguished years there, years when they have also seen their young children grow up and become adults. Constables was hugely successful and popular as a boys' house, which is why it came as a sadness to some OUs and boys when the decision was taken to change its gender. The School was fortunate that in Nic, who was Senior Housemaster at the time, and Anna, it had two people who were up for the challenge. Such times of transition are never easy, but Nic and Anna handled the change with enormous dedication, care and attention to detail such that Constables is now equally full and thriving as a girls' house. Nic and Anna will continue to work at Uppingham and will be pleased to see their past charges when they visit the School.

Uppingham Staff News

Andy Chessell moved to Rugby School in September. His eight years at Uppingham were a succession of brilliant shows, with high production values, stunning levels of performance and real visual impact. Standing ovations have become almost de rigeur. Andy also did a wonderful job of pulling together a professional team of colleagues and students backstage and in leading the Theatre Studies department. Uppingham will miss him greatly.

Margaret Eales who joined Uppingham in 1997, retired fully at the end of the summer term. Margaret's departmental colleagues testify that she represents the gold standard of Maths teaching, and that was the reason Uppingham were so keen to keep her as long as possible.

Simon Sharp joined the school in January 2000 taking up the post of Head of Art and Director of the Leonardo Centre. Working with enormous energy and enthusiasm he rapidly attracted more pupils to study Art and increased the Art teaching staff and built up a strong team of teachers and Artists in Residence. With a background in Architecture and being a strong believer in the links between Art and Design and Technology he increased

the diversity of activities offered in Art to include printmaking, sculpture, fashion and textiles and Architecture. By building up the Leonardo Centre library and leading trips to galleries in England and Paris he has provided rich source material for the students and all have benefited from this and his own depth of knowledge. Results at all levels have been excellent throughout his time here and Art is a popular subject choice, with

the school much bigger now than when the Leonardo Centre was built, he leaves it bursting at the seams to go to Bedales where there are plans to develop a new Art and Design facility. A dedicated tutor in Brooklands, Simon has also made a strong contribution to sport whilst at the school bringing coaching skill and experience to squash, tennis and football. In all areas of school he will be sadly missed.

Ex-Staff News

Ralph Allwood

Congratulations to former Uppingham Director of Music (1978-85) Ralph Allwood on his award of an MBE in the 2012 New Year's Honours' list.

We are sad to report the deaths of two former members of staff: Paul Griffin MBE, who taught here between 1949 and 1955 and John Hall (known by many as PO Hall), who taught PE from 1952 until 1971 and then became the Sports Centre Manager until 1985.

In June 2012, John Catt Educational published a collection of essays on Physical Education and Sport in Independent Schools edited by former member of staff **Malcolm Tozer (1966-89)**. Amongst the contributors are OUs **James Whitaker (L 1976)** and **Gordon Wood (SH 1966)** and former members of staff - **Malcolm Campbell (1971-79)** and **Ben Goss (1973-77)** as well as Sir Clive Woodward, who helped to coach the 1st XV in the 1980s. Other authors include HRH The Princess Royal, Roger Black, Jonathan Edwards and Roger Uttley.



Hollywood Calls: Nicola Tyers, Richard Boston, Lisa Menzies-Gow, Hugh Jackman (former Brooklands' Tutor and star of the X Men), Richard Billington (B 83) and Patrick Mulvihill.

Births

Katharine (nee Woddis) (J 88) and Stuart Schofield were pleased to welcome twin girls Swan and Willow on 17th July 2011.

Benjamin Elson (WB 89) and **Becky Elson (nee Craig) (Fd 94)** welcomed their second child, Milo Adam, into the world in February, a brother to Molly.

Hattie (nee Egerton-Smith) (J 93) and Jonny Hammond-Chambers are the proud parents to their second son Patrick born in July 2011, a brother to Angus.



Gareth Holwill (B 94) and wife Samantha are the proud parents of a daughter, Esme Ida, born 23rd March 2012.

Judson Mathias (SH 98) has moved to Cape Town and is a proud father to a son, Rafael, born in October 2011.

Announcements

Engagements

Giles Hastings (SH 92) is engaged to Charlotte Palmer and they plan to marry during 2013.

Announcements

Marriages



Bill Oscroft (H 66) married Joan Brewer at St James' Brightwell Cum Sotwell in Oxfordshire on 28th April 2012. Their Best Man was Tim Price (H 67).



Rachel Park (Fd 87) married in North Yorkshire on October 3rd 2011 and is now Rachel van Zyl. The photo features Rachel with Tom Golding (WD 84), Natalie Robinson, wife of Anthony Robinson (WD 84) and Chantal van Zyl.



Christian Wakefield (WB 88) and Julie Napier married in Tuscany in July 2009. OUs present were Mark Koops (H 88), Iain Wakefield (WB 82), Thomas Meek (WB 88), James Askar (WD 88), Steve Lynes (B 88) and Erick Feldon (Hf 96). In October 2010 they welcomed their first child, Emma.



James Watson (L 88) married Ellen Brown on 22nd September 2012 with Alex Williams (Fgh 92) as his best man. The photo features Chris Watson (M 92), Georgina Watson (nee Murphy) (J 92), Alex Williams (Fgh 92), Ellen Brown, James Watson (L 88), Philip Watson (M 89), Katie Kendrick (J 92), John Webster (C 70) and Oliver Saxby (M/L 89).

Ben Aspell (WB 89) married Julia Hardy in Seagrave, Leicestershire in September 2012, supported by a large OU contingent including Erol Elson (WB 89), David Casement (Fgh 89), Henry Wilson (WB 89), Philippa Lindsay (nee Adey) (J 92), Becky Elson (Fd 94), Sarah Wall (Fd 92), and many more.

Michael Clear (LH 92) married Alanna Boylan in 2008 and they are now parents to Charlie who was born in November 2011.

Toby Harvey (B 93) married Anne Strong on 2nd June 2012 in Great Barford, Buckinghamshire.

Emma Reeves (Fd 93) married Tom Royall in Podington on September 15th 2012.



James Hutt (WD96) has married Emily McCorquodale. The couple married in the Church of St Andrew and St Mary in Stoke Rochford, Lincolnshire. They were delighted to be supported by many of their OU friends including John Page (Hf 69), Joe Threlfall (F 93), Alasdair Couatts-Wood (WD 96), Richard Hartley (Fgh 96), Jason Noy (Fgh 96), Thomas Kimbell (Fgh 96), Tottie Morbey (nee Linnell) (L 00), George Dickens (SH 96), Sophie Dickens (nee Smith) (J 99), Alexander Ward (Hf 96), Nick Coupe (LH 99), Alice Macaulay (nee Fletcher) (L 99), George Goodhew (nee Bonham) (L 99).

Emma Chadd (L 97) got married in September 2011. OUs that attended the wedding were Caroline Chadd (L 00), Hugo Chadd (WB 00), Lucinda Heyman (L 97), Marcia Nicholson (Fd 00), Lydia Sprake (J 00), Ben Worden (B 94) and Will MacLachlan (B 95).

Charles Forman (F 99) married Isabel Stanton on 10th September 2011 in Knutsford. Charles is working as a vet in Staffordshire.

Helen Roberts (Fd 99) married Timothy Huxtable in August 2012 near Exeter four OU bridesmaids: Charlotte Fitzgerald (Fd 99), Louise Hood (nee Whitlock) (Fd 99), Fiona Slominska (Fd 99) and Francisca Wiggins (Fd 99).

Louise Whitlock (Fd 99) married Campbell Hood in June 2012 with 13 OUs present. Pictured are Emma Dashwood, Ben Whitlock (WB 98), Charlotte Mantle (J 10), Tim Mantle (M 99), Fiona Slominska (FD 99), Jeremy Martin (LH 96), Helen Huxtable (nee Roberts) (Fd 99), James Mantle (WB 96), Louise Hood (nee Whitlock) (Fd 99), Campbell Hood, Francisca Wiggins (Fd 99), James Arbuthnot (C 96), Kitty Corbet-Milward (Fd 99), Antony Willott (LH 96) and Charlotte FitzGerald (Fd 99).

Charlie Paxton (B 01) married Layla Ramady on 19th June 2011 at Blenheim Palace in Oxford.



L-R: Edward Embley, David Sykes, Jamie Kennaway, Charlie Paxton, Layla Paxton, Michael Sykes, John Paxton (B 98), Ben Barnett (B 01).



Having met through shooting whilst at Cambridge, **Jo Harris (J 04)** married Edward Dickson at the Our Lady and English Martyrs Church, Cambridge in August 2011. OUs in attendance were David Penn (WB 01), Sam Kirk (LH 01), Freya Droegge (J 04) and Gareth Morris (L 89).

Obituaries

James Neil (Fgh 31)

by his son *Bill Neil (Fgh 59)*

James Neil was born in Nottingham, the son of a General Surgeon. He was educated at Uppingham, Queen's College Cambridge and the Middlesex Hospital London.

He started at Uppingham in 1931 and by 1936 was house captain of Farleigh and a school praepostor. He played the cello in the 1st orchestra, was an under officer in the OTC and played a drum in the military band.

As he was a keen rider, when he arrived at Cambridge he joined the cavalry only to find the horses replaced by tanks after a year. He left!

After qualification in 1943 he was called up into the RAMC (having applied for the Navy) He took part in the landing at Anzio and then went ashore at H+ 30 minutes on D-Day. He became RMO to the 1st Dorsets. After the war he took up surgery, being appointed as an ENT consultant to Nottingham General, Mansfield and Newark in 1951. He was much involved in the development of the Nottingham Medical School and the new Queen's Medical Centre. He was the 1st chairman of the new University Hospital medical committee and clinical teacher in ENT. This last stage was helpful in old age as both his GPs had trained at Nottingham.

Nationally he was President of the section of Laryngology at the RSM (1978/79), President of the Midland Institute of Otology 1981-84 and President of the Nottingham Medico-Chirurgical Society 1979-80.

On retirement in 1982 his wife sent him on a cookery course and he became quite skilled. He enjoyed playing the cello, gardening, shooting and seeing his grandchildren. He was also a steward at Southwell Minster. He leaves his wife Tess, three children, seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Two sons and one granddaughter followed him to Uppingham.

John Dickson (Fgh 33)

John Dickson, who died on 23rd October 2011, showed exceptional courage as a pilot during the Second World War and great resilience during the Northern Ireland 'Troubles' by rebuilding his chemical and dye company after it had been blown up by terrorists.

John was born in Belfast in April 1919, went to prep school in Yorkshire, and while at Uppingham developed a keen interest

in military affairs, becoming an U/O in the OTC. He played rugby enthusiastically – though only managed a brown trim – and in the classroom once distinguished himself by causing a serious explosion when his Chemistry master VT Saunders wasn't looking.

John left Uppingham in 1937 and after spending some time in Germany where he witnessed a mass rally in Nürnberg with Hitler in full flow, he returned to Ulster to join the RAF (VR).

His war years were nothing less than remarkable. He flew anything that could get off the ground including Dragons, Tiger Moths, Wellingtons, Whitleys and Liberators. He spent most of his time over the North Atlantic, protecting Allied convoys and hunting enemy submarines. Some sorties lasted in excess of 20 hours and he was often lucky to find land at the end of a mission, more than once returning with little more than air in his fuel tank. He rescued many sailors including a Canadian ship's captain from whom he received a silver cigarette case in recognition of his bravery.

John was a good pilot but used to say that he was better at taking off than landing. On one occasion he had to ditch his Whitley somewhere in Ireland when the aeroplane malfunctioned. Badly injured and believing that he had landed in the neutral territory of the Irish Republic, he was able to get his crew safely back to base, albeit on foot and with local support. As it happened he had actually crashed in Northern Ireland. He was mentioned in Despatches and decorated with the Air Efficiency Award.

After the war, John founded a chemical and dye company in Belfast which was blown up by the IRA, but despite this setback and other difficulties caused by The Troubles, he persevered and rebuilt his company several times.

John married Nöelle Cotter in 1941 and they had two children, David and Susan. Sadly Nöelle died in 1968 and he later married Patricia, who also predeceased him. His later years were difficult as his health deteriorated and Alzheimer's overtook him – but he will be remembered by friends and family for his joie de vivre and mischievous sense of humour.

John's father was *Major TCH Dickson MC DL (Fgh 1903)* and his uncle *Will Dickson (Fgh 1902)* fell at the Somme. His brothers *Tom (SH 35)* and *Stephen (Fgh 38)*, who died earlier in 2011, were also at Uppingham as was his son, *David (Fgh 1957)* and grandchildren *Nicholas (Fgh 89)* and *Janette (Fd 96)*.

John Start (LH 33)

John Start was born in Hampshire in February 1919 and had a happy childhood. After leaving Uppingham it was decided that he would go "out to the colonies" to gain experience in farming. John went to work on a farm in Molo, a seven-hour drive from Nairobi. Whilst there, he joined the Kenya Regiment as a cadet. John spent some time in Abyssinia and then in Burma during the war as a Battalion Intelligence Officer, attaining the rank of Captain. He was mentioned in despatches three times for his bravery in operations. Towards the end of the war he suffered a serious illness and was repatriated to England. After recovery he managed to engineer his way back to army service in Nairobi and whilst on leave he married Helen Millington who lived on a neighbouring farm.

After release from the army Helen and John moved to the Millington family's farm where they took over the dairy herd and the growing of some crops with their two sons, Antony and Joff. The forest on the farm was very special and harboured some wonderful bird species. John and Helen struck up a friendship with ornithologist John Williams, who sent a number of famous people to see the rare birds.

In 1968 Helen's parents retired to England and the Kenya family farm was sold. John and Helen were re-employed by the new government's Agricultural Corporation to look after the pedigree Ayrshire cattle on the farm, but eventually moved to Nairobi to help oversee the management of breeding stock in Kenya. They went on many a safari and became so expert at identifying the birds and animals that they were employed as guides for a touring company and led many an expedition in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. Eventually they decided to follow their sons Antony and Joff who had emigrated to Perth, Australia.

John remained a very keen and observant naturalist. He never missed an opportunity to explore the natural history of Australia and on one occasion he took the Nobel Prize-winning Physicist, Professor Murray Gell-Mann, to see the noisy scrub-bird at Two-Peoples Bay.

John was always eager to spend time in the bush, and he kept meticulous records of what was seen. He went spotting at night for geckos and frogs and recorded all his observations in diaries. Even well into his eighties, John still went bush camping with his family. He was so proud of his children, his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was a true gentleman who will be sorely missed by all who met him.



Lieutenant-Colonel John 'Oscar' Palmer (LH 34)

John 'Oscar' Palmer, the son of Major-General Geoffrey Palmer (LH 1905), was born in London in May 1920. He was educated at Uppingham and, after attending RMC Sandhurst, he was posted to India. In Bombay, he wrote afterwards, there was a high-class maison de rendezvous run by a charming French lady. She recruited pretty girls from all over the Middle East and, having amassed a great deal of money, made a large donation to the Spitfire Fund. She was appointed MBE for her contribution to the war effort.

In 1940 he was posted to Razmak on the North West Frontier. One night the 5/8 Punjab Regiment, which was picketing on the crest of a mountain, was surrounded by hostile Mahsud tribesmen. They went to their position the next morning to help with the evacuation of the wounded. Oscar never forgot the sight of the bodies of the dead that had been stripped and mutilated.

At the end of 1943 he was posted to 2 QRR, which was formed into two "columns" as part of the Chindit force operating in Burma. He arrived back in England in September 1944 and in 1945 was posted to the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment in Canterbury. Jungle training, in anticipation of the invasion of Malaya, was conducted on Romney Marsh, but was curtailed by the dropping of the atom bomb on Japan.

After a spell in BAOR, in 1947 he returned to 1 QRR in Singapore and then took up a staff appointment at GHQ Far East Land Forces. He instructed at Eaton Hall Officer Cadet School before attending Pakistan Staff College at Quetta. This was followed, in 1953, by a posting to Malaya Command as GSO2 during the Emergency.

In 1955 he took command of a rifle company of 1st Battalion the Queen's Royal Regiment (1 QRR) in Malaya. His battalion killed about 50 insurgents during its three-year tour and he was awarded a Military Cross.

The Queen's Royal Regiment amalgamated with the East Surrey Regiment and, in 1959, he became second-in-command of the Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment and was stationed in Bury St Edmunds, Aden and Hong Kong. A staff tour in Singapore was followed by a posting to the MoD in 1964 and then a three-year tour as military attaché in Cambodia. In 1970 he retired from the Army.

Oscar Palmer is predeceased by his wife Kathleen and he is survived by their two sons, one of whom, *Nigel Palmer (LH 75)* followed his father and grandfather into Lorne House.

Lockie Baird (LH 40)

Lockhart Baird was born in Rangoon with his brothers *James (LH 43)* and *Douglas (LH 47)*. He excelled at sport at Uppingham, being in the 1st XV, Hockey XI and Running Vllls, and then went on to Emmanuel College, Cambridge. His studies were interrupted by the war and he enlisted in the Fleet Air Arm, being stationed in Northern Ireland where he met his wife June who was serving as a WREN.

After being demobbed, Lockie joined Burma Oil and spent the next two decades working in Burma, East Pakistan and India. Lockie and June returned to the UK in the 1970s but finally decided to emigrate to Australia in 1995 where his sons *David (LH 66)* and *Neil (LH 70)* lived.

Despite declining health, Lockie still organised the Diamond wedding anniversary celebrations for June and himself in January and was able to attend an Uppingham reunion in Perth at the end of March 2012. Lockie passed away peacefully at home in July.

Jim Hardy (F 40)

Jim Hardy, who died in July 2012, was the last direct link to the original Hardy fishing tackle company. This is a loss to not only the British fishing community, but to anglers everywhere.

Born in 1927, Jim studied engineering on leaving Uppingham before going to work for his family's legendary company. Even though his family owned the company, Jim started out at the bottom, working his way up through the ranks. This allowed him to learn all the aspects of the Hardy Tackle company. He joined the company's board in 1959 as "Works Director". In 1967 he became Hardy's marketing director.

It is no secret that through Jim Hardy's efforts the company expanded and grew both domestically and throughout the globe – especially in America. New products and advertising campaigns had new anglers

discovering the company and older anglers coming back to them. Jim was a masterful and knowledgeable angler as well. Having started fishing at age seven, Jim was a world class fly casting champion. He won three professional casting championships at world championship level and took 35 British and all-comers professional casting records.

He retired in 1992, after 44 years, but stayed busy with the company as a consultant. He was (rightfully so) proud of the Hardy company and its legacy of success and quality. In 1998 his book "The House The Hardy Brothers Built" was published in which he chronicled the history and legacy of the world-renowned company.

Jim Hardy was a quiet legend in the fly fishing world. He will be sadly missed.



John Bowman (WD 41)

John Bowman was born in 1928. He spent five happy years at Uppingham from 1941-45 and despite the war it was a time he always remembered with great fondness.

Upon leaving school, he joined the Royal Horse Guards, "the Blues", as part of National Service then took up his place at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, to read law.

After graduating from Cambridge, he started with Price Waterhouse, qualifying as a Chartered Accountant thus beginning a successful career in business. He joined Charterhouse Bank becoming Managing Director of Charterhouse Development Capital and was one of the early pioneers of what is now known as Private Equity. In retirement, he held a number of non-executive positions – including corporate directorships – and various charitable roles with the Red Cross, schools and church and village committees.

Golf played an important part throughout his life. He was Captain of Thorndon Park Golf Club, was an active member of Royal Worlington & Newmarket Golf Club and captained the Senior Golfers' Society in the Millennium year. (cont..)

In fact, it was through golf that he maintained a strong association with Uppingham all his life. He was an active member of the OU Golf Society, representing the society in all the principal competitions including the Halford Hewitt, Grafton Morrish and Bernard Darwin. He captained the society in 1979 and later was President.

John will doubtless be remembered for his mental and physical fortitude. On a number of occasions he was required to demonstrate these virtues – making a full recovery from tuberculosis in his early life and, in his late 70s, overcoming a series of major operations for an abdominal aortic aneurism. Sadly the latter necessitated the amputation of a leg. To many this would have been a major blow but, whilst it meant giving up golf, he and his wife Jenny continued to live life to the full.

He leaves his wife, three children and nine grandchildren. Two sons, *Charles (WD 75)* and *Henry (WD 79)*, a daughter-in-law, *Ginny (nee Burrows) (FD 82)*, and four grandchildren, *Cecelia Crawshay (J 05)*, *Susannah Crawshay (NH 06)*, *Polly Bowman (FD 09)*, and *Miranda Bowman (FD 11)* have all attended or are currently attending the School with three more hoping to follow in their footsteps.

Barry Bracewell-Milnes (C 45)

Dr Barry Bracewell-Milnes was an economist who was a champion of lower taxation, training his sights on Inheritance Tax, Capital Gains Tax, Advance Corporation Tax, and even duty on alcohol.

The only child of an actuary, he was educated at Uppingham and New College, Oxford, where he read Classical Moderations before changing to Economics. He then went to King's College, Cambridge, where he completed his doctorate. In his early career, he worked for the Milk Marketing Board before joining the CBI.

His views on taxation encountered opposition not only from the Left, but also from business lobby groups and the corporatist element in the Conservative Party, but this did nothing to dent his beliefs: one of his proudest boasts was that he was "sacked in 1973 by Mr Campbell Adamson, director-general of the CBI, for supporting capitalism, free enterprise and the market economy".

Following his departure from the CBI, where he had been economic director since 1968, he became economic adviser to the Institute of Directors until 1996. He made budget submissions of eye-watering radicalism which were not always welcomed by the Chancellor.

Inheritance Tax was a particular target. His paper *Euthanasia for Death Duties: Putting Inheritance Tax Out of Its Misery* concluded that the revenue gained is "offset or more than offset by reductions in the yields of other taxes". According to his calculations, death duties and inheritance taxes had achieved a net loss for the economy in every year of their century-long history. He also argued that Capital Gains Tax should be abolished, claiming that it drives investment offshore and in a paper for the Adam Smith Institute, *A Disorderly House*, he demanded lower alcohol duties.

For some years Bracewell-Milnes was chairman of the Executive Committee of the Society for Individual Freedom. His colleague, Professor David Myddleton, said of one of his learned pieces on capital taxes: "If they ever were abolished, whatever would Barry find to write about?"

Outside work and the Church he was a member of several music appreciation societies and, from 1973 to 1978, he was Principal Scientific Collaborator for the Erasmus University in Rotterdam. Barry died in June 2012 and is survived by his wife Ann and their son and daughter.

John Dobson (L 47)

Born in Cheshire in February 1934 and raised over the border in Wales, John Dobson qualified as a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (MBBS), training at St Bart's Hospital under Sir Edward Tuckwell. When Sir Edward's wife died of cancer in 1970, John campaigned for the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice to be set up in her memory for the care of terminally-ill patients, which opened in 1979. For this, he was nominated by Phyllis' daughter-in-law to appear on Godalming Museum's 'Wall of Faces'.

After meeting his wife Sheila in 1960 they married at Canterbury Cathedral, and worked at his father's medical practice in Mold, North Wales before joining the Square Medical Practice, where he became senior partner before his retirement in 1998. The couple lived in Compton for more than 40 years, and had two children, Simon and Caroline.

John was instrumental in setting up the diabetes clinic which remains at the Mill Medical Centre and worked as a part-time doctor at Milford and Hydestile Hospitals, helping in the campaign to save them from closure. Even after his retirement, John continued to care for the health of people in Godalming and Guildford, serving as medical advisor for palliative care work of south west Surrey, and chairing the committee to set up the Beacon Service,

which runs out of the Royal Surrey County Hospital, providing home care for patients with cancer or other life changing illnesses.

Just a month before he died, he was honoured with the Guildford Mayor's Volunteer Award for services to the community.



Anthony Thornely (C 48)

By Nick Thornely (C 50)

Anto and I were born in Bombay in the 1930s. We spent the monsoon season in Kashmir travelling by train from Bombay; the Frontier Mail took three days and two nights to reach Rawalpindi, and then we had a 200 mile taxi journey. We lived on a houseboat on the Dahl Lake, in Srinigar, where our mother lived in dread of us falling overboard.

We sailed from Bombay in March 1944 as civilians on a troop-ship returning to England for D-Day. We remember the huge convoy in the Mediterranean with the battleship Warspite, destroyers circling around, and a barrage balloon on the stern. Gunnery practice was very exciting for us kids.

Anto and I both went to Uppingham as did our father, *Francis (C 1910)* and our Uncle *John (C 1915)*, and we were in the same house. In my first term we played rugby together for the only time in our lives, in the House Under 16s team, but I remember we beat the Lodge and Anto scored two tries; I was his scrum half and we had a secret signalling system and exploited the blind side. Anthony represented Uppingham at Fives and played in the Public Schools Tournament. He played fly half for the Uppingham 2nd XV for two seasons.

After National Service in the Royal Navy, Anto went to South Africa where he became a salesman for Coca Cola. In 1958 his next employer posted him to Ghana and later to Nigeria and finally to Kenya. He travelled extensively throughout Africa and developed a love of Africa which remained with him all his life.

He married Jill in March 1973 and Gyles was born in 1975. Anthony took a job with Distillers and his sales territory included

Africa and the Middle East, and this was probably the happiest period of his life. Alas, his job was terminated when Ernest Saunders merged Distillers with Guinness and so Anto set up his own import/export agency. After his divorce, Anto moved to Cricklade.

We went to four Olympic Games together, Wembley in 1948, Munich, Athens and London again. Travelling with Anthony could be full of surprises and I remember our first night in Athens in 2004 when we were paying the bill at a restaurant. The euro had just been introduced and we were not familiar with the coins. There was a huge row between Anto and the manager, who refused to take Anto's euro coins. So I took a closer look at the coins and noticed they were bus tokens issued by Wiltshire County Council.

Anthony was a great fan of Uppingham, a keen attendee of OU events and a friend of all the team at the OU Office who will miss his regular calls and his familiar face at functions in London and Gloucestershire.

His end was sudden. He had a stroke in Cirencester on 25th August and was taken to the Hospital in Swindon. Anthony never fully recovered consciousness and I was with him when he died on 30th August.

Colin Dallas (WD 61)

Colin Dallas, who died in June 2012, was chairman of the Bradford-based insurance broking and risk management group, TL Dallas Group. He had a distinguished career in insurance but was probably equally well known for his passion for fireworks.

Born in 1948, he was the grandson of the enterprising Scotsman, Thomas Dallas OBE who, in 1919, founded TL Dallas in Bradford. He was the third generation of the Dallas family to join the company – working for many years under the chairmanship of his father Ian.

After Uppingham Colin went on to St Andrew's University, where he obtained an MA in Economics and Philosophy, and also met his wife Isobel. On leaving university, he spent a time gaining experience in the London insurance market at a Lloyds brokerage before returning to Bradford. He worked his way through the ranks at TL Dallas, and was appointed a director in 1972. In 1974 the company became part of a much larger organisation – CT Bowring – which later became part of the US-based Marsh McLennan. In 1989, Colin, who had become disillusioned with their centralised management style and re-structuring plans, led a successful management buy-out.

Thanks to his effort and foresight, TL Dallas had re-gained its independence and Colin, in

partnership with key co-directors, now built up a business model which he firmly believed was best-placed to serve clients. Under his chairmanship, the group continued to grow successfully and now has 10 offices located from London to Lerwick.

Colin was delighted when his daughter Polly joined the business in 1999, and more recently his son Mackenzie. Polly is quoted as saying "*my father's high standards of professionalism and dedication to his clients has been instrumental in the success of the business and will continue to inspire all at TL Dallas for many years to come*".

He came to be highly regarded in the Bradford and wider Yorkshire business community. He served on the Bradford Chamber Council for many years and was appointed president of the Bradford Insurance Institute in 1985, more recently taking up the role of auditor for the Institute. He was an active member of his local Conservative Party.

He had many interests and hobbies but was best known for his love of pyrotechnics and for many years, he found great enjoyment in staging firework shows at public and private events. Colin is survived by his wife Isobel, his two children Polly and Mackenzie and six grandchildren.

George Aitken (C 68)

Dr George Aitken, Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, died in February after a long illness aged 56. An orthopaedic surgeon and Assistant Professor at Duke University, North Carolina, he was also an examiner for the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery.

Having been written off by the UK university system – dyslexia was not widely acknowledged then – Harvard were more than happy with his academic potential to award him a place there. While at Harvard he rowed in their first eight after being 'spotted' as a giant Brit – he was a very big 6ft 8" (usually of course it is Americans who get snapped up over here).

George's later success as an orthopaedic surgeon, ending up at the renowned Duke Hospital, North Carolina, underlines the merit of Harvard's decision. He established the first outreach programme for the Duke Division of Orthopaedic Surgery, was Medical Director of the Rehabilitation Department and chair of the Surgery Committee. He taught and influenced countless Duke orthopaedic surgical residents in several educational venues and volunteered his time and experience to the Durham Veterans' Hospital.

His wife Martha and sons James and Michael, his parents *Seymour* (C 39) and Louise, sister

Helen and brothers *Robert* (C 66) and David attended a celebration of his life at Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church in Durham along with hundreds of colleagues, nurses, former patients and friends on 19th February 2012 in thanksgiving for his skill and humanity.

In Memoriam

John Threlfall B42	Sep 2012
Bill Hendry B51	Oct 2012
David Boston C41	Dec 2011
David Simmons C43	April 2012
Barry Bracewell-Milnes* C45	June 2012
Anthony Thornely* C47	Aug 2012
Reginald Bertwistle C55	Oct 2011
Christopher Lyle C58	July 2012
George Aitken* C68	Feb 2012
Peter Lindrea F30	Oct 2012
James Hardy* F40	July 2012
Basil Shapeero F43	Dec 2011
Michael Topott F44	Mar 2012
Christopher Pyatt F57	May 2012
Philip Bulman Fgh30	2010
James Neil* Fgh31	Jan 2012
John Dickson* Fgh33	Oct 2011
Colin 'Michael' Dennis Fgh43	Dec 2011
Robert Steen Fgh66	Jan 2012
Oliver Wells Hf36	June 2012
Geoffrey Fitchew Hf53	Apr 2011
Roger Granger Hf60	2012
Peter Lloyd Hf64	2009
John Start* L33	June 2012
Roy Thompson L42	June 2010
Nicholas Green L46	Oct 2011
John Dobson* L47	May 2012
Francis Pigott L49	July 2012
Nicholas Bruford L52	Aug 2011
John 'Oscar' Palmer* LH34	Dec 2011
Lockhart Baird* LH40	July 2012
David Nicolson LH44	Mar 2012
Arthur Humbert LH45	Nov 2011
Philip Oscroft LH48	Jan 2012
Bruce King LH51	Apr 2012
Anthony Crookes LH74	Jan 2012
Arthur Horrocks M26	Jan 2012
Hugh R G Percy M30	Apr 2012
Geoffrey Allen M40	May 2011
David Wainwright M49	Sep 2012
John Anthony SH40	Feb 2012
Martin Collins SH43	Dec 2011
Christopher Benson SH48	Dec 2011
Edward Hardman SH52	Jan 2012
Graham 'Bill' Williams WB33	Oct 2011
Alec King WB33	Sept 2011
Conrad Garnett WB38	Oct 2010
John Knight WB39	Mar 2012
Neil Dallas WB39	Apr 2012
Roger McMeeking WB48	Nov 2011
Stephen Bruce-Gardner WB71	Apr 2012
Philip Dixon WB73	May 2012
Edward Sibree WD41	Oct 2011
Ralph 'Rodney' Nicholson WD41	Sept 2011
John Bowman* WD41	Apr 2012
Colin Dallas* WD61	May 2012

Memory Corner

Major Denis Oswald: the Bletchley Code-breaker

Many older OUs will recall Major Denis Oswald who was on the staff from 1932 to 1974, during which time he was a Languages teacher, Meadhurst Housemaster from 1946 to 1961 and later Second Master. Most however will not know of Denis' role during WW2 as one of the unsung code-breaking heroes of Bletchley Park. Thanks to **Stuart Moffat (WD 68)** we can reveal more about the important work he undertook and which he kept to himself during his career at the School.

The story of Enigma which was declassified in the 1970s is now well known, but the story of the Lorenz, Germany's top secret cipher machine was only declassified in 2002. Most of those at Bletchley died before they could legitimately tell their full stories. Their story is actually more remarkable than Enigma. The Lorenz machine had 12 wheels and was more complex and far more secure than the three or four wheel Enigma machine. It carried only the highest grade of intelligence; from the German Army HQ in Berlin, and between the top generals and field marshals, including Rommell, Runstedt, and Hitler himself. If Enigma was thought by the Germans to be secure, they were convinced that Lorenz was truly unbreakable.

The logical structure of Lorenz was worked out by mathematician Bill Tutte, and a section was set up at Bletchley called the Testery decrypting the Lorenz traffic by hand. The three original founding members, cryptographers, and linguists, were Captain Jerry Roberts, Captain Peter Ericsson, and Major Denis Oswald.

In 1942 they and their team deciphered 1.5 million high value messages by hand. The information so provided enabled the Allies to ascertain German movements, saving thousands of lives at critical junctures such as D-Day and the battle of Kursk in the Soviet Union. Whereas the breaking of Enigma helped the allies not to lose the war in 1941, the work of the more secret Tunny team helped shorten the European war. General Dwight D. Eisenhower gave the best summary after World War II. He said that "Bletchley decrypts shortened the War by at least two years".

And from Stuart Moffat's recollections of French lessons with Denis circa 1970:

"A classroom discussion strayed away from

Beaumarchais' *Le Mariage de Figaro*, when the book referred to a secret message, and he was very precise in correcting someone on the difference in meaning between two words (one of which would have been cipher, and I can't remember the other, but probably encryption). We were schoolboys eager to find something more interesting to talk about than the lesson in hand, and with this topic we struck gold and diverted very nearly the entire lesson onto the topic. Beaumarchais himself was an intelligence agent, and the era under discussion was 200 hundred years ago, so the code referred to was probably simple letter substitution; one letter for another. But someone got the discussion going by saying it would take ages to work out the substitutions. Denis didn't hesitate in replying that such a method was so simple to solve and so quick as to be not worth the effort trying to hide it that way. By the time we had finished we learnt, for example, the statistical frequency in which letters most commonly appear in written language can be used, and that the frequency is different in different languages – in English, versus French or German, and by the writer and context. He was precise, and gave us those statistics for the common letters across these three languages. We were fascinated. He didn't progress into mechanical or electronic encryption/decryption/ (the stuff of Enigma and Lorenz) which would have truly been breaking the Official Secrets Act at that time, but he did react when we asked him how he knew what was really quite 'nerdy' stuff, and he did tell us that he was employed as a linguist in the war – and that his qualification for the job was being good at crosswords.

So jump a bit further forwards. Ever since Bletchley Park and the Enigma story became public domain, I wondered whether



he worked there in the war, and on my first visit to the museum looked for any reference to him without success (Lorenz was still classified). On a recent visit his name does now figure in the records, but gave no more information than that he worked in the Testery. A couple of months ago, there was a TV programme "The Lost Heroes of Bletchley Park" in which the last surviving member of the Testery, Jerry Roberts, now in his 90s, talked about the Lorenz story. I tracked him down to ask if he could have been one and the same as the Denis Oswald we know. Jerry confirmed that this was the case: "Yes, Denis Oswald was working with me at Bletchley, he was a very good person, one of the best cryptographers in the Testery, a pipe-smoker, always very well groomed." Jerry provided the war-time photo of Denis and, over the last couple of years, has done a lot to provide Bletchley Park and the BBC with material about the Tunny and the Testery team, including the information on Denis, which would otherwise have been lost forever."

Sir Peter Cazalet (M42) was Denis' first House Captain on his arrival at Uppingham and he was amazed to learn of his Housemaster's wartime exploits. Sir Peter described Denis as a quiet man, much admired by his House and that many of the boys had wondered what he had done on active service in the war. We expect there is much more about the Testery team which we shall never know, but it is evident that he and his colleagues were truly some of the nation's unsung heroes.

Further information on Denis Oswald will appear on the OU website. If you would like to contact Stuart Moffat to discuss his findings, he can be emailed at stuart.moffat@gmail.com.

Brooklands 1945 to 1949

Our Housemaster was HB Watson (Watty) and sadly my memories of him are tarnished by the fact that he was pretty old and weighed down by the austerity of the time and the problems of running a young and lively household of boys who ribbed him unmercifully. For me it was a very happy time in my life though hunger was uppermost in our minds for those four years. How we relished the odd cake sent from home to supplement the two ounces of butter and margarine and the pound of jam that had to last 14 weeks. When we got desperate, hot toast in the buttery helped to keep us going.

Winter 1947 was the coldest in living memory and we were completely snowed in, so much so that shovels had to be found to dig us out of the enormous snowdrifts that stopped any supplies getting into town. It was actually great fun and if you worked hard enough at least you kept warm. It was so cold we flooded the croquet lawn and Ian Cumming (B 44) organised ice hockey games and we all learned to skate. Despite the cold, all dormitory windows were still kept open at night and the water froze in the boys' toothbrush mugs.

Sport was terribly important and as we had Boobyer, Holmes-Smith and Wilkinson sweeping all before them, rugby was uppermost but we had a good cricket team too. One wonderful memory was that when anyone scored a hat-trick or a half-century on the Middle, every game stopped to clap. I wonder if this is still done now?

All in all a fantastic education and one that has guided my own path through life and left me with good memories and friends. Floreat Uppingham School.

Humphrey Sladden (B 45)

RAF Honour OU

The Army barracks which will replace RAF Cottesmore, Rutland, has been named Kendrew Barracks after the late Major General **Joe Kendrew (H 1914)**. He played rugby for England 10 times and captained his country in 1935. During the war he rose rapidly through the ranks serving as a Brigade Commander in Italy, Greece and the Middle East. His leadership and bravery earned him the rare distinction of being awarded the DSO four times.

Jubilee Celebrations

In this Diamond Jubilee year for Her Majesty the Queen, we have been sent some drawings of celebrations at Uppingham for her great-great grandmother's Golden Jubilee in 1887. The work was produced by **Cyril Parsons (LH 1885)**, grandfather to **Brian (Fgh 1960)**, **Robin (Fgh 62)** and **Michael (Fgh 62) Parsons**. Apparently Uppingham was one of the rare Victorian schools to teach Technical Drawing.



A Post-script to the Focus on Rev'd John Royds

As a pupil at Uppingham from 1968 to 1973, I enjoyed reading the 'Focus on John Royds' in the last magazine and would like to add one further recollection.

Before coming to Uppingham my parents had separated and I was living with my mother in what could be called reduced

circumstances. My father felt he had spent enough on education and refused to pay an extra term's fees to enable me to sit the Oxbridge exam. When John Royds discovered this, he stepped in and offered to pay the full fees for me. Not only that, but because my mother did not have a car, he personally drove me to Oxford for the

interviews. I went on to St Peter's College Oxford to read Theology and also had the pleasure of captaining the Uppingham 1st XV. I therefore owe him a tremendous debt which I was able to express to him a few years before he died.

Reverend Charles Jefferson (WD 68)

A Tribute to Ian McKinnell

Ian McKinnell (L 42) passed away in December 2009 and we are pleased to include a belated tribute to his contribution to Uppingham. We are grateful to Sir David Samworth (F 49) and Tony Keene (WD 47) for the following thoughts.

Ian was one of the unsung heroes of Uppingham and the School has benefited hugely from his generosity and expertise. A very proud OU and an equally proud Scot, Ian's contribution to the welfare of his old School went largely unrecognised, but was hugely appreciated by the governing body over many years.

After his time at Uppingham he progressed to become a partner in his firm of solicitors McKinnell, Irvin and

Holmes where he stayed throughout his working life. He was appointed as a Trustee in 1970, serving until 1988, and was instrumental in the decision to take girls into the School. In 1994 his support of the decision to convert The Lodge to a girls' house was particularly welcomed by the Trustees and Ian was present at the official opening, a day of poignant memories for him, no doubt. The pleasure of time in Ian's company on School business was enhanced by his hospitality at his beautiful home in Stoke Albany.

Besides giving sound and sensible support as a trustee, his outstanding knowledge of the law made him an invaluable member of the board when legal issues had to be faced. Ian advised freely and to great

effect upon many of those problems. Ian may be less well remembered as an hotelier! In 1965 The Falcon Hotel in the centre of Uppingham came up for sale. As a regular customer on his frequent visits to the School, the temptation was too great and he and John Irvin duly purchased their favourite hostelry and their stewardship lasted some 25 happy years!

Jenny (who sadly predeceased him by some years) and Ian were delightful and charming hosts to all their many friends. Ian was, of course, much more than just a solicitor, trustee, hotelier and family man. His Christian values, common sense, total commitment to the welfare of the School and his great sense of humour made it an honour to have known him.



All Aboard "Uppingham"

Many of us will remember arriving at the beginning of term in "the school train" but how many know there was once a locomotive called "Uppingham"? Well only for a few days in fact, but I remember the brass nameplate used to hang on the wall of a school building (now kept in the Kendall Room).

My wife's brother-in-law, Alan Bateman, a retired Prep School Headmaster living in Kenya has created a large model railway which now includes a Schools' Class 00 gauge engine christened "Uppingham". The

Southern Railway and Southern Region had 39 Schools' Class engines in service between the 1930s and the 1960s. These V Class engines were all named after boys' public schools and staff would be invited to the naming ceremonies. It all began with "Eton", No 900 followed by "Winchester", No 901, "Wellington", No 902 and so on. When it came to No 923 it was the turn of Uppingham but history records that "Engine No 923 was renamed following objections from the school". In fact it was renamed "Bradfield" and "Uppingham"

was no more. Why did the School object? A master at Westminster writing at the time gives a clue: "923 carried two names because the Headmaster of Uppingham [Sir John Wolfenden] objected to the vulgarity of a locomotive carrying the school's name". Perhaps they forgot to invite him to the naming ceremony. Can any OU shed any light on all this? One small consolation is there was never a locomotive called "Oundle".

Ken Rushton (M 58)

James Watson (L 88) being presented with the Berryman Trophy



THE UPPINGHAM VETERANS' RIFLE CLUB

During a week of wet and windy weather at the NRA Imperial Meeting (the British Fullbore Rifle Shooting Championships) OUs achieved outstanding results, winning a dozen individual competitions as well as representing England, Wales and GB in international team matches.

The Public Schools Veterans' teams match precedes the individual target rifle competitions, with Uppingham Veterans generally managing to field at least three teams. In 2012 the "A" Team equalled its winning score of 249.33 from 2011, but only managed 2nd place to Old Greshamians, who managed a perfect 250. The "B" and "C" teams also acquitted themselves well with scores of 240.27 and 239.19 to take 7th and 4th places in their categories respectively.

James Watson (L 88) achieved the most outstanding individual performance, placing 4th in the British Open Target Rifle Championship, 4th in the Grand Aggregate and qualifying for all of the finals. **Gareth Morris (L 89)** was not far behind, placing 19th in the Grand Aggregate but winning the First and Second Stages of Her Majesty the Queen's Prize by way of compensation. In total OUs picked up 27 podium finishes in competitions, with **Ant Ringer (B 79)**, **Chris Belk (WB 51)**, **John Webster (C 70)** and **Chris Watson (M 91)** making up the balance.

It is not unusual for a pair of club-mates to find themselves tie shooting for the top slot in a competition. Having three shooters is far less common but Uppingham Veterans' Rifle Club managed it in 2012! In a compelling five-way tie shoot for the Gurka Appeal competition at 300 yards, which went to shot-for-shot sudden death, **Chris Watson** took the prize, beating elder brother James back into 4th place and **Gareth Morris** into 5th place.

In addition to achieving individual success, the Club has a history of members competing at the very highest levels in international team matches. James shot for the winning England teams in the short-range National and long-range Mackinnon matches. Chris Watson and Gareth Morris shot for Wales in the National and Mackinnon matches; and Ant Ringer shot for England in the Mackinnon.

James Watson was picked to shoot for Great Britain in the Kolapore Cup match with Gareth Morris being chosen as the first reserve. With their assistance, GB dropped only a single point to achieve a new match record of 1199.201, also a world record score for the course of fire.



Ant Ringer (B 79) with children Tommy and Rosie

James and Chris Watson toured the USA and Canada with the Great Britain rifle team this past August. On a first visit to Camp Perry and the US national championships, Chris won two individual competitions outright and both James and Chris shot for GB in the main team match, the America Match, narrowly losing to team USA, but beating Canada, Australia and Japan.

Chris continued his individual winning ways at the Canadian National Championships, and again both James and Chris shot for GB in the two main matches against the Canadian, US and Australian national teams. GB prevailed in both events (the Canada Match and the Commonwealth Match), including attaining a maximum possible score across the entire team of eight firers of 1200 points in the Canada Match, the first time that this has ever been achieved in international competition.

OU Golfing Society

THE CAPTAIN'S MEETING 2011

Alan Thomas (H 62) held his Captain's Meeting at Saunton in Devon in September 2011. The 21 members who attended enjoyed a very well organised weekend based at the Royal & Fortescue Hotel. The winner of The Acorn for the best score was **Alan Thomas (H 62)**. The Lee Tankard for the best scratch score was won by **Andrew Renison (F 54)**. The Johnson Trophy for the best handicap 12 and under score was won by **Rick Taylor (M 59)**. The winner of

the handicap 13 and overs was **Anthony Walker (L 61)**. The winner of the Veterans Salver for the Over 55s was won by **David Hopkins (WD 60)** and **Eric Auckland (C 53)** won the Scott Graham Quaich for Over 70s. The winner of the Scott Graham Trophy for putting was **David Goodale (B 54)**. The Fourball competition on Sunday morning was won by **Richard Murmann (H 55)** and **Tom Hayes (SH 74)**.

At the AGM, **David Hopkins (WD 60)** was elected Captain for 2012 and **Richard Venables (H 60)** Vice Captain. **Mike Ingham (M 66)**, Society Treasurer presented the accounts. Sadly Richard was taken ill later in the year and had to postpone his Vice-Captaincy until a later date. In his place **Peter Unsworth (F 63)** agreed to take over as Vice-Captain with the Captain's approval.

THE CAPTAIN'S MEETING 2012

Over the weekend of 8/9th September, 53 OUs, wives and partners attended the OUGS Captain's Meeting hosted by **David Hopkins (WD 60)** and his partner Susie Weston in glorious summer sunshine at Burnham and Berrow Golf Club. With everyone staying at The Royal Hotel, Weston Super Mare, banter flowed along with a few (many??) bottles of the 'trodden grape'. The Captain, having travelled nearly 6,000 miles in his aim to support and 'sell' the Society throughout the UK, was rewarded with six recent leavers attending (**Edmund Northcott (B 03)**, **Rowan Northcott (B 05)**, **James Lake (LH 03)**, **Nick Greenhalgh (Fgh 03)**, **Nick Crowder (Hf 03)** and **Oliver Mercer (LH 03)**). With the help of these six spreading their weekend stories and the continued support from Keven Johnstone (Master i/c of golf), the Society will continue to thrive - however, there are plenty of opportunities for recent leavers, the 30-50 year olds and all OUs irrespective of handicap to play on Championship courses in the North, South and Midlands and you are more than welcome to join us.

Our main competition, held on the Saturday for the Acorn which was presented to the Society by David's late father **Phillip (WB 30)** in 1974, was won by **Ben Marsh (M 62)**, after a better back nine than the Captain, with 35 points.

The other trophies were won by:

Lee Tankard (best scratch) – **Rowan Northcott**

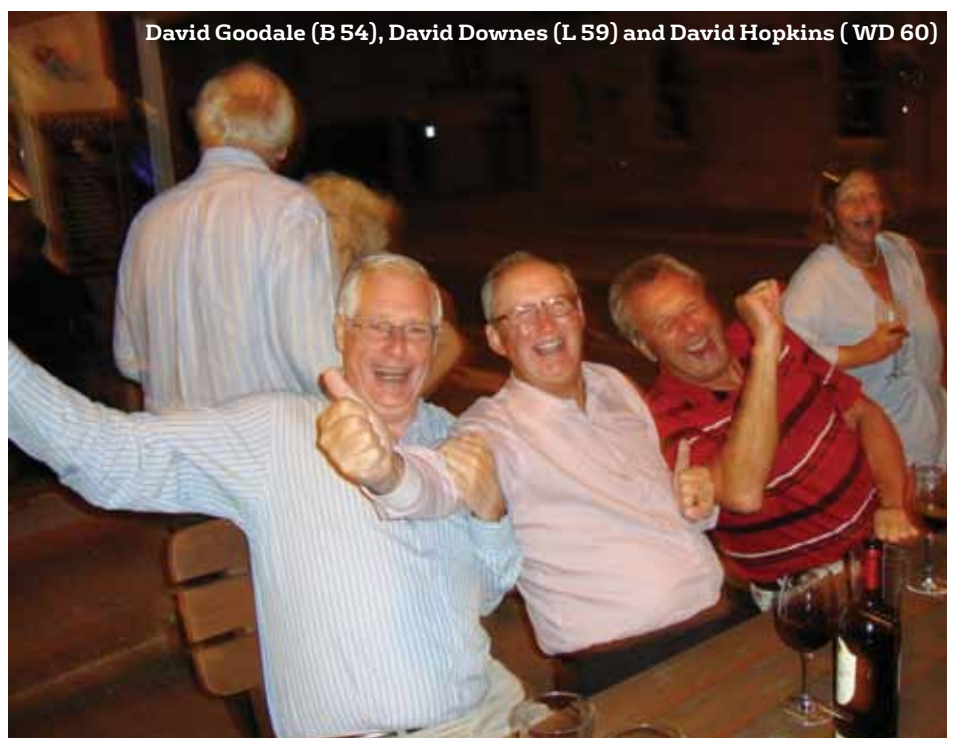
Johnson Trophy (best single figure stableford) – **Damian Pitts (Hf 91)**

Witt Cup (best 10 handicap and over stableford) – **David Hopkins (WD 60)**

Veterans Salver (over 55 stableford) – **Hugh Smith (WB 64)**

Scott Graham Quaich (over 70 stableford) – **David Goodale (B 54)**

Scott Graham Trophy (putting) – **Andrew Renison (F 54)**



David Goodale (B 54), David Downes (L 59) and David Hopkins (WD 60)

Finally, the Captain presented the Rutland Tankard, alias "the Captain's Prerogative", to Keven Johnstone for the way he has taken on the mantle of producing such talented golfers at the School.

On Sunday, partners were drawn for the Christopherson Rosebowl, won this year by **David Sprake (SH 69)** and **Tony Pull (M 49)**, after which everyone left to reminisce on a marvellous weekend of fine golf on a top class Championship course, with first class food and wine but above all good banter with loads of laughter.

****Stop Press****

An OU team has won the prestigious Grafton Morrish competition for the first time in its 50 year history under the captaincy of **Damian Pitts (Hf 91)**. The finals took place in Norfolk on 5-7th of October 2012 and full details of this success can be found on the OU website.



David Hopkins presenting to Rowan Northcott (B 05)

THE HALFORD HEWITT 2012

This event is limited to 64 Public Schools who compete by invitation each year in teams of 10 playing foursomes match-play on a scratch knockout basis. This involves 640 golfers gathering at Royal St George's, Sandwich and at Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club at Deal in Kent to play in what are often very exciting Ryder Cup-style matches. Games often go into extra holes to decide the matches. Uppingham is currently ranked 19th of the 64 schools based on its record since the competition began in 1924.

This year the team was the same as in 2011 with the exception of *David Dean (Fgh 00)* replacing *Jonathan Linstow (WB 86)* who was away in Hong Kong. We were drawn to play against Malvern, whom we had beaten in the semi final in 2007 but who had since been in two finals. This was a difficult draw and although three matches looked hopeful early on, after the 6th hole the tide turned and the team eventually lost 0-5. The team was keenly supported by nine OUGS members this year, some of whom have come regularly over the past 10 years. For them the interest is mainly in the team's performance and in the social side of the competition. They get great pleasure in watching each year and also in playing in a friendly match against the Old Oundelians at Rye before the Halford Hewitt begins. This year we managed to win back the trophy from the Oundelians which is played for annually.



Peter Newbould (F 66), David Hopkins (WD 60) and Andrew Renison (F 54)

NORTHERN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Called the Birkdale Bucket, this competition is held each year in March at Woodhall Spa, the home of the English Golf Union. There are eight schools eligible - Uppingham, Giggleswick, Oundle, Pocklington, Sedbergh, Stowe, Workson and Wrekin. There were 60 players this year and Uppingham was represented by the largest squad of 14. Uppingham had the advantage and duly won for what we understand is the sixth time. Host Club member *Neil Brearley (F 93)*, playing only for the second time this year, had the best individual score of 40 points. He was supported by *Peter Newbould (F 66)* with 37 points, *Andrew Renison (F 54)* with 35 points and *Captain David Hopkins (WD 60)* with 32 points. Afterwards there was a draw for

partners and an auction for a foursomes competition on the Sunday morning when *Neil Brearley (F 93)* again finished high on the leader board. This event is open to all OUGS members and is played on handicap.



Martin Walker, Hon Sec (L 67), Derek Bunting, Vice President (B 49), David Hopkins, Captain 2012 (WD 60), and Rick Taylor, Captain 2007 (M 59).

OU Cross Country

A large field of 13 schools took part in a cross-country meeting held in January 2012. The OU team competed well on the challenging course on The Middle and did well to finish in the middle of the pack, with Shrewsbury School being the deserved team winners.

As has become tradition after the race, the OUs awarded 'Georgie's Trophy', named in honour of the late *Georgie Bealby (Fd 85)*, to the first placed Uppingham Girl. This year the proud winner was *Anna Mackenzie (C 2008)*, pictured, who ran a fine race and finished 9th in a strong field of over 70 runners. If any OUs are keen to run in next year's race on January 19th in Uppingham, please contact *Iain Wakefield (WB 82)*: iain.wakefield@btconnect.com or 07831 122799.



Charles Pease (Fgh 80), Matthew Wheeler (Fgh 79), Rob Tressider (M 59), Giles Leather (B 84), Tom Barton (WB 87), Barney Sturgess (SH 88) and Iain Wakefield (WB 82)



The Uppingham Rovers Cricket Club

150th anniversary

The Uppingham Rovers Cricket Club was formed in 1863 and the first match was played against Rugby Town Cricket Club in 1864. Only the Eton Ramblers have been established longer – they played their first match in 1862.

Membership is by election and is open to OUs who currently play at a good club level. We have also introduced an associate membership for those who are not active cricketers. The Rovers are founding members of The Cricketer Cup, an annual knockout competition played between 32 public school old boy teams. We have been to the final twice but have yet to win the trophy. Among Rovers of the past are many England players and county professionals as well as excellent club cricketers who play to a very high standard.

As the name suggests the Rovers are a wandering club and, other than Cricketer Cup matches, all fixtures are played away from home. There are six games on the annual tour to Surrey and Eastbourne and new games are being sought in London, the Midlands and the North to cater for Rovers living in those areas. Our motto is "Good cricket and good fellowship". The game is played very competitively on the field but when the game is over many good friendships are built and last a lifetime. 150

years of cricket matches and other off the field events are recorded in six leather bound books titled "The Doings of The Uppingham Rovers". These are kept at the School in the archives and are a unique insight into cricket life over the past 150 years (extracts of which can be seen above).

We are always looking for good cricketers who may have slipped through the net to join the tour or to strengthen the Cricketer Cup side. If you are interested in playing for the Rovers contact the Hon. Secretary, Hedley Stroud (L 68), by email (hedley.stroud@bournegroup.co.uk). In order to encourage and attract younger players the club offers a substantial subsidy to those players aged 25 and under.

To celebrate our 150th anniversary we have organised a number of events at Uppingham around the May Speech Day weekend 24th-26th May 2013. On Friday 24th May there is a golf match at Luffenham Heath Golf Club between the Rovers and an OU Golf Society team, including ladies. In the evening of that same

day there will be a T20:20 cricket match on The Upper between a Rovers XI and a staff XI. On Saturday 25th May an OU XI will play against the school and on Sunday 26th May the Rovers will be entertaining an MCC XI in a match on The Upper. It is hoped there will be a good turnout of Rovers of all vintages and those interested in Rover cricket over the weekend. In addition to this weekend we are hoping to get a match at Lords on the Nursery Ground against the Cross Arrows in September 2013. Further information will be made available when the details are settled. Finally, there will be a dinner for Rovers, their partners and friends in The Long Room at Lords on Saturday 12th October 2013.

We have a busy year ahead of us but it is fitting that we celebrate this major milestone in a proper manner and ensure that the club is in a position to play good cricket and enjoy good fellowship for another 150 years!

Anthony Howeson (L 61), Rover



Members of the OU sailing team including Andrew Muncey (C 72), Simon Alper, David Rowen (F 88), Kate Bowden, Mark Whitworth (SH 77), Tom Bowden (C 73) and Clare Warman (LH 75)

OU Sailing Association

OUs came from all points of the compass to converge on Cowes for the Arrow Trophy 2012- even from as far as Hamburg (David Rowen F88, our race skipper). The team met at Port Solent to collect our Sunsail F40 yacht, one of 20 manned by 19 schools.

Our first mission was to make a night crossing to Cowes – a simple task for our more experienced sailors but hugely exciting for those of us that had not set sail in the dark before. Doubling the fun below decks was Clare Warman (LH 75) who did a sterling job producing a wonderful spaghetti bolognese, carried all the way from Rutland! The remainder of the crew took turns looking for navigation lights in the darkness, averting their gaze from the lights of the galley and its temptations for fear of spoiling their night vision, until it was their turn to feast!

Saturday was glorious – the weather was kind and the Solent a joy to behold. A little more wind would have been welcome but the Uppingham crew was kept busy

enough, learning the ropes and drills. John Tildesley (WB 72) and Simon Ward (F 75) managed the foredeck, spinnaker and running repairs; Tom Bowden (C 73) plus daughter, Kate, Mark Whitworth (SH 77), David Gavins (LH 73), Andrew Muncey (C 72) and Simon Alper, our ringer from Stowe, made up the team of 10. The race results belie our great progress and enthusiasm; suffice to say that only a few rivals exceeded our tremendous accumulation of points and this reflected our position in the rankings!

The RCYC produced a fabulous dinner that night and at last we could really eyeball our rivals. Sunday was sunny and still – flat calm at times. However, this demanded skilful sailing and a deftness of



Andrew Muncey (C 72)

touch. Rowen excelled at the helm and the crew tiptoed about the boat to keep the sails in shape. Uppingham made relentless progress against the tide whilst our rivals resorted to anchors to at least stay still! Sadly the passage of time meant the race was abandoned and our claim of a moral victory fell on deaf ears!

Thank you to David Gavins for organising us all so well (quizzes included) and to all the team for great camaraderie. Heed the clarion call from OUSA – two boats next year perhaps? For further information please contact david.gavins@btinternet.com.

Simon Ward (F75)



Destination Science

At the end of June 2012 the Headmaster was delighted to announce that the Trustees had given their approval to start work on the new Science Centre this Autumn. As the photos show, ground works and clearance of the site has commenced and the old Bath House has now been demolished. This is fantastic news for Uppingham, for current and future pupils and indeed for the future of our School.

It was in 2006 that an ambitious master-plan for the western part of Uppingham's campus, known as the Western Quad was first announced. Since the opening of the new Sports Centre in 2010 we have been determined to complete this vision with a building of a world-class Science Centre.

As you may know the new Science Centre will be located on the Stockerston Road, adjacent to the Theatre and Leonardo Arts Centre. Its proximity to the wonderful new Sports Centre means we will have regenerated this part of the School and so created a superb learning environment. The building itself will feature 15 laboratories for the main subjects of Chemistry, Physics and Biology, a dedicated project room, an independent research centre, an environmental laboratory and an outdoor roof top classroom. In addition the new facility will incorporate

a buttery to cater for pupils on this part of the campus as well as a 220 seater lecture theatre for School and public use. At the very heart of the building will be a stunning atrium space, which will not only create a dramatic and expansive entrance, it will also be a wonderful area for exhibits and displays.

The aim is to open up Science to all and to inspire new generations of young people to see Science as an exciting and attractive subject to study. The new Science Centre will be instrumental in helping us meet this objective.

Almost 55 years to the day since HRH the Duke of Edinburgh opened the current Science Block, we thank all of our donors. We will continue to need your help over the next two years and in 2014 we hope that OUs will come and see the final stage in the transformation of Uppingham for themselves.



Estates Manager Andrew Dighton, Richard Harman, Head of Science Luke Bartlett and the Bursar Stephen Taylor on the site of the new Science Centre



The London OU Dinner

'the biggest event in the OU calendar'



Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Knightsbridge on Thursday 7th February 2013

Tickets £79.00 per person (£59.00 for OUs aged 29 and under) and includes a pre-dinner drink and a 3-course meal with ½ a bottle of wine.

Tickets can be paid for by credit card by calling the OU Office on 01572 820616 or by cheque (payable to The Uppingham Association).

For more details please email ou@uppingham.co.uk

Tables are limited and so please call now to reserve your ticket.

This year our guests will be offered pre-dinner drinks supplied by Tails Cocktails, courtesy of its co-founder Nick Wall (Fgh 92).


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