



# The Maroon

#### 2007/2008 The Year Book of the Old Bordenian Association

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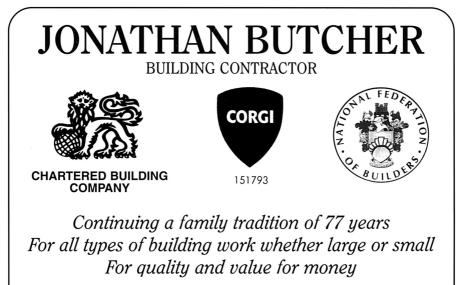
 
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# THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

#### Dear Old Bordenian

The past twelve months have seen a number of plans to improve facilities for pupils and staff come to fruition.

Support from the Local Authority has enabled a significant modernisation process to begin. This includes the construction of a larger library leading to a Sixth Form study area, a Sixth Form common room, a final phase of disability access to the Hardy building and the creation of a suitable area for a drama studio. These new facilities will be completed for September. Support from the Parents Association has meant that the Old Hall has been refurbished in time for the 2007 Annual Dinner.

The School successfully applied for specialist school status and became a Sports College in September 2006, with Modern Languages as the additional specialist subject. This new status brings a capital grant and some extra income over a four year period that will be used for additional staffing and resources for Borden's pupils and the wider community. The capital grant will provide two thirds of the construction cost of a multi use hardplay area for physical education lessons and community use. Its completion in April will also enable all year groups to have access to hardplay areas at lunch time during the winter months, and so deal with a problem that has existed since the return of 11 to 13 year old boys increased pupil numbers in the mid 1990s.

A particularly pleasing feature of the past year has been the increased opportunities for pupils to present their achievements through exhibitions. The Design Technology and Art GCSE and A level candidates submitted excellent work and this received favourable coverage in the local press. The Year 8 Science Exhibition also provides another opportunity to foster good links with parents. The School's rock musicians now have an annual 'Battle of the Bands' to exhibit their work to a packed audience. Being one of life's optimists I look forward to the time when several of these bands become fabulously successful, and, remembering their roots, make a substantial donation to performing arts facilities at the School!

Old Bordenians who wish to find out more about the current life of the School should visit the new website <u>www.bordengrammar.kent.sch.uk</u> Whilst it is still in its development stage there are lots of photographs and much information about the busy and interesting life of pupils and staff at Borden.

Hwold Vafeas

H.S. Vafeas President

# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2006**

**Members present:** H. Vafeas in the Chair, G. Barnes, S. Caveney, N. Hancock, R. Harris, B.Short, B. Gilbert, C. Laming, K. Shea, M. Pack, J. Watson, K. Sears, T. Baldock, P. Lusted, A. Snelling (acting Hon. Sec.)

#### Apologies for absence: J. Macrae, J. Miles, A. Wilson

**Minutes and matters arising:** The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 October 2005 were agreed and signed as a correct record, except that in the 'Dinner' section, the dates were one year behind. There were no matters arising.

#### Treasurer's Report from Neil Hancock:

Receipts:

"Subscription receipts held up well at £4,397 compared with £4,441 for the previous year and £4,486 for the year 2004/5. Annual dinner profit much reduced from £218 to £14 mainly due to invitation postage costs of £181 as a result of the late print run of The Maroon. Expenses:

Maroon costs have been static for some 6 years, so an increase of £200 this time was not unexpected. Advertising revenue down by £105 but postage down by £60. Overall, the Maroon cost £2,094 inc postage, an increase of £237 over the previous year's £1,857. 'Leaving' presents reflect our thanks to Ann Wood, School Secretary for 30 years, and Chris Laming, Maroon Editor for 10 years. Sponsorship of £100 was given to a recent School Leaver towards his Community Project in Sri Lanka. The School clock needed substantial repair. As agreed, we paid 50% (being £1,288 under 'Expenses', plus £246 in the Balance Sheet). Donation to the School was £1,550 last year and this year we have pledged £2,000, not paid until after 10 August by agreement.

The various funds are as shown and total £10,187.12 as at 31 July 06. Current Account was  $\pounds$ 4,317.39 as at the same date, now reduced to £2,170, so we can well afford a further donation to the School of, say, £2,500, leaving plenty in reserve for the 2007 Maroon".

It was proposed by J. Watson, seconded by P. Lusted, that the Accounts be accepted, and this was agreed. The Meeting thanked Neil for his work on the Accounts. Comment by C. Laming that the Clock Fund needed topping up from general funds. It was agreed to review this at the next Committee Meeting.

**Membership Secretary's Report:** Rick Harris confirmed that there are now 434 fully paid-up Members, not including some 83 School Leavers. There were 132 'lapsed' Members, and 101 Leavers from 2005. There were still too many 'members' with old standing orders and this problem will be addressed again shortly. There was also concern at the lack of younger former pupils joining the Association and we hope that this can be addressed by a more active website. H. Vafeas undertook to ensure that School Leavers are given a talk on the Association by John Macrae and appropriate Senior Staff members. Rick Harris thanked M. Pack for his excellent work in matching the bank statements to the Membership List. The Meeting thanked Rick for his work in maintaining the Membership records.

**Football Report:** Keith Shea reported that the 5-a-side team finished the season 5th (out of 6). The new season starts shortly and the same, mainly (very) ageing, squad has signed on again. The lack of response to the appeal for younger players in the 2005 Maroon was

disappointing. Two friendly 'veteran' 11-a-side games were played during the season as well as the first ever match against the Staff (which we let them win). Neil Hancock undertook to find out from the Hockey Club why there had been no challenge over the last few years to the OBA 'Veterans Challenge' Match which had consistently been won by the Footballers.

**Hockey Report:** Neil Hancock reported a disappointing start for the 1st XI who had lost their first two matches of the season after being relegated, but hopefully results would improve shortly. The 2nd XI who had been promoted again lost their first match 0-7. The Club has a thriving youth section. There are now 8 Men's teams and 2 Ladies' Teams.

The Meeting thanked Alan Wilson for his continued work with the OB Hockey Club.

**Editor of the Maroon:** Graham Barnes reported that reasonable progress had been made at this stage of the year. Various articles were already in, and the 2007 Maroon would follow a similar format to the 2006 edition. He said that if possible he would like to include more photographs (and promptly took a photo of the Meeting). (See next page! - Editor). Keith Shea has agreed to manage the advertising and the rates were confirmed at £60 per full page and £45 per half page.

**Dinner Secretariat:** P. Lusted and A. Snelling reported that the attendance at the 2006 Dinner was 114. This was higher than the previous year because a large number of Staff attended following the Jon Adams memorial. The caterer and bar had been booked for the 2007 Dinner and we were awaiting confirmation of the Guest Speaker. The 2007 Dinner would take place on Saturday 24 March at the School with the meal time 7pm instead of 7.30pm.

**Website Report:** A. Snelling reported that Dave Searle would resume his role as Web Manager and then make the site more interactive and appealing to younger Members.

#### Election of Officers and Committee

Preceding the Election, the Meeting discussed the proposed Constitutional amendments as published in the 2006 Maroon : *"The Committee wishes to propose that the reference to 'Area Representatives' be removed from item 11 and that item 12 be removed altogether resulting in all references to this position disappearing"*. There followed a lively debate for and against the proposed changes and finally it was agreed that it was the general wish of the Meeting to refer the proposal back to the Committee for further consideration and clarification.

At this stage it must be reported that prior to the Meeting resignations had been received from T. Ingram and A. Wilson. During the Meeting, J. Watson and S. Caveney confirmed their resignations.

All the following appointments were agreed unanimously:-

President: H. Vafeas. Proposed by P. Lusted and seconded by G. Barnes Vice-President: G. Barnes. Proposed by H. Vafeas and seconded by A. Snelling Hon .Treasurer: N. Hancock. Proposed by A. Snelling and seconded by B. Gilbert Assistant Treasurer: K. Sears Hon. Secretary: J. Macrae. Proposed by B. Short and seconded by C. Laming Membership Secretary: C. Laming volunteered, and was further proposed by K. Shea and seconded by T. Baldock Assistant Membership Secretary: R. Harris Dinner Secretarist: P. Lusted and A. Snelling. Proposed by H. Vafeas and seconded by

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*Editor of The Maroon:* G. Barnes. Proposed by H. Vafeas and seconded by K. Shea *Advertising representative:* K. Shea. Proposed by G. Barnes and seconded by A. Snelling *Committee.* The following Members were elected to serve on the Committee : P. Lusted, R. Harris and R. Jenkins (who has subsequently resigned)

Area Representatives. The following were re-elected:

Borden - B. Short Lor Wealden - M. Pack Tur Sittingbourne - S. Rouse Bro

Hockey Representative: N. Hancock Football Representative: K. Shea Accounts Examiner: A. Wilson

London - K. Sears Tunstall - B. Gilbert Bromley - P. Christopher Essex - T. Baldock Sheerness - P. Taylor Canterbury - A. Bushell

#### Any other business:

- The Committee Meeting dates for the coming year were agreed as follows: Friday 24 November 2006 Friday 2 February 2007 (changed subsequently to 9 February) Friday 04 May 2007 Friday 14 September 2007
- 2. The next AGM will take place on Friday 05 October 2007 at the School. 7pm for 7.30pm
- 3. The Annual Dinner will take place on Saturday 24 March 2007 at the new time of 6.30pm for 7.00pm, and the 2008 Dinner will take place on Saturday 29th March
- 4. The next Sheppey Dinner will take place on Saturday 17th November 2007. Neil Hancock volunteered to organise the Sheppey Dinner, assisted by Shaun Caveney
- 5. Chris Laming expressed his thanks for the Association's 'leaving' gift as Maroon Editor.

There being no further business, the AGM closed at 9.55pm

Members present at the 2006 AGM included (I to r) C. Laming, J. Watson, N. Hancock, K. Sears, M. Pack, P. Lusted, R. Harris, A. Snelling. H. Vafeas, K. Shea, B. Gilbert, B. Short and T. Baldock



# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2007**

The AGM of the Association will take place at the School on Friday 5 October 2007 commencing at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. As there will be no further notification, to save on postage costs, please note the date in your diary now.

All Old Bordenians are welcome, especially those who have recently joined the Association.

#### AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence
- 2. Minutes and business arising
- 3. Correspondence
- 4. Treasurer's report
- 5. Membership Secretary's report
- 6. Football Representative's report

- 7. Hockey Representative's report
- 8. Editor of the Maroon
- 9. Report of the Annual Dinner
- 10. Website report
- 11. Election of Officers and Committee
- 12. Any other business

Any news, views, ideas, suggestions or criticisms of the Association would be welcome. If you are unable to attend the Meeting, then contact the Secretary and your points will be raised.

#### The Constitution

You will note from the 2006 AGM Minutes that the proposed constitutional changes were not carried. Hence the Constitution remains as it was. The Committee subsequently decided to set up a sub-committee consisting of The President, Graham Barnes and John Macrae to work on a revised version to be put to the Committee. Consequently the outcome of these deliberations will now be published in the 2008 Maroon and a formal proposal will be put to the Association at the 2008 AGM

#### After 53 years Bob Jenkins calls it a day!

Last autumn Bob Jenkins decided to resign from the O.B.A. Committee - after no fewer than 53 years! He was first mentioned in despatches in the Minutes of the 1954 AGM, at which he was elected Hockey Representative ; thereafter he took on a succession of duties, including those of Secretary for 10 years from 1957 and Editor of The Maroon, again for a 10-year stint, and performed them all with skill and quiet authority. Bob has always underestimated his own abilities and been reluctant to accept praise, but all his colleagues, past and present, know what a huge contribution he has made to the Association. His ears must have been burning on the evening of the 2006 AGM, when - *nem con* - he was made an Honorary Life Member.

# ACCOUNTS - YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2006

#### **General Account**

	2006			2005	
	£	£	£	£	
INCOME					
Subscriptions and general donations Contributions to cost of Maroon Profit from annual dinner Interest received		4397.00 100.00 14.71 <u>57.18</u> 4568.89		4441 95 218 64	
EXPENDITURE					
Cost of <i>The Maroon</i> Less advertising	2451 750 1701.00		2250 845		
Maroon postage/stationery	392.94		452		
Leaving presents Sponsorship Old Bordenian	275.00 100.00		0 0		
Cricket bat award	0.00		70		
Website licence	35.25		294		
50% of School Clock repairs	1288.07		0		
(see also in balance sheet) Donation to the School	0.00		1550		
	3792.26				
Profit for the year		776.63		1047	
Balanc	e She	et			
Balance brought forward		9410.49			
Plus profit for year		776.63			
		10,187.12			
Financed by: Bank Funds Current Account Bank Account Deposit Account Staff Commemoration Fund YE 31/07/06			4317.39 4924.15		
Balance brought forward and carried forward Memorial Clock Fund YE 31/07/06 Balance, repairs cost George Dawkins Memorial Fund YE 31/07/06	246.43 246.43	236.00 0 709.58			
(For cricket bat award to BGS) - no expenditu	ie ili year				
Total		10,187.12			
		Same al + NLO			

Signed : N.S. Hancock (Hon Treasurer) I certify that these accounts accord with the books and records made available to me Signed : A. Wilson. Accounts Examiner

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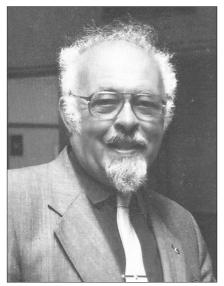
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### **O**BITUARIES

# Alec Stride 1927-2006



Alec Stride was my friend for almost sixty years, and throughout those years we were more like brothers than just friends. We did not agree on everything but we never exchanged any cross words, and when Alec died on 11th August 2006, I knew that nothing would ever replace the bond that had existed between us, but I would always be grateful for the happy memories he had left me.

Alec was born in Malta on 1st November 1927 to a dockyard family. The house in which he was born survived the War and still stands near the dockyard gate. His father had been posted to Valetta to manage the floating dock. The family experienced the worst of the wartime bombing and lived through the 'Siege of Malta'. On a holiday we spent together in Malta, he showed me the cave where he and his mother would shelter from the bombing, and he was welcomed as an 'old boy' at the naval school where he began his education.

After a brief sojourn in S. Africa, the family returned to Sheerness in 1943 and Alec came to Borden. He stayed for only one year but was extremely proud to be an Old Bordenian. He served on the Old Bordenian Association Committee for many years, twice as Chairman.

After leaving Borden, he went to art school where he studied architecture, but his studies were interrupted by National Service in the Royal Engineers, mostly in Japan. He did not return to his studies when he left the army but worked at Canning Town Glass Works and then the Sheppey Glue & Chemical Works, where he stayed until his retirement as Despatch Manager.

About this time, Alec married his wife, Daphne, with whom he raised a son, Jeremy, and daughter, Vanessa. After his family, Alec had three abiding passions : his church, his music and freemasonry. He was an Elder of Sheerness United Reformed Church and Church Secretary for more than forty years. He was also the organist and leader of the congregation. He was very interested and involved in co-operation between the Island churches of whatever denomination.

Music was essential to his enjoyment of life. He was not in any sense a musical snob ; his taste ranged from jazz and big bands to opera and the classics. He was particularly well known for his interest in choral music. He was a founder of the Sheppey Phoenix Choir and its Musical Director until his death. He made a great contribution to the Sheppey Entertainments Association, was for many years its Chairman and a founder of Sheppey Little Theatre.

As a freemason, he was the senior Past Master of The Adams Lodge No. 158 and was an Officer of The Provincial Grand Lodge of East Kent. He was well known locally as the organist for about eight Lodges in which capacity he served for more than thirty years. He had a great interest in local education and was for some years Chairman of Governors of Rose Street School in Sheerness, and more recently Chairman of Governors of Danley Middle School. At Danley he was honoured by having the new science block named after him.

He had other interests. He had been a Prison Visitor and more recently had become a keen Member of The Sittingbourne and District Probus Club of which he was elected President in 2004. In his younger days he was a football referee in the local leagues, and although he never played in a team, he had a lifelong interest in cricket and was a Member of the Kent County Cricket Club.

Alec's life touched many people in many different ways. He was always pleased to note that in almost all the organizations and bodies with which he was concerned he enjoyed the friendship and fellowship of Old Bordenians. There can be no doubt he will be greatly missed. For my part I mourn the passing of a friend and brother, one who had embraced my problems as his own and with whom I shared some wonderful memories.

John Watson 1943-50

# Alan David Doucy B.Sc

Alan died unexpectedly on 29th November in St. George's Hospital, Tooting, while in intensive care following a heart by-pass operation, during which it was discovered that his heart was in a very poor condition. He did not recover. He was 76.

Alan was born in Sheerness. He was at Borden from 1942 to 1949. On leaving, he did his 2 years National Service in the RAF and then went to Reading University where he gained an Honours Class II Degree in Physics. After graduation, he embarked on a career in teaching which began with a post at the Sheerness Technical School, followed by one at the Bromley Technical College.

Moving to Brighton in 1972, he set up his own educational establishment which specialised in teaching foreign students, particularly those from the Middle East. His contemporaries will remember him as an all-round sportsman. He represented the School in football, hockey and cricket. From the

Football First Eleven reports in *The Bordenian* for 1946-49, it is evident that he was a prolific goal scorer. As for hockey, the 1948 edition of *The Maroon* records that he was given the honour of being chosen to play in the Kent Secondary Schools' team. He leaves a widow, Margaret, children Matthew, Kate and Rebecca and two grandchildren, Lili and Maisie.

**Bob Doucy** 

## **O**BITUARY

# Ronald Hedges - a worthy ambassador

On 16th May 2006 the ashes of Ron Hedges (aged 88) were flown home from Manila and scattered in the woodlands of Vintners Park, beside those of his wife Edith.

So ended the life of an exceptional Old Bordenian whose reputation as a specialist engineer in Road Design and Highway Construction was unequalled in E. Africa and the Middle East. His work took him to Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, Jordan, Abu Dhabi, the Sudan and Nigeria, and in Asia to Hong Kong, the Philippines and New Guinea.

Educated at Borden from 1929 to 1934, he was an enthusiastic member of the School orchestra but, above all, his first love was cricket. He scored his first century against Ashford Grammar School Under Fifteen Eleven in 1933, and went on to play for Gore Court C.C.

In 1938 he joined the Territorial Army, 97th Field Regiment Royal Artillery, Kent Yeomanry, and during the Normandy Invasion was severely wounded by mortar fire south of Caen. For the rest of his life a splinter remained in his neck too close to the spine to be removed. He wore his

medals with pride and regularly attended services of remembrance, especially with the Normandy veterans with whom he had seen active service. It was his concern for the debt owed to fallen comrades that led him to arrange an annual service at School in remembrance of the forty boys who gave their lives in the Second World War for our deliverance.

Tragically, his second wife, Mary Ann, died in Manila, and although most of his life was spent abroad, his heart really remained in England watching Kent cricket at St Lawrence or sharing reminiscences of his schooldays at Borden where, in a Staff match, he hooked Alan Highton's bowling into the adjoining cemetery for a "Six".

The address at the Service of Remembrance was given by his close friend and fellow Old Bordenian, Denis Jarrett, who said of him that he was a product and patriot of the old school, deeply critical of much of today's behaviour. In contrast, the personal standards he set himself led his employers to say of him that he was a very worthy ambassador both for Britain and for British Civil Engineering in many parts of the world.

**Denis Jarrett** 



## WE WILL REMEMBER THEM...

In recent months, there have been at least three examples which remind us - if indeed we need reminding - of the continuing influence which remarkable people can exert from beyond the grave.

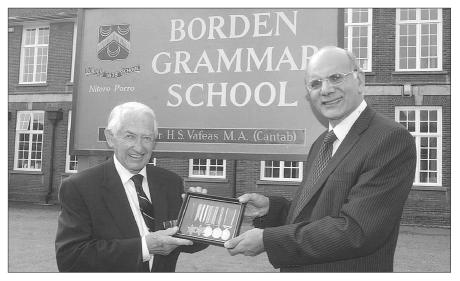
Ron Hedges, whose obituary appears on the previous page, made a unique gift to the School to help keep alive the memory of those Old Boys who died in the service of their country in World War II; John Watson reflects on the way in which Richard Moreton touched - and is continuing to touch - the lives of so many people in Sheppey and elsewhere; and Peter Hemingway's sister, Enid Palmer, reminds us of his hugely impressive architectural heritage, particularly in Canada.

In their different ways, they prove once again that, contrary to Mark Antony's words, "the good that men do lives after them".

#### A bequest from Ron Hedges to the School

For the past 10 years, Ron Hedges, along with Denis Jarrett, was instrumental in arranging an annual service at the School in remembrance of the forty Old Boys who gave their lives in the second World War. It is typical of the man firstly to have left a bequest of nearly £3,000 to the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, and to have donated his medals to the School, with the wish that they be placed on display to remind pupils and staff of those sacrifices that are a major and unforgettable part of the School's history. This was done after this year's commemorative service, attended amongst others by a number of Old Boys and by current pupils at the School.

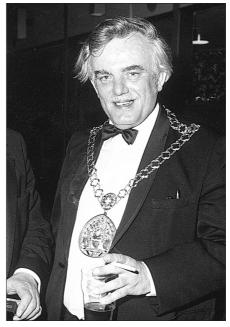
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#### **Remembering Richard Moreton** John Watson reflects on the life of a very influential Old Boy

Richard Moreton came to Borden at the start of the 1948 Autumn Term. His talents and indeed his shortcomings were recognised immediately. He excelled in English but was rather untidy, even careless, in his presentation of written work. His Form Master, H.F. Nicholls, wrote in his 1949 summer term report "He has much to say that is interesting but we want to be able to read it!". George Hardy recognised him as a very able pupil but thought he only made an effort when it suited him.

Richard was also a very fine musician and after university taught English and Music. He was very successful as a teacher and children loved him. I remember one afternoon when, as a Governor of his School, I sat in on one of his lessons. It was not an English lesson or indeed a music lesson. It was a science lesson. Not his chosen field perhaps and at Borden his science rating was not too impressive, but I found that lesson riveting, He was a born teacher and the children responded.



But it was as a politician that Richard really came into his own. He was elected to Swale Borough Council, became its leader and was elected Mayor in 1985. As leader of the Council Richard had shown his political skills and he was master in the art of debate. In this he was head and shoulders above his peers although I doubt if his opponents accorded him much more than grudging respect.

As Mayor, Richard and his wife Rose travelled to some hundreds of official engagements and met many people in Swale who excelled in sport, drama, music etc. but whose ambitions were frustrated by lack of funds to support their training or studies. He also appreciated the heavy financial commitment which fell upon the parents of talented children.

So it was that at the end of his mayoral year Richard and Rose set up The Swale Youth Development Fund with some of the money donated for charity during their year of office. Trustees were appointed and the Fund was launched as a registered charity. It did not happen quite as easily as it sounds ; Richard did a great deal of research and consultation before the scheme was finally set up but it all proved worthwhile. Over the years the Fund has received contributions from civic leaders, local businesses, societies and clubs, emergency services and individuals. The Fund has helped many of the talented young people of Swale and, although its resources are modest, it has distributed many thousands of pounds to deserving youngsters. The money has helped some achieve success at county, area and national level in sports such as cricket, judo, swimming, badminton, skating, table tennis and others. In the

arts the fund has supported young talents in music, drama and dance. It has helped to make champions but the aim is to help young people to achieve their potential in their chosen activity at whatever level.

Recently Jayne Torvil, OBE who, with partner Christopher Dean, thrilled us with stunning performances to become Olympic and World Ice Dance champions, agreed to become patron of the Fund. Jayne told us that when she and Christopher were just starting to achieve modest success they were helped by small grants from local sources without which they might not have been able to go on to become champions.

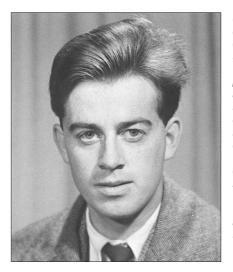
Richard died suddenly on 20th March 1991 at the age of fifty-five. The Swale Youth Development Fund continues to fulfil Richard's objective in setting it up. He would have been very proud of its achievements.

(The photo was taken at the Civic Ball in 1986. You can find out more about the Swale Youth Development Fund at <u>www.swaleyouthdevelopmentfund.org.uk</u>)

#### ...and a postscript to Peter Hemingway's life

Peter Hemingway, a pupil at the School from 1940 to 1945, died suddenly in May 1995, and The Maroon of 1995/96 carried an obituary mentioning, among other things, his outstanding career as an architect which reached its zenith in Edmonton, Alberta .

Perhaps his best known building was the Coronation Swimming Pool, a startlingly-futuristic design made from steel, wood, concrete, glass and cables which was generally acknowledged to be years ahead of its time. It is still one of the pieces of architecture which sets Edmonton apart from the rest of the Country. Now his sister, Mrs Enid Palmer writes:



I thought someone might be interested to know that in his memory one of his buildings (the Coronation Pool) has been renamed "The Peter Hemingway Fitness and Leisure Centre". To anyone who remembers him, this may be particularly ironic as he certainly did not excel at team games, and his name will not be found in any School sports record books. In the depths of winter, however, he was known to keep fit with a routine of skipping and exercises in what in a Canadian house is called "the rumpus room". To Old Bordenians ancient enough to be eligible for Saga holidays, if they have ventured on the Western Canada tour. they would probably have been taken to visit the Muttart Conservatory, another of Peter's award-winning buildings. I understand that Peter's complete works can be found on the University of Calgary's website.

# **OLD BORDENIAN ASSOCIATION WEBSITE**

# Dave Searle says 2007 will be a great year for the O.B.A. Website...

For quite some time now, the current site has been rather inactive! Not a lot of content has been submitted and old boy registrations are few and far between. Additionally, the web has matured a bit since the OBA website was last designed. Accessibility is a hot topic at the moment, as well as Web 2.0 - a whole set of technologies that emphasise online collaboration and sharing among users.

The recent appointment of Chris Laming as Membership Secretary, assisted by Rick Harris, will lead to some radical changes into how the site is structured. The first priority is to put the membership details into the site and, as a result, fully paid-up members will access the full site by means of a new password. Over time, we will have all Membership details available on the site.

The next phase will be to update some of the various sections and to make the whole site more 'user friendly'. Some new additions will include a new picture gallery, 'Down Memory Lane' (mostly by John Macrael), biographies of old staff and an online edition of the Maroon.

There are several advantages of having the Maroon online. Firstly, it saves money and paper! I'm sure like me many of you have switched over to online bank/bill statements by now. There's much less clutter in my house these days and good old BT even planted a tree on my behalf for making the change!

Secondly it allows us to archive the Maroon by year or by decade and make it searchable, which I'm sure many of you will find handy. A new article submission system is being built to allow you lot to send us articles over the web!

From 2007 all School leavers will be given free access as part of their membership. We will then be able to target them at the end of their 'free' membership and encourage them to become fully paid up members.

Other features will be added from time to time, so please connect and keep up-to-date with the news, and of course, if you have any ideas or suggestions, please let me know.

## ...and an editorial comment

I read Dave Searle's article (above) with mounting excitement. Among the tantalising possibilities which he holds up in front of us, he points to two big advantages of an 'Online Maroon'. There is a third which he doesn't mention and which appeals to me even more strongly : a flourishing electronic Maroon would mean that I should be out of a job! O frabjous day! Callooh! Callay!

Don't misunderstand me - I haven't found the last few months nearly as burdensome as I thought I would. People have been very kind in helping to corral reluctant contributors, and there is a strange satisfaction in the process of fitting the pieces into the jigsaw puzzle (and sometimes in altering them so that they do fit! Actually, that is my first apology - to authors who with considerable justification think their writings have been mutilated).

No, that has been fine and without too many surprises. What I **hadn't** bargained for, however, was the degree to which printing technology has moved on since Caxton who, along with John Bull, taught me everything I know about printing (and those who understand that reference to John Bull are older than they look). Nowadays, printers like things on discs or by Word. Not by word of mouth, either.

That's OK for chaps like Dave, and probably for you, gentle reader. But I am afraid the editorial chair is now occupied by someone for whom a Hard Drive still means the journey from Sheerness to Maidstone in my dad's 1929 Morris Minor (it was even worse coming back because Detling Hill was in the way). Nor does it help if you have the only computer in the whole of S.E. England which has been awarded an A.S.B.O. (and bar). It simply will not do as it's told.

For example, I have a minor circulation problem in my legs called "intermittent claudication", which, to the intense relief of the Members and particularly the Greens Staff at Lamberhurst G.C., stops me playing golf. My computer refuses point blank to type the word. Instead it tells my friends that I have "intermittent elucidation", a complaint for which there is no entry in any pharmacopoeia and for which sadly, therefore, there is no known cure. As I result I get gallons of sympathy and absolutely no understanding. You can see why I am so elated at the thought of Dave's cavalry riding to the rescue. It would be ironic, wouldn't it, if the bane of my life also offered an indirect path to my salvation?

The other problem is that I have no editorial experience whatsoever. I am therefore in the same position as a novice cook who assembles the ingredients, mixes them up but hasn't the faintest idea what the end-result will be until the oven door is opened. I shall be astonished, not to say deliriously happy, if The Maroon looks anything like what I imagine and hope it will be.

At the outset I had a number of ideas about what I would like to do, but in making any changes at all, I am conscious that they may be seen as an implied criticism of my predecessor. All I can say is that this is most certainly not my intention. I have the utmost admiration for everyone who has edited this Magazine, especially for Chris; it defeats me how he managed to cope with what I now know is involved and handle a demanding, stressful job at the same time.

The other phenomenon which has affected the outcome for me is one which I suspect is familiar to anyone who has been through a final University Degree Examination. You can spend days, even months, studying, for instance, the socio-economic causes of the Civil War, but when you come to the Exam, under the stress of having to answer four questions in three hours, you find yourself writing about Roundheads and Cavaliers! It has been the same for me in the past couple of weeks. Never mind what is said or what it looks like - let's get something on paper!

Oh well, never mind . All I can say is that I hope to do better next time. If there is a next time, of course. Over to you, Dave!

**Graham Barnes** 

# ANNUAL DINNER 2006

A complete table of former staff, highest numbers for several years, a carpeted lounge area, wildly optimistic sweepstake times and singing in Latin! What more could you want? And yet... numbers of Old Boys attending the Dinner are generally dropping. Without the influx of staff who had attended the commemoration for Jon Adams before the Dinner, we had 10 fewer than last year. Each year about 50 different Old Boys from the year before attend, so we have a floating base, but not a growing one.

The Committee has been concerned for some time about the failure to attract new Members and make the Association more attractive to younger Old Boys. The Committee itself boasts nobody younger than 50, with more being nearer 70 or 80, and is itself struggling to fill key positions - Maroon Editor, Membership Secretary. So how do we reach these Old Boys who have spread to all corners of the globe but often are attracted back to the area after several years away? Are we stuck in a time warp? We have not really changed since I joined the Committee (37 years ago), so perhaps we need to reinvent ourselves if we are not to just fade away. Food for thought....

And so to food at the Dinner...once more we were looked after by Harry Boulton and his team, with Sittingbourne Football club again providing the bar. It is not a wildly profitable evening for an outside bar, so perhaps in future years groups meeting elsewhere first - The Red Lion, the School Pavilion - could meet at the School and give their custom to our bar.

Our guest speaker was Stanley Evans who took us through his life as a priest for 50 years in Bredgar, Canterbury and Thanet. He had spent the early war years in Cornwall and then went to Borden in 1941 where his father had paid the school fees. At BGS he had been captain of Borden House and recalled the introduction of the Arts Festival by George Hardy, who once had taken Latin and taught the boys how to say quickly "Caesar adsum iam forte" (try it!). Perhaps some clues here as to why Latin is no longer taught at the School! Stanley spent 4 years at Kings College and subsequently his father suggested he was ordained. The rest is history...

Harold Vafeas, the President, then spoke of the meeting prior to the Dinner to commemorate Jon Adams who had taught at the School from 1975 to 1992 and had been actively involved in drama and sport. Harold informed us that Borden had applied for Special School Status with a concentration on sport and languages. The next 12 months would concentrate on raising the necessary finances. He ended by noting that each era brought its own different challenges which could be overcome through a state of mind and welcome support.

Graham Barnes then mentioned the challenges of the OBA in the future with the need to share the workload between several people. The Maroon was a good example where an individual replacement for Chris Laming could not be found.

Finally, John Macrae introduced the evening's surprise - the award of School Certificates to Ken Heaver and Terry Saunders after too many years to record here. He had found these while going through the archives. Perhaps next year the odd unfulfilled detention will be discovered.

In anticipation of seeing you next year - please help increase numbers by bringing along any Old Boys from among your friends who have perhaps drifted away from contact with the School.

Old Boys and Staff present at the 2006 Dinner were as follows:-

President: Harold Vafeas. Special Guest: Stanley Evans

**Staff:** Bryan Short, Robert Sutton, David Jenkins, Roger Lerpiniere, Terry Veal, Tony Clayton, Neil Redmond, Arthur Hack, Simon Robbins, Ken Roberts, Dan Holl, Simon McGrahan, Anna Louise Taylor, Norman Bromham, Marion Minhall, Geoff Sandiford

**1940s:** Graham Barnes, Denis Jarrett, Bill Wellard, Ray Hill, Tom Baldock, Alec Stride, Ken Sears, Bob Doucy, Ken Heaver, D. Cox, Peter Bedelle, J. Andrews, Frank Cassell, Bill Usher, Brian Buckwell, Derek Munson

**1950s:** John Macrae, John Godfrey, Alan Eyles, Alan Forster, F. (Dick) Baker, Tony Akehurst, Barry Gilbert, Ian Hazell, Keith Fairbrass, Ivor Jones, Terry Saunders, Roy Brumsden, Andrew Edney, Alan Cordell, Alan Hill, Shaun Caveney, Brian Pope, Frank Hales, David Hancock, Neil Hancock

**1960s:** Peter Taylor, David Carey, Alan Wilson, Alan Snelling, Peter Lusted, Steve Goodhew, Mick Pack

**1970s:** Cliff Cork, Chris Laming, Keith Shea, Phil Bryant, Dave Palmer, Steve Saunders, Rob Kemsley, Stuart Jarrett, Lee Harding, Dave Spicer, Kenneth Beach, J. Brownridge, T. Roberts, Andy Bushell, Duncan Goddard, Andy White, Richard Marshall, Giles Ford, Tim Ford

**1980s:** Trevor Ottway, Richard Clark, Chris Morgans, Graeme Illingworth, Andy Bond, Stewart Goodhew, Bob Barnes, Dave Crombie

**1990s:** Peter Parkin, Richard Parkin, Christopher Minhall, Dave Whitehead, Lee Byrne, Matt Norris, J. Cole

**2000s:** Alexander Earl, John Friday, Matt Freeman, Anthony Eldridge, Alexander Holton, Philip Baptie, Marc Stewart, Paul Hayler, Sam Barnes, A. Cole, Anthony Jackson, Reece Jacobs, Simon Mockler, Jason Howard, Andrew Wilson

#### Nostalgia is now being served....

Apart from the opportunity which it affords for renewing old acquaintanceships including some of the teaching staff - the 2007 Annual Dinner will offer you a last chance to see some of the old landmarks, like the School Library, before they disappear and re-emerge as part of the Quadrangle In-fill Project. And, of course, you will be able to listen to (Captain) lan Goddard, recently retired after a distinguished career in the Royal Navy.

Why not send in the Dinner Form now, and note the date in your diary - Saturday 24th March?

## SHEPPEY REUNION DINNER 2006

Thirty six Old Bordenians and one guest met at The United Masonic Club, Sheerness, on Saturday 18th November 2006 for another "Sheppey" Reunion Dinner. The event was overshadowed by the absence of Alec Stride who died in August and who had taken the lead in the revival of the "Sheppey" Dinner twelve years ago. The evening began with the company standing in silence as a token of respect.

Graham Barnes, Vice-President of the Old Bordenian Association, presided over a splendid meal including the now traditional roast beef prepared and served by Joyce Boulton. The table layout was different this year with round tables laid for seven or eight, a move away from tradition which was generally welcomed.

Usually Tony Crosse entertains after dinner, but he was on a prolonged visit to France. However, he sent a message to the gathering which was read by his friend David Mitchell. In his letter he paid tribute to Alec, whom he regarded as a special friend, and expressed the hope that he would be able to join us at our next Sheppey gathering. The cabaret spot was filled by David Mitchell and his guitar playing well known pieces in the style of "The Shadows".

Another new departure from tradition - a free raffle. In order that the draw should be seen to be above suspicion, Joyce Boulton drew the winning ticket and Derek Cox was presented with the prize - a bottle of whisky. All in all it was another splendid evening with good food and good fellowship. It was particularly gratifying to see a number of Old Bordenians attending the Dinner for the first time. Next year the Dinner will be held on Saturday 17th November and the arrangements will be in the capable hands of Neil Hancock. Please give us your support and let's enjoy another memorable evening together!

John Watson



## Free Beer

Did you join the School as a first year in 1968, the year that it became necessary to have three classes for the new intake because we were, collectively, brighter than all those who had joined the school before? If you did then, not only will you be 50, but you will also want to get yourself down to The Red Lion in Sittingbourne High Street at around 8.30 on the first Wednesday of each month and join the good looking bunch in the photo below.

We've been meeting up each month for the past 4 or 5 years and over 20 of our former school friends have come along at one time or another, although generally around 6-8 of us turn up. We also attend the Old Boys Dinner en masse when our numbers are swollen by some who live too far away to make the monthly reunions. (See the *Maroon* for a full list of names).

You have probably already noticed, if you have studied the photo that, astonishingly, we all look much the same as we did all those years ago; but then we did endure middle-aged spread, grey hair and sallow complexions even as school boys. Too many steamed milky coffees and No 6 in Pelosi's I reckon.

There isn't any free beer.

L to r: Phil Bryant, Keith Shea, Bob Field, Dave Palmer, Dave Spicer, Lee Harding, Andy Bushell and Stewart Jarrett



# **OLD BORDENIAN HOCKEY CLUB**

The gain to universities this year from Old Bordenian Hockey Club was limited to one player, Andrew Wilson: our gifts to the universities have certainly been more numerous in recent years. Wanting to test the limit of his abilities, Liam Foster has moved to Holcombe HC whose 1st X1 play in the National League Division 1. Liam has progressed at an amazing rate, having started in their 3rd X1 at the beginning of the season, he now plays in their 1st X1 after just five weeks. Glenn Prebble, our captain and coach last year has taken some time out from hockey as his wife is expecting their second child but we hope to see him back soon. So, for the second consecutive season, we have lost a pool of considerable talent. A 5-2 loss in the first league game of the season, at the hands of Marden Russets, gave cause for concern, therefore. The spirit and determination of the team has been excellent, however, and they have won every league game since and are currently top of Kent/Sussex Division 1. All other teams are faring well, other notable successes at this stage of the season being the 2nd X1 who, after two consecutive promotion years, are mid-table in South Open Kent/Sussex and the 4th X1 who are top of Kent Division 2. We have added yet another team in order to ensure that our younger junior players get a full game every week: this brings the total to eight men's teams.

Our ladies 1st X1, having won two consecutive promotions are currently top of Kent Division 2 and unbeaten. This is a remarkable achievement and another promotion year is by no means out of the question. The ladies 2nd X1 have gained many new players and we suspect the time for creating a 3rd X1 may not be far away.

Two of our ladies have been selected for the Kent Under-17 squad: Charlotte Bridger and Jo Wilson, both of whom have played only two full seasons of club hockey. Joe Meaning and Jason Waitt are in the Kent Under-19 squad. David Baker and Adam Lane in the Under-15s, Michael Willis, Tom Moore and Bradleigh Barrett in the Under 14s and Robert Elgar and James Wilson in the Under-13s. This is testament not only to the undoubted ability of the young players, but also to the excellent coaching structure which OBHC now has in place. The number of coaches qualified at Level 1 has increased to thirty, of whom three are Level 2, one is almost Level 2 and two, having attended the rigorous Level 2 course, are now working towards achieving the award. One of our Level 2 coaches has attended this summer the four days residential course for Level 3 and is actively working towards that award.

Amongst our junior teams, the Under-14s have had conspicuous success as we edge towards mid-season, having won all their games and enjoying the top spot in Pool A of the Kent Under-14 League. The Under-16s are not having the best of seasons so far, but the Under-18s are third in their Kent league.

The OBHC/BGS partnership in the form of Borden Sport Ltd is operating well and profitably. Vacant time slots on the pitch are few and bookings are from a variety of local sports clubs. The current cost of replacing the pitch carpet is a six figure sum: fortunately the life of such carpets is likely to be twelve to fifteen years but prudent management dictates the need to be accumulating funds for that inevitable expense. Advertising space for corporate banners is available around the pitch at a very reasonable cost: please contact me on 01795-538641 if you, or your employer, may be persuaded to invest not a great sum of money in an advertisement which will be seen by about 10,000 people annually.

The Club's annual dinner and dance will be held on 11th May 2007 at the UK Leisure

Clubhouse, across the road from the School. We are one of the few local sports clubs which can still run an end of season dinner and dance with a sufficient number of attendees. We were well over 160 last year. If you would like to join us, and you would be very welcome to do so, contact Patrick Ruane, the organiser, on 01795-426141. Finally, for lots of information on the Club, including up-to-date scores and match reports, go to www.oldbordenianhc.co.uk.

The Club is going from strength to greater strength. The hockey world is changing and we are responding every year to those changes. There is much to do and there always will be, but Old Bordenian HC is at the forefront of hockey in Kent.

#### Alan Wilson , November 2006



Joe Meaning plays for the Kent Under-19s and is a regular in the Club's 1st XI

# FOOTBALL (retirement beckons!)

Just seconds after the referee's whistle brought down the curtain on the 05/06 season and the 33rd year of the Old Bordenians Football Team, we sat in the bar of the Swan and Harlequin (this being the closest hostelry to the pitch) giddy with delight. Why? Well, we'd just summoned up a Herculean effort to win our 30th and final 5-a-side game of the season condemning our opponents, and not us, to reflect all summer, on the ignominy of finishing last.

Regular readers will know that our football is now played in the second division of the Faversham and District 5-a-side League although this is interspersed with a few 11-a-side veterans games. These same readers will also know that age has taken and continues to take its toll on the remaining senior members of the squad with most of us having reached 50 although one un-named player (anag: Laan Nellings) is approaching 60.

Our aim over the past four seasons, in a 2nd division comprising 6 teams, has been to finish third because first or second means you spend the next season in the top division playing players so ludicrously fast that we'd struggle to even kick them, let alone tackle them fairly. But in the Swan and Harlequin, second to last – 5th, as we preferred to call it – was quite acceptable.

We had also finished 5th the year before but this year it was tougher and we seriously questioned whether we had the stamina to continue for the 06/07 season, but a few celebratory Babychams later and all reason had disappeared through the door and we found ourselves making plans for the new season. As we moved seamlessly through the Snowballs and on to the Port and Lemon we convinced ourselves that, even though Liver Spots were *de rigueur* in our team, we were still capable of cutting it for another season; although the jury is out on whether the seams on the football shirts will last. Gorged with a variety of crisps and nuts we mulled over the past season as objectively as we could and concluded that many of the 80 goals conceded were lucky and anyway, we were better than most of the other teams.

In fairness, the decision to continue was made easier by the fact that a few younger players have joined the ranks. The policy of fathers in the team stopping their sons' pocket money unless they play for us and bring along a friend is beginning to bear fruit and even though we lost the services of Simon Thompson and Mark Snelling after they had tunnelled their way out, we managed to retain two school leavers (Alex Bolden and Joe Thomsett) for the second half of 05/06 season and crucially for the new season. They have even persuaded a contemporary of theirs, Guy Banister, to join for very little money and all are very welcome.

Unfortunately for these younger squad members some of the older ones are still playing, so we have had a poor start to the 06/07 season. The opposition is certainly stronger this season but now that we have a core of talented younger players we are confident that we can find a few more to carry on the fine tradition that the Old Bordenians Football Team has built up over these 33 years. If we can do that then, come the end of the current season many of the "Old Guard" can retire from competitive football and spend more time with their families – or the Old Speckled Hen, Master Brew and the Black Sheep as some of us know them.

During the season we also managed to play a couple of veteran 11-a-side games against a like-minded side from Faversham and this produced two keenly fought matches played in excellent spirit. Many old regulars turned out to play and it was good to see so many retained good fitness levels although whether they were able to walk for the next three days is not recorded! We hope to play a fixture or two against the same team during the 06/07 season. I want to just mention again the 11-a-side match we played against the teachers. In my day

(68-74) the teachers were fat and fifty (just picture Mr Mills in goal!) but now those teachers, who seemed to be mainly sourced from a very large PE department, are fit and nifty and we....well you know the rest. However, because some of the teachers are younger than we were when Mrs Thatcher became PM, the game was not billed as a veterans game so we were able to offer a game to a few of the 05/06 sixth formers, and it is these players that we hope will take on the mantle of the Old Bordenians Football Team. Unfortunately two of the sixth formers (Mark Snelling and Martin Clark) and one old'un (Dave Palmer) suffered pretty serious injuries during the game but happily at no time were their drinking arms in danger and all three are on their way to a full recovery. We will repeat the fixture this season - only the second ever contest between the Old Boys and the teachers. The teachers' school pantomime commitments mean that it will be postponed until the spring of 2007, although we may insist that the teachers play in their pantomime outfits to balance the performances of the two sides.

In addition to the 5-a-side squad it was great to welcome back the following Old Bordenians for the 11-a-side games: Paul Bedelle, Dave Elmer, Paul Fletcher, Mick Pack, Dave Palmer and Soz Ferrar who played one of the games resplendent in Cross of St George shorts and hair dyed to match having been dressed this way in the London Marathon a few days earlier. Let's hope he washed the shorts between events. The 5-a-side squad for the 05/06 season included those in the photo below : I to r (back) Graham Prytherch, Alan Snelling, Andy Bushell, (front) Bob Kemsley, Keith Shea, Cliff Cork, plus Andy Bond, Alex Bolden, Jamie Henley, Matt Norris, Mark Snelling, Peter Thompson and Joe Thomsett.

We continue to enjoy playing competitive football, particularly as it is played in a nice warm mud-free environment, but if all goes well and retirement from competitive football becomes a reality for the older players then we do not intend to retire from OB social activity as well. We will try to play the odd veterans game and are considering staging a monthly Old Boys only 5-a-side get together followed by reasoned debate at a suitable licenced venue.

You can check-out any time you like, but you can never leave.



Keith Shea

### **The retirement of Ann Wood** ...the rest is history!



Just before she retired last summer, after 30 years at the School, I talked to Ann Wood. She confessed that she didn't "feel mentally ready for retirement just yet"; she certainly didn't look it. That's the opinion of one boy who, seeing her room festooned with 65th birthday paraphernalia, asked whose birthday it was, because he knew it couldn't possibly be hers! No wonder she has always enjoyed working with boys!

When she first came Ann was no stranger to education ("so much nicer than commerce"), having worked previously at the Appointments Board of London University. She, with Ruth Bellord and Pauline Joyce - replaced later by Dee Hembrow - formed a secretarial pool. Lately, apart from being the Headmaster's Secretary, she worked for the three divisional School heads and their deputies. and like everyone else pitched in whenever the need arose. She dealt with all sorts of situations and crises - from the occasional weeping small boy (and weeping parent!) to feeding the computer with data for regular audits. In fact, it is easier to describe what she didn't do than what she did. Recently, she stopped doing First Aid. Despite her 22½ years' experience at the School and bringing up a son and daughter, the authorities said she wasn't qualified! Hundreds of boys - with wounds from cuts and bruises to a broken and exposed shin bone - know otherwise. She did call an ambulance for the shin bone though.

She no longer collected the boys' dinner money either - but still operated a 'tie bank'. As she explained, it is *de rigueur* these days for boys to be seen in the street with their shirts hanging out and ties untied, so ties get lost sometimes. A less formal dress code for the staff is another of the changes she has seen over the past two or three decades.

The least welcome change, however, was the decline in the respect shown by pupils to staff - partly through the reduction in the age of majority from 21 to 18, and also the demise of the cane, the occasional swishing of which, coming from Bryan Short's (sorry, *Mister* Short's) office was masked only by the clatter of her manual typewriter when she first came. Ah, those were the days!

I asked how she would now enjoy herself as a lady of leisure. She and her husband would like to undertake an Australasian odyssey, but she was looking forward, above all, to doing more reading - especially books with an historical flavour. She's always liked history, and is on standby to be the 'friend' in 'Phone-a-friend' for any history question fired at her sister-in-law by Chris Tarrant!

Ann never lost her enthusiasm for her job, Her face lit up when she said "I really, really enjoyed working at Borden". Well, Ann, we really, really enjoyed having you, and wish you a very, very happy retirement.

G.B.

# Anyone for Tennessee?

Last year my subscription to the Association became due. Since we were planning a trip to the UK, I thought I would seek out the Secretary and pay him in cash. I heard he was sick, however, so rather than bother him I asked a friend to pass on the money at a more convenient time. Some weeks later, I had a letter from Neil Hancock acknowledging receipt of my sub and suggesting I might write something for the Maroon. I knew then that I should have done what I normally do - sent a \$50 cheque to cover 2 years!

I came to the US in early 1964, having answered an advertisement in the Daily Telegraph, with the idea that a few years' experience in the US would help later in the UK. My wife Margery and our two daughters Vivienne and Jennifer joined me a few months later. After 30 years near Nashville as a Manufacturing Engineer, I retired, and we built a home in East Tennessee. We had always liked this area, with its mountains and lakes, and had visited many times.

Our home is in the Tennessee Valley between the Cumberland and Smoky Mountains at Tellico Village. 'Village' is somewhat of a misnomer since it stretches some seven miles along Tellico Lake and is a planned community of over 6,000 people of whom about 60% are retired. It is advertised in the UK, and has become a more upscale development than it was 12 years ago.

The land we live on was formerly Cherokee Indian land and all the street names are of Cherokee origin. Tellico Lake was formed in 1979 when the Tennessee Valley Authority dammed the Little Tennessee River. TVA was one of the few things I learned about Tennessee from Roy Hill's geography class. Its main purpose was flood control but of course is used by most people for recreation, boating and fishing. The Village has three golf courses which probably attract most residents. We haven't played in years - we

#### by Brian Allard (1940-1945)

never really got the bug. The Yacht Club is the main docking facility and is also available for dining, dancing and meetings. Those who live lakeside mainly have their own docks. The Recreation Centre includes an outdoor swimming pool, tennis courts, weight and exercise equipment and a gymnasium for basketball and badminton. We still play badminton and use the pool. Currently a new Wellness Centre is being built with an indoor swimming pool and therapy pools, walking track and larger exercise facilities.

There are many places within a short drive for outdoor activities, such as hiking or just sightseeing. There are miles of trails in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Cherokee and Nantahala Forests. The colours this autumn were particularly spectacular.

One of our favourite winter activities is supporting the University of Tennessee Lady Volunteers Basketball team, one of the best in the Country. Tennessee is known as The Volunteer State due to the large number of Tennesseans who volunteered to fight the British at New Orleans and the Mexicans at the Alamo. Within the Village there are numerous clubs from bridge to crafts and woodworking. For over 25 years my main hobby has been wine making. The main ingredients are readily available. Dandelions and blackberries are along the roadside : I grow my own grapes and plums ; there is a persimmon tree in the vacant lot next door ; my vounger daughter has pear trees and a friend grows blueberries; and peaches come cheap from local orchards if I pick my own. It's a pretty cheap hobby which gives me and lots of others pleasure.

If anybody in the Village is bored there is something wrong with them! As you can see we are enjoying retirement and are thankful to have good health. We recommend retirement to anyone as soon as you can.

## **Interview techniques and the Admiralty Interview Board**

I was in Brussels working on the Staff of the UK Military Representative to NATO HQ contemplating options for my final job in the Royal Navy. Should I go and work in the RN's Personnel Headquarters, accept a job in MoD in London or take a command appointment as the Captain of the Admiralty Interview Board?

Admiral "Jackie Fisher" first established the AIB as a potential officers' assessment centre in 1903. Fisher was a very innovative and freethinking first Sea Lord who decided that officers should be selected on a more scientific basis than whether they had relatives in the Service or sufficient patronage to overcome the lack of them. This process has continued in various guises every since, and all officers in the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, whether joining as civilian Direct Entry candidates, or promotion from with the Service, must pass the Board.

#### by Captain Ian Goddard OBE Royal Navy

An old chum of mine was the current Captain AIB incumbent, so I thought I'd give him a ring. "Don't think twice about it," was his advice, "...this is the best Captain's shore job in the Navy!" Not much doubt in his mind, I thought, so in February 2003 I found myself back where my Naval career had started when Lattended the AIB in 1969.

The first couple of weeks were a climb up a very steep learning curve. I was being bombarded with information about psychometric tests, schooled in interview techniques by occupational psychologists, and being trained to act as a Board President in the selection process. My head was still spinning from the volume of information it was being asked to absorb when my secretary informed me I had been "asked" to call on the Second Sea Lord, the Navv's Head of all Personnel matters. Normally when a very senior officer "asks" vou to call on him it is because vou are



going to be given a bollocking, but since I had only been in the job for a couple of weeks I couldn't see how I had upset him in such a short time.

After a few minutes of catching up on things (Admiral Sir James Burnell-Nugent had once been my Second Officer of the Watch in a submarine!!) he asked me to spend my time at the AIB having a look at personnel selection developments in the civilian world to ensure the Navy had kept pace with them.

It was a hugely interesting task : I learned a lot from visiting a number of civilian and military assessment centres, ably assisted by an excellent young officer working for me. A report duly written, its recommendations were fully endorsed by Admiral Burnell-Nugent and implemented in January 2005. The principles of the AIB were long established, and the evaluation vehicles that were in use worked well. The key changes were to realign the assessment criteria onto a competency-based framework, and make changes to the process to ensure it continued to meet the highest standards of fairness and accountability [competencies are the personal attributes that the RN needs its officers to display to function satisfactorily in the fleet. The AIB assess 5 - Leadership Potential, Effective Intelligence, Powers of Communication (written and verbal). Courage and Values, and Motivation (for a career in the Navy)].

So what hurdles do you have to get through to pass the AIB? Firstly, all candidates must meet the age, educational, nationality and medical requirements laid down. Most of the information that the youngsters give us is used for that purpose. The Board who assess the candidate are not privy to it ; the only facts they will know about the individual are the age, type of commission sought and that contained on the personal profile that is completed by the applicants themselves. This ensures that candidates are viewed with an open mind, with no preconceived opinions gleaned from knowledge of educational qualifications, family background etc. The AIB takes 2 days ; on the first day the candidates complete а series of psychometric tests, write a 2-page essay on a general subject, are given a basic service knowledge test, a briefing on the leadership tasks they will undertake the following day and, lastly, a fitness assessment. On the second day the youngsters are grouped in teams of 4. each with its own 3-man Board. and then they are assessed in 3 situations : a practical leadership assessment in the Gymnasium, a Planning Exercise (a scenario problem they are asked to deal with as a group), and finally a Panel Interview where the Board will try and find out more about the individuals themselves. This is based on a proforma that contains a series of questions designed to guide candidates into thinking about what experiences they have had which demonstrate they have shown some of the attributes we are looking for. This is sent to them before they come to the AIB in the vain hope that this will give them time to consider carefully their responses before they send it back to us! It is surprising how many people fail to understand the importance of the form.

Every evaluation the candidate is subjected to contributes to his or her final score, which builds as the Board goes on. Board members cannot, therefore, arbitrarily decide whether to pass or fail the contender on the basis of personal prejudice at the end of the process. The end result is entirely based upon the individual's performance across the entire boarding process.

I am often asked what tips I can give to a youngster attending the AIB. Most of my comments equally apply to any interview with any company :

- Read the information you are sent. The AIB produces a very comprehensive briefing pack including a booklet describing each aspect of the boarding process in detail.. Forewarned is forearmed.

- Study the RN website and the literature your Careers Liaison Officer gives you. Any company will expect you to know what type of business they are in. - Understand broadly what your chosen specialisation does. There is little point in professing a burgeoning fascination for a career as a Warfare Officer if you don't have a clue what you will actually have to do.

- Fill out the forms carefully. In particular, take care over completing the personal questionnaire - it is the only detailed information the Board will have about you so it is your opportunity to make an impression. Remember what you wrote (keep a copy)!!

- Get fit. Not only is there a fitness assessment, but the leadership tasks also demand a basic level of physical ability.

- Stand up and be counted. As with any interview process, you only have a limited amount of time to make an impression.

- Be yourself. There are no "staff answers" to the questions the Board asks. Don't try to make things up - it never sounds convincing and you will inevitably trip yourself up.

- Never give up, no matter how badly you may feel something went. The Board may have seen things completely differently, and in any case no one element of the process is make-or-break.

None of this is rocket science, but in my three years at the AIB I saw many young people prepared to put themselves through a demanding interview process that they could have passed if only they had put a little more thought into what they were undertaking. I hope these musings prove useful to some of the readers of the Maroon in preparing their offspring for the big wide world of work, whether in the Armed Forces or elsewhere!

The AIB was a fascinating job to finish my 36 years in the Royal Navy. Looking back, I would recommend the Services to any youngster who wants something different and is prepared to take a bit of rough with the smooth ; and yes, I would do it all again!

## **Cat-snapping**

#### By Steve Piper 1990-94

At Borden Grammar School I did a fine job of being an extremely average pupil throughout. I had never been a great academic and was always more attracted to creativity, finding a good home for it stagemanaging the School plays, very decently left to a lot of my own devices by drama teacher Robert O'Brien.

After Borden I found my way into fringe theatre, and spent several penniless years touring obscure European plays around the south of the UK. My fellow thesps were all "first" graduates and I was surprised to find myself grateful for all that Shakespeare analysis with Dr Butler and Mrs Minhall to put me on a level playing field - although I also remember returning to the School one day, only for Bryan Short to wander out of his office, puffing his pipe, and demand "When are you going to get a real job then, Piper?"

After a fun few years I found myself getting that real job as a corporate marketing executive ; it was incredibly dull and a few years later I took voluntary redundancy as the company moved operations, and set up my own media company with a few friends.

I'd wanted to be a filmmaker for a few years and had been making little shorts since the Theatre company years. "Coffee Films" was established officially in 2003, and we started shooting a series of short films for film festivals. Our first attempts went down well at festivals like Edinburgh, Cannes and LA Shorts, picking up great reviews and winning me an award as one of Europe's best young filmmakers. I'd started to realise I wanted to do more than simply tell stories though.

I'd been reading a lot of conservation-based books and learning a lot about cats, having had a new one join me, so it seemed obvious to just throw them all together and make a wildlife documentary. Being in Britain and rapidly running out of money "chasing the dream", the only choice was the Scottish wildcat - critically endangered with only 400 individuals remaining and only filmed previously by two other people

Picking up some sponsorship monies, I found myself in the Scottish Highlands with my little camcorder and luckily went on to capture shots of a wildcat hunting closer up than anyone previously. The film is currently being considered for broadcast around the world, and footage and stills from it are being used by the United Nations Environment Programme and the online ARKive Project. I'm now planning my next project with a full broadcast commission and hoping to spend most of next year in Mongolia filming the manul, a cat few people have heard of and no one has ever filmed before.

It's probably been one of the more haphazard career paths of a Borden boy, but I think I can answer Mr Short's question with an assured "never" - unless, you consider sitting for hours under a camouflage net looking for wild cats a real job, of course! As if Steve Piper's article were not interesting enough, this is what he added when he wrote to John Macrae:

"While there are very few other things for which I would sit in a wet and cold hide for any length of time....filming in the Scottish Highlands has been the most incredibly lifechanging, exhilarating and wonderful experience of my entire life. To have the opportunity to make a career out of passing through some of the most beautiful and untouched land on the planet, pursuing such wonderful creatures as deer. osprev and wildcat, is without doubt the greatest privilege you could ask for ; and the second you find your viewfinder framing that elusive beast that you have spent your every waking moment trying to understand and glimpse through the rain and mist and fading light. you wouldn't care if you fell down and died at that moment - you're so happy".

We are very lucky indeed to have such a dedicated and accomplished Old Bordenian involved with documenting our wildlife heritage.



### <u> A biology lesson - in Brazil</u>

After leaving Borden in 1997, I studied for 7 years at Bristol University, gaining a BSc in Geology and Biology in 2000 and finally attaining a doctorate in early 2005. I am sure most PhD students would agree that writing a thesis is draining both mentally and physically and mine left me in need of something to refresh my spirit. So, when my flat mate asked one day if I would be interested in celebrating the New Year in Brazil, I felt it was my time for an adventure.

My first view across the jagged, mountainous vista of Rio de Janeiro as the plane broke through the clouds will live with me forever. We arrived in the afternoon of New Year's Eve and the laid-back Brazilian attitude seemed to have reached a state of torpor in anticipation of the celebrations to come. Our hostel receptionist fought long and hard to evade the effort of checking us in but our tiredness and frustration were soon forgotten as we finally set off through the vibrant streets towards the beach.

Counting down the seconds to midnight on New Year's Eve in 26° heat on Copacabana beach was a strange, but not unwelcome experience. Brazilians really know how to party and we had no difficulty getting into the spirit of things, sipping lethal Caiparinhas (a cocktail made of sugar cane rum called cashaca, lime, sugar and ice) and watching the biggest firework display on the planet.

We stayed in Rio just long enough to recover from the Caiparinhas before heading south. We stopped off at the beautiful island resort of Isla Grande, Parati, a picturesque colonial town, and Sao Paulo on our way to Andradas, a small town in the countryside of Minas Gerais state, where we visited the family of a friend. The Brazilians are, as a rule, very friendly and keen to help, and our hosts were no exception. They lavished us with more food than we could eat in a month and laid on entertainment for every moment

#### by Simon Harris 1992-97

of our 2-day stay. They were particularly keen that we went paragliding, a sport for which tourists flock to the area. It was only as we were strapped to our pilots and ready to leap from the top of a mountain that they admitted they had never flown themselves and found the crazy Brits very amusing!

After making it safely back to firm ground, we headed off again. Although we experienced nothing but great kindliness from the people, I had a constant nagging feeling of unease in the cities, which are notorious for violent crime. When travelling through Rio and Sao Paulo the reason is all too obvious. The wealth of the city centres and tourist areas make it easy to forget that Brazil is a third-world country, but the reality is brought home when you experience the favelas (shantytowns). Sao Paulo, Brazil's largest and richest city, has the world's largest gap between rich and poor. This, plus the prevalence of firearms, is a mix that has obvious ramifications. Consequently, I was glad to head out of the cities towards the natural wonders of the Wild West

The enormous size of Brazil soon becomes evident when travelling cross-country. Brazil has no real railway system and, on a budget, the only way to travel is by bus. However, the cross-country buses are cheap. air conditioned and safe, although as with most things in Brazil, keeping to the timetable does not always appear to be a priority. After an uncomfortable 14 hours we arrived at Campo Grande, one of the gateway cities on the edge of the Pantanal, to find a horde of travel agents waiting for the bus to unload its unsuspecting tourists. The Pantanal is a vast, seasonally flooded wetland to the South of the Amazon that boasts a density of wildlife akin to Africa. It has a particularly diverse wading bird fauna but the monkeys and large predators are the main attractions. As the only foreigners on our bus we became the targets of the attention of all of the agents. We escaped into a hotel and made our decision. We steered clear of the big name tourist excursions and instead paid slightly more for the luxury of our own local Amerindian guide and a pousada (hotel) perched on stilts above the floodwaters of the Piranha River.

As a biologist I was in my element, and from the start our quide recognised I shared his passion for wildlife. Our tour included a number of activities, including a horseback safari, boat trips and piranha fishing, all fuelled on a diet of feijoada (rice and beans). However, for me the highlights were the truck rides through the wilderness. While the others slept off the early mornings, I sat on the roof of the cab with our guide who narrated on every animal we encountered. Spectacled caiman were numerous, as were kingfishers, hawks, parrots and monkeys, but my favourites had to be the capybara (giant rodents) and toucans. Unfortunately the big cats are ever-shrinking needles in the haystack and we, like most visitors, saw none. Our guide explained that mainly due to hunting Jaguar numbers have declined from 15,000 to 3,000 in 10 years. Despite the government offering to compensate farmers for lost cows, red tape has hit the success of the scheme. I loved our time in the Pantanal, but the relentless mosquito and horse fly bites meant I wasn't too sad to leave.

Our final destination was Foz do Iguassu on the Argentinian border and home of the Iguassu falls, the longest waterfalls in the world. Unfortunately we arrived amid a heat wave, with temperatures reaching 47°C as we clambered up and down the steep forest trails along the 3km length of the falls. The heat was draining, and suddenly I appreciated water more than ever before in my life, but the magnificence of the Garganta del Diablo (devil's throat) - shown in the photograph below - made the exertion worthwhile. A fitting end to a magnificent journey.



### Fifty years on...

#### Ray Jarvis MBE (1955-1962) reminisces

I made that first, harrowing train journey from Sheerness to Sittingbourne back in 1955. I wasn't even 11 years old (I have often wondered why I went a year early : bad educational practice).

I can't say they were the best years of my life but I did enjoy my time in the sixth form. I studied economics, history and maths in ridiculously small classes and secured a place at University College, Cardiff, to read economics and history (not having Latin, many universities were unavailable to me).

When I reminisce about Borden I remember a variety of things : the hockey festival (although I never took part); being dropped from the 1st XI cricket team to play the Staff in the last match of the season - apparently I hadn't packed the main bag often enough ; winning the tennis tournament in my final year - one of the few times I beat John Gourlev at the game : plaving for the School soccer 1st XI for three years and losing just once to a team from Maidstone that had David Sadler (later of Manchester United and England) at centre-forward. We lost 5-4 and Sadler scored four of them, all from the edge of the box, against Titchener, our Kent goalkeeper. I also played for the County.

I remember, too, the skill of Bob Davis who effortlessly scored hundreds at cricket and hat-tricks at soccer ; travelling to a brand new Simon Langton School to play football, cricket and chess. In one football game we thrashed the Langton 6-1 to the chagrin of their headmaster (he said he remembered it when he interviewed me in 1968).

The dining area was partly a corridor where I was table prefect for a few years (I never made it to full prefect status and thereby lost the chance to luxuriate in the prefects' room). If a boy was absent there were extra portions to be allocated : more gypsy tart, corned beef, meat balls....I still remember the tastes.

The library was a converted woodwork area. Some lessons were in the School pavilion : rather parky in winter. I remember the staff room as a no-go, forbidding area. I always wanted to ascend the spiral staircase which was for staff only, but I never did.

I enjoyed the Arts Festival once when I had the leading role in Borden House's play. We won and it gave me a taste for the stage which I indulged in later years at Simon Langton. George (Hardy) congratulated me, a very rare occurrence, although he did write on my final report "He has done much for the School". I recall many of my contemporaries to a few of whom I have written via Friends Re-united and I briefly flirted with Old Bordenian Membership. I really must make an effort to attend one of the Dinners!

I have vivid memories of the staff : Mr Goff who made painting look so easy ; Mr Weekes who did the same in woodwork (what happened to his navy blue, baggy tracksuit?). "Chub" Anderton was a brilliant raconteur. I recall copying out his notes in September/October (a mammoth task) and then spending the rest of the year listening to his stories. Stan Ashby, Alan Davies, Jimmy Howard, Terry Veale, Mr Bishton ("Eh! bien...let's have you").... So many. A 'longserving staff' board hanging in the School makes fascinating reading. Perhaps the details could be published in the Maroon?

Other memories include a slow motion Jimmy Howard riding his bike : why didn't he fall off? ; raised platforms in each classroom giving the School a Dickensian flavour ; a packed football ground at Bull Lane ; "Tot" Wheatley coming up on the blind side to catch cap-less boys in Bull Lane alley ; boxing, reluctantly, in P.E.; crab football ; the train journey home where it was a constant battle to stay alive...and many more.

I spent 5 years at Cardiff studying for a

Master's degree after completing my first. I had hoped to make it as a soccer player. I had trials at Gillingham and Charlton, but never managed to impress the management sufficiently, so I turned to teaching. I'd always had a vague notion that I would like to teach, so when a vacancy to teach economics at Simon Langton arose in 1968. I applied despite not having any formal teaching gualifications. I liked what I saw at Simon Langton and when they offered me the job. I took it. After a successful first year when I taught 25 boys to A-level (18 of whom obtained A. B or C including 10 A's). I was made Head of Department. I staved for another 36 years and taught close on 1000 students to A-level and finished with a 93% pass rate (over 67% of all my students obtained A. B or C : over a third got an A).

I thoroughly enjoyed my time at school, particularly with the A-level classes which were my main teaching responsibility I wasn't well paid - I don't think any teacher is - but the non-monetary rewards were immense. My classroom was MY area where I could attempt to entertain the boys. Teaching, of course, was central but we used to have a good time. I got great satisfaction from thinking up new analogies to illustrate/clarifv/explain kev economic concepts. Many of my lessons contained examples drawn from my own experience ; we live in as economic framework, so it is a natural step to link the two. I didn't notice the years passing by : perhaps that is normal. Rarely did I take notice of the clock and mostly I found the job thoroughly absorbing.

Many of my ex-students enjoy successful careers in business and finance which gives me great satisfaction. Teaching for me was a full-time commitment, and preparation and marking filled my evenings and week-ends. Since retiring I have found the removal of the pressure quite refreshing. I guess it was time for me to hang up my mortar-board!

I married in the late 1960s and have two sons : one successfully manages a string of estate agencies, the other has his own business as translator and teacher in Spain. They have kept me busy for many years. Apart from football (I played my last game when in my 50s), I played local cricket ; ran the School tuck shop ; introduced voluntary service ; helped promote the Canterbury Volunteer Bureau ; organised the School sponsored walk for 28 years ; became Exams Officer in the 1990s ; introduced business games (we won the ICA National Business Game in 1979 and got to the quarter finals eight times) ; and did a variety of other things in a full school career. My nickname at School was the "Chief".

In November 2005 I was staggered to receive a letter from the Prime Minister's Office telling me that I had been recommended for the MBE "for services to education". I went with my family to Buckingham Palace to receive the award from the Queen. It was the climax to a memorable year for me. On 18 June 2005. I was tricked into attending a surprise retirement party where over 150 of my exstudents attended including five from my first vear 1968/69. A number of mv execonomics colleagues travelled to be there along with parents, governors, staff (old and new). My two sons - whom I taught - were there making it a night to remember. The School's Economics Dept is housed in a building separate from the main School. I am pleased and honoured to say that it has now been re-named "Jarvis House".

One of the fundamental objectives of a grammar school education was to give the children of working class parents a better chance in Life. My father was a docker so the objective applied to me I am grateful for the opportunity I had of becoming the first member of my family to go to university and the first member to receive an award.

In retirement I pursue the usual activities : gardening, DIY, travelling, reading. I am also researching my family history, I have built up a large music collection and I am becoming more involved in photography. Every day is different, and although I miss the buzz of the classroom, a compensation is that I am no longer bound by any particular timetable.

### Notes from a small island...

Boxing Day, 2004: A heavily pregnant woman walks down the road in Palana West, a small fishing village in southern Sri Lanka. Suddenly, she is swept inland by a vast wall of water, the shock bringing on labour pains. A local Buddhist monk hears her cries and drags her to safety, safely delivering the baby onto his saffron robes. He then places the infant high up on the village *dagoba*, out of reach from the swirling waters below. Both mother and child survive the tsunami, but many of their fellow villagers were not so fortunate : many died or lost their homes and livelihoods in what has been called the worst humanitarian disaster in recorded history.

Two years on, the Village is still recovering from the events of Boxing Day, 2004. However, they are not alone. Along with fourteen other students from the University of Durham. I spent two months of my summer vacation working in Palana West as part of Durham's Project Sri Lanka. At the heart of the Project lay a commitment to raise the funds needed to rebuild the Village preschool, the existing structure having been washed away by the tsunami. Each Durham student had to raise a minimum of £1,600. and over the course of nine months I succeeded in raising over £3,000, part of which was generously donated by the Old Bordenian Association. The Project, which has been described as a potential model for future humanitarian aid, involves many organisations across the Northeast, ranging from the congregation of Durham Cathedral to local primary school students, and has received support from both Sarvodava Shramadana (a Sri Lankan non-governmental organisation dedicated to the task of developing the Island) and George Alagiah, the Sri Lankan born presenter of the BBC's Six O'clock News and himself a Durham graduate. Moreover, the Higher Education Funding Council for England has also agreed to provide funding for the Project for the next three vears.

#### by Marc Stewart 1997-2004

Every day, three Durham students would go to Palana West from our accommodation in the University of Ruhuna, and work in the newly rebuilt pre-school. In the mornings, we acted as classroom assistants to the three teachers. Beginning with prayers to the Lord Buddha, the children then took part in songs and dances (which we tried to follow, to the delight of the children!), followed by a playtime outside, riding on the swings and see-saws and playing catch and football. After fifteen minutes or so, we would go back inside the pre-school for our final morning activity, which usually involved the children painting, drawing or making collages.

Lunch was provided by the villagers, and I can honestly say that I have never eaten more delicious food in all my life! The curries were fantastic, and were served with a host of other dishes, ranging from the familiar dhal and brinjal to more exotic treats like cuttlefish and cooked jackfruit. Lunch was usually finished off by fruit and a bowl (or three)!) of fresh buffalo curd and treacle. Marvellous!

In the afternoons, we organised after-school activities for the older children, ranging from sessions on gardening and food hygiene, to games of cricket and vollevball. One of my most memorable afternoons came halfway through our time in Sri Lanka. After getting the children to help clear the village temple, sweeping the floor and gathering up fallen leaves from the sacred bo tree, the resident Buddhist monk (the verv one mentioned above) invited myself and the two other Durham students to take part in a puja ceremony. We formed a line with the children, and passed small bowls of brightly coloured flowers down to the waiting monk. who placed our offerings before a large statue of the Lord Buddha. The children then sat on the floor outside the temple, whilst the monk went inside the temple itself, asking me to sit at his feet as he recited Buddhist chants, which the children reverently repeated. We then left the temple, and

finished off the day with some English songs and games : the *Hokey-Cokey* and *Simon says* proved very popular!

Apart from our work in Palana West, we also spent time teaching Enalish to schoolchildren in Maraketiara. and developing the curriculum of the local University of Ruhuna's English Language Teaching Unit (ELTU). Here we held regular conversation classes with the students. enabling them to improve their spoken English, and built up a bank of written and audio resources which will be used by the ELTU's staff in future lessons. The culmination of our time in the University came with the Durham-Ruhuna Cultural Show, an event in which students from the two Universities sang and danced in front of a large audience which included many of the people we had come to know in the University, from the Vice-Chancellor and senior academics, to the canteen staff and security guards. The varied programme included scenes from The Importance of Being Earnest and A Midsummer Night's Dream, a reading of Kipling's If, plus traditional Sri Lankan songs and dances. I volunteered to take part in a Sri Lankan dance, and on the night was rather shocked to discover that my costume consisted only of a small turban and even smaller sarong! Weekends were free, and many took the opportunity to explore the surrounding area. One of my most exciting excursions was to Kandy, where I was able to watch part of the spectacular *Esala Perahera*, a two-week long festival in which a replica of the Lord Buddha's tooth (the original of which is deemed too precious to leave the nearby Temple of the Tooth) is paraded around the city at night, on the back of a richly caparisoned elephant and surrounded by hundreds of Kandyan dancers and drummers dressed in traditional costume.

Quite simply, Project Sri Lanka was the experience of a lifetime. I have been interviewed by the Times Higher Education Supplement, I have met the Sri Lankan cricket team, I have had tea with Sir Kenneth Calman (the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Durham). I have become part of a wonderful village community, a community which now calls me their brother. I would like to thank the Old Bordenian Assocation for helping to make this possible.

For more details of **Project Sri Lanka**, visit http://www.dur.ac.uk/project.srilanka



### <u>Latina Memoranda</u>

#### **Dave Sutton remembers Ken Booth**

Do you remember your first lesson in Latin? Mine was in September 1960, at the start of my second year at Borden.

The teacher was Ken Booth, a wonderfully extrovert character renowned for demonstrating all the behaviours he had been taught *not* to do at teachers' college, such as throwing the board rubber at any pupil who had the temerity not to pay attention.

In that first lesson each of us was allocated a Roman name. I remember Phil Leadbetter became "Plumbum Melius", and George Oakham became "Agricola" (a classicist's link from the Greek 'geo'). Mine became "Domitian" probably due to nothing more than David starting with a 'D'.

Ken left Borden in 1963 or 1964. I eventually left in 1967, possibly unique in having two Latin O Levels (the second a consolation prize for not quite passing A Level!).

I spent nearly 37 years with the Prudential, retiring in 2004. Studying Latin did help me after I left school - but mainly for etymology and *English* grammar!

Before I retired I worked with an Australian who in four years had visited more than 30 European countries. Italy was his favourite by a large margin, so I vowed to visit Italy when I retired.

I visited Rome in June 2006 and without a doubt it is now *my* favourite city, anywhere. It is a wonderful mixture of the modern, catholic architecture and pre-Christianity. To the credit of Ken Booth, and Clive Mills who succeeded him, I found that I could translate a lot of the inscriptions on the Roman

monuments. Finally I came to use my Latin studies for their original purpose. A bonus of our tour of the Colosseum was that it included a free tour of the Palatine Hill, and Domitian's Palace!

After I returned, I tried to find what had happened to Ken Booth. Sadly I couldn't find whether he is still with us (I estimate that he would be in his seventies now). However, I did find a mention of him on a Watford FC Supporters' website. Apologies for my editing (and for mine, too! - Ed):

"We studied Latin at School....(The teacher) Ken Booth was a large and imposing nobullshit Yorkshireman, the very stereotype of an intimidating Grammar School master dressed invariably in a suit and flowing black gown.

His temper was notorious, on occasion punctured with flying bullets of chalk or board-rubber grenades. I've long forgotten any Latin that I ever learned, but I've not forgotten Ken Booth ....or the sense of resentment he provoked by forcing concentration on a subject that few had any intention of pursuing.

The Chairman of Rotherham United....is also named Ken Booth, but I can only assume that, Yorkshire or otherwise, this isn't the same guy..."

So there are others out there who remember the same Ken Booth and clearly his style of teaching did not change at all after he left Borden.

Thanks, Ken, for the memories.

### FROM THE HEAD'S FILES

Philip Appleby	Upper Second Class Honours Degree in Mechanical Engineering University of Birmingham
Robert Bunyan	Bachelor of Science with Honours (First Class Honours) in Computer Science and Business Administration with a Year in Industry University of Kent
Adrian Edwards	Elected to Corporate Membership of the Chartered Institute of Building following a professional development programme
Simon Edwards	Bachelor of Business Administration with Honours (First Class Honours) University of Kent
Nicholas Evans	First Class M.Chem Degree Wadham College, Oxford
Steven Fidler	BA French and Spanish, Pass Degree University of Leicester
Nathan Harvey	BA Italian and Spanish with Second Class Honours (Upper Division) University of Leicester
Daniel Morgan	Bachelor of Science with Honours (First Class Honours) in Computer Science with a Year in Industry University of Kent
Stuart Thompson	Bachelor of Engineering with Honours (Upper Second Class) University of Kent
Charles Tickle	MA with Merit University of Glasgow

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John Adams	Seeking employment
Robert Ainsworth	M.Sci Astrophysics, Royal Holloway University of London
Christopher Anderson	BA (Hons) Finance, University of Hertfordshire
Guy Banister	Art Foundation Course, University for the Creative Arts
Ashley Bean	Employed as a Trainee Accountant
Matthew Beech	BA (Hons) Geography, University of Exeter
Alexander Bolden	Seeking employment
James Brincat	In temporary employment
Matt Bushell	BSc (Hons) Sport and Exercise Science, University of Hertfordshire
Ben Cantor	M Eng Aerospace Engineering with Private Pilot Instruction, University of Sheffield
Benjamin Challans	M Eng Mechanical Engineering, University of Southampton
Benjamin Conway	B Eng Civil Engineering, University of Portsmouth
Matthew Cornford	BA (Hons) Law and Business, University of Central Lancashire
Thomas Creavin	BA (Hons) Computing, Canterbury Christ Church University College
Matthew Davenport	Seeking employment
Elliot Davies	BSc (Hons) Building Surveying, University of Greenwich

Christiaan de Lange Nicholas Delman	BSc (Hons) Mathematics, Accounting & Financial Management, Loughborough University BSc (Hons) Construction Surveying Management, University of of Greenwich
James Evans	M Math Mathematics, University of Bath
Steven Fletcher Thomas Foster John Frayne Ian Friday	BA (Hons) Social Anthropology, University of Kent Year out BSc (Hons) Mathematics, University of Southampton BA (Hons) Industrial Design & Technology, Loughborough University
David George Antony Glass Alexander Green Aaron Guyatt	BA (Hons) Digital Screen Arts, University for the Creative Arts BA (Hons) Business Studies, Bournemouth University BA (Hons) English and Drama, Queen Mary, University of London BA (Hons) Business Studies, University of Kent
Joe Hanson John Harkup Josh Harris Russell Harris David Hatt Thomas Heathfield Jason Howard Kyle Hougham Jeremy Hyde	B Eng Electronic & Communications Engineering, University of Kent BSc (Hons) Sports Sciences (Coaching), Brunel University BSc (Hons) Business Economics & Finance, Loughborough University BSc (Hons) Mathematics & Computer Science, University of Kent BA (Hons) History, University of Cambridge BA (Hons) Medieval History, Queen Mary, University of London BA (Hons) Primary Education with Modern Foreign Languages, Canterbury Christ Church University College Employed - Charles Russell Legal Practice LLB (Hons) Law, University of Surrey
Reece Jacobs John Janman Jack Jarrett Stuart Jasnoch David Johnson Matthew Johnson	Physical Education Assistant, Borden Grammar School Employed, Shurland Hotel BSc (Hons) Architectural Studies, University of Bath B Eng Construction Engineering Management, University of Portsmouth BA (Hons) International Business, University of Hertfordshire BSc (Hons) Biomedical Sciences, University of Kent
Adam Kinchin	BA (Hons) Spanish, Cardiff University
Thomas Lemasonry Luke Lightburn Michael Lindley Samuel Luckhurst Joseph Lund	M Eng Electromechanical Engineering, University of Sheffield Dip HE Policing Studies, Canterbury Christ Church University College Seeking employment BA (Hons) History, University of Lincoln Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies, University of Plymouth
Lukesh Malhotra Oliver Manley Rhys Mant Liam Marsh	BA (Hons) Computing and Business Studies Canterbury Christ Church University College BA (Hons) Project Design, University of Derby BA (Hons) Ancient & Medieval History, University of Birmingham M Phys Physics, University of Surrey

Robert Martin	B Tec Higher National Diploma Public Services, Canterbury College, University of Kent
Matthew McCabe Gordon McGregor	BA (Hons) Business and Management, De Montfort University BA (Hons) Criminology & Criminal Justice Studies with Sociology, University of Plymouth
Christopher Medlock	B Tec National Diploma in Art and Design, University for the Creative Arts
Alan Milner Simon Mockler	BA (Hons) Film Studies and History, De Montfort University M Eng (Hons) Ship Science and Naval Architecture. University of Southampton
Michael Morris	BA (Hons) European Studies and Sociology, University of the West of England, Bristol
Samuel Mulligan Kim Munday	BSc (Hons) Forensic Science, University of Kent Seeking employment
Robert Parfitt	BSc (Hons) Computing, Canterbury Christ Church University College
Mohammed Rahman Luke Ralph	BSc (Hons) Economics and Management, Brunel Univesity B Tec National Diploma, Computer Aided Design Canterbury College, University of Kent
Ethan Roach Michael Ronie	Seeking employment BSc (Hons) Business and Management, Brunel University
Craig Saunders	Year out. Entry 2007 to BSc (Hons) Applied Social Sciences (Criminology), University of Southampton
Liam Scarfe Bruce Shrimplin Philip Smith	Employed - Lane, Clark and Peacock Mid Kent College Foundation Year followed by BSc (Hons) Biomedical Engineering and
Mark Snelling Michael Stanton	Cybernetics, University of Reading BSc (Hons) Computing & French Studies, Oxford Brookes University M Eng (Hons) Civil Engineering with Construction Management, University of Edinburgh
Andrew Sydenham	BA (Hons) English Literature, University of Portsmouth
Scott Thompson Joe Thomsett	BSc (Hons) Chemistry, University of Surrey Employed, Trainee Accountant
James Wallace Nathan Wallace Matthew Ward	BSc (Hons) Business Economics & Finance, Loughborough University Year out. Employed in Prison Service Association of Accounting Technicians Course (AAT), Canterbury College
Peter Webb Matthew White Andrew Wilson Paul Wood	B Eng (Hons) Aerospace Engineering, University of Hertfordshire BA (Hons) Japanese Studies, University of Sheffield BA (Hons) Classical Studies and Spanish, University of Exeter BSc (Hons) Multimedia Technology and Design with a Year in Industry, University of Kent
Alexander Woodgate	M Eng (Hons) Civil Engineering, University of Surrey

# WANTED! (Preferably Alive)

John Macrae writes : "On several occasions the Committee has debated the status that should be accorded to Life Members. A decision was made years ago that inflation made it impossible to provide the Maroon free of charge to these Members. Consequently, all Life Members were asked to make an annual contribution to the Maroon, which is now half the current annual membership subscription. Many did so, and the Committee was grateful for their understanding. However, a number opted not to receive the Maroon, but as Life Members they are still entitled to any other literature sent out, including the Annual Dinner invitation. They are also entitled to entry in the Membership List published in the Maroon.

Now here is the problem. A recent check by our Assistant Membership Secretary, Rick Harris, has unearthed a list of Life Members with whom we have had little or no contact over many years. We call them 'Dormant' because, to be honest, we are not sure if they are still 'active', if you know what I mean. Knowing how well the Old Boys' networking system operates - Bryan Short's cane was found within a day of the publication of the last Maroon - I would be grateful if anyone could shed some light on the status and whereabouts of the Old Boys listed here.

Since I have been covering both Secretary and Membership posts for some years, I have to apologise for not keeping the records in good shape, so some of them may have paid their Maroon contributions. Please let me know and I will ask Rick to change their status".

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Faulkner J.	1956	Moor W.H.	1937	Sutton W.B.J.	1944
Gilham G.J.	1935	Pierson E.	1939	Tame D.A.	1937
Hale J.B.	1942	Ponton A.A.F.	1927	Taylor A.J.	1944
Hales D.J.B.	1948	Poole J.H.G.	1943	Thomas H.L.	1955
Hutchings W.G.	1942	Revell F.C.	1936	Thompson R.L.	1937
Jest S.G.	1936	Rickard A.	1949	Ward A.	1947
Kemsley G.V.	1940	Sage R.W.	1942	Watkins S.	1948
Lambert A.J	1946	Schofield S.	1921	Worsfold A.C	1940
Mattocks G.	1937	Spice W.E.	1925		

### Membership

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Adams, J.J.	2006	Bethune, I.	1974	Chick, D.	2004
Ager, B.D.	1954	Beynon, E.G.	1944	Chittenden, B.	1950
Ainsworth, R.C.D.	2006	Bingham, M.R.	2006	Christopher, P.S.	1976
Akehurst, A.J.	1955	Bishop, J.	1946	Clack, W.H.	1938
Allard, B.J.	1945	Black, J.	2003	Clancy, J.C.	1959
Allchin, J.	2004	Blackmore, A.R.	1965	Clark, R.J.	1982
Allen, P.W.	1957	Blakely, I.G.	1976	Clemow, J.	1930
Allinson, D.J.	1990	Bolden, A.J.	2006	Clout, D.	1959
Amos, N.T.	1954	Bond, A.D.	1981	Cole, J.N.	2000
Anderson, C.D.A.	2006	Bowra, D.A.	1973	Collier, M.A.	1973
Andrews, J.R.	1949	Bradshaw, A.S.	2006	Colthup, D.J.	1956
Appleby, P.	2001	Briant, A.N.	1993	Conway, B.J.R	2006
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В		Bromwich, S.D.	1992	Cordell, A.	1953
Bailey, A.P.	1964	Broster, H.	2006	Cordle, M.E.	1968
Bailey, M.G.	1988	Broughton, S. J.	2008	,	1963
Bailey, W.D.	1983	0 ,		Cordle, P.L.	
Baker, D.A.	1945	Brown, A.M.J.	2006	Cork, C.G.	1972
Baker, P.J.	1945	Brownlie, P.	2003	Cornall, R.J.	1982
Baker, N.	1984	Brownridge, J.P.	1974	Cornford, M.K.	2006
Baker, F.E.	1952	Brunsden, R.F.	1958	Cornwall, R.M.	1973
Baldock, T.L.	1943	Buckwell, B.J.	1944	Cory, B.J.	1946
Baldock, M.R.	1943	Bushell, M.	2006	Costin, R.G.C.	1957
Baldock, B.E.	1966	Bushell, A.P.	1973	Cotton, P.F.	1958
,	1954	Bushell, L.K.	1947	Cox, L.G.	2006
Ball, W.M.	1967	Butcher, J.	1981	Cox, D.J.	1946
Ballard, R.D.		Button, D.F.	1946	Creavin, T.J.	2006
Banister, G.R.F.	2006	Byrne, L.J.	1992	Croll, L.B.	2000
Barley, S.J.	1980			Cross, D.B.	1946
Barnes, G.J.	1944	C C	1000	Cross, J.J.	2006
Barnes, R.J.	1977	Calder, M.R.	1969	Crowne, M.S.	1982
Baron, D.I.	1969	Calver, C.M.	1979	Cull, I.	1984
Barr, K.G.	1949	Cantor, B.W.	2006	_	
Barry, G.E.	1978	Carey, D.	1966	D	
Barry, T.B.	1967	Carey, G.I.	1996	Dammers, R.I.	1976
Barton, K.R.	2006	Cass, R.A.	1999	Dane, M.C.	2000
Barton, D.C.	1981	Cassell, A.J.	1988	Danvers-Wright, W.J.	2006
Basyuni, K.	2005	Cassell, F.	1948	Darlington, D.J.	2000
Basyuni, S.	2005	Cassell, G.J.	1961	Das, K.	1993
Bean, A.	2006	Cassell, W.R.	1957	Das, M.	2002
Beck, P.G.	1984	Casson, M.J.	2006	Dathan, N.	2004
Bedelle, P.R.	1949	Catchpole, R.H.	1944	Davenport, M.A.	2006
Bedelle, S.J.	1974	Caveney, S.P.	1956	Davies, E.	2006
Bedelle, P.C.	1976	Challans, B.P.	2006	Day, R.J.	1988
Bee, S.N.	1977	Chamberlain, S.	2004	de Lange, C.M.	2006
Beech, M.J.	2006	Chandler, C.S.	1959	Deacon, R.	2005
Bell, C.J.	1984	Chelton, L.W.	1950	Dean, B.S.J.	2006
Bellamy, G.L.	1987	Cheney, A.	2003	Delman, N.C.	2006
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Dennis, W.N.	1995	George, D.C.	2006	Hawes, R.C.	1964
Dennis, J.	2005	Gibbard, J.M.	1996	Hayes, P.A.	1964
Dickson, S.R.	1974	Gibbard, R.J.	1996	Hazell, I.D.	1957
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Dickson, N.K.	1974	Gilbert, B.	1956	Hearn, J.F.	Staf
Doucy, B.V.	1964	Gilham, R.	1941	Heathfield, T.E.	2006
Doucy, R.H.	1947	Gilham, G.J.	1935	Heaver, K.F.	1947
Dowding, J.R.	1973	Gillett, M.J.	1954	Hemsley, D.A.	1953
Dracott, P.C.	1972	Glass, A.R.	2006	Heppell, T.R.	1971
,		Glover, P.A.	1990	Hibben, J.F.	1943
E		Goddard, I.K.	1969	Highton, D.P.	1972
Earl, A.R.	2000	,		<b>U</b> .	
Eastman, M.G.	1941	Goddard, D.C.	1977	Highton, A.P.	1947
		Godfrey, J.	1951	Hill, R.G.	1943
Edney, A.T.	1950	Goodger, R.G.	1969	Hill, A.W.	1955
Edwards, A.J.	1998	Goodhew, S.A.	1969	Hipkins, J.C.	1993
Edwards, P.V.	1962	Gourley, J.	1963	Hobday, E.C.	1946
Eglinton, C.H.	1963	Graham, M.	1981	Hodge, M.J.	1993
Emmens, D.J.	1999	Gransby, J.	1997	Hodges, D.A.	1962
Essam, C.	2006	<b>3</b> ,		U 0 /	
Evans, S.M.	1948	Green, A.E.A.	2006	Holbrook, T.H.	1943
		Greenwell, D.J.	1987	Holbrook, G.S.	1959
Evans, N.H.	2002	Grice, L.P.	1941	Holdstock, T.	2004
Evans, J.P.	2006	Groombridge, P.L.	1948	Hollis, D.J.	1962
Eyles, A.T.	1959	Gui, X.	2003	Holmes, L.J.	1950
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F				Hood, P.T.	2006
Fairbrass, K.H.	1957	н		Horne, T.A.	1999
Farnworth, S.E.	1968	Hagan, S.J.	1992	Hougham, K.D.	2006
Field, R.M.	1975	Haines, M.A.	1982	, U	
Fisher, N.	1988	Hales, F.W.	1957	Hoult, R.J.	2004
Fletcher, C.I.	1962	,	2003	Howard, J.A.	2006
Fletcher, S.T.	2006	Hall, J.		Howell, D.J.M.	1983
Foord, D.	2003	Halls, O.J.E.	2006	Hughes, R.T.	1967
	1979	Hampshire, M.	1977	Hughes, V.G.	1960
Ford, G.C.		Hancock, S.J.	1986	Humm, C.J.	1994
Ford, T.M.	1975	Hancock, D.J.	1957	Hunt, S.	2005
Foreman, J.W.	1996	Hancock, N.S.	1959	Hunt, S.	2001
Forster, A.S.	1951	Hanson, J.	2006	Huxtable, J.P.	1984
Foster, T.D.	2006	Harding, L.R.	1973		
Foster, G.P.	1978	Hardy, A.	Hon.	Huykman, A.J.	1991
Fowle, D.J.	1951	Hargrave, D.F.	Staf	Hyde, J.W.	2006
Fraiser, J.S.	1987			1	
Francis, C.	1979	Harkup, J.J.	2006		4000
Frayne, J.D.	2006	Harris, R.C.	1961	Illingworth, G.J.	1986
		Harris, R.D.	2006	Illsley, G.L.	1987
Frewin, T.	1965	Harris, P.W.	2004	Ingleton, P.	2003
Friday, I.P.	2006	Harris, S.R.	1997	Ingram, J.L.	2006
Friend, D.P.	2006	Harris, R.W.	1963	Ingram, T.J.	1971
Frost, A.R.	1998	Harris, J.R.	2006	<b>U</b>	
Frostick, M.	2005	Harris, G.	1971	J	
Fry, H.G.	2005	Harris, A.W.	1993	Jackson, A.	2004
Fuller, G.W.	1980		1956	Jacobs, A.A.	1943
,		Harris, A.P.		Jacobs, R.A.C.	2006
G		Harvey, D.J.	1981	James, A.S.	2006
Gale, J.D.	1985	Harvey, P.J.	1984	Janman, J.G.L.	2000
Gay, S.M.	1976	Hatt, D.	2006	,	
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Jarrett, J.D.	2006	Lusted, P.L.	1969	Ν	
Jarrett, D.M.	1980	Lynas, S.B.	1971	Newton, B.E.	1986
Jasnoch, S.C.	2006			Nicholls, L.F.	1952
Jeffery, P.L.	1968	M	1001	Nicholls, D.J.	1957
Jenkins, T.E.	1987	MacCormac, J.A.	1981	Nixon, M.T.	1978
Jenkins, R.W.	1948	Mackay, L.H.N	2006	Nunn, D.	1973
Jenkins, D.J.	1978	Mackett, R.L.	1966	-	
Jeyaratnam, J.	1990	Macrae, J.T.	1959	0	
Johnson, D.R.	2006	MacRae, I.K.	1991	O'Connell, C.J.	1989
Johnson, M.	2006	Malhotra, R.K.	1985	O'Neill, A.	2002
Johnson, P.J.	1984	Malhotra, L.K.	2006	Ottaway, T.	1981
Jolley, R.	1950	Manley, O.C.	2006	Ozanne, D.L.	1977
Jones, N.D.	1998	Mann, B.F.	1954	Р	
Jones, G.L.	1998	Mannering, P.	2004	-	1969
Jones, D.W.	1963	Mannering, D.J.	2006	Pack, M.	1969
Jordan, R.K.	1978	Manning, A.	2004	Pain, B.E.	
Jordan, N.P.	1982	Mant, R.D	2006	Paine, W.	1967
		Marks, A.W.	1991	Palmer, D.	1973
K		Marsh, L.T.M.	2006	Parfitt, R.J.	2006
Kemsley, R.M.	1974	Martin, R.P.	2006	Parker, S.N.	1988
Keohane, D.J.	1946	Mason, A.R.	1996	Parkin, R.M.	1992
Khan-Gandapur, T.R.	1979	Mattocks, G.	1937	Parkin, P.I.	1995
Kinchin, A.J.	2006	May, A.J.	1999	Parsons, D.A.	1967
King, M.A.	2000	McArthur, B.S.	1947	Passey, T.	2003
King, C.	2004	McCabe, M.E.	2006	Patel, T.A.	2006
Kingsnorth, J.A.	1971	McGee, C.	2005	Pearce, A.A.	1967
Kingston, M.J.	1984	McGregor, G.D.	2006	Pearce, F.L.	1964
Knox, F.	1950	McMullon, N.R.	1974	Pearson, E.E.	1937
		Medlock, C.J.	2006	Penfold, F.K.	1974
L	1071	Melhuish, R.T.	1942	Perkins, A.L.	1994
Laming, C.J.	1974	Melia, S.	2006	Perry, K.M.	1986
Laming, M.	2005	Mills, R.J.	2000	Petts, G.W.	1982
Lane, B.C.	1979	Mills, J.J.	1987	Phebey, P.A.	1998
Lassman, L.	2006	Mills, C.	2002	Phillips, P.F.	1982
Lawrence, M.	1966	Milner, A.J.S.	2006	Philpott, A.	2004
Lee, J.P.	2006	Minhall, M.	Staf	Piggott, D.R.	1995
Lefroy, G.B.	1996	Mitchell, D.J.	1961	Pope, M.	2003
Lehane, M.J.	1969	Mitchell, B.	1953	Pope, B.M.	1957
LeMasonry, T.A.	2006	Mockler, S.	2006	Pope, G.V.	1969
Lerpiniere, R.	1964	Moon, D.A.	2006	Poplett, N.D.	1984
Lewis, M.	2003	Morris, M.J.	2006	Prichard, D.	1949
Lifton, J.M.	1947	Moss, P.J.	1960	R	
Lightburn, L.R.J.	2006	Muddiman, N.	1963	Rahman, M.M.	2006
Lindley, M.P.	2006	Mulligan, S.	2006	Ralph, L.J.	2006
Littlejohns, D.G.	1964	Munday, K.	2006	Rea, B.D.	1997
Lock, A.F.	1974	Mundy, B.	2003	Reece-Mills, J.D.	1997
Lock, D.A.	2006	Mundy, O.	2004	Reed, D.J.	1988
Longley, P.J.	1976	Munson, D.H.	1943	Regan, G.M.	Staf
Lott, J.	2004	Murphy, P.	2005	Reynolds, B.	1940
Luckhurst, S.G.E.	2006	Murray, A.R.	1973		1940 1974
Lund, S.	2004			Reynolds, S.K. Richards, L.J.	2006
Lund, J.A.	2006			nicharus, L.J.	2000

Rigden, D.	1957	Stevens, R.	2005	Weller, R.F.	1948
Rigden, S.	1980	Stevens, G.	2006	West, J.M.	1963
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Roach, K.	2004	Stew, J.R.	1992	Whatson, R.N.	1938
Roach, E.	2006	Stewart, M.A.	2004	Wheatcroft, E.	2005
Roche, S.W.	1968	Stupples, J.V.	1941	Whibley, A.G.	1952
Ronie, M.A.	2006	Such, P.J.I.	2002	White, A.J.	1977
Rowswell, B.K.	1964	Sutton, D.J.	1967	White, M.J.	2006
Ruane, P.J.	1984	Sutton, R.	Staf	White, P.T.	1986
Russell, J.C.	2006	Sydenham, A.J.	2006	Whitebread, J.P.	1994
S		т		Whitehead, D.G.	1992
	1074	-	1000	Whitnell, S.D.	1947
Sach, D.T.	1974	Taylor, P.F.	1963	Whitnell, A.J.	1972
Sanders, E.J.	1998	Taylor, A.	2003	Wigg, N.E.	1948
Saunders, C.J.S.	2006	Taylor, P.M.	1965	Wildish, M.F.	1970
Saunders, T.C.	1957	Taylor, C.J.	1979	Wilkins, G.D.	1974
Sayer, A.C.	Hon.	Teale, T.J.	1939		
Scarfe, L.	2006	Temple, N.J.	2006	Williams, S.B.	1993
,		Terry, C.J.		Williams, G.M.	1995
Scott, N.J.	1984		1988	Williams, G.M.	1944
Scott, K.I.	1955	Thilthorpe, R.	1961	Williamson, S.	2006
Scott, K.N.	1981	Thirkettle, E.W.	1938	Willis, N.J.	1980
Searle, D.J.	Hon.	Thompson, S.	2006	Willson, C.N.	1975
Sears, K.A.E.	1945	Thompson, R.P.	2006	Wilson, A.	1966
Sellar, A.G.	1988	Thomsett, J.	2006	Wilson, C.	1984
Seymour, M.W.	1985	Thomson, R.J.	1981		
Sharman, J.	2005	Turner, J.D.	Staf	Wilson, J.A.	1992
				Wilson, A.J.	2006
Shaw, T.T.	2006	Tyrrell, W.	2004	Wilson, A.J.	2006
Shea, K.W.	1974	U		Witts, R.G.	1961
Sherlock, J.E.	1959		1944	Wood, P.M.	2006
Shiels, M.J.	1986	Usher, W.E.	1944	Woodgate, A.E.	2006
Short, B.R.	Hon.	v		Woodhouse, R.	2004
Shrimplin, B.C.	2006	Veal, T.W.	Staf	Woods, N.R.	1981
Sikdar, M.K.	1990			Wraight, A.J.	1946
Silvester, R.J.	1999	Veal, A.T.	1989	Wright, G.	2002
Simmons, D.G.	1952	Visser, J.	2005	-	
Simmons, J.W.	2006	w		Wright, G.	2005
Simmons, D.R.	1986		1001	Wright, S.N.	Staf
		Wade, M.D.	1994	Wright, S.M.	2000
Sims-Williams, N.J.	1968	Wallace, N.A.	2006	Wyver, N.A.	1971
Smith, P.R.C.	2006	Wallace, J.P.	2006		
Smith, P.K.	2006	Ward, M.F.	2006	Y	
Smith, A.T.R.	1972	Wardrop, A.R.	2006	Yates, M.C.	2006
Smith, C.D.	2006	Waring, I.A.	1995	Yates, M.J.	1966
Smith, J.M.	1979	Warner, B.T.	1995	Yelland, D.C.	1974
Smoker, R.A.	1977	Warner-Grieve, A.	2003	Young, D.R.	1956
Snelling, M.A.R.	2006	Warren, C.J.	1985	Young, M.	1986
Snelling, A.J.	1967			Young, T.J.	1969
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Southern, R.D.	2006	Watson, J.M.	1950	z	
Spall, P.J.	1970	Way, J.D.	1987	Zhang, W.	2004
Spice, J.E.	1939	Webb, R.J.	1988		2004
Stacey, G.A.	2006	Webb, P.J.D.	2006		
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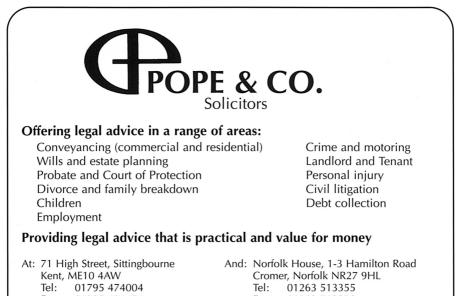
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