



Horris

Hill Old Boys' Newsletter

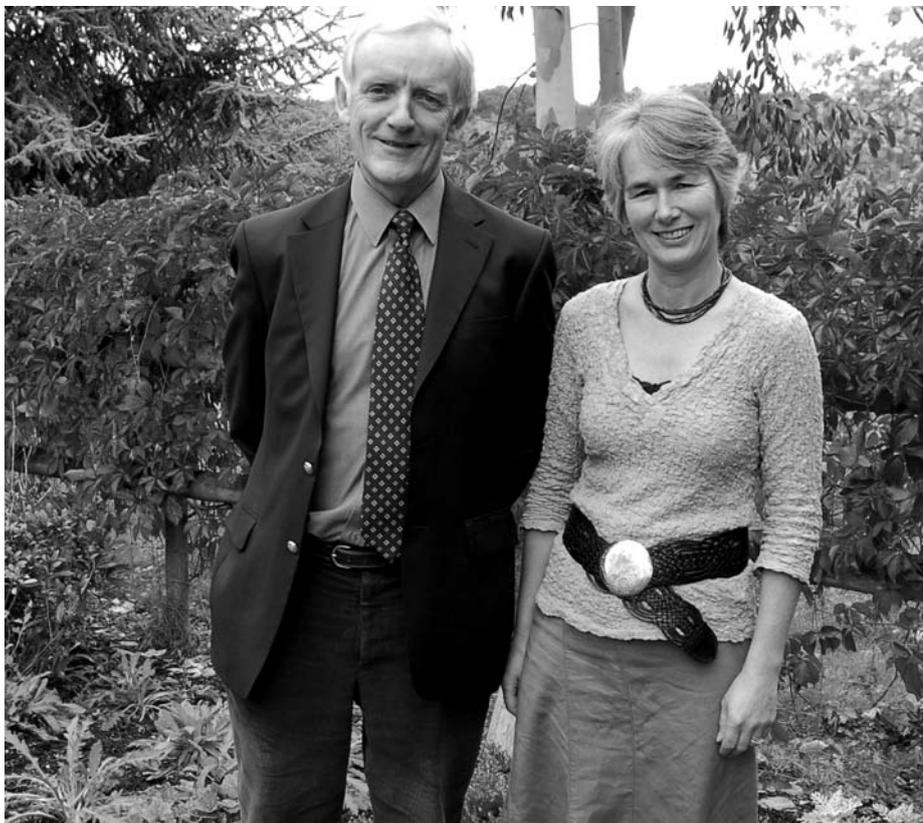


*Horris Hill
Headmasters
1888 - present day*

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Horris Hill OB News

From the Archive Room - News from & for Old Boys



Jon and Sally Phillips

Nigel and Lindsay Chapman retired in July 2006 after ten busy years. They leave the school in a good state [e.g. top Winchester scholarships achieved twice], and we wish them all the best for the future. During their stewardship the school became smaller, as boarding accommodation was adapted to make the school more attractive and comfortable, and to meet modern boarding standards. The Stow Building and the New Music School, both imposing and attractive buildings, have revolutionised the teaching facilities to the great advantage of boys and staff, and are a very major selling point for the school.

We are pleased to welcome in their place, Jon and Sally Phillips, who ran The Old Malthouse in Dorset for several years. They are wholly committed to the concept of boys' preparatory boarding schools.

We were delighted to welcome so many OB's to a Champagne Reception and Dinner held here in September. We are

conscious that this was not very well advertised, though many of those who attended commented that the small numbers made for a nicely informal evening. The back page of the 2005 Newsletter did invite interested Old Boys to get in touch, so we could send full details later, but it is now clear that this was not a very successful publicity ploy. We are currently considering alternative events for Old Boys, such as a weekend open day. This would make it easier for Old Boys living some distance away to make it into a day trip, and may be more attractive to Old Boys in their twenties and thirties. We will try to advertise these rather better, and may be in a position to include a loose-sheet with this newsletter. The web site is another means of publicity - it really is worth investigating - but we are conscious that this does require old boys to be pro-active, and some will be too busy, and others will not be on the internet, so I hope we can continue to use normal post for some time to come.

OB Dinner

On September 23rd 2006 we were pleased to entertain [in some cases, with their wives] :-

John Chitty [1939-45]
Ian Teesdale [1941-44]
John Roskill [1944-48]
Sholto Morton [1944-48]
William Morton [1946-50]
Alastair Drew [1947-52]
Patrick Maclure [1947-52, and then staff]
Michael Carlton [1948-53]
Adam Lee [1950-55]
Christopher Anderson [1951-56]
Archie Boyd [1951-56]
Andrew McCall [1951-56]
Patrick Strachan [1951-56]
Henry Pelham [1952-56]
Peter Pusinelli [1952-57]
Charles Priestley [1952-58]
Tim Lee [1954-59]
Nick Keith [1955-60]
David Pennant [1960-64]
Alexander Roe [1967-71]
John Teesdale [1970-74]
William Barklam [1972-77]
Anthony Barklam [1974-78]

It was particularly nice to welcome Jimmy Stow, [briefly an old boy, and more significantly headmaster for many years], also Malcolm Innes and former Senior Master David Winther. Jimmy kindly agreed to start the dinner with a reading of the Founder's Prayer.

Then and Now . . . *football*

The 1906 photograph is taken in front of the main building; the windows are still there but with plain glass. The team was :

Goalkeeper	RC Boyd	(killed WW1)
Right Back	HG Clutterbuck	(killed WW1)
Left Back	AG Sale	(killed WW1)
Right Half	RW Watson	(killed WW1)
Centre Half	LT Morshead	(died 1931)
Left Half	CB Wilson	(killed WW1)
Right Wing	RLH Green	
Inside Right	RH Middleditch	(died 1937)
Centre Forward	GA Heinekey	
Inside Left	C Hills	(killed WW1)
Left Wing	NT Hone	(son at HH)

The team beat Cordwaller twice and lost to West Downs, Twyford and Summer Fields. Goals for 9, against 8

The 1956 photograph is taken on Lower Field with the path to Horris Wood in the background. The team was : *Back, Middle, Front L-R*

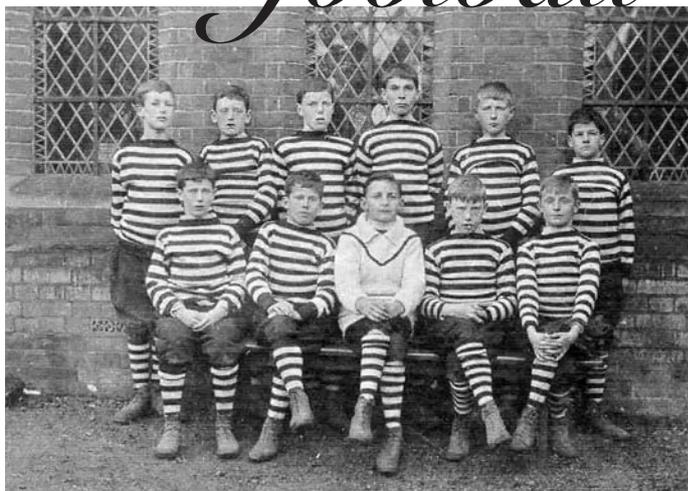
Right Back	JN Coleclough
Right Wing	NJ Wilson
Left Half	JAC Hampton
Goalkeeper	RF Evetts
Centre Half	CD Runge
Left Wing	PJ Strachan
Centre Forward	RF Hall (3 sons at HH, ex-Chair Governors)
Right Half	RJ Pelham (HH Staff 1983-2005)
Inside Right	AJ Rambridge
Inside Left	DS Gammell (son at HH)
Left Back	SH Close

The team played 14 matches. Won 12, Drawn 1, Lost 1. Goals for 75, against 4

The 2006 photograph is also taken on Lower Field but with the Common in the background. The team was : *Back, Front L-R*

Left Back	Charles Brown
Right Back	Jack Opperman
Centre Forward	Jack Haynes
Goalkeeper	Tom Whitley
Right Back	Henry Wilson
Left Wing	Sebastian Black
Centre Forward	Will Blanchard
Midfield	Jake Robertson
Midfield	James Dowler
Centre Back	Oliver Morley-Fletcher
Midfield	George Sallitt
Right Wing	Edward Lloyd

The team played 13 matches. Won 5, Drawn 4, Lost 4. Goals for 18, against 12



1906

1956

2006

Obituaries

Sir Arthur Douglas Dodds-Parker [1918-22, then to Winchester] died on Wednesday September 13th 2006, aged 97, the Telegraph devoting two thirds of a page to his obituary. During WW2 he was an officer in the Special Operations Executive, and was involved in setting up much clandestine activity in Ethiopia, Czechoslovakia, and several Mediterranean countries, helping to establish the SOE as a very significant operation. He was awarded the Croix-de-Guerre and was a member of the Légion d'Honneur.

A Conservative, he won the Banbury constituency in 1945, and was appointed Joint Parliamentary Under-secretary at the Foreign Office in Churchill's 1953 government. He was required to face a great deal of 'flak' in the Commons as a result of the 1956 Suez crisis, and although he was in no way to blame for that fiasco, new Prime Minister Harold Macmillan felt unable to offer him a post in his 1957 government. He left the Commons in 1959, but made a comeback at Cheltenham in 1964, and sat on the Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Committee during Heath's premiership, retiring from the commons in 1974. His main interests were always in foreign affairs, and he became popular and highly respected on both sides of the House.

Dr. Roger Lane [1917-21], approaching his 98th birthday and enjoying his gardening, wrote with the news that his younger brother Christopher Charlton Lane [1923-8] had died in approximately 2003. Sadly, Roger himself died in April 2006, soon after writing.

Mrs. S. Tillotson wrote with the sad news that her husband Marcus Tillotson [1924-9] died on August 15th 2005

E H Lee [1925-30, and then to Dartmouth RNC] died on March 31st 2006. He had three grandsons at the school in the 1990s, Sam, Patrick, and Douggie McMeekin, and to them and their mother Pauline, we offer our condolences.

Hugh Lee had a lengthy and glowing obituary in The Times, which gave details of a distinguished war service, including the second sinking of the war of a German U-boat when commanding the destroyer 'Fortune'. He finally retired from the Navy in 1968.

In December 2005 Hugh wrote the following :

"During the invasion of Sicily in 1943, I was in the Headquarters Ship SS Royal Ulsterman. As we approached the south-east corner of the island the landing craft started to come alongside and the soldiers we had on board started to transfer across. Even in the darkness I noticed their Company Commander, and recognised him to be Michael duBoulay [1921-6]. We managed to have a brief chat before continuing our duties. So, there we were, two HH Old Boys in the middle of the night on a Mediterranean operation, meeting up again after some 16 years - possibly a million-to-one chance."

[Michael duBoulay had four sons at Horris Hill during the 1950s, and died in 1984.]

Alastair M. Nicholson [1927-33] died in February 2006.

Mrs. S. Tyser wrote to say that her husband Alan Tyser [1929-33] died in October 2005. Two years ago he kindly helped to put names to faces on some of the photos from the early 1930s.

Derek Morphett [1930-35] died on September 9th 2006.

Geoffrey David [1932-36], a grandson of founder AH Evans, died on June 24th 2006].

John Macdonell [1936-40], at one time a school governor, died on July 17th 2006. Our condolences go to his son Michael Macdonell [1969-73].

Ian Alcock [1943-8] wrote with the news that his brother Gordon Alcock [1940-44] died in October 2005, following an incapacitating stroke eight years earlier. Our sympathy goes to his son, George Alcock [1980-83].

Charles David Runge [1953-7] died in February 2006. Our sympathies to his family, including his brothers Anthony [1947-50] and Michael [1956-60].

Two old boys appeared in error on our 'where are they now' list .

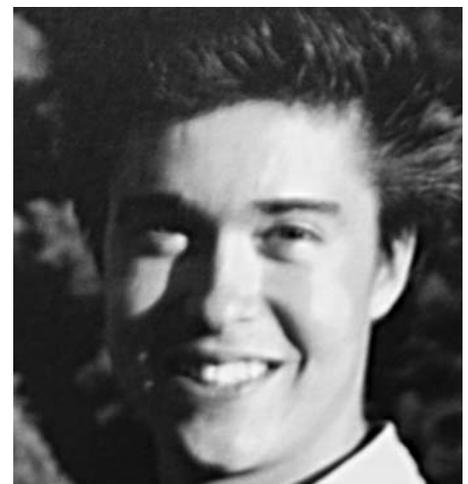
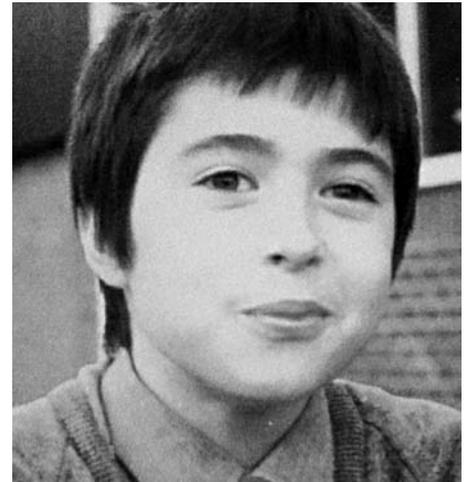
David Ricketts [1945-49] died in 1997, and we send our belated condolences to his sons George [1975-80] and Henry [1976-81].

Robin Uzielli [1941-5] died in 1954 following a traffic accident.

Malcolm Agnew [1961-5] died unexpectedly in August 1999.

We extend our commiserations to his widow Pamela and his brother Richard.

Very sadly, we report the tragic death of Hector Scott Russell [1994-98] on November 15th 2006. Our sincere condolences go to his brother Huey Scott Russell [1995-2002] and to his parents Marcus and Minnie. A large number of Old Boys attended a memorial & thanksgiving service in Marlborough, at which the school choir sang two anthems.



Hector Scott Russell



With this mailing please find enclosed a letter from Malcolm Innes, Headmaster from 1978-1996, in which he asks for help with regard to 'The Charlie Waller Memorial Trust'.



Prisoners' Base 1940s

Former Staff

Mrs. Pauline Stow [née Johns] died in February 2006. She joined the staff, as Miss Pauline Johns, at Easter 1972, and taught the bottom form from then until her retirement in July 1981. She also took the art with the younger boys, and as a hobby for older boys, and was wardrobe mistress for the school plays. Following retirement, she married Sandy Stow in 1987. They lived in Bath, and were moving to Newbury when Sandy had his stroke.

Subsequently she devoted her life to visiting her incapacitated husband in nursing homes, until Sandy died late in 2002. Our condolences to her sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Colina and Jimmy Stow, and to her niece Mary Stow.

'A Quiver Full' is the title of a little book of reminiscences written by Malcolm Innes, covering his time as headmaster [1978-96]. Any old boys who would like a copy should please write to him at Brae Cottage, Newtown Common, Newbury, RG20 9DD, enclosing a cheque for £9.50, payable to M J Innes.

Our apologies to Rodney Allan [staff

1960-85] for spelling his surname incorrectly in the 2005 newsletter.

Our congratulations and best wishes to Tory Gittins [1993-98] currently teaching at Twyford, who, following her recent marriage, is now Mrs. Harfield.

Legacies . . .

We were sorry to hear of the death of Roger Lane [1917 -1921], and were very touched to discover that he had left a much appreciated legacy in his will.

There are often occasions when we feel that a new facility for the boys, or maybe a new table for the library, or similar, would be welcome but not affordable when there are so many other calls on the available budgets. The school runs a fund which is used to finance such extras, and items bought can often be linked with the name of a donor. The school also runs a Bursary Fund, normally used to help parents of a promising boy who would otherwise not be able to afford to send him to Horris Hill. It can also be used to support a boy who is already in the school but whose parents have run into financial difficulties, to enable the boy to remain at

the school until he is 13. Any Old Boys who would welcome further details are invited to contact the Bursar.

Any cheques should be made payable to Horris Hill School.

Old Boys' News . . .

Readers may have spotted a new book about one of our more distinguished Old Boys, Max Woosnam, [1900-1905], who was at various times a Cambridge 'blue', Wimbledon Doubles Champion, Davis Cup captain, Olympic Gold medalist [golf], skipper of Manchester City, and scorer of a century at Lords. He also fought in the trenches, beat a rather arrogant Charlie Chaplin at table tennis playing with a butter knife [subsequently dumping Chaplin into his own swimming pool !] and achieved a 147 snooker break. Max died in 1965. *continued overleaf*



Prisoners' Base 2007

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Author Mick Collins makes good use of his researches in the Archive room. Unfortunately, he misunderstood some remarks in Jimmy Stow's School History, and credited the lifestyle at Horris Hill with features that a boy at Summer Fields would have experienced at the same time, and mistakenly describes AH Evans as a Wykehamist, [where he was actually a master] when in fact he had been at Rossall and Clifton, both Rugby playing schools. Setting this aside, the book is recommended.

RJ (Dick) Gould [1931-35] wrote with his news. In April 2005 he attended a service at Studland Bay, to commemorate the disastrous 1944 pre-D-Day Exercise involving the 4/7 Royal Dragoon Guards, when Dick's brother CR (Bob) Gould [1932-36] was one of many servicemen drowned. In July Dick was one of 200 veterans of the KRRC [60th Rifles] who marched past The Queen at St. Cross, Winchester.

It was nice to see George Cecil [1933-35], visiting his old school accompanied by his son, on a visit from North Carolina.

John Raison [1940-44] lives in Suffolk and is currently the president of the Aldeborough Golf Club. His son Rupert Raison [1968-72] teaches and performs drama in Italy, and Jeremy Raison [1969-74] is artistic director of the Citizens Theatre, Glasgow and has recently directed episodes of 'East Enders' for the BBC.

Peter Cope [1943-8] very kindly loaned some photos of the late 1940s for us to copy, and [on indefinite loan] a cricket cap, cricket scorebook, and a book about Dennis Compton by Jim Swanton, signed by both these famous cricketers, which was presented to him [as the 1st XI captain] at Lords in 1948.

Many thanks to Alastair Drew [1947-52] for pointing out that the presence of himself and several of his contemporaries on the dining room photo in the 2005 newsletter must place it, at the latest, as 1951-2 rather than the 1954/5 stated. Several other Old Boys have made similar comments. We very much welcome such feedback as it updates our records.

Pyers Pennant [1948-52] remembers having one line to speak in the 1952 play 'By

Jiminy, A Rat' [by the way, does anyone remember the title of the play in 1953?] He went on to Charterhouse, then Cambridge, and worked for 40 years as a Chartered Patent Agent. He and his wife Camilla live in Essex, and have three children and seven grandchildren.

Sebastian David [1948-52] remembers re-visiting Horris Hill shortly after leaving, when he came by train and then bike from Winchester to play in a soccer match against the school, picked up measles whilst visiting, and was fined for riding back in the dark with inadequate lighting on his bicycle.

He has lived in Canada since 1974 as a general practitioner and surgeon, and served for nine years on the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Alberta.

His brother Nicholas David [1945-50] lives two hours away, and recently retired from the University of Calgary where he was Professor of Archaeology and Anthropology. Nicholas and Sebastian are great-grandsons of HH founder AH Evans.

Christopher Pennant [1953-7], prompted by the incorrectly dated photo of the school dining room, writes :

“There was an eclipse of the sun, probably June 30th 1954, when I was ten years old. One of the masters, possibly Ian Maclure, had a small disc of smoked glass, placed on the shelf next to the vase of flowers in the picture. He came at intervals during lunch to view the progress of the eclipse.

I remember his annoyance on one visit at finding a large finger print on the surface of the glass, where someone had picked it up carelessly instead of by the edges. I have a suspicion, unproven, that the culprit was another member of the teaching staff. I wonder if anyone can now name the guilty party !

James P G Naylor [1954-9] is married with three children. After Marlborough he studied at Leeds, Aix-en-Provence, and Columbia [USA] and then followed a career in management, latterly Chief Executive, at a number of high profile companies, and was a member on the CBI London Regional Council.

Charles Hampton [1957-63] wrote to update us with his brothers' addresses. James [1960-4] is Professor of Psychology at City University, Marcus [1962-7] retired as a baker and now works in the money market. David [1964-9] is head of English at Hackney College, and Andrew [1966-71] is a headmaster in Nottingham.

The Rev. David Pennant [1960-64] has published “The Priorities of Jesus” about his church leadership, and “The Piano Teacher”, a science fiction novel which won ‘Best Christian Novel’ in 2005 from the Christian Broadcasting Council. The former is free, from Silver Linings Books.co.uk

Adrian Keith [1960-65] dropped in to have a look round, on a rare visit from Canada, and was able to identify a lot of faces on the school photos for his era. His brother Nick Keith [1955-60] has had a career in publishing, including 10 years with The Times [4 as Sports editor] and now runs a management consultancy and a publishing business.

IDP Macpherson [1957-61] inherited the title of Lord Strathcarron, on the death of his father in 2006

Our congratulations go to former Scottish Rugby international Bill Gammell

[1960-66] , who was awarded a knighthood in the 2006 New Year honours for services to industry in Scotland.

We were delighted to hear that Anthony Pawson [1961-5] was awarded the Companion of Honour in the Birthday Honours. Professor Pawson [son of distinguished amateur sportsman Tony Pawson, [HH 1929-34] is a leading cancer research scientist, working in Canada, and has achieved many awards for his discoveries. The value of this latest honour can be fully appreciated when one reads the list of the other 40 Companions, all famous British names in the worlds of the arts, science, literature, politics, music, industry, and religion.

Patrick Sayer [1961-6] is based in Bangkok, one of two deputy directors of CARE International, with specific responsibilities in the Indian sub-continent and the Philippines, so he has been very involved in the earthquake disaster area in Kashmir.

Mark Batting [1965-70] is living in Suffolk , and has a 16 year old son and a daughter.

Charlie McAndrew [1970-74] is married with three daughters and works for stock-broking firm Cazenove.

Simon Bedford [1970-75] , married to Belinda and with two daughters, has made a career in the Royal Green Jackets, with tours of duty all over the world including the Falklands, Cyprus and Iraq, and has risen to the rank of Lt. Colonel. He is currently posted to the Adjutant General's Headquarters in Upavon, Wiltshire.

Sam Eastwood [1973-8] studied Law at Bristol, and since 1989 has worked with Norton Rose, an International Law firm. He is married with three children.

Rory Bell [1973-8] is a Consultant Anaesthetist, based at Muswell Hill. His brother Danny Bell [1967-71] lives in Oxfordshire with his wife and two young children, and works in London as an Investment director for Rathbones. They



Staff car in 1952. The photograph was taken in the car park near to where the swimming pool is now.

Boys shown l-r :

N. Bosanquet

D. Cope

J. Townsend

R. Rendel

employ several other old boys including Chris Anderson [1951-56], David Hough [1970-75] and James Douglas-Withers [1988-94].

Jon Naismith [1973-78] is the producer of the classic radio programme ‘I’m Sorry, I haven’t a clue’.

James Anstey [1976-81] went on to Bradfield and Bristol University. He is married, with a daughter and another baby due in May 2006. He has been working in advertising in New York for nine years, following shorter stints in the British Virgin Islands, UK, Japan, Indonesia, Peru, and Portugal.

Nick Thistleton-Smith [1977-82, then Winchester], graduated in French and German at Oxford in 1992, and then spent 8 years as a professional pianist, working mostly in West End musicals. Now, after four years as a business development consultant, he has established his own venture, a ‘private room karaoke bar concept’. Married with a young son.

Peter deHalpert [1982-7] is a Paediatric Registrar, currently working at St.Mary’s Paddington in the Premature Babies Unit, and his brother Benjamin deHalpert [1987-92], having graduated in Psychology, is fulfilling a long standing urge to try acting, and has been performing with ‘Bridge Theatre’ at the Gresham’s School Auden Theatre, as well as getting involved in pantomime.

Michael Newman [1981-87] is teaching chemistry at Bedales, and Alexander Newman [1979-84] is living in New York.

Many thanks to Lady Ullswater for sending a collection of old Horris Hill Ties. Her son Ben Lowther [1984-89] qualified in Economics & Accountancy at Bristol, and is living in South Africa, currently setting up a financial consultancy. Edward Lowther [1989-95] is an accomplished scuba diver, and after graduating at Edinburgh has been at Sandhurst. He may well be posted to Afghanistan with the Light Dragoons.

Oliver Pilkington [1984-89], a lawyer, married Karen in August 2005

Simon Duns [1984-9] married in June 2005, lives in Warwick, and works for IBM. Brother Jeremy Duns [1982-7] lives with his Swedish-speaking Finnish wife in Brussels, and is Life Style editor of the 'Bulletin' magazine in Brussels.

Rida Hassan Said [1986-92] has been working in the media, mostly with CNN, particularly in Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and the Palestine territories. His documentary on Iraq was awarded a Gold Medal for International Journalism.

Will Young [1986-92] waited the best part of two years before issuing a new album. 'Keep on' was amongst the best sellers for several weeks, and a single 'All time love', taken from the album, was selling well in late January 2006.

He was in the spotlight again in November 2005, with a major role as a song-and-dance variety performer in the Judi Dench/Bob Hoskings film 'Mrs. Henderson Presents', and had a very successful concert tour during summer 2006.

Tom Maconie [1987-92] graduated in Biology at Bristol in 2001, and is currently President of the Old Radleians Fives Club, having learned the game at HH.

Rupert Godsall reports that he visited Edinburgh to see Nicholas Castoro [1987-92] performing in The Fringe at the 2005 Festival.

Edward Fysh [1987-92] graduated in medicine in 2003, and is now working at Brighton and Worthing hospitals. His brother William Fysh, [1994-7], head boy in 1996-7, has been at Brasenose, Oxford, reading English and Classics.

Giles Barrett [1988-93], gained a Physics MA at Oxford, then learned Arabic in Syria, and is also in Iraq working as an interpreter.

Jonathan Stewart [1987-93] graduated at St. Andrews, signed up for Sandhurst, joined the Royal Scots Dragoons Guards, and [Nov. 2005] was posted to Basra for six months.

Adrian Farrington [1989-94] recently qualified as a Veterinary Surgeon, following in his father's footsteps.

Patrick Moseley [1992-7] wrote to describe his 8152 mile journey in a 17 year old Volkswagen Polo from Hyde Park to Mongolia, being deported from Kazakhstan en-route. He found that border officials tended to be a fairly unhelpful! The school had made a donation towards the costs of the venture.

Taro Ito [1995-7] is currently a Post Graduate student at Royal Holloway college.

Kirk Tickell [1994-99] is at Imperial College studying medicine.

James Batting [1997-2002] was appointed Deputy Head of School at Harrow in September 2006

James Bowen [1996-2002] has been Captain of Golf at Harrow for 2006/7 and 2007/8

Two Old Boys at Winchester took part in the Easter 2006 Schools' National Fives Championships at St. Paul's. In the Open age group, Adam Tong [1997-2001] won through to the last 16 in the Singles, while in the U14s Sebastian Madden [2003-5] reached the Quarter Finals of the Plate Competition in singles, and with his partner reached the Doubles semi-finals. This was particularly impressive as we no longer have Fives courts at HH. Apparently, they did not discover they had a prep school in common until Nicholas Sudbury [current staff] met them both at the event!

Christian Portz [1999-2005], was one of our most successful batsmen of recent years, and on the strength perhaps of scoring 110 for their U14 A team, gained a place in Winchester's 1st XI, playing alongside James Brown [1999-2004]

On more general matters, the photograph

of the school dining room published last year cannot possibly have been 1954-5 as stated since several boys identified had, in fact, left well before that. The consensus seems to be that it cannot have been before 1946 and not after the summer of 1952. Quite possibly it is dated 1951.

Regarding School Plays, we know the titles and authors for most productions since 1949, but information would be gratefully received with regard to the productions of 1953, 1954 and 1960. Any information about pre-1949 productions would also be valuable to us.

In recent years Horris Hill has supported the Kings World Trust through the personal involvement of Peter Nutsford, our Director of Music. Again, we invite Old Boys to support the appeal and details are enclosed on a separate sheet.

Omission

We have omitted previously to record our very sincere thanks to Jeremy Davies (old Boy, current parent and Governor) for his 2003 proposal that the Old Boys' Newsletter should be resurrected and his generous help in its production and distribution.

and finally ...

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