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150TH CELEBRATIONS. THE FINALE. ARE YOU PART OF IT?

This Newsletter should reach you early enough to ensure that all OFs are fully aware of how our 150th celebrations will be reaching their culmination in the last week of this current Summer Term. It has been a wonderful year so far, taking in the launch of the special publication **'On an Eminence'**, moving on to the exhilarating **Carol Service in St Edmundsbury Cathedral** in December 2014, and then the special **Annual Dinner** held in Pembroke College, Cambridge on March 28th 2015.

So what can we look forward to as the celebrations reach their climax? On-going have been the events arranged across the world with enormous enthusiasm by our President, Chris Essex. Not only has Chris been indefatigable in twisting arms, but he is also, together with other home-based OFs, attending a number of these events.

The Society, particularly overseas members, owes Chris an enormous debt of gratitude for the energy he has devoted to ensuring that OFs many thousands of miles away from the little town of Framlingham can still feel part of the 2014/5 celebrations.

At the time of writing gatherings had been arranged in **Hong Kong (26th March)**, **Australia (19th April)**, **Germany (10th July)**, **South Africa (8th April)**, **USA/San Diego (24th/25th/26th April)**, **Canada/Toronto (3rd July)**. Hands across the ocean indeed.

Headmaster Paul Taylor sent a special message (see next page) to all who attended – and we acknowledge with enormous gratitude the College contribution of £15 per head to each of these gatherings – as clear a sign as one could wish that relations between the College and SOF are warm indeed.

Apart from these gatherings across the globe there are also, of course, major events centred on Framlingham. On **June 14th** there

is a special **Community Garden Party** to include the town of Framlingham in our celebrations. Robert Beavis OF is kindly arranging a peal of bells in the church to coincide with this.

Saturday June 27th through to the end of the following week is the framework for other events.

Saturday 27th is the date of the **College Ball**, including parents and the College community in their own celebrations of the anniversary. The logistics of catering and numbers makes it

impossible to offer invitations beyond that community. **Sunday 28th** would normally have been OF family day, but again, pressure of logistics means that this will have to be limited to a bring-your-own picnic occasion, against the backdrop of the **OFs v College cricket match**.

Before this action-packed weekend begins there will have been on the evening of **Friday 26th June** a preview of the **Creative Framlinghamians Exhibition**, held in the heart of the school. This exhibition will remain in place until **Wednesday July 1st**.

On **Wednesday 1st July** there will be a special celebration of **Midsummer Music**, to be held in the Speech Day Marquee on The Back

The celebrations of the past year have been College celebrations. It is a mark of the warmth of relations that exist between the College and the SOF that the Society has been involved in those celebrations at every stage, and warmly invited to be part of them. It has been a very special year, and we very much hope that OFs

will have been proud to have been associated with the celebrations of a very fine school. If you have missed out so far, then do see whether you can fit in a visit at the end of June. We have much to celebrate.



CENTRE: GUESTS AT THE AUSTRALIAN CELEBRATIONS, ALL SAFELY THERE DESPITE FREAK WEATHER CONDITIONS REPORTED IN NATIONAL NEWSPAPERS (LEFT). ABOVE: SOME OF THE GUESTS AT THE SAN DIEGO CELEBRATIONS PRIOR TO THE MORE FORMALLY ATTIRED SUPPER.

From the Headmaster:
Mr P.B.Taylor



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I write to send my very best wishes from your alma mater and to wish you the happiest of evenings in celebrating the College's 150th anniversary. The very fact that this gathering is happening at all is a testament to the close bonds that Framlinghamians form during their time at the College, and indeed how these bonds are both fostered and extended in adult life – wherever OFs find themselves in the world!

There was a palpable sense of excitement as Framlingham College students returned to school last September. They were returning to a year of celebration for the College's 150th anniversary and to a school where the heart of the College had been transformed with the completion of the new Sixth Form Centre and whole-school café that had been built to mark this sesquicentenary. The fact that this new building so seamlessly incorporates the old represents to me so much of what this school is about: that balance of change and continuity that is so important in a school such as ours. Yes, the new building is strikingly modern, but it springs from its past and it knows its provenance. The glass-fronted façade reflects a school that is forward-thinking, outward-looking and dynamic (literally looking out to the world); while the exposed brickwork of the original building inside reminds us of our heritage and of the traditional values that have underpinned the school since its foundation. In our anniversary year it is important to ensure that we remain true our founding principles, but also that we continue to reinterpret those principles and apply them to the students of today and to the world into which they will be graduating.

The word holistic is greatly over-used by schools when describing their offering, but if we are to remain true to the dictum that 'Education is what remains when what has been learnt has been forgotten', then it is essential that we continue to develop and nurture the whole person and not just the exam candidate. Whatever the measurable academic attainments achieved by our students – and these are indeed important -, what will really enable most to get on in life will be personal qualities: presentation; articulacy; manners; flexibility; adaptability; the ability to work with other people; honesty; integrity; and - importantly - a ready smile. Only a rounded, holistic and purposeful educational environment can provide students with such qualities, and all we have to do to be convinced of this is to witness the boys' and girls' hunger for non-syllabus work: that student talk at History Society; the quality of that final of the Poetry Reading Competition; that first violin performance in public; those presentations to a panel of economic experts on local and global economic issues; the enthusiasm of those pupils who attend the weekly Astronomy Club meetings; our delegates at international Model United Nations conventions; the list goes on..... This school remains a stimulating intellectual and academic environment, and is all the more fun for it!

Your school is absolutely thriving and continues to pride itself on producing well-rounded, decent, articulate and very well-educated young men and women. Founded in memory of Prince Albert, one of the most visionary and progressive educational thinkers of his time, it is in robust good shape and there is a real sense of momentum about the College today. All looks in good shape for the next 150 years!

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THE ABOVE IS A TRANSCRIPT OF A LETTER SENT BY HEADMASTER, PAUL TAYLOR (PICTURED INSET RIGHT), TO ALL THOSE ATTENDING OVERSEAS FUNCTIONS CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE COLLEGE. IT IS A MESSAGE WHICH WILL STRIKE A CHORD WITH ALL FRAMLINGHAMIANS, WHEREVER THEY ARE.

PRESIDENT'S REVIEW

of the Year 2014-15

SOF AGM: Essex County Cricket Club. April 10th 2015

This year's AGM had to be postponed because our commemorative Annual Dinner at Pembroke College was neither the place nor the occasion for staging it. The AGM accordingly took place after the Essex Council Meeting and before the Essex Supper. A full list of Officers elected at this meeting appears on the back page of this publication. Richard Sayer completed his presidential term of office, and handed over to Chris Essex. As ever, one of the major items at the AGM is the President's Review of the Year, and this now follows.

PRESIDENT'S REVIEW OF THE YEAR

* The year has been marked by the 150th celebrations, including the publication of *On an Eminence*, the Carol Service in St Edmundsbury Cathedral, the special Pembroke Dinner and commemorative suppers around the world.

* The historic College /SOF Agreement has finally been signed and was now in operation. There are significant benefits for shooters, golfers and others.

* The 150th appeal has come to a fine conclusion in the opening of new Sixth Form Facilities by the President in October.

* The Three Heroes expedition, commemorating Flowerdew, Hewitt and Pickard was a great success.

* Plans for a Young OFs Committee can be hailed as an exciting initiative, with significant prospects.

* The Website has continued to flourish thanks to the huge amount of work done by the Admin team.

* SOF Publications continue to be of a high standard and present the Society in a good light.

* Suppers have taken place at new venues; and speakers have been recruited and specially invited. These include Ken Mayhew (responding), Neil Flowerdew and Andrew Fremantle. The President very much enjoyed his Edinburgh lunch.

* Moreau Scholarships are now worth £1,000 per annum.

* The President has been involved in drafting various important documents: the final agreement, the Rules of the Society, and the document setting up a new charitable Trust.

* Ties with the College are probably warmer and closer than they have ever been. This means greater financial security for the Society, with greater numbers of OFs now participating.



FROM TOP:
RICHARD SAYER
OPENS THE 6TH
FORM CENTRE -
WITH PAUL
TAYLOR ON
RIGHT; RICHARD
WITH NEIL
FLOWERDEW
ON THE THREE
HEROES TOUR;
RICHARD
HANDING OVER
PRESIDENCY
TO CHRIS ESSEX
(LEFT); INSET -
THE MUNNINGS
BOOK.



Richard Sayer's Presidency – an appreciation

At the Council Meeting which preceded the AGM, Hon. Sec., Norman Porter, paid this edited tribute to Richard Sayer, presiding over his final meeting:

Your Hon. Secretary has a privileged view of presidents in action. He sees and works with them at close quarters, and, if he has served long enough, gains a degree of historical perspective.

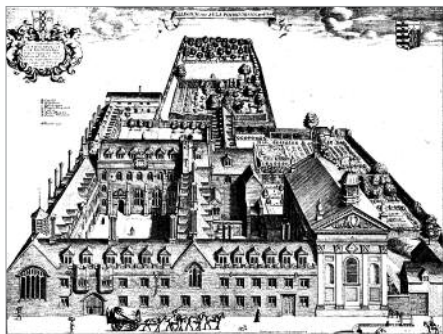
The last two presidencies of Simon Dougherty and Richard Sayer have covered what has perhaps been one of the most creative periods in the history of the SOF. It has seen the formulation and enactment of an agreement between the Society and the College which is - and will certainly continue to be - massively to our mutual benefit. Richard has warmly fostered the close relationship which has grown out of this agreement, and which is the result of it. He has been invited to be the main speaker on Speech Day; he was invited to open the new Sixth Form facilities, and he gave the introductory speech at the celebratory Pembroke Dinner. Those are the formal outcomes of good human relationships. In all this, Richard has demonstrated that wonderful gift of combining levity of touch with gravity of purpose. This has come through in his chairing of meetings, and in his numerous after-dinner speeches, richly laced with humour.

Richard has a legal background. His expertise has been quite invaluable in helping the Society to navigate through many complex and occasionally potentially contentious issues - the majority of which the membership at large is completely unaware. But they are issues that matter, and which help to clarify many of the more formal aspects of what the Society is about.

Richard has been an exponent of the importance of regional dinners, and of enhancing their attraction by inviting along visiting speakers. He has attended dinners and suppers - and indeed golfing occasions too. They have taken him all over the country and way beyond, supporting energetically the efforts of the man who is now succeeding him, Chris Essex. He also supported the Three Heroes tour, was a key participant, and returned as a man who was clearly deeply proud of that legacy. In the course of all this Richard must have travelled many thousands of miles, many of them accompanied and supported by his wife Georgina. He would be the first to acknowledge the importance of that support - and we are grateful for it too.

In conclusion I would say that this, the second Sayer presidency, has had a major historical impact on our affairs. We all owe him a major debt of gratitude for his devotion to the task and his work on our behalf.

ANNUAL DINNER



SOF Annual Dinner: Pembroke College, Saturday 28th March 2015

A fuller report, with more illustrations, will appear in the Yearbook, so as to ensure that memories of this important commemorative event are fully conserved within our printed archive. For the purposes of this publication, we include the report which appeared on the SOF website. This now follows:

The 2015 Society of Old Framlinghamians Dinner was held on 28th March 2015 at Pembroke College, Cambridge, as part of the celebrations of the 150th Anniversary of the founding of Framlingham College – the land on which Framlingham College was built was donated by Pembroke College. One hundred and seventy one attended, made up of 85 OFs with the remainder comprising accompanying spouses or partners, together with a number of Governors and members of the Framlingham College and Brandeston Hall staff. The longest serving OF

present at the dinner was Brian Rosen (S40-46) and the most recent leaver was Kat Twentyman (P09-14) – a Moreau Scholar. The breakdown of OFs, by house, was: Stradbroke 22, Garrett 19, Rendlesham 16, Kerrison 13, Victoria 6, Moreau 5, Pembroke 3 and Ziegele 1.

Sir Richard Dearlove, Master of Pembroke College and a Governor of Framlingham College, and Jack Walton – Head Boy of Framlingham College, and Violet Taylor – Head Girl were guests.

Following a champagne reception in the Old Library, diners moved to the Hall where the President of the Society, Richard Sayer, and the Headmaster of Framlingham College, Paul Taylor made short speeches marking the occasion. Norman Porter, Honorary Secretary of the Society said grace which he had written especially for the dinner. Diners enjoyed a meal of Poached Salmon Rillettes - with Smoked Mackerel, Apple and Bacon Salad, Beef Wellington - with sautéed spinach, champ mash potato and wild mushroom jus followed by Warm Triple Chocolate Brownie - with Seville orange marmalade, ice cream and malt wafers. Wines

were Pembroke Chardonnay and Pembroke Merlot. Albert Memorial Ale was available all evening.

Following the meal and the Loyal Toast, the President toasted Framlingham College and Brandeston Hall – 150 years and the Headmaster responded by toasting the Society of Old Framlinghamians. Afterwards, those present mingled for a considerable time renewing old friendships and making new ones.

Simon Dougherty

Those attending were: Mrs Helen Alcoe (FC), Mr Philip Alcoe (K78-81), Mrs Aisha Baker, Mr Andrew Baker (G57-66), Miss Liz Beaumont, Mrs Karen Belcher, Mr William Belcher (R59-67), Mr Chris Bellamy (G59-64), Miss Betty Bettinson, Mr Bernard Bridges (S45-54), Mrs Elsie Bridges, Mr William Bulstrode (K62-70), Mr Nigel Burnip (S58-65), Mrs Pat Burnip, Mr Jim Butchart (R51-60), Mrs Anna Carter, Mr Charles Carter (R63-69), Mr Jay Carter (R64-71), Mrs Genevieve Chesters (M87-92), Mr Kevin Chesters, Mr Bill Collard (S55-58), Mrs Susan Collard, Mr Martin Coomber (S59-64), Mrs Laurel Cooper, Mr William Cooper (G41-46), Mrs Ann Copeman, Mr David Copeman (K42-49), Ms Carol Curties, Mr Jamie David (R98-02), Sir Richard Dearlove (Pembroke College, Governor), Miss Liz Dockerill, Mrs Margaret Dougherty, AVM Simon Dougherty (G60-67, Governor), Mr Chris Easey (R80-88), Mrs Jane Easey (V87-89), Mr John Edwards (K45-55,

Governor), Mrs Veronica Edwards, Mrs Helen Ellerby, Mr John Ellerby (G67-75), Mr Paul Elliott (S69-79), Mrs Sarah Elliott (Z77-79), Miss Ruth Elwood P81-83), Mr Chris Essex (K69-75), Mrs Eryl Essex, Mrs Gillian Foy (M90-92), Mr Ian Fulcher (G70-77), Mrs Sally Fulcher, Mrs Ann Golding, Mr Peter Golding (R45-49), Mr Andrew Gooderham (K51-58), Mrs Patricia Gooderham, Mr Matthew Hale, Mrs Sandra Hale, Mrs Sharon Hale (M90-92), Mr Tony Hale, Mr Martin Hall (K67-75), Mrs Barbara Hamilton (BH), Mr Craig Hamilton (S92-02), Mr Gordon Hamilton, Mrs Jean Hanney, Mr John Hanney (R51-57), Mr Ian Harrison (M74-81), Mr Philip Harrold (R92-02), Mr Chris Hobson (FC), Mrs Sue

Hobson (FC), Mr Michael Holden (G52-59), Mrs Pam Holden, Mrs Ann Hoole, Dr Ray Hoole (FC), Mrs Jill Horton, Mr John Horton (G56-60), Mr Ian Howard (S57-62), Mrs Marie Howard, Mrs Catherine Howard-Dobson, Mr Peter Howard-Dobson (R65-69, Governor), Mr John Jarman (S55-58), Mrs Sheila Jarman, Mr Hugh Jenner (G58-63), Mr Chris Keeble (S53-59), Mr Jim Kell (S72-79), Miss Kara Kendall (V99-06), Mr Mark Kendall (FC), Mr Cameron Kerr, Mr Andrew Lillie (K57-65), Mr Alan Limer (S56-65), Mr David Limer (S61-71), Mrs Morna Limer, Mr David Lowe (S66-68), Mr Martin Makey, Mrs Mary Makey (Governor), Mrs Jill Marriott, Mr Roger Marriott (S51-55), Mr Tony Martin (G47-55), Mrs Catherine Mattar (V90-92), Mr Rabi Mattar, Mrs Diana Mayhew, Mr Robert Mayhew (R53-60), Mr Darren McLagan (K72-79), Mrs Sarah McLagan, Mr David Mitchell (R50-57), Mrs Iona

Mitchell, Mrs Sue Mitchell, Mr Tim Mitchell (R67-77), Miss Nikki Molloy, Mrs Kate Over, Mr Peter Over (G70-79, Governor), Lady Paice, Sir James Paice (G60-66), Miss Jennifer Park (V90-92), Mr Andrew Payn (FC), Mrs Julia Payn, Mr Norman Porter (K51-57, Governor), Mrs Virginia Porter, Mr Glen Poulter, Mrs Rebecca Poulter (V87-92), Mr James Powell (Governor), Mrs Stephanie Powell, Mrs Angela Rankin, Dr John Rankin (K47-56), Miss Ellie Reeve, AVM Bill Rimmer (Governor), Mrs Sarah Rimmer, Mr Mark Robinson (FC), Ms Jennifer Rolfe, Fg Off Daniel Rose (S01-05), Mr Brian Rosen (S40-46), Mrs Dominique Rosen, Mrs Rowena Rosen, Mr Simon Rosen (S64-73), Mr Tim Rosen (S66-75), Mrs Christine Ruddock-Broyd, Mr James Ruddock-Broyd (G46-52), Mrs Georgina Sayer, Mr Richard Sayer (S56-61, Governor), Mr Clive Smith (S54-58), Mrs Jean Smith, Mrs Ann Smy, Mr Michael Smy (S57-66), Mr Chris Sneath (K51-56), Mrs Liz Sneath, Mr Tom Sparkes (S92-02), Mr Michael Spencer (R51-58), Mrs Sheila Spencer, Mr Julian Stapleton (G58-63), Mr James Stephen, Mrs Katie Stephen (V86-88), Miss Janet Stuart, Mrs Amanda Taylor, Mr Paul Taylor (Headmaster), Miss Violet Taylor (Head Girl), Mr Chris Tew, Mrs Sally Tew (Governor), Miss Sally Thomson (BH), Mr John Thurlow (K45-56), Mrs Peggy Thurlow, Dr Malvern Tipping (M73-78), Mr John Torr (G96-98), Mr Andrew Towler (R77-82), Mrs Maria Trevers P79-81), Mr Oliver Trevers (G11-13), Mr Perry Trevers (G76-81), Mr Samuel Trevers (G08-10), Miss Kat Twentyman P09-14), Mr Jack Walton (Head Boy), Mr John Waugh (K41-48), Mr Colin Wigg (G48-54), Mrs Liz Wigg, Mr Bruce Wilson (BH), Mrs Ros Wilson (BH), Mr Andrew Wright (R53-57), Mrs Margaret Wright.



ABOVE: THE SOCIALLY MOBILE TOP TABLE AFTER THE FORMAL CONCLUSION OF THE PEMBROKE COLLEGE DINNER

BELOW::150TH ANNIVERSARY CUFF-LINKS PROUDLY WORN BY AVM SIMON DOUGHERTY



SUPPERS AND EVENTS



ABOVE: RICHARD SAYER PRESENTS AN SOF TIE TO NEIL FLOWERDEW AT THE SOUTH EAST SUPPER AT THE PILTDOWN GOLF CLUB

Readers will note that there is no **Overseas Bag** in this issue of the Newsletter. This is partly because the Editor, our President, Chris Essex has been travelling the world, attending commemorative Dinners. For that reason we think it appropriate that reports on some of those Dinners should, just for this year, replace the Overseas Bag.

South East Supper, 25th October 2014

Fifteen OFs and 14 partners and guests sat down to supper at the Piltdown Golf Club on Saturday 25th October 2014. The supper was arranged by club member Andrew Wright, supported on the administration side by James Ruddock-Broyd and not a little input by the President. The Headmaster had sent apologies for College staff, with the date falling at half term, but the Supper was honoured to have as guest speaker the recently elected Hon Member, Neil Flowerdew, great nephew of Lt Gordon Flowerdew who posthumously was awarded the VC in France in a battle on 30th March 1918. The action was described as decisive in thwarting the enemy's last push of the war.

The usual superb *beef bourguignon* was the

...BEEF BOURGUIGNON WAS THE CHOICE FOR MOST DINERS, FOLLOWED BY A WIDE SELECTION OF 'NAUGHTY' DESSERTS...

choice course for most diners, followed by a wide selection of 'naughty' desserts and several

cheeses; the 'outside' guests of Andrew and Richard were amazed that the price was only £26, including a glass of wine. James started the formal proceedings by asking for a moment's silence to remember five OFs on his mailing list who had passed away in the previous three years. In proposing the toast to the Society James thanked Richard for helping to circulate 220 OFs but was sad that responses numbered only 46. Andrew proposed the toast to the College by giving an eloquent report of the recent unveiling by Richard of the new Sixth Form Centre, Café and four classrooms to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the College.

These facilities had been partly funded by generous donations from many OFs and the Society.

Richard introduced Neil who spoke in graphic detail of the researches he had made on Gordon's life from the time he left Fram to go to Canada and enlisting in Lord Strathcona's Horse as a key member under Major Seely in the Canadian Cavalry Brigade, through to leading his last 'It's a charge Boys' at Moreuil Wood in the last year of that ghastly war. Of particular interest to the 'Suffolk Boys' was that thousands of tons of feed were shipped from the county to France to feed the million army horses there. Although heard before by six of the party who were on the Three Heroes Tour in April, the telling of the material amassed by Neil was not lost for one moment.

Neil then proposed the Toast to "Those Who Gave Their Lives" and the President presented him with his OF tie, subsequent to his recent election to honorary membership of the Society.

James Ruddock-Broyd

Those present were: Richard Sayer (S56-61) (President); Richard Albright (G55-61) and Claudia; John Barrett (R42-46) and Anne; Robin Beckwith (R50-54) and Avril; Nigel Cullen (G58-62) and Carol; Neil Flowerdew (Hon); Bruce Henderson (S46-50); Bill McEwen (K70-80) and Kathryn; Roger Marriott (S50-55) and Jill; David Mitchell (R50-57) and Sue; John Newson (S52-60); Roger Pearce (S51-55) and Madeline; John Rankin (K47-56); Peter Ross (guest) and Juliet; James Ruddock-Broyd (G46-52) and Christine; Anthony Sharp (guest) and Jill and Andrew Wright (R48-57) and Margaret.

Norfolk Supper, 13th November 2014

This was once again held at Glen Lodge, home of Bawburgh Golf Club. It was very efficiently organised this year by Colin Wigg, with administrative support from Hon Sec, Norman Porter. The Supper was promoted as an opportunity to pay tribute to Ken Mayhew, born in Suffolk but now a man of Norfolk, and one of our most distinguished Framlinghamians. Some three dozen OFs and guests, including several members of the Mayhew family, enjoyed a typically appetising carvery supper, before

Norman Porter opened proceedings by outlining the achievements of Ken's 97+ years.

He prefaced his remarks by saying that it was refreshing in an age where celebrity was so often instant, superficial and transient, to pay tribute to a man who merited celebrity, but whose modesty so often rejected it. He then observed that it was fortuitous, but totally appropriate, in a year of national and local commemorations and in the very week of Remembrance, that the occasion should be a celebration of the achievements of one particularly distinguished Framlinghamian, a man who embodied what Framlinghamians would like to think of as the very spirit of Framlingham.

Despite scant information on the SOF website database, Ken had enjoyed a distinguished sporting career at the College, playing for all first teams. He left school in 1934, not to go up to Christ Church, Oxford, as is erroneously stated by Dutch Wikipedia, but to start work at Fisons, of fertiliser fame. After Sandhurst he joined the 1st Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment and took part in the D Day landings. Leading his troop of Bren-gun carriers, he was involved in the heavy fighting around Caen, and in the hard-fought advance across France and the Netherlands. He was twice wounded.

His involvement in the liberation of the Netherlands, particularly Venray, resulted in his being awarded the Order of Wilhelm, (Royal Order of Knights of the Military Order of William) in 1946. This is an elite award conferred on just a handful of recipients. Ken is the old living Knight. Members of the order are much venerated in Holland, and Ken has been officially fêted on several occasions, including being received by



ABOVE: KEN MAYHEW, ONE OF OUR MOST DISTINGUISHED OFs, WAS PRESENTED WITH A GLASS BOWL, INSCRIBED: 'IN AFFECTIONATE TRIBUTE TO A FINE OLD FRAMLINGHAMIAN' AT THE NORFOLK SUPPER IN NOVEMBER 2014.



ABOVE: KEN MAYHEW'S IMPRESSIVE MEDALS, SYMBOLISING HIS COURAGE AND INVOLVEMENT IN THE LIBERATION OF THE NETHERLANDS

❖ Queen Beatrix in 2013. In fact the Dutch Ambassador had called in to the home of Ken and his wife, Trish, for coffee on the Monday before the supper.

Ken is a distinguished sportsman and lover of sport. He was in the same teams as Norman Borrett, played for many years for the OFs at cricket. He represented two counties at cricket – Suffolk before the war, and Norfolk after the war. Mention of his sporting prowess was the cue for Norman to introduce Karl Daniels, an Old Ipswichian and currently Chairman of Ipswich School's Governing Body, for many years a cricketing opponent. In an eloquent, humorous but moving tribute Karl recalled the many matches in which Ken and he had both played in the Old Ipswichian Cricket Week at Ipswich School. He had first met Ken in 1957. Karl picked out in particular the amazing match in 1966 when both he and Ken had taken 8 wickets. He also recalled how that rivalry had resulted in enduring friendship and how they still play golf with one another, with Ken still carrying his clubs, and making decisive contributions to the outcome of matches. Just 2 years ago Ken had gone to

details of those war years and to express his gratitude to members of the Society for their support and friendship.

In conclusion, Paul Taylor, Headmaster of the College and historian, stressed the importance of historical memory in education, and recalled the various acts of commemoration that had taken place at the College in recent months, not least the memory of the 250 Old Framlinghamians who had died in two world wars.

Norman Porter

Australia to watch test cricket – the series in which England had triumphed.

President of the Society, Richard Sayer, reiterated the sentiments of the tribute and went on to present Ken with a glass bowl, bearing the inscription: *In affectionate tribute to a fine Old Framlinghamian*. Ken then responded, overcoming his endearing diffidence to recall some of the

Devon and Cornwall OF Supper, 28th February 2015

After some cajoling by the President, Richard Sayer and Chris Essex, next year's President, James Liell and myself, Colin Micklewright, were persuaded to try and organise a Devon and Cornwall OF gathering. Both of us had little idea how many OFs of any generation lived this far south west and probably as far away from Framlingham as anywhere in England. Much to our surprise we received a list with approximately 40 names and agreed to try and contact as many as possible, with James concentrating on the Devon end and myself the Cornish battalion.

Eventually it was agreed we would hold a supper on 28th February 2015 at the Gipsy Hill Hotel in Exeter. This venue was chosen by James and Cherry Liell and it turned out to be a very good venue. Thanks to them both for arranging the menu and venue.

We were very lucky to have Richard and his wife, Georgina, down from Hampshire and also Chris and his wife Eryl, from Bath, effectively two Presidents at our very first meeting!

A very enjoyable evening and even more surprisingly the ladies expressed their approval as



ABOVE: GUESTS AT THE DEVON AND CORNWALL SUPPER IN FEBRUARY 2015

BELOW: GROUP ATTENDING THE NORFOLK SUPPER. KEN MAYHEW SEATED WITH HEADMASTER STANDING IMMEDIATELY BEHIND



well. It was also quite extraordinary that a number were attending their very first OF event some 40 years after leaving the school. Indeed one nameless OF admitted he hated his time at the school but joined us nonetheless.

Nineteen sat down to eat, drink and then reminisce about the Old School and the teachers but we were also pleased to have two ex-teachers present. The Devon contingent departed late to their respective homes leaving the President and Cornish members swapping stories before retiring to bed.

It seems we all decided it was worth doing this again, so I have agreed to re-convene the South West supper in the summer of 2016 at Lanhydrock Hotel and Golf Club and it is hoped that those members who wanted to attend but for various reasons could not make the first one will join us and any other OF holidaying in Cornwall at the time. I hope to arrange a golf match before the supper. Watch this space!!

Those attending the Devon and Cornwall Supper, with Richard, Georgina, Chris and Eryl were: Mark and Ann Pollard (Z74-78); Charlie and Alison Pritchard (Z70-80); Barry Maynard Smith (Hon OF: 60-65); Adrian and Ann Hansell (G57-62); James and Cherry Liell (S53-60); Philip Rees and partner Sharon (S61-66); Colin and Christine Micklewright (S55-59); Roger and Liz Daniels (G62-66).

Apologies were received from Charles Chalcraft, Ron Spencer, Brian Champness, Michael Nipe, Dr Rachel Goss and Ian Arthur. All are hoping to attend next time.

Colin Micklewright

South African Commemorative Supper, 8th April 2015

Mike Bullock (R55-59) organised a very successful 150th anniversary dinner in Johannesburg, South Africa, on Wednesday 8th April 2015. The venue was the Wombles in Parktown North. A great time was had by all attending and there was a determination to have another South African dinner soon.

Susan Wessels sent this spontaneous report the following day, together with pictures of the event:

'It was an excellent evening with a great group of younger successful OFs who all have rather fond memories of their time at Fram and were also intrigued to here about how things are done now and what's happening at Fram! I The restaurant was perfect as well, we had a nice round table and conversation was easy and Mike and I did two very, very short speeches after he read Norman's grace and we toasted the College. Mike Bullock created the centre piece that you see in the picture of Mark and Mike, using his old school cap - a lovely touch.

I felt very proud to be associated with Framlingham College last night!

PICTURED BELOW, LEFT TO RIGHT: MARK GOODING (G79-83), ANN CAMPBELL, JAMES CAMPBELL (M74-82), KATYALA MAINE (K84-89), MIKE HOOD (K86-90), ADAM PHILLIPS (G78-83), SUSAN WESSELS, (DEPUTY HEAD) AND MIKE BULLOCK (R55-59).



OF Lodge and Masonic News

G Richard Gould (K66-71) was very proud and pleased to inform us that at the recent 50 Year Golden Jubilee Centenary of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India, as well as the same of the Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Southern India, and the Annual Investiture Meeting of the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India, hosted at the beginning of March in Egmore, Chennai, he was awarded the Past Rank of Past Vice President Regional Grand Steward for the year 2015. The photograph shows Richard of that Office.



Future OF Lodge meetings

20th June at Diss Masonic Hall, Diss 5pm.
31st October Installation Meeting at the College 4.15pm. For details contact Gary Duce.
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Australian Commemorative Dinner, 19th April 2015

After 3 years in the planning, the 150th Anniversary events continued with a gathering of 56 in the Hunter Valley, Australia. The guest of honour was Trish Evans, the widow of Len Evans (G42-48), who had vineyards in the Hunter Valley and was responsible for popularising Australian wine around the world.

'...I MEAN, YOU REALLY ONLY NEED TO PICK A VENUE AND A DATE, AND INVITE PEOPLE, DON'T YOU? HOW HARD CAN IT BE?'

CHRIS SHAW, CO-ORGANISER OF THE AUSTRALIAN EVENT

Also amongst those attending were 7th and 14th oldest OFs at 93 and 92 – Peter Bailey (K34-38) and Peter Simpson (K32-40) who amazingly had beds next to each other over 80 years ago. It was also great to have David Ashton, Deputy Head, Academic, present from the College.

A fuller report will be published in due course.

Some OFs were together for up to 5 days and the one item that wasn't meticulously planned by Chris Shaw (K50-56) and Rebecca, and Mike Garnett (R53-55) was the weather, which, after the event, turned into the worst April weather experienced in the area since records began.

Report on Hunter Valley SOF Commemorative Dinner, Sunday 19th April 2015 at Sebel Kirkton Park Hotel, Pokolbin NSW Australia

This dinner was held to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the opening of Framlingham College in 1865, and the 100th Anniversary of the landings at Gallipoli in 1915, for Australian and New Zealand Old Framlinghamians.

Fifty six guests attended, including: Chris Essex, the newly elected President of the Society; Simon Dougherty, a past President and current Governor, and David Ashton, Deputy Head, Academic, at Framlingham College. Also, Stephen and Aileen Sayer from Oman, David and Fran Newson from North Island New Zealand, and Jack Channell, the Arch-wizard of

New Zealand who lives in Christchurch. Our honoured guest was Trish Evans, representing her husband Len Evans, the legendary figure of antipodean wine. The remainder came from

ONE OF LEN EVANS' FAVOURITE WORDS WAS 'JOYOUS' AND I THINK THAT ENCAPSULATES THE MOOD OF THE DINNER...

throughout Australia, from Perth to Cairns. The dinner was hosted by Chris and Rebecca Shaw, and Mike Garnett, and Peter Hollins has offered to organise the photos.

It's fair to say that this was the first OF dinner attended by many guests, and bonds of friendship going back fifty years or more were re-

kindled. Peter Bailey and Peter Simpson, both in their 90's, attended, and gave real meaning to the word 'indomitable'. One of Len Evans' favourite words was 'Joyous' and I think that encapsulates the mood of the dinner and its aftermath.

Some guests arrived on the Saturday, and gathered at Twines Restaurant, which is within walking distance from the Sebel. Simon Narroway hosted that not very dry run.

On Monday, there were games of Golf, wine and cheese tasting, shopping and getting to know the Valley, and each other.

On Tuesday, when most people were leaving to go home, there was a cyclone; a vicious storm with torrential rain, flash flooding and trees down on roads for at least the surrounding 100km. The esprit de corps, the cooperation and the focus brought to bear on these adverse conditions by Old Framlinghamians would have kindled a flame in the most cynical of educators. We all made it home safely, although we left behind 300,000 homes without power for up to seven days, and houses and cars washed away in swollen creeks and rivers.

BELOW: SEBEL KIRKTON PARK HOTEL PROVIDED THE SETTING FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CELEBRATION DINNER. FAR BELOW: L-R, CHRIS ESSEX, MIKE GARNETT AND CHRIS SHAW – DETAILS OF THE PRESENTATION FOLLOW IN THE YEARBOOK



See website or Yearbook for contact details.

JUNE 14 Saturday 14th June: Garden Party for the Framlingham Town Community. There will be a three hour peel of bells during the afternoon, organised by **Robert Beavis** (OF).

JUNE 26 Friday 26th June: Opening of Creative Framlinghamians Exhibition at The College. Preview by invitation, but the exhibition will remain open until Wednesday 1st July – opening hours normally 2.00–4.00. There will also be an Art Trail, taking visitors around various pictures and sculptures normally on display within the College.

JUNE 27 Saturday 27th June: College Commemorative Ball.

JUNE 28 Sunday 28th June: Cricket match – OFs v The College. Bring your own picnic. There is also another parallel cricket match for less competent players.

JULY 3 Friday July 3rd: Canada, Toronto, 150th Commemorative Dinner.

JULY 7 Tuesday 7th July: London Supper at the Farmers Club. Nigel Burnip is the organiser.

JULY 10 Friday 10th July: German 150th celebration in Hamburg.

JULY 25 Saturday 25th July: Belgium: 150th celebration in Brussels.

SEPT 7 Monday 7th September: Runyard Trophy. Golf competition for former students of Norfolk and Suffolk Schools. At Thetford GC. Organiser Norman Porter.

SEPT 11 Friday 11th September; Autumn meeting of OF Golf Society. At Aldeburgh.

SEPT 12 Saturday 12th September: OFGS v Aldeburgh GC. Aldeburgh. Hugh Curle i/c

SEPT 25 Friday 25th September: South East Supper. Organisers - Andrew Wright and James Ruddock-Broyd.

OCT 9 Friday 9th October: OFGS v The College. At Aldeburgh. Organiser - Hugh Curle.

OCT 17 Saturday 17th October: Suffolk Supper. This will coincide with the first meeting of the recently set up Young OFs Committee. Nick Whitehead, recent leaver and former Head of College is organising this meeting, at 4.00pm. Followed by the Council Meeting. Nick will be pleased to hear from anyone wishing to be involved with the young OFs group. The supper will be a Buffet occasion @ £10 per head, to include a reception drink. This event will be free to those attending the Young OFs Meeting. We hope that the event will be supported by many younger OFs, and that entertainment will be provided after the meal. Contact John Horton, the organiser, or Jane Easey.

NOV 12 Thursday 12th November: Norfolk Supper at Bawburgh Golf Club. Colin Wigg will once again be the organiser, with the assistance of the Hon Sec.

JAN 26 Tuesday 26th January 2016: London Supper, preceded by Council Meeting, at the RAF Club, Piccadilly. Nigel Burnip organises.

MAR 19 Saturday 19th March 2016: Annual Dinner at the RAF Club, Piccadilly. Simon Dougherty will be the organiser.

APRIL 22 Friday April 22nd 2016 **TBC**: Essex Supper at Essex County Cricket Club. John Rankin organises.

HERE AND THERE



Win a magnum of champagne and help us with our data
The College and SOF are about to launch a new data-gathering questionnaire. The names of all those who respond will be entered for a prize draw for a

magnum of champagne. In addition to the important business of gathering up-to-date contact information, the aims of the questionnaire are to stimulate further opportunities for OFs to provide help and advice to current Framlinghamians and to make a more vibrant society by establishing more clearly what being an OF means to people. The initiative was discussed by Council at their meeting on April 10th, and members agreed to act as guinea pigs to ensure that the form strikes the right chords and maximises its potential. We very much hope that you will support this initiative, and return the questionnaire, the answers to which will enable us and the College to significantly enhance the database and to communicate better with our members.

Olivia Castle (M06-11, Head Girl), having recently graduated with a first class degree from Royal Holloway, University of London, is pursuing a career as a Jazz vocalist. She has just released her debut album *'Siren Song'*,

BELOW: EAST ANGLIAN DAILY TIMES PRESS CUTTING FEATURING OLIVIA CASTLE

Young Suffolk jazz singer sets her sights on musical stardom



■ Former Framlingham College student Olivia Castle is hoping to carve out a career in jazz. Photo: CONTRIBUTED

A young jazz singer from east Suffolk has set her sights on stardom after recording an album with a renowned musical director from the world of television.

Former Framlingham College student Olivia Castle, 22, said she hoped to be the female equivalent of Michael Bubl , by taking the traditional jazz

sound to a contemporary modern audience. Her debut album *Siren Song* was recorded recently with Laurie Holloway, the musical director for Michael Parkinson and *Strictly Come Dancing*, and is said to have received interest from leading figures in the music industry. Olivia said she was a keen

singer at Framlingham College, where Laura Wright, the critically acclaimed mezzo-soprano, also attended, but has only recently begun to pursue a career in jazz.

"Ultimately, my long-term ambition is to be a recording artist," she said. "I've always loved jazz and there's a growing demand for

the sophisticated glamour of the genre, which is now starting to appeal again to modern, contemporary audiences. There's a gap in the industry for female singers and that's where I'm hoping to fit in."

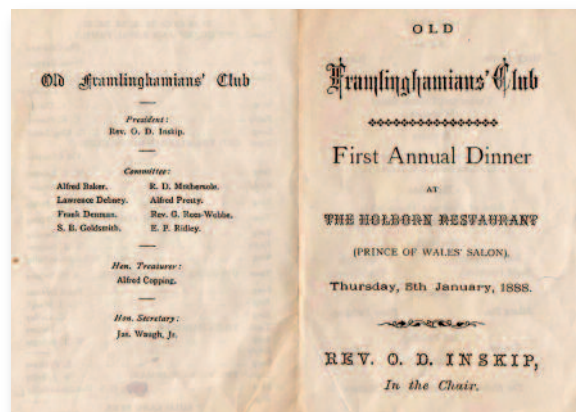
■ Visit oliviacastle.com for more information.

accompanied by the legendary pianist Laurie Holloway (MBE), in addition to launching an official website. You can visit her site at www.oliviacastle.com to follow her progressing singing career. She pays warm tribute to Framlingham which, she acknowledges, was a significant spring-board for her musical development. Olivia joins the ever longer list of early 21st century leavers who are making a name for themselves in the performing arts.

We are too late to alert you to an East Anglian concert given by opera star, **Christina Myachina**, so we will have to ration readers to a retrospective report on a concert on the 18th April in Norwich at St Peter Mancroft Church. She was asked by former Director of Music, *Robert Goodrich* and Wymondham Choral Society to perform Schubert's *Mass in G*, Robert Goodrich's *Requiem* and also *Laudate Dominum* by Mozart. Christina tells us that this will be on her debut album which will be recorded with The City of Prague Philharmonic Orchestra, who are best known for their recordings with artists around the world including Katherine Jenkins and Lesley Garrett. It will be released later this year.

Christina further reports that she and Boni Pueri Boy's Choir have been asked by the President of the Czech Republic to record a CD of the concert performance they gave him last year at the Castle. Christina plans to be going on tour in South America in June, after which she has been asked to sing in *Don Giovanni* again at The Estates Theatre from July to August.

David Gower (R53-58) found that the photograph reproduced on p118 of the Yearbook transported him back 60 years and induced a definite taste of Vimto. He admitted to having had a horrible feeling that the 'lad' with the hair and specs enjoying some exotic confection might be him. Any other gustatory memories revived by the sight of that late 1950s Tuck Shop?



MICHAEL POWESLAND UNEARTHED THIS 1888 MENU FOR THE FIRST DINNER OF THE OLD FRAMLINGHAMIANS CLUB

Old Framlinghamian Club 1888

Michael Powesland came up with an archival treasure at the Norfolk Supper. He handed over a menu card from the very first dinner of the Old Framlinghamians Club, held at the Holborn Restaurant on Thursday 5th January 1888. This pre-dates the setting up of the *Society of Old Framlinghamians* in 1900. Headmaster Rev O D Inskip was in the chair – indeed he was President of the Club. Michael tells us that this menu was amongst some family papers which his parents kept, relating to his elder brother John's time at Fram. How it came to be there remains a mystery, but during the war, about 1943, John was taking his Higher Certificate prior to leaving. Alfred Pretty came out of retirement to assist with the invigilation of the exams at the age of 84!* At the same time A.P. promoted the Society to those who were leaving and Michael conjectures that it is just possible he may have given the menu to John as an example of the activities of the Society.

In the course of the evening there were six separate toasts, 12 separate songs, all of which appear to be solos, including one by the Headmaster. The evening concluded with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

We tried to revive an echo of these traditions by looking to fit a rendition of the school song into the proceedings at the Pembroke Dinner, but the challenge proved too daunting.

** 84 might seem to be an advanced age for an invigilator, but the task was less complex then than it is now – and Michael, a distinguished and sprightly 85 year-old, still a strong supporter of the SOF, remarks that it really isn't all that old!*

Sisters **Emily** (V00-09) and **Lucy McVeigh** (V03-12) from Kenton Hall, near Debenham, earnt themselves a double page spread in the Business Section of the EADT in early December 2014.

Emily is the highly energetic founder of The Food Hub at Kenton Hall Estate and has enlisted the energies of her sister. Young as she may be, Emily has already set up a wedding venue and glamping site at Kenton Hall. Her latest venture, The Food Hub, encompasses three food businesses including a cookery school kitchen for



ABOVE: THE ENERGETIC MCVEIGH SISTERS OF KENTON HALL, DEBENHAM.

❖ demonstrations, master classes and cooking courses. A butchery facility (Palfrey and Hall), which houses a smokery and curing room and a bespoke kitchen for a catering company. So it really is a Hub and a hive of activity.

Lucy is also involved in the family business and manages the herd of English Longhorn cattle on the estate. She is currently at studying for a business degree at UEA but also finds the time to get stuck into the farm. She also rears Oxford Sandy and Black pigs and lambs. The Longhorn beef produced on the estate is fully traceable from field to fork as it is reared and butchered on the farm. It is then sold at Snape Maltings Farmers Market once a month and on the girls' burger trailer at events and festivals.

The Food Hub was opened by the Countess of Cranbrook in June 2014 and has been busy ever since. OFs may be interested in supper clubs for groups of up to 10 people who have a lesson and then eat what they have produced. If so, call 01728 862062 or have a look at the website: www.kentonhallestate.co.uk. Email: thefoodhub@kentonhallestate.co.uk

Chantal – née **Clelland** has moved on. She is now back in Suffolk, and in her second year teaching at Finborough School. This year she took over as Housemistress and Head of Performing Arts in the Prep School. Ben, her husband, teaches in Year 6, and they are both very much enjoying those roles. Chantal is very happy to be contacted by young aspiring Framlingham singers, having herself graduated from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Dramas, and having sung for a large Cambridge Jazz Orchestra.

Chantal was also contacted by former Director of Music, Rob Goodrich, as Rob was putting on a performance of the 'Requiem' that he composed while he was at Fram. Christina Johnston and Chantal were then his soloists, and he asked them both to sing again in April.

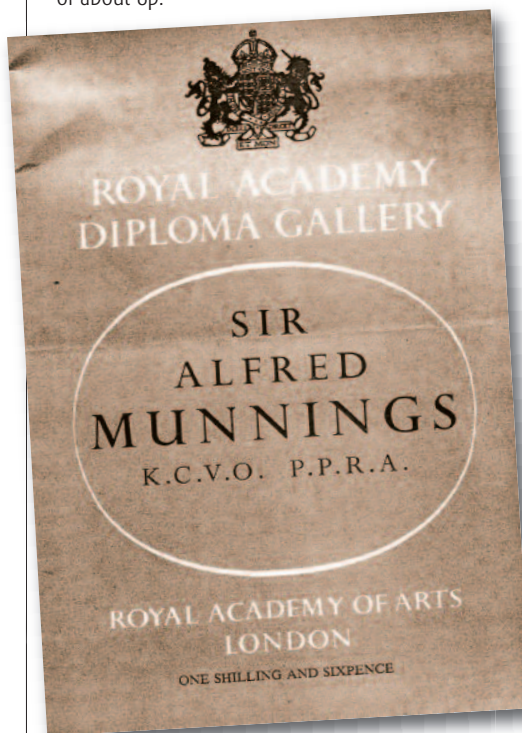
Chantal was very much looking forward to being reunited with Chrissie and Rob.

We have two items from **James Ruddock-Broyd**.

Firstly he has been in contact with Jennifer Jones, a lady living in Copdock near Ipswich, the village where **William Hewitt** VC once lived. There will be a ceremony in the village on December 20th 2017 to commemorate the award: a special paving stone will be unveiled.

The second relates to James' possession of a Catalogue of an **Alfred Munnings** Exhibition at the Royal Academy in 1956 – pictured below. There were 309 paintings

on display in the exhibition, including 111 by the artist. The catalogue cost James just one shilling and sixpence, perhaps a tidy sum in those days. Remember that there were then 20 shillings to the pound, so this is the modern day equivalent of about 8p.



James Liell emailed to say that he had just read of **Bob Wrinch's** passing, and wonderful memories flooded back! James was a contemporary of Bob – 1955/59 – and recalls special times during the school holidays when he stayed with Bob's family on the farm at Needham Market, circa 1958. James continues:

I just loved it. I helped out generally, and one day I was told to plough a field by Bob's father, who was at Fram with my father (Beaver Wrinch and Mark Liell). I have never forgotten, townie that I was, that experience of being in charge of a tractor ploughing a field – in the

rain with an old corn sack on my shoulders, while smoking a packet of 'Seniors'.

At school, a small group of us were inveterate smokers: the main item on the agenda being where to go for our fags where Msrs Dykes and Haig might not find us.

*A (Kerrison) contemporary – another regular puffer – **Andrew Moore** – used to tell me that he'd asked Bob what he was going to do for a living when he left school, to which Bob replied: "I don't rightly know, but I'll tell you for sure, and that is I am never going to work in an **arfus***."*

Bob commenced his rugby in the colts, on the wing, but quickly moved to the scrum, where he excelled. He later became a star at the Richmond Sevens, and stayed with the Liells at Sawbridgeworth on those occasions. What larks we had, and what happy memories abide."

"I DON'T RIGHTLY KNOW, BUT I'LL TELL YOU FOR SURE, AND THAT IS I AM NEVER GOING TO WORK IN AN ARFUS*."

* Translation for townies: office.

College Flag

Our Oz and NZ friends were hoping to obtain a College flag as part of their celebrations in April. The Finance Director reckoned that there was one, but it was enormous, and wondered about organising some smaller, more portable, replicas. Maybe there should be a competition for designing the flag to take us into the next 150 years?

Brian Rosen emailed to say that he usually watches the 'One Show' on BBC1 each evening. The guests on the programme one evening in mid-January were Laurel and Bill Cooper who had spent a great part of their lives sailing around the world in their own yacht. Brian recalls that **Bill Cooper** was at Framlingham at the same time as himself - around 1940-46, and thinks that Bill wrote a book about his adventures, and maybe other books too. Brian didn't exactly recognize him after almost 70 years but was pretty sure that it was 'him' and was hoping to renew contact. Bill and Laurel have subsequently been invited to speak at OF suppers, and attended the Pembroke Dinner.

Eminent horticulturalist, **Jim Blythe** took part in Framsoc's *Gardeners' Question Time* on Monday 9th March. Framsoc Chairman, **Tony Lawrence** thanked Jim for his contribution to what he believed had been both an informative and enjoyable event, and thanked him for having

brought "a perfect balance of good fun and serious advice to the proceedings, which was exactly what we were hoping for". This will come as no surprise to those who know Jim.

James Ruddock-Broyd found this wonderful picture (see below) of **Simon and Angus Cundey**



in *Economia* – a Magazine for accountants. The accompanying article deplored the arrival of non-bespoke establishments on Savile Row – "once an enclave of good taste in a sea of vulgarity." The "vulgarity" is now seeping into Savile Row itself, where the family firm, Henry Poole and Co was established in 1806. Angus was only diverted into it away from the RAF by Headmaster, RW Kirkman, who pointed out to Angus late in his school career that Henry Poole was one of the most famous tailors in the world. That came as something of a surprise to Angus and he asked if there was a place in the firm for him. There was, and now, many years on, he is wondering whether his grandchildren, aged 13 and 14, will decide to carry on the family tradition and take up the tape measure. The long established businesses on Savile Row are doing their best to keep up the old standards: customers are still addressed as "Sir", and tailor-client lunches remain a tradition, but many of the business owners agree that some degree of change is necessary. Angus remains proudly as one of Savile Row's depleted old guard, but even he has taken to the practice of fitting iphone-shaped pockets. His staple uniform is still a bespoke three piece Worcester and, allegedly, he can't bring himself to say "Austin Reed" out loud. And as for M&S - well it's fine for buying clothes for gardening. Long live good taste!

John Saul was in touch about a book he had been given for Christmas. Essentially it was about the seriousness of Hitler's plans to invade England in 1940, but more specifically it made

reference to an account of **Augustus Agar's** involvement, at this stage, in a far-fetched (in hindsight) initiative to despatch fire-ships into invasion ports on the French coast. While John knew all about the Baltic exploits which led to the award of the VC, he knew nothing about what he did in WW2 except that he was 'mentioned in despatches'.

The following extract from *Operation Sealion* by Leo McKinstry fills in the picture:

Some effective British propaganda in September 1940 led the Germans to believe that Britain had developed ways of 'setting the sea on fire' and would use them against an invading force. But although setting the sea alight could have been deemed a success in September 1940, if only in propaganda terms, one particular counter-invasion initiative with burning oil was a dismal failure. Following the example of Francis Drake, who had famously used fireships in pre-emptive strikes against the Armada in 1588, Geoffrey Lloyd, the energetic petroleum Minister, came up with a plan to send a formation of lighted tankers into the heart of the German invasion fleet at the occupied ports.

On 27 June, Lloyd saw the Downing Street aide Desmond Morton, who wrote to Churchill that day about the suggestion "to use petroleum in connection with fire-ships to be sailed into ports in Germany or under German control. It should not be too difficult to lay hands on some old shipping of small tonnage and shallow draught and to fix them up with explosives and a large cargo of oil. If these ships could be sailed into selected enemy ports and exploded, they would scatter burning oil all over the harbour, possibly with most pleasing results."

Predictably, the suggestion appealed to Churchill's adventurous spirit, who overrode doubts in the naval staff and instructed that preparations for the operation should begin.

The officer chosen to lead it was the heroic Captain Augustus Agar, who had won the Victoria Cross in the First World War and epitomised the Royal Navy's valorous tradition. When he saw Churchill to discuss the plan, he made the PM chuckle by urging that the operation be code-named 'Roasting the Nazis'. Replying in kind, Churchill said 'It is not that we want them to come. Nobody does. I want them to be beaten before they come, Agar. I don't want a single German to set foot on British soil. But instead of adopting Agar's ferocious title for the mission, the Admiralty decided to call it 'Operation Lucid'.

Unfortunately the high priority that the government claimed to have given the mission was not matched by the quality of the equipment. The only tankers that the Admiralty would spare were, in Agar's words, 'the oldest sea crows laid up on our rivers and creeks which had not been

to sea for years and were useless except as scrap metal'. Nevertheless, the engineers, working flat out, managed to get them ready for service, though they remained slow and unreliable.

Agar and Morgan Morgan-Giles, his staff officer, presided over some last-minute rehearsals, in which the small crews practised steering and evacuating the old hulks. In its final form, the plan was for each of the four decrepit tankers to be filled with 50% heavy oil, 25% diesel and 25% petrol. Explosive charges were placed in the hull by demolition experts so that the ships could be scuttled. With the oil mixture and the explosives on board, each tanker would be sailed across the Channel to its designated French port. Just as she approached the harbour entrance, detonation timers would be set and most of her crew would leave by speedboats, leaving just 3 volunteers on board. These volunteers would sail through the boom at the harbour mouth, set the final course for the ship and then scramble into another speedboat, hopefully escaping just before the explosive charges went off. As the ship blew up, a large oil slick would run across the harbour, setting the enemy shipping on fire. According to Morgan-Giles, 'The trials showed that the flames could leap more than 100 feet in the sky'.

By the evening of 25 September, the Admiralty felt that the operation could go ahead, aimed at Boulogne and Calais. The first tanker to go into action was the War Nizam, which sailed from Sheerness at 18.30, followed by an escort of 2 destroyers, 3 minesweepers and several motor boats. Unfortunately, despite the urgent work carried out on her, the War Nizam's poor maintenance began to tell on her, as Morgan-Giles testified: 'Instead of the 6 knots we were planning she did about 2 because she was so old and battered'. The War Nizam had to return to Sheerness.

The next attempt was made the same evening by the War Nawah, which sailed from Portsmouth but soon proved herself to be completely unseaworthy, as Morgan-Giles observed: 'The mixture of petrol and oil leaked through the rivet holes from the tanks, down into the stokeholes and was sizzling on the floorplates. The stokers came up on deck and everyone thought they were drunk but it was only the petrol fumes.' Two further missions were tried on successive nights at the beginning of October but both had to be aborted because of severe gales. The final attempt was on the night of 7/8 October but again had to be abandoned because of bad weather and lack of seaworthiness. Even worse, the destroyer carrying Agar and Morgan-Giles hit a mine, blowing off part of the stern, though the vessel managed to limp back to England.

That marked the end of Operation Lucid. For Morgan-Giles, the entire episode, despite being a flop, proved again Britain's determination to resist invasion. 'It was never very feasible because the ships were so old and it all had to be done in a hell of a hurry. But at the time

❖ *there was such a strong mood of fighting the German threat. Our backs were against the wall but there was not much doom and gloom.'*

Sadiq Keschwani wrote to Richard Sayer, not only to thank our President for the support given by the SOF to help him get established in an American University, but also to update us on how things had gone in his first year. We are delighted to receive this upbeat report from Sadiq: He writes:

My first year at The King's College has been wonderful. I have done well academically and have been involved in the extra-curricular side of things too. I have been doing well in all my subjects especially in Maths. I owe a debt of gratitude to the Framlingham College Maths Department for building my Maths skills to a very high standard. Being on the college football team was a lot of fun. Our team did very well but we fell one win short of making it to the play-offs. I have also joined a club team that I have been playing with throughout the winter.

The second semester has been a more



ABOVE: SADIQ RELAXING PLAYING FOOTBALL – NEW YORK STYLE

challenging, but I have now settled in and am finding things not too overwhelming. Final essays are now due for all my classes, and I am about to start my exams. I hope to finish this semester strong.

I have found New York a very fast paced city. There are yellow taxis and tourists everywhere. It is in some ways very similar to London, only a lot colder in the winters and a lot bigger.

I have had a great start to my college career and I cannot thank you and the Society of Old Framlinghamians enough for making it possible.

Chris Essex' efforts to track down the graves of all OF war casualties have taken inquiries far afield. The latest trail has been to North Gate Cemetery, Baghdad, where the graves of two OFs (**CD Hempson DSO, and WJG Marsh**) are said to be situated. For obvious reasons, these graves are not readily accessible, nor is the care of them by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission easily manageable. However, **Bill Collard**, whose interest in this is sparked by his late father's (**GLC Collard S29-30**) having been based in Iraq 1942 - 44. There is a possible third OF, **Leslie E Holman**, named at a separate site called the Basra Memorial.

Bill enlisted the help of the Archdeacon in the Gulf*, Ven. Bill Schwartz OBE who very kindly visited Northgate Cemetery. He found it in a neglected state, with no helpful plan of the Cemetery's lay-out. Bill does tell us that he has learnt that there is a 2 volume Roll of Honour of all war casualties buried and commemorated in Iraq, even though there is no CWGC involvement in the cemetery. The Archdeacon laments the fact that things are only now being put back in order, after many difficult years. The Anglican Church is not officially recognised by the Iraqi government, even though there is a flourishing church in Baghdad.

This story gives us insights way beyond the trail of two long-neglected OF graves, and illustrates yet again, the determination of OFs to track down the distant stories of OFs long since lost to us.

** For those interested in the overseas organization of the Anglican Church this falls within the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf.*

OFs who have over a period of years been to the Farmers Club for meetings, suppers or both, will know that **John Kerr** features quite prominently, not least in a series of photographs of Chairmen of the Club. A recent issue of the Club News paid the following tribute:

"After many years of astute and unbelievably committed leadership, Mr John Kerr has decided to step down as Chairman of the Farmers Club Charitable Trust. John has steered the Trust through some very challenging times and leaves it in extremely fine standing. I, and the Trustees of the Trust have never ceased to be amazed at his grasp of the key issues, his strategic vision, careful husbandry of the monies and land bequeathed to the Trust, and willingness to go the "extra mile". Thanks you. John.

We are sure that OFs, particularly those in the farming industry, will endorse this tribute.

Remembering Flowerdew's charge

Just two days after our Annual Dinner at Pembroke College, on March 30th, Andrew Payn received an email from Ray Strank. Readers may remember that Ray presented his own painting of the Flowerdew charge to the College. Ray's email read:

Today, ninety seven years later, we remember that grey morning when 'C' Squadron of the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) valiantly lead by Captain Gordon Flowerdew V.C. thwarted Eric Ludendorff's Operation 'Michael' at the cost of the decimation of the whole Squadron. I offer my respects to the two late Framlinghamians, Flowerdew and Munnings, contemporaries at the College. The latter (although being on Leave on that day) created a graphic masterpiece of the event as a reminder to all of us of the endurance that this squadron underwent and fulfilled, through discipline and steadfastness, most of which must have been installed through their education at Framlingham College. I wish to present my respects on this special anniversary.

Simon Stacpoole – Sports Photographer of the Year!

Warmest congratulation to Simon for winning the title of 'Sports Photographer of the Year' at the prestigious **Picture Editors' Guild Awards**, an annual event held at the Honourable Artillery Company Headquarters in London.

His winning portfolio, along with entries from the other nominees, can be seen at:

<http://www.pictureeditorsguildawards.co.uk/Winners-2014.html>

Details of the event and its history can be seen at <http://www.pictureeditorsguildawards.co.uk/About-the-Awards.html>

Simon's response to receiving this award came in an email to the Editor:

"I'm extremely honoured to have won this award, managing to fend off entries from photographers representing national newspapers and global news agencies. I've since received messages from across the industry – colleagues from home and abroad have been quick to offer their congratulations, it really is cracking news and I'm thrilled to have been recognised in such a way."

Simon attached the 5 pictures he had entered, for possible use in this Newsletter – and promised to put his thinking cap on, as to what he might exhibit in the *Creative Framlinghamians* exhibition. Creative indeed.

Here's another area in which OFs are making their mark – and with real distinction. Simon's photography adds a new dimension to Fram's sporting traditions! You have to understand sport to be able to anticipate and capture its iconic moments! And Simon was a talented practitioner – and maybe still is! (Simon responded by saying: "Fortunately, I've managed to retain a few of my sporting skills over the years, but my fitness however has taken a battering, so when I do dust down the hockey stick a couple of times a year, my body spends the next week reminding me it wasn't such a good idea!")

Well done Simon, and thank you for maintaining such close and consistent contact with your old school.



ABOVE AND NEXT PAGE: A FEW OF THE STRIKING IMAGES THAT WON SIMON STACPOOLE 'SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR'



OF in the news - First ever Ladies Boat Race on the traditional course

Another great achievement was that of **Caroline Reid**. Caroline was President of Cambridge University Women's Boat Club which competed in the very first race to be held over the same course, from Putney to Mortlake, as the men's race on 11th April 2015. Oxford proved too fast for Cambridge on the day, but this is still a fantastic achievement by someone coming from a school with absolutely no rowing tradition. Well done Caroline. You are a part of rowing history.



ABOVE: CAROLINE REID (BACK ROW LEFT) RELAXES WITH THE CAMBRIDGE TEAM

➤ **Halford Hewitt**

Richard Graves, our Captain, had to go into hospital for a second operation on his knee, but Jonny Newton arranged for an HH team-building exercise to take place at Aldeburgh Golf Club. Richard was hoping to be fit in time for the actual event on April 9th, but it was good to see so many aspiring team members, and supporters, getting some early practice at Aldeburgh. Amongst those taking part was Patrick Spraggs, not eligible for the HH, as he is now a professional, working at Woodbridge Golf Club, but always ready to join in and support the OFs when he can. On this occasion OFGS Captain Norman Porter presented Lottie Whyman with a cheque, to help her with expenses (see previous page). Richard Graves did indeed recover in time for the event and reported on it as follows:

Halford Hewitt 2015: Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club, Deal.

9th–12th April 2015

Squad: Gavin Cowell, Charlie Plunkett, Peter Watts, Richard Graves, Johnny Wybar, Lottie Whyman, Will Poole, Rob Atton, Matt Stolls, Jonny Newton, Andrew Towler, Hugh Curle and Mike Schneidau.

There were first appearances for Will Poole and Lottie Whyman, with Lottie becoming our first Lady Hewitt member.

We were blessed again by some fine weather during Hewitt week. Practice times were secured on both the Tuesday and Wednesday before the

1st Round proper on the Thursday. Deal was running firm with slick greens, so provided perfect links conditions.

However, on the afternoon of our 1st Round Match v Shrewsbury, play was suspended due to heavy fog! Some were holding the French to

SOME WERE HOLDING THE FRENCH TO BLAME FOR THE POOR AIR QUALITY DRIFTING OVER THE CHANNEL...

blame for the poor air quality drifting over the Channel, yet only a few miles down the coast it was blazing sunshine and clear skies.

The Framlingham v Shrewsbury Match was the final match of the day, teeing off at 3.20pm but, by the time most matches had reached the turn, you could not make out which green to aim for, the fog having rolled in so thickly. At the time of play being suspended at around 5.00pm, we were up in two matches and down in three, so it was back to the Pegwell Bay Hotel that evening to assess our position.

We returned at 8.00am on the Friday morning when play resumed. Gavin and Charlie

having been up in their match, were thrown some serious sub-par golf by their opponents over the closing holes and lost at the 17th. They had played some great golf, but just came up against a hot pairing on the morning. Richard and Peter did not have one of most productive days, yet behind us Lottie and Johnny were playing superbly and would have won their match comfortably. Perhaps the performance of the morning though came from Rob and Will who, having been in some trouble at close of play the night before, then proceeded to rattle off and win 5 of the next 7 holes, with Will draining a 40 foot putt on the 14th for birdie to go 2 up. Our anchor pair of Matt and Jonny came up against Shrewsbury's best pairing and came second.

The final result equated to Shrewsbury 4-Framlingham 1, but we had to accept two halved matches when we were up in both. It was an exceptionally tight match and Gavin and Charlie's match proved pivotal.

Our Plate match was v Glenalmond. We rotated the team to allow other members of the Squad to have a game, but went down 2-1.

The Hewitt draw had been unkind to us again with Shrewsbury having been past winners of the Tournament. That said, we have plenty to build on for 2016.

Patrick Spraggs also joined us and offered professional advice and the Squad would like to thank Andrew Wright, David Turnbull and Norman Porter for offering their support on the day. Thanks also to Andrew Towler who did another fantastic job arranging accommodation for everyone throughout the week.

HEAVY FOG SHROUDS THE COURSE
AT ROYAL CINQUE PORTS GOLF CLUB





Paul Taylor, headmaster, Mark Robinson, Deputy Head Co-curricular, Marcus Marvel, Master i/c Cricket, Richard Sayer, President SOF and Norman Porter, Hon Sec SOF. After a preliminary chat in the Headmaster's study, and the unpacking of a fine assortment of ties, caps, sweaters, photos, and blazer, the party proceeded to lunch in the Dining Hall. The sight of 6ft 7in David certainly turned a few heads. A photo-shoot followed on the back, with the various members of the party holding up the different items.



TOP: LOTTIE WYMAN RECEIVING HER CHEQUE TOWARDS EXPENSES FROM NORMAN PORTER – CAPTAIN OFGS. BELOW: THE TEAM OUTSIDE ALDEBURGH GOLF CLUB

GOLF

Lottie Whyman was in contact early in the new year, assuring us that she was working hard and making the most of the next couple of months until her competitions got underway. She was looking towards the playing season beginning towards the end of March leading up until the end of August. She would be going all over the country, and was very grateful for the SOF grant which would contribute towards equipment and competition fees. Lottie was also being lined up as Framlingham's first-ever female HH team member – having to play off the men's tees in such a competition gives you some idea of her talent.

CRICKET

David Larter (R51-57), former Northants and England cricketer, currently living in Wales, was Guest of Honour at a special lunch-time gathering at the College on Monday March 23rd. David had very generously offered to donate various items of memorabilia to the College for display and safe-keeping. Those present were

The party then proceeded to the Boardroom where two special mannequins had been installed, ready to be draped with these wonderful cricketing souvenirs.

In the course of the 3 hour visit David revealed much about his cricketing career, and had a wealth of anecdotes about the people he had met and played against in the course of it,



ABOVE, L-R: RICHARD SAYER, MARCUS MARVEL, DAVID LARTER, PAUL TAYLOR, NORMAN PORTER

before it was cruelly curtailed by an ankle injury.

Richard Sayer plans to write a short biography of Fram's only test cricketer, and we will expand on the above, adding in some further background colour and detail in the 2015 issue of the Yearbook.

Norman Porter

David Carr – still going strong!

David Carr, our retiring Treasurer, is still very active on the sports field. He was off Easyjetting from Southend on his annual Veterans hockey tour in early March, spending five days in Barcelona, at the Racing Club which apparently boasts five astro pitches!

Will Owen (G2006-11) made his debut for the England U20 rugby team in February 2014. In March 2015 he was a member of the team that regained the U20 Six Nations title after securing a 24-11 victory over France in a winner-takes-all clash in Brighton.

HOCKEY

We hear that the College won this year's pre-season January encounter. Details are elusive.

FOOTBALL

Unfortunately a combination of unfortunate circumstances meant that the hoped-for commemorative encounter between an OF team and a team from Ipswich Town fell by the wayside.

LONDON MARATHON

Congratulations to **Ben Norton** (K05-06) on completing the London Marathon on April 26th. Ben clocked in at 3 hours 29 minutes 33 seconds, placing him 6123rd overall! Sister, Chiara and



girlfriend Emily are here seen holding him up just after he crossed the finishing line. Ben managed to raise some £1800 in sponsorship. Any other OFs taking part this year?

ABOVE: MARATHON MAN BEN NORTON WITH SISTER CHIARA (LEFT) AND GIRLFRIEND EMILY

STOP PRESS: We've just heard that **Lottie Whyman** became Suffolk Ladies Champion on May 12th, playing at Felixstowe Ferry. She was 4 up with four to go, lost the next three, but then triumphed at the final hole. A tremendous achievement, by a 19 year old Lottie, who only left school last year, and a fitting reward for all her hard work.

And - stopping the press again:

Congratulations are in order for **Patrick Spraggs**, our PGA Assistant Professional on winning the Suffolk PGA Championship at Stowmarket Golf Club on Thursday 14th May. Patrick had rounds of 68 (-1) and 71 (+2) to win by 2 shots. He also won the Trainees Championship. Despite a triple bogey in his morning round, he finished with 3 straight birdies to lead the field by two shots and a steady afternoon round, saw him seal victory ahead of Peter Latimer from Felixstowe Ferry. Patrick has now won all 3 of the Suffolk Major titles; Amateur, Open and PGA. He will also be representing the Club in the PGA in England (East) Order of Merit competitions, starting with the Weston Homes Classic at Bishops Stortford Golf Club on 3rd and 4th June. (*Report from Woodbridge Golf Club, where Patrick is Assistant Professional.*)

Quite a year for our young Fram golfers!



ABOVE: PATRICK SPRAGGS IN ACTION

NOTICEBOARD

BIRTHS

Howard-Dobson – To Jenny (P96-03) and Adam (K93-04) **Howard-Dobson**, a beautiful daughter, Evelyn Alice, born 9th April 2015.



ABOVE: ELLEN PAMELA SMITH

Smith – on 17th April 2015, to **Clare** (née Dougherty) (V88-98) and Chris, a daughter, Ellen Pamela. Ellen was born two weeks early in Chelmsford and weighed in at 6lb 14oz.

WEDDINGS

The wedding of **Caroline Adams** (M00-05) to Michael Hunt took place on Saturday 23rd of August 2014, at Framlingham College. Carrie and Mike met at Loughborough University in 2008 and are now very much enjoying married life at home in Essex. **Alix Adams** (M01-09) and **Lauren Sutton** (M00-05) were both bridesmaids along with Alice Lane and Joanna Studd. Other OFs in attendance were **Colette Hamilton** (V00-05) and **Rebecca Proud** (M01-02) as well as staff members; Mr and Mrs Hobson, Mrs and Mrs



ABOVE: CAROLINE EVANS AND MICHAEL HUNT MARRIED IN THE COLLEGE CHAPEL, WITH MANY OFs AND STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Myers-Allen and Moreau House staff, Val and Sheila. The wedding party was delighted to spend a beautiful, sunny weekend in the gorgeous surroundings of the college.

Caroline's sister, Alix commented that "The college was the ideal wedding venue with all the wedding party staying on-site in Stradbroke and Rendlesham. It really was an amazing wedding and we were so lucky to get the only available date at the College last summer!"

DEATHS

Peter Arbon, on April 12th 2015. Peter lived in Brandeston and will be remembered by early generations of Brandestonians as the Head Gardener who always found time to help and to be a friendly face. Some of Peter's memories of Brandeston in those early years can be found in the *History of Brandeston Hall*. He was a good friend of the school until the end.

Barry John Bonner (R43-46) died on 9th December 2014. A memorial service was held at St Mary's Church, Kelvedon, Essex on 29th December 2014. He was grandfather to **Victoria Carrick** (M97-01) and uncle to **Jeremy Lee** (K59-64).

John Harold Chapman on November 19th 2014, aged 74. Notices appeared in the Daily Telegraph and the EADT with the following wording: "Passionate husband, devoted father of six, son, brother and uncle. From Suffolk lad to radical Parliamentary candidate in London, he

...FRANCOPHILE, SOCIALIST AND PROUD TO BE KING OF THE AWKWARD SQUAD!

always fancied his chances. Francophile, socialist and proud to be King of the awkward squad! Irrepressible, irreplaceable, he will be greatly missed. "After a while crocodile".

Funeral services were held on November 27th in Hampstead, London and on December 1st at the Baptist Church, Campsea Ash. A full Obituary will be published in the Yearbook.

Michael John Andrew Craven (S50-56) died on 1st December 2014 after a long illness. He leaves a widow Mary.

Jo Donsworth (Hon OF) in November 2014. Jo worked for many years on the support staff, with accounts and secretarial.

Edward Hudson Baker MBE, (K43-50), peacefully in the West Suffolk Hospital on November 26th 2014.

Roger Anthony Pearce (S51-55) on Sunday 29th March 2015, of a massive stroke. The funeral took place on Monday 20th April at the Beckenham Crematorium and was followed by a gathering at Chislehurst Golf Club. Andrew Wright represented President and the Society. Other OFs

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attending were James Ruddock-Broyd representing Richard Sayer, Past President, Peter Coomber, George Coomber, Roger Marriott, David Turnbull (SOFGS) and Michael Wright.

Christopher Pickard on April 16th 2015 after a short illness. Even though he was not an OF himself, Christopher felt quite an affection for the college, both through his Uncle's connection (**Percy**), and through his close friendship with the Bromage family. He greatly enjoyed being invited to attend the presentation of the Pickard picture in 2014. The Society was represented at the funeral by **Adrian Orchard** (G72-79)

Brian Potter (R55-58). An article in the sports page of The Times 7th November 2014: *Brian Potter has died at the age of 73. As owner and managing director of Potters Leisure Resort, he persuaded the World Bowls Tour to stage the world indoor bowls championships in Hopton-on-Sea, Norfolk in 1999, and the sport's flagship event has made its home there since. Brian Potter was appointed MBE in 2012 and was looking forward to hosting the championships again in January.*

Matthew Vernon (S02-07), November 28th 2014 – a tragic death as reported in the press: *Matthew Vernon's body was discovered on Bury Water Lane, after the police had earlier launched an appeal for information about his whereabouts. Matthew was just 23 and lived in Dunmow. He had attended a party in Newport and had not been seen or heard from since.*

His parents, Dr Gervase Vernon and Sue Vernon, and his girlfriend, Hannah Clayden, spoke about their loss. Dr Vernon, from Felsted, said: "He was lively, caring and much-loved by his parents and his older brother Peter."

Hannah, 21, of Ross Close, Saffron Walden, who had been with Matthew for two-and-a-half years, said: "I would like to thank everyone for the overwhelming response that I have had. He was loved by a lot of people and I want to make sure people remember his life and how happy he made everyone." She added: "He was lovely; he did not stop talking ever – you could never shut him up. He cared about everyone and he was always there. He loved everyone and did not hate anybody. That was his mission in life, to make sure everyone was OK."

According to Hannah, who was at work on Saturday night when the party was taking place, Matthew had asked a friend for a lift home. His family raised the alarm after he failed to get in contact. An Essex Police spokesman said there were no suspicious circumstances, and a report has been prepared for the coroner.

Please note that Obituaries, as is our custom, will be published in the Yearbook. Material for these should be received by the end of August.

Scholars' Dinner

This was the second 'academic' dinner to be held at the College. The idea is to encourage scholarship, and to include examples of high achievement in the course of the evening. It was an evening of convivial discussion and keen debate between staff and students alike. Mark Slater (formerly Headmaster of the Leys School) gave a very entertaining and engaging address about the value of studying languages and this ended with a stimulating question and answer session.

The evening was punctuated by three outstanding performances: **Dominic Weatherby** (Year 11), fresh from his victory at the county finals of the Poetry By Heart competition recited Coleridge's 'Kubla Khan'; **Eli Leaver** (Upper Sixth) sang *Widmung* by Schumann; **Emily Heldreich** (Upper Sixth) played *Movement II of Saint-Saëns' Oboe Sonata*. Eli has accepted a scholarship to study Vocal Studies (Opera) at the Birmingham Conservatoire whilst Emily has accepted a scholarship to study Oboe at Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music.

Cabaret at the College

The glitz and glamour of the West End came to the College in mid-March for three entertaining nights. This year's theme was 'A Night at the Musicals'. They performed songs from shows such as 'Into the Woods', 'Jesus Christ Superstar' and a rousing rendition of 'One Day More' from *Les Misérables*.

Soloists were backed by both a fifty-strong student chorus and 36-piece orchestra made up of students, staff, and professional musicians.

Director of Music, Tim Rhodes was delighted with the quality of all involved. "Not only were there some outstanding solo performances, but the number of students in the chorus and orchestra shows the depth of talent that the College has to offer. The audience clearly loved it as we had standing ovations each night, justifying the hard work that had been put in by everyone."

For those lucky enough to have been present it was an illustration of the astonishing talent that is being nurtured at the College. As was said on one of the nights: *The bar is being set ever higher, and the students are responding.*

Lord Lieutenant's Cadet

Cadet RSM Charlie Green was appointed Lord Lieutenant's Cadet and as such will be carrying out ceremonial duties for the recently appointed Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk, the Countess of Euston. Contingent Commander, **Lt Col Myers-Allen**, commenting on the appointment, said:



ABOVE: CADET RSM WO1 CHARLIE GREEN, ON THE LEFT, ON EXERCISE ON A CCF FIELD WEEKEND IN 2014. SECOND IMAGE: THE PRESENTATION.

Charlie has attended every CCF central camp since joining in Year 9 and been an active part of the shooting team. He passed both the JNCO and SNCO Cadre courses with flying colours. I really cannot imagine a more worthy recipient of such a huge honour.

On the 8th and 9th of March the army section were deployed on Stanford Training Area (STANTA) for a two day exercise. Immediately after arrival the parade formed up for an address by Major Humphrey, CEO Suffolk ACF, who presented Cadet WO1 Charlie Green with his certificate and badge for accepting the prestigious ceremonial position as Suffolk's Lord Lieutenant's Cadet.

Poetry-by-Heart: Dominic Weatherby (see Scholars' Dinner)

Between the 19th and 21st of March, Dominic Weatherby competed at the Poetry by Heart national finals competition. Dominic was one of 42 competitors from all around the country who emerged victorious from county competitions.

Fram Head of English reports that he recited all three of his poems brilliantly and, although he didn't reach the final 8 for the grand final, should be proud of his performance and his conduct as an ambassador for the school. It's not every day that a former Poet Laureate gives you praise and Sir Andrew Motion took a moment to personally

❖ congratulate Dominic after his final reading.

Dominic's three days at Homerton College, Cambridge were packed – and included talks with admissions tutors, literary walking tours of the city and a formal hall meal as well as competitive poetry recital so it was certainly a memorable experience for Dominic

Duke of Edinburgh Awards

On Tuesday 13th January 2015, six of the fourteen students who had completed their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Awards this year, attended a Gold Award Presentation at St James' Palace in London.

For these students, now OFs, it was a formal celebration of five years D of E activities and expeditions from Bronze through to Silver and Gold. They were presented with their Gold D of E certificates and badges by HRH Prince



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS, L-R: ROY WITHAM, KAT TWENTYMAN, EMMA VIDLER, ANDREI BALALAU, BECKY O'LEARY, CHRIS HOBSON, WILLIAM HITCHCOCK. (LUCY ASHBY-HOARE IS MISSING FROM THE PHOTO)

Edward, Earl of Wessex who spoke to them about their experiences. **Chris Hobson** also received a long service certificate in recognition of his sixteen years helping students to achieve their D of E Awards.

SPORT

Rugby – representational honours

Congratulations to **Connor Hein-Jones** who was selected for the National Independent School Lambs Rugby U18 squad that will tour the USA. Connor had an outstanding season, being voted player of the season for the College and then also playing for Eastern Counties U18s and gaining a London South East trial.

Congratulations also to **Toby Trinder** on being selected for England U17s to play against France in Lyon on Saturday, 11th April. A great achievement.

Girls' Hockey

The girls at all levels had enjoyed a wonderful season before Christmas, winning various County competitions, which then led on to regional and national tournaments.

We are grateful to **Toby Rider** (OF, G07-10), via Marketing Officer Tom Huggins, for the



ABOVE: FRAM HOCKEY GIRLS AT THE OLYMPIC ARENA

photography, and to an unnamed parent.

Jamie Kingstone, i/c Hockey summed up the achievements as follows:

The 1st XI girls went to the National Finals as comfortable East Champions, having beaten Queenswood 3-1 in the deciding match at the regional finals but they faced a very tough test at the Nationals. The first game saw a 3-1 loss to Millfield, but a performance to be proud of. The second game was a tough encounter against the eventual winners, Stockport. Despite our dominating the first ten minutes, the final score was 8-1. The final match against ten-time champions saw a 5-1 loss, despite taking the lead. This was a superb effort from all the girls, slightly disappointing in the final outcome, but still an outstanding achievement.

The U14 girls were also crowned East Champions in a very dramatic manner, coming back from 3-1 down to draw 3-3 and from 1-0 down to win 2-1 at the Regionals. The opening match saw a 4-1 loss to Cranleigh; the second game a very close 1-0 loss to Repton, despite dominating the play, and the final match a good performance in drawing 0-0 with Blundell's on a very heavily waterlogged pitch.

The stand-out individual achievement was that of Year 11 Alex Emsden who has been selected for the England U16 squad this season.

Boys' Hockey

In late January the U16 Boys became Suffolk Champions and qualified for the Regional Finals. In the final they beat Ipswich 6-4 in a match as thrilling as the score suggests.

NEW HEADMASTER FOR BRANDESTON

The official announcement has now been made about the successor to Martin Myers-Allen

as Headmaster at Brandeston Hall. The new Head is Matthew King, the unanimous choice, who comes from Penntorpe School in Sussex. Matthew is a Historian, sportsman (Sussex U19 cricketer), and writer (Plays and Musicals). He was educated at Hurstpierpoint and Nottingham University. He is married to Emily, who has a Masters Degree in

English, and they have three young children, all of whom will be attending Brandeston.

Helen and Martin Myers-Allen will be returning to posts at the College, leaving Brandeston in a very healthy state. They have achieved much during their time there. The hand over will take place in January 2016.

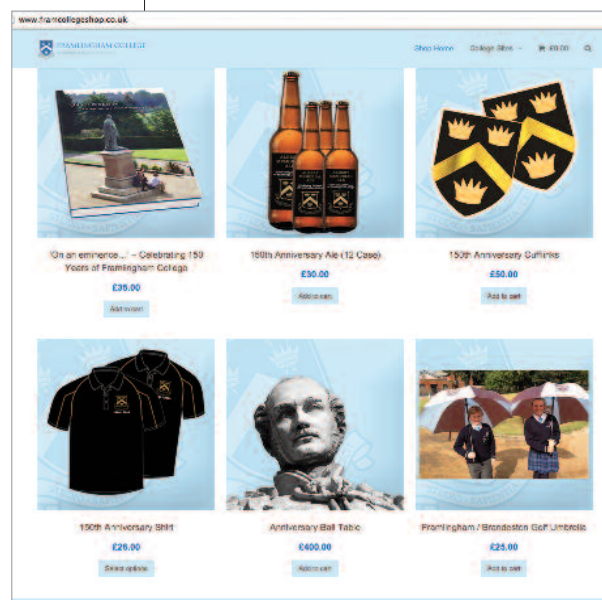
BRANDESTON SPORT

Well done to the Brandeston Hall U11 boys' hockey team who qualified for the National Hockey Finals at Wellington College and won the Bowl competition. Well done also to the U11 girls hockey team who completed an excellent season by finishing 4th in the East of England Finals.

Brandeston Hall not only won more county tennis titles than any other school in the county but were also awarded the top school award (for the 3rd time) by Suffolk LTA.

COMMEMORATIVE MERCHANDISE ON FRAM WEBSITE

<http://www.framcollegeshop.co.uk/> is the College website link, offering 150th commemorative items. But don't delay, as the cufflinks have been made in a limited quantity of 150 pairs only. See below.



CREATIVE FRAMLINGHAMIANS 27th–29th June 2–4pm, 30th June and 1st July 2–6pm

The timing of the publication of this Newsletter is designed to maximize publicity for the culmination of celebrations of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the College. The final week of this current term sees the conclusion of those celebrations, and a central feature of that week is the wide-ranging exhibition of creative art loaned specially for this exhibition by a wide range of OFs whom we loosely describe as 'Creative Framlinghamians.'

By way of a personal introduction I should say that I had a couple of meetings in 2014 with Caroline Mallett, Head of Art at the College, to support her plans for an exhibition as part of the 150-year celebrations. A working committee was then formed of: Caroline Mallett (Head of Art), Jane Easey (SOF co-ordinator), Norman Porter, Chris Keeble and Bob Williams to plan and prepare the show. The following text is taken from Caroline's contact email sent subsequently to potential exhibitors in December 2014:

'Dear Creative OF, I am writing to you in the first instance to gauge your enthusiasm for an exhibition I am hoping to curate at Framlingham College in the summer term of 2015. The aim of the exhibition is to celebrate the work of creative Old Framlinghamians who are currently working in a wide range of artistic careers, be they artist, architect, graphic designer, photographer, jewellery designer, or in other creative fields.

The choice of the summer term of 2015 as the proposed date for the exhibition is to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the College. It is our ambition to mount an exhibition that shows the wide diversity of the creative careers that many former students from this college now have.

If there is sufficient interest in this celebratory exhibition it will take the form of a short CV that we will use as the basis for a poster presenting you and your work. And then whatever appropriately displayed examples of your work we can manage. For some this might be a series of framed works, for others a short film or video presentation, architectural model, display case for jewellery or graphic design work.'

I can now report that there has been an extremely favourable response from over 50 OF exhibitors. Not only will the range of work on display give prominence to aspects of Framlingham creativity which have hitherto had limited exposure, but the exhibition will also be running in parallel to an 'Art Trail' within the College, taking those who follow it around some of the many significant works that are normally on display within various parts of the College.

The enthusiastic response of so many OFs to Caroline's email ensures that we shall be putting on an exhibition that demonstrates a high level of expertise in many fields of art and design. We urge you to fit in a visit during the opening times listed at the top of the page to see what OFs have been up to – the range and quality of the achievements of our creative OFs might well surprise you.

Chris Keeble



ABOVE: Y HUVO ALGUIEN BY JACK WASS
OIL ON CANVAS, 91x122cm



ABOVE: FRAMLINGHAM CASTLE BY PETER RODULFO,
ACRYLIC ON CANVAS,
137x92cm

BELOW: APPROACHING SOUTH GEORGIA
BY BRUCE PEARSON, WATERCOLOUR/MIXED
MEDIA, 74x122cm



BELOW: SIA SCARF BY
ISABELLA SINGLETON, 100%
SILK, 90x90cm



ABOVE: THE PHOENIX BY DAVID
MAYHEW, PHOTOGRAPHIC PRINT,
60x85cm



LEFT AND INSET: ELIXIR BY TOM
JARROLD FOR WILLIAMS & CLEAL
FURNITURE SCHOOL



RIGHT: BRANDING/PACKAGING
CONCEPT AND DESIGN FOR MICRO
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Elected members:

To retire in 2016: None, but co-opted: H Gardner and E Harrington (Retiring Moreau Scholars)
To retire in 2017: N Whitehead. Co-opted: J Binder
To retire in Spring 2018: W M Bulstrode; L Whyman

Independent Examiner: Ensors – in conjunction with the College.

New Hon OFs:

(Automatic – 10 years): Michaela Challis, Suzie Angove, Stephen Waters.

Moreau Scholars

2015: Annie Fulcher and Ele Williamson
2014: Kat Twentymann and Charlie Bullen
2013: Alex Myers-Allen; Charlotte Gower; Jasper Maberley
2012: Lewis Myers-Allen; Mimi O'Neill

College members of Council: The Headmaster or his Representative; D Boatman.

OF contributions to funds

OFs wishing to make additional financial contributions to the SOF/College were previously invited to send any such contributions to FCIF (Framlingham College Improvement Fund) c/o David Mason, formerly Chairman of Trustees.

As a consequence of our reorganisation, and our recent agreement with the College, we will now have 3 options available and encourage funds for one or more of the following purposes:

1. Support of capital projects at the College/Brandeston.
2. Support of bursaries/scholarships to financially disadvantaged students.
3. Support of former pupils/pupils/staff

If any OF would like to consider contributing to any of these funds, please contact the new Chairman of Trustees, Chris Essex.

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TRUSTEES' REVIEW of the year

As delivered by Chris Essex at the Society's AGM

This has been a momentous year for the Society, the effects of which are still being felt. Firstly, the Society must acknowledge a huge debt of gratitude to David Mason who retired as Chair of the Trustees at the AGM in 2014. For around 30 years David had been a trustee and for most of this time had combined the role of Chair and accountant to the Trustees. No one person could take on both of these roles and the Trustees welcomed Michael Smy as a trustee and to take on the role of accountant to the Trustees. I took over the role of Chair.

In 2014 an agreement was signed with the College whereby they agreed to meet all the Society's normal operational costs, with effect from 1 January 2015. Previously these costs have been met by a combination of income from the Life Membership Fund, 10% of the life subscriptions paid for leavers by the College and donations made by OFs. Although these changes did not come into effect until 1 January 2015 they have had a significant affect on the General Account in 2014 and I'll cover this in more detail later.

As part of this new agreement with the College, their auditors Ensors have taken on the independent examination of our books. The Trustees would like to thank James Ruddock-Broyd for taking on this role for the last few years. This, combined with the registration of our new charity, has necessitated some widespread changes to the structure/format of these accounts, as compared with previous years. In places this has meant that a direct comparison with 2013 has been hard to achieve.

Up until the start of 2014, the Society's charitable funds have all been held as sub-charities under the main College registered charity. The Trustees took the decision in 2014 to register a new charity to hold all the Society's current charitable funds and receive future donations and legacies. This new charity, The Society of Old Framlinghamians Charitable Trust has now been successfully registered and all the existing sub-charities have been formally transferred across to form separate funds within this new charity. The Trustees are grateful to the College for paying all our legal costs associated with these changes.

The registering of a separate charity has also now allowed the Trustees to claim Gift Aid on all applicable donations and we strongly encourage all OFs who are able to make a regular or one-off donation to this new charity, to complete a Gift Aid form. These can be found on the Society's website, along with a form to make regular donations. As mentioned in the back of the 2014 Yearbook, we also ask all existing donors to complete a Gift Aid form.

As you will be aware, the Society decided to donate a further £120,000 to the College 150th Appeal, bringing the total amount donated to £220,000. This accounts for the reduction in the size of the Life Membership Fund.

Combined with these changes, the Trustees have also been able to significantly simplify both our bank account arrangements and investment management. In terms of investment management, the Trustees used to hold our investments separately for each fund. As some of these are fairly small this had the added complexity that they could not be managed by our investment managers and were held directly in the names of the trustees. Their small size also seriously restricted our ability to offer a reasonable spread of asset allocations, which, over the years, has significantly hindered their performance. At the end of 2014 the Trustees approved, for investment management purposes, the restructuring of all of our investments into just two pots: One for all our charitable funds and one for all our unrestricted funds. During 2015 this will mean that all funds, however small, can enjoy the same asset allocation and be actively managed by our Investment Managers, Investec Wealth Management.

To maximise tax efficiency, the Trustees will also in future be ensuring that all grants and awards are made from our charitable funds, funded where necessary by a gift from our unrestricted funds eg in the case of the Moreau Scholarships.

So that's the background to a lot of changes we have made. If you have a copy of the accounts in front of you, you will notice they say Unsigned. I'm pleased to say that Ensors have now signed them off. I'll briefly now make a few detailed comments on the accounts, starting with the General Account.

In terms of receipts, the big change is that there was no payment from the College in respect of Life Subscriptions.

Instead they made a grant of £3,000 to help fund the later part of the financial year, whilst the Trustees provided only the balance of the 2013 income from the Life Membership Fund, the rest of the expenditure being funded from cash reserves brought forward.

In terms of payments out of the General Account, the proportion of costs borne by the Society for the Yearbook and Newsletter were slightly down on the previous year. All other payments were broadly in line with previous years. Payments were made to fund a retirement gift to David Mason and to contribute towards the purchase of the replica set of Pickard medals organised by James Ruddock-Broyd.

After making a grant on behalf of the Trustees to assist Ms. A Karpenko, the majority of the remaining funds in this account were transferred back to the Life Membership Fund; the remaining balance will also be transferred to it at the start of the new year. As mentioned earlier, in 2015 the General Account will be fully funded by the College.

Moving on to the trust accounts, the dividend income in the unrestricted trusts was a little lower this year due to the gift of £120,000 to the College Appeal. Donations of £2,750 were made from the unrestricted funds to the charitable funds to enable a couple of specific grants to be provided. As a condition of initially setting up the new charity, we had to ensure that it had an income of £5,000 so this was provided by a transfer from the Life Membership Fund. In addition to the regular grants and awards the Trustees provided two hardship awards from the Moreau Benevolent fund to recent leavers, and intend building up the investments of this fund with money from the Life Membership Fund to enable further awards to be made. Following a rise in investment manager fees at the end of 2013, these have resulted in a significant increase in charges coming through during the year, but are still only around 0.8% of funds under management.

A larger than normal surplus was generated on the Life Membership due to a combination of not having to provide income to the General Account coupled with the transfer back of surplus remaining in the General Account at year end.

The Balance Sheet, which reflects our investments at cost price rather than current value, shows a decrease compared to last year due to the £120,000 gift to the Appeal. Despite this gift, you will see that the funds in total have a value at 31st December 2014 of £896,174 as compared with £991,136 at the end of 2013.

As a result of registering our charity with the Charity Commission and transferring across the other charitable funds to it, we now have to file a separate set of accounts with the Commission showing the charitable funds' transactions. You will be pleased to hear that it is not our intention to spend time reviewing them as the information is contained in the accounts. The separate charity accounts will be put on the website, along with the Society's full accounts which are already there. If and when you approve the accounts, we ask that you also authorise the Trustees to sign off the charity accounts for submission to the Commission.

So as I said at the start, this has been a significant year of change, which has involved the Trustees in considerable additional work during 2014 including additional and longer meetings. I would very much like to thank Tim, John and Michael for their dedication over this last year and to thank Richard and Norman for their support and wise counsel throughout this year of change. I'm sure they would all like me to single out Michael in particular. It is mainly down to his enthusiasm for taking over the accounting of our trustee funds that has triggered many of these changes. Many thanks, Michael. 2015 will see the completion of this significant reorganisation and simplification of our affairs. It will also see us introducing from Speech Day this year a significant number of new prizes and grants. These will not only reward achievement while at the College but will also reward working with the Society over the 3 years after leaving. In a full year these awards will amount to £8700pa. We have also increased the Moreau Scholarships from £800 to £1000pa.

Finally, should you do me the honour of electing me as your next President, I intend to remain a trustee but stand down as Chair and the trustees are delighted to say that John Ellerby has agreed to take on this role.