

## West of England Supper – 22 June 2013

The West of England Supper was again held at the Angel Inn in Hindon on Saturday 22 June 2013. As always we were made extremely welcome by the convivial owner/host Doug.

Our numbers were slightly up this year at 14, as both Richard Overend (affected by monsoon conditions last year!) and Nick Innell (on Olympics duty) were able to attend this year.

The full list of those able to be present were : **Nick Innell (S67-75) & Jenny Mayes, Peter & Liz Gasgoyne-Lockwood (R57-64), Duncan Miller (R47-54), Richard & Marion Overend (S51-57), Brian Pretty (S52-56), Richard & Georgina Sayer (President, S56-61), Bob & Madeleine Williams (Hon OF) and Chris & Eryl Essex (Organiser, K69-75).**

Prior to the meal we enjoyed pre dinner drinks in the bar and we were surprised and delighted to be served with champagne that **Barrie Barber (S37-40)** had generously donated even though he was unable to attend. It certainly got the evening off to a great start.



After a 3 course meal Chris did the loyal toast and then said a few words. He read out apologies from a number of OFs including **Geoff Bland (K49-56)** who surprisingly thought attending his son's wedding was a higher priority and **Charlie Blackmore (K65-75)** who was gold mining in South Sudan for second year running! He finished with a toast to the College and Brandeston.

The President gave an update on OF events and what's been happening at the College, followed by a toast to the Society. He also included a quiz, but former Brandeston deputy head, Bob Williams was up to the challenge!

Following the tradition set last year, we then had a number of additional talks. Nick Innell told us all about his work this time last year with security at the Olympics games and in particular being in charge of security at Greenwich Park. This was followed by Peter Gasgoyne Lockwood talking about the revised itinerary for the trip to France in April 2014 to see where Flowerdew, Hewitt and Pickard all gave their lives. The fifth and final speaker was Brian Pretty giving us an update on his amazing exploits in Africa.

An enjoyable time was had by all and those of us staying retired to the bar for a couple of night caps!!

