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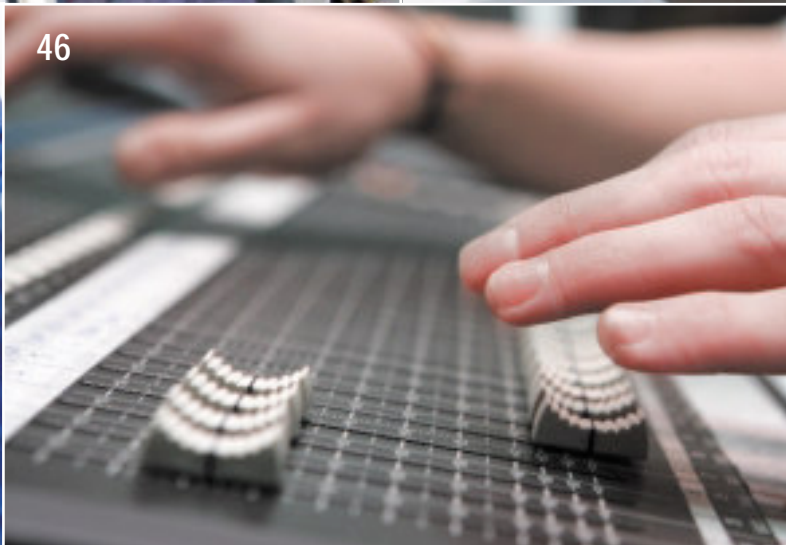
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We were delighted to welcome Lord Wilson of Dinton GCB MA LLM to present prizes at Speech Day on Saturday 1st July. Lord Wilson, formally the Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Home Civil Service, is the Master of Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

Mrs Randall, the Head, spoke of the challenges currently facing education, the College's role in providing public benefit, and the success of our pupils in all walks of school life. A copy of her speech is recorded below.

'Ladies, Gentlemen and honoured guests:

It is always with pleasure that I stand before you to deliver my address on Speech Day but the years do roll on, and realising that I am now amongst an ever dwindling group of people who share the distinction of having actually seen England win the world cup in the middle of the last century, I am bound to acquire a sense of perspective along with the silver hairs. Forgive me if I begin with a flash back to my own early years.

I was born in a back street in South East London and in those days, my family was grindingly poor. We had no bathroom, no running hot water, and on Saturday nights, there was the family ritual of baths in an old tin tub pulled in front of the fire. Luxury to me consisted of getting into the bath before my elder sister, Daphne, who would always hog the bath for what seemed like hours, condemning me to lukewarm water cloudy with her old fairy soap pinched from the scullery. My dad took work when he could, but quite often at the end of the week, the chiming Westminster clock would disappear from the mantelpiece. I was later to learn that my mother sometimes had to pawn our best possessions in order to make dad's money eke out to Friday. I suspect that the clock also wandered off to the pawnbroker's on Derby day. My father left school at the age of 12. My mother made it to 14. Almost higher education! My father's one ambition was for his three daughters to have the chances in life that he had never had. My mother taught us to love poetry and to read books, and on a summer's evening, we would play skipping in the street, or hunt for wild flowers in the bomb site down the road. We were happy little urchins blessed with loving parents, good brains, and good manners. All three girls went to university, the first generation to do so. Daphne read Politics at Oxford, I gained an open scholarship to Bristol, and Sylvia read Modern Languages at Hull. She now teaches in France, I run the best independent co-educational school in East Anglia, and my elder sister was until very recently the leader of East Sussex county council. Not bad for the girls from the back street. Social mobility was both a dream, my father's dream, and a reality in the 1950s, far, far more so than now. It was made possible through one thing alone... education.

Our government placed education at the very heart of its political agenda, and Tony Blair's striking claim that in his first term, his priorities would be 'education, education, education' was laudable in its intention and aspiration. If we judge him by outcomes, the picture is less appealing. Teachers are now far better paid than when he came to office, but still class sizes raise concern. In spite of workforce remodelling, in which cheaper support staff are used to undertake some of the tasks formerly undertaken by the now more expensive teachers, recruitment is a growing problem. The profession as a whole is due to lose a disproportionate number of staff over the next few years through retirement. There is widespread concern about GCSEs, with scepticism about the value of coursework, and the fact that plagiarism is increasing. The recent announcement that one board is about to launch a new science GCSE where pupils will just be tested by multiple choice has done nothing to allay fears of dumbing down. Indeed, it gets worse, as up to five resits of individual modules will be permitted, reducing multiple choice, effectively, to multiple guess. Reform of A levels has stalled. I have yet to meet a head in HMC who believes that the current AS A2 system, with its endless schedule of examination for our students, is in any way an improvement on what it replaced. As Lord Wilson knows only too well, it is nigh on impossible for universities to differentiate between candidates, especially those holding top grades. As chaos reigns, individual universities are devising their own entrance tests, especially in oversubscribed disciplines such as Law or Medicine. We will soon see a new illness amongst the young: repetitive examination syndrome is on its way. As new courses to attract ever more undergraduates proliferate, we see cherished institutions such as Exeter closing the Chemistry department. Fewer and fewer students study traditional hard sciences, or Mathematics. As spending on education increases, the taxpayer needs to ask: is the country spending its money effectively? Do the governments new, hugely expensive flagship academies actually deliver better results? Has the increase in undergraduate numbers as a whole led to a more employable workforce? Are graduates happy with the posts they end up with? Do we not need any engineers in this country?

Again, Lord Wilson may well confirm my view that were it not for independent schools, we would see more and more Science, Modern Languages and Mathematics departments closing at our universities. The numbers of students studying these subjects has dropped dramatically in state schools. I know that my state school colleagues face pressure to offer all sorts of course options at Sixth Form level, even when they feel that they are inappropriate for their particular school or catchment.

These 'pathway' initiatives are not always welcomed



LEFT TO RIGHT: BEN MARK (HEAD OF SCHOOL), WILL POOLE (HEAD BOY), LORD WILSON OF DINTON, MRS GWEN RANDALL (THE HEAD OF COLLEGE), MR ANDREW FANE (CHAIRMAN OF GOVERNORS), ROSY LAWRENCE (HEAD GIRL).

by any manner of means. The pathways are of the garden variety – our schools are being led down the garden path, diluting the quality of what they might wish to provide and effectively deterring students from opting for more demanding disciplines.

Last year, the most popular A level at Framlingham College was Mathematics – a hugely successful department led by Ken Hoyle. 73 per cent of the students gained the top two grades. This College performed magnificently well too in the United Kingdom Mathematics trust challenges. Our Maths teachers inspire our pupils, if ever there were a potent example of good practice in Mathematics teaching, it resides here at Framlingham. The ofsted report on post 14 mathematics provision stressed the value of teaching mathematical reasoning rather than seemingly arbitrary mathematical

rules. Our students are encouraged to think for themselves and to develop critical reasoning. This subject, and other core subjects, need to be fostered, even though they are in relative terms, difficult, demanding subjects.

Project this a few years into the future and the picture becomes even more critical. If trends continue, and less and less students opt for hard sciences, mathematics, or demanding creative subjects for that matter, where will the training opportunities be found for our teachers of the future? The answer will increasingly be in the independent sector. We are rapidly becoming an important player, a potentially key partner in this nation's educational provision. I believe that this is important enough for us to embrace the links with wholehearted enthusiasm. Teacher training, partnership schemes with local state schools, sharing expertise, maximising the use of our facilities to

- ❖ the benefit of a wider community – these are opportunities of which we need have no fear. Indeed, as long as this is progressed on a secure business footing, it can be to our financial benefit too.

How do we serve the nation today? In 1864, the founders of the College were clearly committed to social engineering. In the London Gazette of that year, the following was written: the Suffolk County memorial of the late Prince Consort is designed by its founders, as stated in the significant language of their prospectus, 'to furnish the middle classes in Suffolk with means of obtaining an education for their sons which shall place them, for all practical purposes, in such a position with

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the upper and lower classes, as will fit them for the society in which it will be their lot to live.' That clear, unshakable, class driven vision is dated now, but strip away the reference to class, and it comes into modern focus. For a fee of just £25 per year, the founders wanted to open up educational opportunities to a far wider tranche of society so that those middle class boys would go out and serve the nation and empire. That is not a million miles away from what I am proposing now – doing all in our power to ensure that this College opens its doors to more pupils, supporting those in need and enlisting the commitment of those who are not in need, to provide world class education for the benefit of the community beyond – social mobility which leads to social unity, firmly based on merit.

Next year as a result, significant changes are to be made to our scholarship process. It will be based, as now, entirely on merit, but the value of the awards will be reduced from 50 percent to 30 or 15 per cent. The funds thus saved will go to provide additional bursary support to scholars who actually need more money in terms of remission to be able to access education at the College. Pembroke scholarships will remain, as now, capped at the full cost of tuition, and these will be faithful to the historical purpose which set them up in the first place. They are designed for local children who would otherwise not be able to access independent education at all. This is all about widening access, and I am quite certain that a similar policy will soon be adopted in all independent schools. Some have already done so. Add to this, our

commitment to teacher training, to partnership, to maximising appropriate use of facilities and human resources to the benefit of the wider community, and we will both be able to demonstrate public benefit with ease, and will secure our right to pursue excellence. We must welcome it, as it will make us even more forward thinking, dynamic and successful than we currently are.

Last year's A level results were the best ever. 64 per cent of all entries were at grades A or B – that is nearly two thirds of the students achieving top grades. 15 per cent achieved three straight A grades or better. For the first time, that meant that we were the top fully co-educational school in the whole of East Anglia in 'The Times' league table which is based on UCAS points. Unfortunately, the league table, when published contained incorrect information about our results, so this tremendous news failed to spark local attention. The mistakes were rectified by 'The Times', and their website now displays the correct information. One local head, whom, of course, I will not identify – perish the thought – was delighted to report to his parents in the autumn term newsletter that whilst he did not normally approve of league tables, just this once, he was happy to quote them as his school had successfully outstripped all his local rivals. I will not rub too much salt into this particular wound and wild horses would not drag the name of this school from me, but, if you live anywhere in the vicinity of the river Deben, check out 'The Times' website and you will see the excellent results of this fine school displayed just one place – the merest whisker – below – those for – Framlingham College. Not, of course, that I approve of league tables!!! But just this once!!

GCSE results were also very good indeed. One of the top students was Miss Bush who will be head of school next year. She achieved 9 A stars which put her at joint number two with Mr Tubbs in the Framlingham league table stakes, second only to the all star Miss Bridgstock with 10. Claire later commented 'I'm just relieved it's all over!' I mention this not because it was a particularly insightful remark, it wasn't Claire, but because we all underestimate what a strain these examinations are to all students, irrespective of ability. However good you are, you can be tripped up and so very much depends on results. I know that this year's students have been working hard, and I am expecting good things in August. Whatever the outcome, this year's cohort deserve to succeed, and that is really what makes a successful year for me and my staff, not really the raw results and the tables. I think my students have given things their best shot.

I am so proud of my students but I sometimes shy away from recording the many individual triumphs of the year in case I miss any out. Where do you draw the line when so many able students are creating so much that is exciting, exceptional, outstanding? This year, there have



been so many high points that I will pay tribute to my talented and gifted pupils.

We said farewell to old Athlone whilst fiddling on a roof and there was a sense of nostalgia as the curtain dropped for the last time, in triumph, even though some of us could not help gazing at the holes in the roof. Rupert Elmes was terrific! I am glad that the final performance did justice to the much loved, if shabby venue. Mr Porter would have enjoyed seeing the flagship development of his headship taking its final bow in its original state supporting such talent. Thanks to his generous legacy, the new Headmaster Porter theatre, like a phoenix, will open with the first production of 'Les Miserables'. It is not a refurbishment: it will be a transformation. Our actors and musicians will have the facilities that their talents deserve.

How exciting it was when Laura Wright swept through as the BBC2 Young Chorister of the Year. The best may yet be to come as she has secured her first commercial recording contract which will see her singing career taking off. Laura has been invited as a soloist to perform in major concerts all over the country, most notably in St Paul's Cathedral before an audience of 2,000. She will appear in songs of praise, possibly on Remembrance Sunday. Laura's success had attracted considerable interest in College music generally. We were invited to produce two programmes for BBC 2's Sunday half hour. The whole school sang with the chapel choir and Laura as soloist under the direction of Rob Goodrich. It was an experience to be put through our paces by a formidable female BBC producer. At one point, a weary College was ordered to repeat one verse of a hymn that was proving to be tricky to record. The critical voice of the producer boomed out from her recording van. 'Sorry, school. You sang that beautifully. Trouble was, we could hear Mr Goodrich leaping about again and some fool put an 's' on Jordan River. I confess to you now that if Rob Goodrich was 'jumping jack flash', the fool was your head.

Laura's success did not just come out of the blue. Music, especially choral music, is a major strength here. We have no fewer than 9 pupils who were selected for the National Youth Choir. Christina Johnston was runner up in the same BBC2 competition last year, and I really believe that she was in part responsible for inspiring Laura.

Our reputation in sport rides high. The first fifteen recorded an unbeaten season – played 15, won 15, for 381, against just 95 – a College record. Their captain, James Hurlock, went on to captain the Under 18 England team which won the European Championships under his captaincy. James has won a contract to play for the Saracens Premier League Rugby Club. He will, I am sure, be signing autographs as you leave. Chasing him for England honours we have Patrick Spraggs training with

the England Golf Union, and Robert Newton returning from a triumphant tour of South Africa playing for the England Under 16 cricket team. He has now been promoted to the England Under 17s where he recently managed 80 runs from 40 balls. Jace Palmer has shot for England, and John Bird is running in the finals of the England Schools Athletics Championships. Rebecca Green has won the East Anglian Shotput Championships. Our girls are through to the Aberdare Cup Finals in tennis. Our Under 16 boys' squad made it to the Under 16 National Hockey Finals. My team to watch for the future – hot tip – has got to be the Under 15 'A' cricket squad, captained by Simon Pitt and Sam Bennett-King. Toby Tibbenham is away today hoping to catch the eyes of the England hockey selectors. Georgia Cooke is off to play in the England girls' rugby squad this July. Olly Woodgate made his mark in just about all sports imaginable and vies with his older sporting guru, Peter Clarke, as one of the College's most natural, versatile, born sportsmen. Have you noticed something about that lightning report? We are not just bringing home the silver with our senior teams, not just with the boys, not just in one or two specialisms – it is more or less all sports, both sexes, all ages.

So you see, the reputation of the College is riding high – so high, in fact, that 'Country Life' identified Framlingham College as one of the top 80 schools in the country for increasing the value of your home. So buy a property near Framlingham, send your children to the College, and at least if you come over faint whilst writing the cheque for the school fees, you can take solace in the fact that the capital value of the family pile is rising because of it. Some years ago, on Speech Day, I was reviewing the year's highlights and I said, ruefully, that I thought that Framlingham and Brandeston were the best kept secret in Suffolk. I said that I thought it was high time that we let the secret out. More and more people now understand that Framlingham College is a very fine school. We are seeing increasing numbers of parents and prospective students, and we are determined to continue to invest in our children's future, in terms of human resources and facilities, both here and at Brandeston. I am delighted to welcome the New Master, Nigel Woolnough and his wife, Paula, to this their first College speech day. So successful has Mr Woolnough been at letting the secret out that he has, this year, recruited a record number of pupils into Year 7. Nothing gives me more confidence for our future than to have a really strong partner to work with. Brandeston and the College together are unstoppable, and the secret will be destroyed when all members of the Framlingham family start spreading the word. So next time you attend a play, a concert, or book your table for cabaret, bring a friend. They, like you, will not be disappointed. Shout it loud!

During the year we were delighted to welcome:

**Julian and Naomi Williams,**  
**Hiro (Masahiro Kanja).**

We were sorry to lose Common Room staff:

**Richard Curtis** left us after nearly 8 years, during which time he has added immeasurably to the sports programme and leaves his indelible mark on the 1st XV rugby squads past, present and future. Richard has given of his time unselfishly over the years, taking development squads to training sessions, leading overseas tours and insisting on as many training sessions per week for the 1st XV as he could possibly get away with. His relentless drive for perfection on the sports field has been echoed in his efforts in the Maths department where he has been Assistant Head of Department for the past year. We will miss his unique sense of humour and cheerful demeanour. We wished Richard every success in his new position of Director of Rugby at Shiplake.

**Sarah Lindridge** arrived nearly 3 years ago as Special Education Needs Co-ordinator and non-resident tutor in Moreau. During that time she worked tirelessly to develop and expand the work of the special needs department. Her awareness of the challenges which some students face has always been met with a realism of how much could and should be done to help. Sarah's cheerful presence in the Common Room will be sadly missed as will her sage words of wisdom about those in her care. To allow her to live closer to work, Sarah moved to St. Joseph's College who have gained a professional and caring teacher.

**Nick Dillon** joined the Maths department and completed his teacher training 'on the job'. He has brought his dry sense of humour, energy and enthusiasm to every area of College life. Nick has been a very popular member of Common Room and has contributed to the Royal Navy Cadets, tennis, skiing and sailing activities. He leaves us to pursue interests and activities outside of teaching, which I suspect will include sailing, golf, tennis and bridge! His quiet, authoritative presence will be genuinely missed by all of us here at the College and we wish him well for the future.

**Julian and Naomi Williams** rejoined the College community having had some time away and we were very pleased to welcome them back. Even more pleasing was the addition to the Williams'

household of Freya, born during the year. Julian has put many hours of work into his efforts in the Sports Department, running a very tight ship and coaching all three major sports, he was non-resident tutor in Kerrison, not to mention his enthusiasm in the classroom. Naomi took over as head of biology and introduced new ideas and her own brand of enthusiasm. They leave to take over a boarding house at Worth School and we wish them every success in the future.

**Aude Lebarbé** has fulfilled the role of French Assistante over the past year and has contributed enormously to the development of spoken French within the College. She has also been resident in Victoria where her sense of humour and energy has served her well. She will be very much missed by the girls in the house and by the Common Room. Aude left us to finish her studies in Paris and we wish her well for the future.

*Mr Julian Holland*  
*Vice-President, Common Room*



ABOVE: MR RICHARD CURTIS



### Chapel

This was a difficult year for the Chapel building, as the refurbishment of the Athlone Hall resulted in the Chapel being used for exams and music lessons. Nevertheless, the routine of services has been kept up as far as possible and the activities of Chaplaincy have continued.

The Autumn Term saw 'getting to know everyone' socials in the Chaplain's garden for all new boarders, and throughout the year the Chaplain was timetabled to teach all Year 9, which was a great help. There was the routine of Harvest Festival and Remembrance Sunday, with the change with Advent towards a Christmas feel in Chapel with candlelit evening services and Carols at the end of term; over the last two years much work has gone into the décor of the Chapel reflecting the seasons, and towards the end of term the Chapel was certainly a very atmospheric place. Charity is important for the soul and the Dickens' evening at the beginning of Charity Week was a hearty start to thinking about giving to others.

The Spring Term started with Founder's Day and later 10 pupils being Confirmed by the Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich. Thoughts increasingly turned to exams and the difficulty of keeping the routine going as Year groups left, trips took place and the Chapel was used for other purposes.

Overall the Chapel continues to provide a place where alternative ways

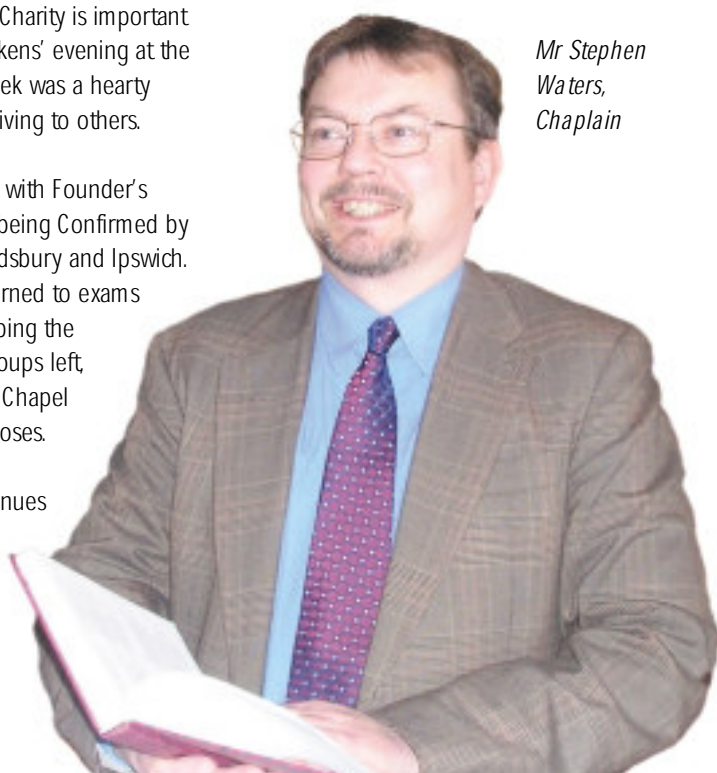
of living and believing, attitudes and ethos are presented to the College Community. An element in society which is becoming ever more precious as time passes by.

*Mr Stephen Waters, Chaplain*

### Charity at the College

Several events were held during the year with own clothes days, cake and jewellery sales proving to be very popular. The Charity week held at the end of the Autumn Term resulted in the latest bizarre outfits at the fashion show, staff dressed as gorillas and werewolves, slaves being bought and sold in Paul's Court Marketplace, pupils keeping vows of silence and 'fancily' dressed hockey players. We were delighted that just under £4000 was raised for charities chosen by staff and pupils.

*Mr Stephen Waters, Chaplain*



### The Framlingham Youth Volunteer Service

Twenty students have been involved in the Framlingham Volunteer Service. This activity generates an opportunity for students at the College to participate and make a difference in the community they live in. They do so by contributing an hour of their time each week to, either being involved in the Framlingham after-school club or providing companionship for the senior citizens at Mills Meadow (the local retirement home). At the after-school club, the students entertain the children from Sir Robert Hitcham's Primary School by joining them in various play activities.

A five-week in-service training is undertaken to enable the students to know what is expected before they take up their various chosen responsibilities. In addition to this, the training develops the pupils' awareness of the aims and objectives of The Volunteer Service and helps develop empathy. The students in this service are aware of the vital link between themselves and the community in which they live and do a tremendous job. They realise that they are not only the future but are also the present and so take action to reflect this importance.

Michael Austin, a Year 13 student in Kerrison House has been a dedicated volunteer, visiting Mills Meadow twice a week. He writes, 'I have been a volunteer at Mills Meadow retirement home for 8 months, carrying out both residential and day-care work. It's been a great experience, and I have gained a real sense of satisfaction. It has really helped develop my communication skills, as well as giving me a perspective on what it is like to be a senior citizen. It is a rewarding experience because you know that you make a difference to someone's day even if it is just a quick chat and a cup of tea. - So, my advice is make a difference and volunteer.'

The contribution of our volunteers is valuable and much appreciated by those who directly benefit from their service. I am confident that the number of students involved in this service will continue to grow in future years.

*Mrs Liz Ward*



## Garrett House

Garrett House came to the end of an era, as we said goodbye to our Housemaster Mr Chris Hobson. Mr 'Hobbo' Hobson has been Housemaster of Garrett since 2002 and by all measures has been hugely successful in the four years he has spent with us. Mr Myers-Allen was always going to be a tough act to follow, yet Hobbo has managed the role with calm and collected aplomb. On behalf of the rest of the House, I would like to thank him most warmly for the fantastic job he has done and wish him and his family the very best of luck in the future.

It was therefore of prime importance that we performed across the board in Hobbo's leaving year. We certainly did that! The year was off to a flying start with a massive victory in the House Singing, which was one of the highlights of the year. The way in which the house gelled was unmatched,

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pulling off a superb performance of 'I'm a believer' (dance moves et al!) and being rightly awarded first place for our efforts. Our practice sessions were certainly intense, but this helped to create a brilliant evening for the house. The reaction from the boys on hearing the result showed the unity and cohesion that has enabled Garrett to maintain its lively atmosphere. The part song singers wooed the female adjudicator with tight harmonies, tight trousers (Clarke?! ) and 1920s style 'can-can' dancing. We certainly turned a few heads there! It has to be said, or rather it is always said, we were robbed! The evening was made all the more significant the fact that all the preparation, practices and arrangements were done ourselves. My thanks go to Ollie Poole and Stuart Foulston for their help.



ABOVE: STUART FOULSTON PERFORMS AT THE SUMMER CONCERT

On the sporting front, unfortunately we were unable to polish off a fantastic sporting year with a victory at Sports Day, as it was cancelled due to poor weather! Rather disappointingly the world will have to wait until 2007 before they see Tom 'Timmy' 'Tina' Turner destroy the college 100m record! Other highlights included victories in Senior House Tennis, Badminton, Cricket and a couple of near misses in the Hockey and Rugby. The Juniors are an able bunch, led powerfully by the 'bloz twins' Collins and Tew! They enjoyed success in Cricket, Tennis and Football to name a few.

Our greatest sporting success however was most definitely winning Steeps, a fantastic all-round effort. Thanks go to Peter Clarke, Captain of Sport, for his committed organisation of all the house sports.

I am greatly indebted to many for the support they have given me. I want to thank the lower sixth for their support who, after a shaky start, really matured into decent Garrett chaps (Edwards, Fox, Turner, Lawson, Goodin et al.) Also I thank the upper sixth, who have provided many laughs and made the final year in Garrett immensely enjoyable. Particular thanks go to Guy Rush, somewhat of an unsung hero in Garrett, who was always willing to fill in when required. May I also remark that his work as 'Head of new year 12s' was performed superbly; integral to the smooth running of the house! Also thanks go to Dan Salmon, who has been an absolute

rock this year performing a crucial role in the everyday running of the house. He rose to the challenge and has become someone who I have always felt that I can completely depend upon. He has also become proficient at inter-house relations (mainly Moreau)! Miles Rush, the deputy Head of House, has been superb support throughout the year. His efficiency and personable manner has led him to great success all over the school and I cannot thank him enough for what he has done.

The upper sixth all venture off to their respective universities and I wish them all every success. The Garrett reins have been handed over to Mr Marcus 'Marvellous' Marvel, and so the prospects for next year's House cricket teams are particularly promising! Over the past decade or so, Garrett has been the house to beat in the Stock Shield, and I have no doubt that as it enters a new era it will continue that tradition.

*Will Poole, Head of House (pictured below, with sister Felicity, OF)*



## Kerrison House

The philosophical yet charismatic John Wybar led the House during the year, and Michael Germelmann his Deputy, was the fixer but always with good humour. Stephen Young was our dependable Captain of Sport, Michael Jia and Ben Norton took the music, and Will Owen the art. Michael Austin and Tom Kilvert led by personal example, and the spirit at the top of the House, within the sixth form, was great and an inspiration to all others. The tutor team was also strong, and we were sorry to see Messrs. Curtis, Marvell and Williams leave at the end of the year. Nonetheless, Kerrison was a good grounding for them to learn from! Mr Richard Curtis was a tremendous academic tutor, and we all admired and respected his straight talking, no-nonsense approach to helping his charges achieve great things.

In sport, in my opinion, the seniors were the match of any other house, although victory eluded them in the hockey, tennis, cricket and soccer. However, victories were achieved at golf, in the basketball, and in the rugby. The juniors were not so strong, but they certainly improved once the Year 10s began to take leadership responsibilities on their shoulders. It was great to win the squash under Seb Denby and we finished strongly in the cricket and the swimming, with some real pride. Two hundred and sixty-two 'genuine' crabs in the Walberswick crabbing competition was a House record – a fine achievement in this 'fringe' event.

Individuals in House also did well: Austin and Chamberlain in the British Schools' Archery Championships; Eastern Counties sportsmen – Davies, Usher, Young (rugby) and Tibbenham (hockey); Garry Findlay, in Formula 4 racing at Castle Donnington. I was impressed by the growing number who participated in the Suffolk Historic Churches Cycle Tour this year, and well-done to Daniel Daykin who took part in the charity road races around Framlingham in the summer term.



ABOVE: HOUSEMASTER, MARK KENDALL, LEADING THE HOLKHAM BAY DUNE TRANSECT

Kerrison was honoured to have the President of the Sixth Form Society this year, James Harpum, and four Gold Duke of Edinburgh recipients, whilst Giles Peters-Forster received national media attention when auctioning off a ghost on e-bay! A Lower Sixth group kindly volunteered to clear a garden in Saxtead Green one Sunday, and our Debating teams were unstoppable, especially the juniors. Andrzej Stuart-Thompson, in particular, made a fantastic orator this year, took the key role in the Junior Play, and was our top academic. Lewis Price also excelled on stage, whilst Rolon Lai and Ben Norton made strong musical impact. Academically the House did well and worthy of note is Leon Johnstone and Frank Wang, Ben Norton, and Will Owen. Others such as Buster Hall, Tom Kilvert and Ben Melrose also made great progress in their own right.

The House was blessed to have a goodly number of external speakers this year, and long may the tradition remain. Nick Kingsley entertained us all at another memorable House Dinner, whilst Adam Howard-Dobson (a Year in Industry), Tony Martin (the Past as key to the Future), Penny Bendall (Ceramic Restoration and Networking), Wendy Zebedee (on the Ransomes' Dynasty), and Major Colin Cape ('Visions of Vietnam') all spoke eloquently. Kerrison

was pleased to accept the Chris Sneath Trophy from its namesake for the senior whose House contribution had been outstanding this year – the winner was Michael Germelmann; the Ian Abraham's Trophy went to a tremendous junior prospect, Hugh Chapman.

Kerrison was my home and my life for the last nine years, and I was very sad to leave it. It gave me great pride to see, thanks to the efforts of so many Old Boys, fifty years of Kerrison history on the walls of the Set Room for the beginning of the new academic year. Given that the House's history as 'Kerrison', as distinct to 'Blue House', only goes back about eighty-five years, we are definitely winning the battle to create complete historical depth and background to an otherwise contemporary building. And finally, my thanks go especially to the maternal 'rock' on which our foundation stands, Mrs Janet Chesman, and to all those tutors, domestic staff and boys who have always made Kerrison 'top house' for me.

*Mr Mark Kendall, Housemaster*



**Kerrison runners:** On Saturday 24th June, boys from Kerrison house took part in the Framlingham Midsummer Madness road race. Alex Cape ran extremely well to complete his first half-marathon (13.5 miles) in just over 2 hours, whilst six others competed in the shorter 4.5 mile "fun run", with Daniel Daykin finishing in fourth place (against adult opposition from local clubs). Between them and Dr Higgins, who also ran the half-marathon, they raised well over £300 on behalf of the Marie Curie Cancer Care charity.

### Moreau House

Alex Reid led the House and was very much at the helm working closely with students and staff providing that crucial link and support for all. She was ably supported by Victoria Mawson (alias Bips!) her Deputy who ensured that the duty teams knew what they were doing and when. Leanne Newton as Captain of Sport had a rather frustrating year preparing the girls for events only for bad weather to lead to cancellations on several occasions. However her drive, commitment and powers of organisation were greatly appreciated.

There were many successes throughout the year as we won both senior and junior matches in hockey, netball and tennis, came first in junior squash, senior golf and Steeps and also the badminton. Becky Saunders was the only year 9 in the 1st tennis team, Flick Cobbold was awesome in House hockey and also plays for Suffolk. Beth Rutterford captained the rounders team and we had no less than 4 out of the 5 girls involved in the Aberdare Cup for tennis (Sinead Collins, Laura Wright, Tori Aldred and Becky Saunders) who excelled in this prestigious competition. Alex Reid played for the 1st in tennis, hockey and netball, and Sinead Collins is just awesome at everything sporty!

The House always really looked forward to their House evenings and Joanna Lowe, our Senior Prefect, was great at organising these events which are now a very important part of the House calendar. The Year 9s were transformed into psychedelic cats with highly polished nails, thanks to manicures given by Lucy Tone and Hannah Jones, face packs, pizzas and a late night DVD concluded their first sleepover at the College. Not to be left out, years 10 and 11 decided they would have a sleepover too and Mrs Cuff helped by organising a seriously sticky cake decorating competition and some other games, followed by a highly calorific cake-eating session! Then we had an Arty Social Evening for year 12s which took part in the Art room and was organised by Alice Wilson and Bonnie Paul. Personalised clay "tiles" were created to music whilst Alex Reid and

Mrs M handed round cheese and wine refreshments.

Who could forget our House Dinner 2006 organised by Alex and Bips. The tables were magnificently decorated and we have to thank Bips' Mum for her amazing flower arrangements. During the meal we were entertained cabaret style by Miss Weston and Mr Goodrich. Interactive numbers such as "Big Spender" caused one or two



TOP: CLAIRE BUSH AND HANNAH JONES  
ABOVE: ALEX REID, HEAD OF HOUSE

blushes for Mr Randall and Miss Stead's fiancé. We were also treated to another rendition of our winning part song - "IF" and our thanks go to Bonnie Paul for organising all the House music this year. There weren't many dry eyes in the room after that performance. The theme, "Back to Nature" was most puzzling until we sat down for the entertainment at 9pm. We were thrilled to be introduced to an amazing array of animals, from Barn Owls to Armadillos and Tarantulas. The biggest

hit of the evening was the Python and many photos were taken of him draped over Mrs Randall and slithering across shrieking girls in evening dresses!

We had a glut of food donated by girls for the Christmas Party in the 6th form centre. Each year group provided entertainment, Chloe Bacon accompanied the year 9 song, who could forget the song and dance routine put on by Olivia Kingsley, Issy De Podesta and Rebecca Peck! Secret Santa arrived looking remarkably like our Head of House and pressies for everyone rounded off a very festive evening.

In the spring term the common room was converted into a saloon for the evening and our Wild West Night was just dandy! There were posters of every girl "Wanted" for some crime or other, a Year 9 rain dance, Year 10 Cancan, Year 11 line dance with fantastic choreography, and the sixth form entertained singing "Home on the Range" in parts. "Hot dawgs" and "Mama's Apple Pie" rounded off a hilarious evening, and we raised over £50 for charity with a raffle.

Our final event of the year was House Banner Night, an ambitious project where every member of the house had to create a personalised fabric square. There were plenty of beads, sequins and trinkets sewn that evening and the whole Banner is to sport the new Moreau Motto, 'Friends are Family'.

New faces to Moreau this year on the Staff front were Miss Esther Stead our resident tutor, Dr Rachel Heard as our non-resident tutor and Jess Willis our Australian G appie who is teased without mercy but gives as good as she gets. We sadly said goodbye to Mrs Lindridge who is leaving the College and has been a pastoral tutor for the last two years.

We could go on and on, it has been an amazing year with many individual successes for girls too, we are extremely proud of each and every one of our girls who collectively help to create a fantastic community and such immense House spirit.

*Mrs Helen Myers-Allen (Housemistress),  
Alex Reid and Leanne Newton.*



## Pembroke House

"The best things come in small packages" and Pembroke house is no exception. Between them, our select group of forty girls have made an impact in many areas this year.

Sophie Doe, our head of sport, persuaded reluctant participants to struggle around Steeps, and has organised our teams admirably, ensuring that we have put up a good show in all house competitions. We have several individuals who have excelled themselves on track and field this year. Come rain or shine, our Housemaster Mr Clelland is to be seen undertaking his regular training run, and it is therefore fitting that we should boast two outstanding runners amongst our numbers. Laura Stanley has excelled this year, running for Suffolk and Eastern counties and winning several honours. We shall certainly miss her and the points she earned us in Steeps! We shall fortunately be able to keep Sarah Findlay, who ran for Suffolk and Eastern Counties and whose potential for the future is clear. Sarah is also a county netballer. Fiona Stacey, 1st team hockey goalie, has played regularly at county and Eastern county levels. Challenging stereotypes, Jo-Jo Hamer-Philip has continued to play cricket and golf for the Eastern area.

We have several prominent musicians in the house, and narrowly missed winning the house singing competition (we was robbed!). Our thanks must go to Gemma and to Charlotte for marshalling us into a determined rendition of the "Fame" song and to Rosie Annison for her efforts to co-ordinate our dancing (!). We boast the school's one and only harpist Anna Rous, an outstanding musician, whose performances on "Colin" have won her well-deserved acclaim. Sophie Storr shone in Fiddler on the Roof, ably supported by Jenny Doran, Rosie Watson, Gaby Sach, Anna Lees, and Georgie Goodin. Georgie, Anna, Rosie Annison and India Noakes also appeared in the junior production, ably stage-managed by Rachel Ball.

Our house dinner was memorable, and our

thanks go to Gemma, Charlotte and Kate for their excellent party-planning skills. Several rooms in the school were successfully converted into a Hawaiian paradise and all the staff looked beautiful in their garlands.

Whilst most of us are reluctant to struggle around our D of E walks and to endure the rigours of CCF camp, we are proud of Storm Rae, who clearly feels differently. Storm, a Lord Lieutenant's Cadet, has been awarded a coveted Army Scholarship to Sandhurst. We are very proud of her and are sure that she will be able to instil greater enthusiasm into the reluctant cadets amongst us next year. No more tents draped around the shower cubicles!!!

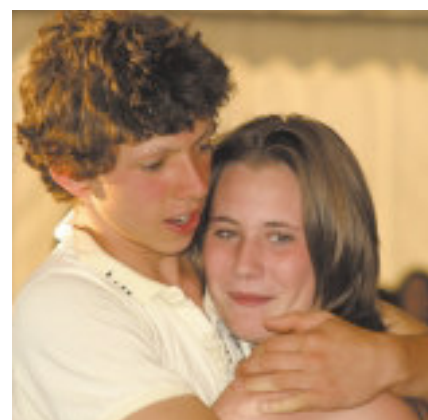
We have several outstanding academics amongst us this year. Gemma Ellis' determination and industry were justly rewarded when she was offered a place at Oxford and Hannah Gunn was awarded the Moreau scholarship against stiff competition. Michelle Li, Karolin Pauly, Lydia Holloway and Fiona Stacey have between them racked up a string of Head's Commendations throughout the year. Special mention must be made for Sophie Doe, whose outstanding art work takes her to Newcastle.

We welcomed Mrs Helen Page as Residential Matron who has had a great impact upon our organisation and the state of our rooms and who has helped to establish a warm atmosphere around the house. No birthday has been missed and she always makes sure we have a cake and a card and her enthusiasm and dedication. We are also greatly indebted to Jean and Chris who keep the place clean and tidy and we promise (!) to keep the kitchen tidy next year and never, never, never to go into the laundry room after midnight.

On a final note, we say goodbye to Mr Clelland, our ever patient Housemaster. Mr Clelland has managed to put up with the infinite variety of our moods and whims, and has kept us on an even keel throughout his time at our helm. We are very grateful to him and Mrs Clelland and wish them a very peaceful retreat from our

environment. Goodbye also to the dogs, whose presence made for a family atmosphere and who will now enjoy a more peaceful existence. Our thanks also go to our tutors, academic and pastoral, for their guidance and support.

*Miss Cath Rowson - and others!*



TOP: SOPHIE STORR IN FIDDLER ON THE ROOF. CENTRE: LANA CAPE WITH OLLIE BOON. ABOVE: STORM RAE (ON RIGHT), A LORD LIEUTENANT'S CADET.

## Rendlesham House

The year was tremendously successful for Rendlesham House. Both academic and sporting success has been achieved with thankfully much fewer detentions than last year. We welcomed two new arrivals in Mr Hutchings and Mr Kanja, and were delighted to welcome to our excellent House, Mr Tony Cuff (former head of Gresham's Prep School), and an amazing magician who entertained the House. However, we were sorry that 'young' Mr Jonathan Cuff, our non-resident tutor, left for Worth College. Rendlesham has consistently been

**...THE FANTASTIC RENDLESHAM HOUSE SPIRIT WHICH HAS BEEN SO CENTRAL TO OUR SUCCESS...**



ABOVE: RUPERT ELMES IN FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

level – James Hurlock was made captain of a successful U18 England rugby squad that was victorious in a prestigious international tournament in Italy; Rob Newton was selected for England's U15 cricket tour to South Africa and more recently, was the

hockey, where both Rayner Shelmerdine-Hare's wonder strike against Garrett and Gowing's 5 goal salvo against Kerrison will both be remembered for a long time. The seniors also competed well, being victorious in hockey and achieving numerous 2nd places in other events. Much of the credit for these successes should go to Ben Hayes who has been fantastic in his role as Head of Sport, sorting out countless practices and always making sure we have the best team possible competing.

Rupert Elmes, Head of Music, assisted by Ben Vinten, was responsible for sorting out our house singing performance, a particularly entertaining version of Tony Christie's 'Is this the Way to Amarillo', which included Jack Senior as Peter Kay leading the way at the front. The general consensus was that we were once again let down by harsh judging and we were unlucky not to win. Nevertheless, the fantastic Rendlesham House spirit which has been so central to our success and our efforts to retain the Stocks shield this year was on full view for everybody to see, and it is this and all the general banter (particularly amongst the Upper 6th) that will be most missed when we leave.

Many thanks must go to our Housemaster, Mr Bennett, who has had to put up with so many trials (coping with the Year 9s can't have been easy!) and all the other House tutors who ensure everything runs smoothly. In this regard I must also thank the Upper 6th who have all led from the front, and particularly Sadiq Abubakar, Deputy Head of House, who has not just provided numerous rotas and sorted out duties, but has been integral to all what goes on. Finally, I would like to thank Jill, who will be sorely missed after retiring having cleaned in Rendlesham since 1979!!

I wish the entire House the very best for the future. I am sure I am speaking for all the leavers when I say I will take many happy memories from my time in Rendlesham and would not have wanted to be in any other House.

*Tom Sallis*



ABOVE: JAMES HURLOCK, ENGLAND U18 CAPTAIN

competing right at the front for the main sporting events throughout the year. This is hardly surprising given the fact that two members of the House have earned the nickname 'England' after their efforts have been recognised on a national

only batsman in the country to be picked in the national U17 squad a year early. It seems some of the juniors were inspired by these successes, with slightly surprising victories in both House rugby, led forcefully by G reg 'The Rhino' Gaughan and in



## Stradbroke House

Stradbroke House was ably led by Henry Dunham with support from Slava Miatchin, William Bailey, Ben Mark, Tom Stanford, Matt Austen and Richard Nettleton.

At the first big inter-house event of the year, the House Singing Competition we were narrowly beaten in the unison section but gained a credible 3rd place in the part song sung by our two falsettos Alex Dunham and Rupert Moffatt. In the junior house rugby, despite having a strong year 10 squad, we were not able to hold out against Garrett and Rendlesham, but performed admirably against Kerrison using the pace provided by Will Burke and Will Megone.

In Steep's, the inter-house cross-country competition, we did well with two of the newest arrivals to the house, Jack Anderson and Bertie Whitfield, coming in the in the top twenty runners and earning valuable points. In the House Crabbing Competition we only lost to some dubious crab counting by Moreau and in the House Quiz we also came close second.

Our top shooter Robert Norman scored 39 out of 50, to help us achieve 2nd Place in the House Clay shooting team and he went on to great success in competitions around the county. We used as much free time as possible for the team to train for the Senior House rugby. Going in as underdogs we

BELOW: ROBERT NORMAN (SECOND FROM RIGHT) WITH THE CLAY SHOOTING TEAM



fought hard with Faria Mutonga showing his pace, running in a superb try from our own twenty-two metre line against Rendlesham. Our house dinner at the end of the Autumn term was an entertaining affair with speeches from Mr Thorpe, Henry Dunham, and an old Stradbroke boy, who was just launching himself into a career in medicine as a G.P. The party continued into the wee small hours of the morning back in house with everyone enjoying themselves thoroughly.

With exams, Duke of Edinburgh Awards, and World Challenge facing us in early 2006, it was 'noses to the grind stone' for what is considered to be the busiest time of the year. The house's atmosphere changed to a more work-orientated schedule but once the examinations were over, we commenced being more 'Stradbrokish' and continued along the same path as we often do.

Inter-House hockey was a tough competition for us, having no players in the 1st XI but Jack Anderson scored the only B team goal and gained house socks. The defining moment of the competition was Henry

Dunham leaping to defend his goal, diving into the post, hitting his head and despite all this the ball still went in!

We came 3rd in the second round of the house quiz despite Bob Norman's wide knowledge of farm yard animals, crop rotation, and various other aspects of farming and physical geography.

The Summer term started with Jack Anderson



ABOVE: HENRY DUNHAM (RIGHT) WITH OTHER MUSIC SCHOLARS, AMELIA HUDSON, STUART FOULSTON AND CHRISTINA JOHNSTON

earning his first 1st XI cricket cap, and joining Henry Dunham who was starting his second year at top-level cricket. Academically Raymond Ho was awarded commendations proving our rich talent across all aspects of school.

The Under 15 cricketers were led by Sam Bennett-King (captain) and well-supported by Jaques Kallis, Simon Pitt (vice) with his Trescothick style and Henry Moffatt opening their bowling attack and Flintoffesque batting down the order. All three were later invited on the 1st XI cricket tour to Sri Lanka, and Henry was awarded his first 1st team cap in their final match. The house swimming competition was hotly contested, with a strong performance from Greg Poulter-Jones.

Congratulations to the departing Upper 6th especially the efforts of Henry Dunham, Ben Mark, Slava Miatchin, and William Bailey. Also many special thanks go to Mr Clive Thorpe, Mr Simon Jowitt, Mrs Sue Carr (Matron) and all the house tutors and other staff who made the house run so smoothly. Stradbroke said goodbye to Mr Nick Dillon who leaves us after two years, and Mr Julian Holland who moved to Kerrison House.

*Rupert Moffatt, Year 12*



### Victoria House

Victoria House thrived during the year, under the impressive leadership of our Head of House, Jo Hulme. We feel we have excelled this year in our team spirit and determination and enjoyed the high-spirited year 9's who like to 'think pink' on a regular basis. We hit top notes in the music competition, achieving a creditable 3rd place for part song, thanks to the gruelling hours put in by Amelia Hudson. The vocal stylings of Amelia have, in fact, been much appreciated this year, and not only within house. Amelia achieved a splendiferous 'D'istinction' for her Grade 8 singing exam, and we wish her the best of luck as she takes off around Europe with the National Youth Choir Tour. We will also miss Christina Johnston's angelic tones next year.

Pacing on to sports... Victoria House has had numerous successes this year in varied fields, both in and out of school. Inter-house competitions have seen spectacular support, and thanks to the efficient administration of Isabelle de Grave, quiet persuasion of Katie Allen, and vigorous training schemes of Yuri Yoshida, Vic have managed to pull together some astounding talent. Here we would like to mention Theresa Bach, and the ever enthusiastic Megan Flowers (Deputy Head of House), who have both graced the sports fields in almost every event. We would like to congratulate the new College Swim Team Captain, Charlotte Lamb, the second consecutively from Victoria House. The junior girls stormed to victory in the House Rounders competition and were also the most enthusiastic and committed supporters. Who could forget the sight of Molly Metcalf in her fluffy pink slippers!

Outside school, we have hit the target at National levels. Congratulations go to Jace Palmer, our very own 'Silent Assassin', who achieved top scores in the England Shooting 'B' Team, and will be rewarded



TOP: CHRISTINA JOHNSTON. ABOVE: GEORGIA COOK

with promotion to the 'A' Team next year. Georgia Cook has continued to tackle the rugby world, representing the U17 England team, and has been widely recognised for her talent. Katie and Isabelle, two of our three aforementioned Sports Captains,

were both invited to participate in the National Cross Country Championships - no mean 'feet'! Caroline Reid has done us all proud by representing the College in the National Tennis Championships, gaining places in both the singles and doubles finals.

Academic acclaim this year, goes to two Year 13 students; Georgina Neal, who has been accepted at Oxford University to read Chemistry, and Divalda Delia, who, whilst studying in a second language (her first being Albanian), has taught herself Italian 'A'-level. Abigail Mackrill was awarded a Moreau Scholarship by the Society of Old Framlinghamians. She will be one of the two founding scholars, so well done Abz!

The cultural achievements of the girls of Victoria House have been very impressive this year. As ever, we have demonstrated eloquence and coherence on the debating scene, and are proud to state that Vic girls make up a chunk of the College's Model United Nations Debating Team. At the end of 2005 Rosy Lawrence (Head Girl) and Abigail Mackrill (Deputy Head of House) travelled to the UN in Geneva to represent WHAT and Ecuador respectively. We also had representatives at the Isle of Wight assembly - Jessica Summers and Leela Shanson.

This year we have greatly appreciated the help and support of Miss Tipton, Mlle Lebarbé, and other members of staff, especially Mr 'Uncle Bob' Skitch. Mrs Collins joined the pastoral tutor team during the year and we were glad

to welcome Miss Paula Knipe, our previous resident tutor, back for our House Dinner in October.

All in all, a very good year!  
*Abigail Mackrill and Jo Hulme*

**Geneva:** On the 10th December 2005, four members of Year 13 embarked on the annual adventure to the Palais des Nations, Geneva to enjoy the cut and thrust of debate at the Students' League of Nations. It is very difficult to encapsulate exactly what such a trip involves, as it is a unique experience, but suffice to say it is an event which requires the intellectual, academic, cultural and social skills of delegates.

Representing the views of a country about which one may have no experience, affinity or affection is a very difficult task, but one which our intrepid students had to undertake. Gemma Ellis and Abz Mackrill represented Ecuador; Hannah Gunn and Rosy Lawrence represented Iceland. One might imagine that these countries don't have the highest profile in international affairs, but the job of a UN delegate is to bring their country's opinions to the forefront of the world's attention and our students performed to a very high standard. The debates ranged from the regulation of the world's mass media to the ban on trafficking of women.

The opportunity to go to the UN is one which presents the delegate with many transferable skills, possibly the most important of which is to be able to speak in front of several hundred people and to be able to argue different perspectives. These skills are much valued in the business world and today's delegates gain a lot from the experience offered to them.

**Isle of Wight:** On Easter Monday eight senior debaters accompanied by Mr Holland, Mrs Lindridge and Will Poole, represented the College at the Isle of Wight Model United Nations General Assembly. College students represented Canada (Leela Shanson and Jessica Summers), Mexico (Phil Donald and Adam Darroch-Thompson), Afghanistan (Claire Bush and Laura Bridgstock) and the USA (Alex Megone and Matthew Tubbs). The three debates were on climate change, homosexuality and nuclear proliferation. The last resolution was presented by the USA and was selected for debate from 55 other suggested topics. The debate came to a nail-biting finish, missing out on being passed after a recount of votes and only by the narrowest of margins.

*Mr Julian Holland, UN Co-ordinator*



TOP: MR JULIAN HOLLAND CHAIRING A SESSION. CENTRE: LAURA BRIDGSTOCK AND CLAIRE BUSH REPRESENTING AFGHANISTAN. BOTTOM: WILL POOLE IN THE CHAIR WITH MATTHEW TUBBS AND ALEX MEGONE REPRESENTING THE UNITED STATES



A variety of activities is made possible for students who might have Oxbridge on their agenda and this year was a busy one on this front. The Autumn Term was naturally dominated by this year's potential entrants and the battle to demonstrate how their academic aspirations went beyond Advanced Level. A number in this gifted Year 13 group made a respectable showing, five getting 'pooled', but we were pleased that three received offers: Guy Rush for Land Economy at Robinson College, Cambridge; Gemma Ellis for Japanese at Pembroke College, Oxford, and Georgina Neal for Chemistry at Exeter.

In October pupils and staff took the opportunity to meet travel writer Will Randall, and to listen to a selection of his many anecdotes of life on the road. Randall is the author of books on the Solomon Islands, India and Botswana, and so is in a good position, not only to entertain, but to offer advice about others' future travel and Gap Year plans. It's to be hoped that some of those present will take up his call to go beyond the beaten track and find themselves some real adventures to experience and remember. I doubt, though, that they'll be able to match Randall's own very special gift for getting into scrapes and living to tell the tale.

A regular weekly meeting for Year 12 was instituted for discussion of Oxbridge-related issues and the following up of themes more or less academic! Topics discussed have ranged from mediaeval art to modern film, from Purcell to heavy metal, from Machiavelli to Marx – there were even good intentions about getting some science in there, but Dr Higgins will now be presenting the fruits of his considerable wisdom at the beginning of next term! Year 12 students have been made aware of possible ways of enhancing their chances of entrance and encouraged to make contact with colleges. A number have even joined the National Academy for the Gifted and Talented!

A group visited Cambridge in June to check out possible courses and colleges ranging from the traditional to the more modern. As part of this grand tour, Dr Malcolm Underwood of St. John's, showed young historians a wealth of Tudor archives, from the household accounts of Lady Margaret Beaufort, through the private letters of Henry VII, to the Marian Survey of 1556 (we even saw an original copy of Vesalius' *Fabrica*!), while Matthew Tubbs was treated to a personal tour of Corpus Christi by Admissions Tutor, Dr Janet Rogers. It is hoped that, quite apart from the intrinsic benefits of such activity, the whole business of application and preparing for interview next term will be eased by this early start.

*Mr Mark Robinson, Senior Academic Tutor*

TOP: YOUNG HISTORIANS, CLAIRE BUSH AND MATTHEW TUBBS,  
WITH ST JOHN'S HISTORIAN AND ARCHIVIST, MALCOLM UNDERWOOD;  
CENTRE: A WEALTH OF TUDOR ARCHIVES;  
BOTTOM: THE MARIAN SURVEY OF 1556.





English, as Gordon Ramsay reminded me the other day, is a bit like cooking. Those weren't his exact words, but you get the idea. I think I know what he meant

It all starts with the ingredients. Those are the words. English is an incredibly rich and varied language, with a wealth of words for all tastes and occasions. In the English Department, we encourage our pupils to keep adding to their vocabularies and to make the fullest possible use of the words they already know – just as we're all supposed to stick to healthy, balanced diets. Five fruit and veg a day? Why not also five multi-syllabic verbs? Five extended metaphors?

Once you have the ingredients, you need a recipe. This might be the plan for a story, the structure of a sonnet or the instructions on how to complete an essay. Words are fun on their own, but they don't really start to work for us until we put them together in sentences and paragraphs, shaping them to meet our purposes. Again, our pupils are urged to take this on board, and to think carefully about what they are trying to achieve when they sit down to write or – just as important – open their mouths to speak. Some chefs can do

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magic by just throwing things together; the rest of us need to know where we're going.

The combination of the best ingredients and an intelligent recipe leads to fine, nourishing food. And knowing how to use the right words in the right way makes for exciting stories, thrilling conversations, inspirational poems and, of course, the accurate, informed and fluent essays that gain top exam grades.

As a department, I think we're seeing more and more work of this high quality – we feel quite well fed. But we are greedy readers – as we would have our pupils be – and we're always looking for richer dishes, more satisfying meals. It's for our pupils to meet this appetite.

So, this year we've been mostly eating at home, focussing on what we do in the classroom to foster the essential skills discussed above. We've added to our equipment, with teachers making daily use of desktop computers, projectors and Sharepoint software, and we've continued our investment in new textbooks and class readers – all with the aim of broadening the pupils' diet and making ours a more efficient kitchen. We think we're getting there. I trust Gordon would agree.

*Mr Rory Drummond, Head of English*

Bill Gates described education as "the best investment" and this captures the spirit of our view of Information Technology (IT) in teaching and learning at Framlingham College. In the last year, through our IT Strategy Committee which tackles all IT related issues, planning and expenditure, we have made great strides in identifying key IT objectives to place Framlingham College at the forefront of education.

As part of our long term planning at the College, all teaching rooms now have a teacher work station, and we are continuing to install projectors to accompany them.

This project will be completed by summer 2007. The network has also been steadily upgraded throughout this year under the guidance of Matt Hart, the senior IT technician, and Ben Payne, with improved fault tolerance, data protection and security systems now in place.

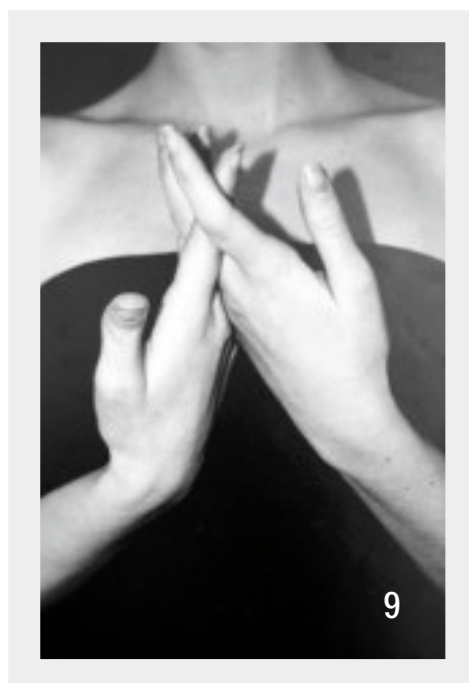
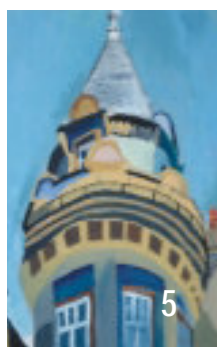
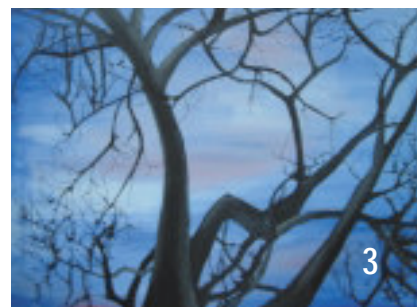
Projects completed for the start of September 2006 include the introduction of computers into boarding houses, to give students greater flexibility in accessing the school network and the internet. We also have a substantial programme of hardware replacement and further network improvements being undertaken over the summer holidays.

On the software side, we are continuing to plan and deploy the use of Microsoft Share Point Portal as the main platform for the College's MLE (Managed Learning Environment). This represents a very exciting time for the College in its development as it throws open huge possibilities in the coming years for parents, students and teachers to access resources remotely. In our enthusiasm for this venture we demonstrated SharePoint 2007 at the recent East Anglia IT Area Meeting for Independent Schools, which was hosted at the College. Delegates were most impressed with our progress, and it was clear that we are well ahead of the game – so watch this space!

There have also been exciting developments in the IT curriculum. A new IT GCSE short course was introduced in September 2006 for all students in Years 9 and 10. This marks a major step forward, as it will ensure that all those who leave the College have a core set of IT skills to prepare them for the wider world. We have also changed our IT A-Level provision, and now offer a course which enables students to develop their skills in a wide range of applications at an advanced level. This is already proving to be a more attractive option for a number of our students.

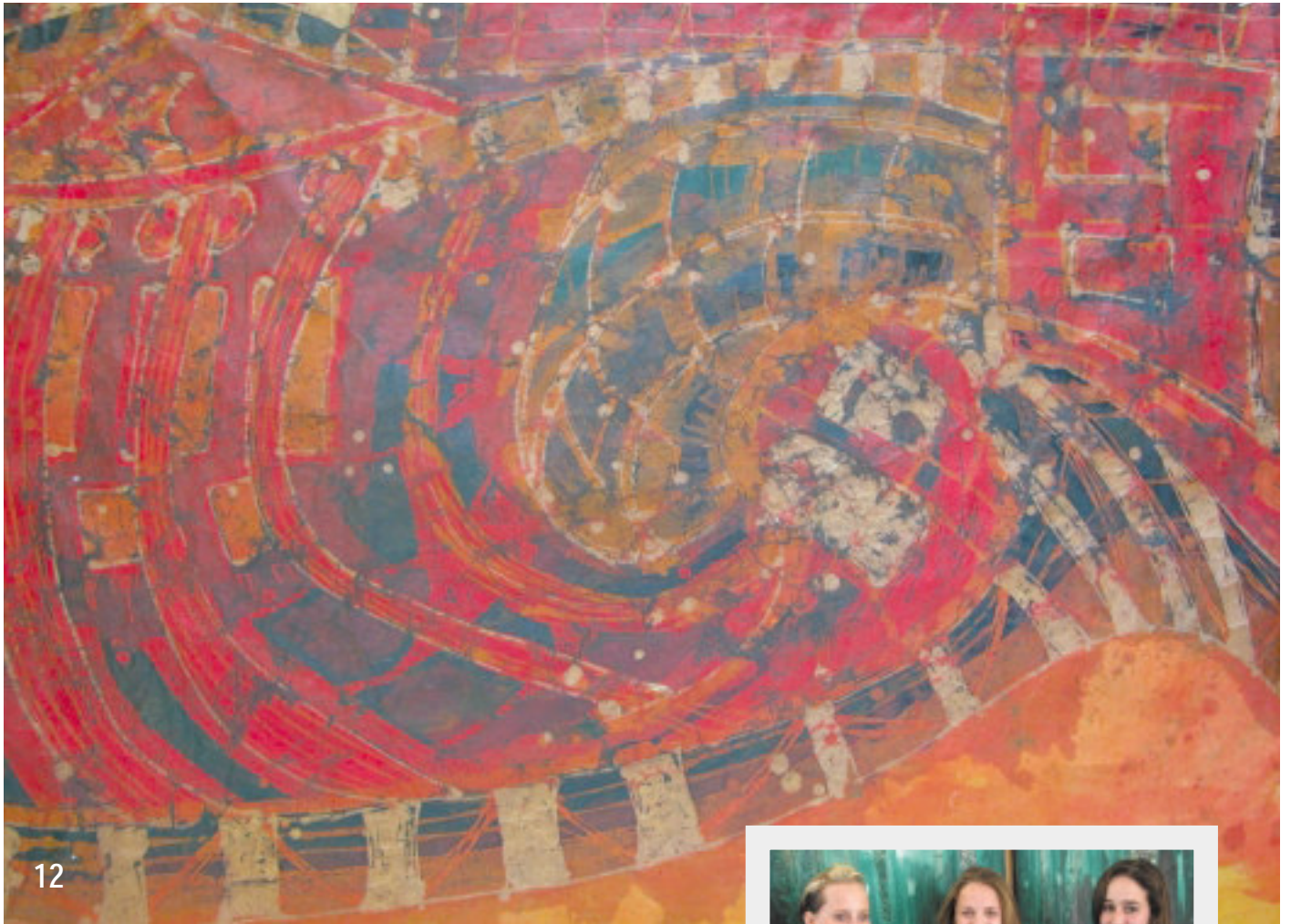
*Mr Chris Rimmer, Head of IT*

**...FOR PARENTS, STUDENTS AND TEACHERS TO ACCESS RESOURCES REMOTELY.**



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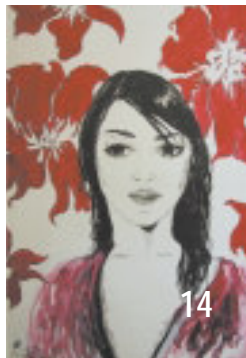




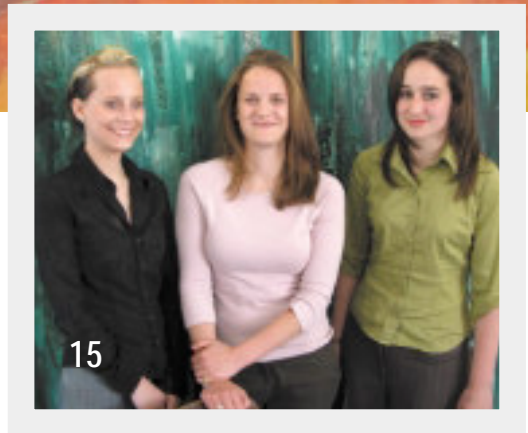
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We are always proud to celebrate the fruits of our Design and Technology students labours and this year is no exception. Those who were privileged to visit the annual exhibition in the Design School in June will have witnessed that our young designers have continued to uphold the College's fine tradition of craftsmanship and innovation.

The 2006 prize winners were worthy recipients of our annual awards and truly representative of the depth of design and manufacturing talent at the College.

In the Upper Sixth, Tim Parkinson was awarded the Brown Prize for Design and Technology, not only for his excellent performance in the subject but also the manufacture of an ambitious country farmhouse Settle in reclaimed pine. Adam Arnold received The Design Prize for his continued development of CAD /CAM skills and the design of an in-car speaker system suitable for commercial production.

In the Lower Sixth, it was pleasing to see Robert Norman's all round skills rewarded with the Lower Sixth Prize for Design and Technology. His love of the countryside and its associated pursuits made it highly appropriate for him to design and manufacture a beautiful Country Sports storage unit.

The Robin Fournel Silver Jewellery prize was awarded to Tiffany Didham and Fiona Cheung. Tiffany in Year 11, designed a delightful silver necklet with matching earrings, set with blue crystal gemstones and Fiona in Year 12, produced an intricate silver wire bracelet set with semi-precious cabochon cut stones. Fiona had a particularly successful year, having transferred from the Graphic Products course at GCSE to develop a whole new range of design and manufacturing skills in the Lower Sixth.

these students have enjoyed this year and give testament to the diversity of products and the high standards achieved; our congratulations to them all.

*Mr Stewart Reeve*



- 1 FIONA CHEUNG.  
2 TIFFANY DIDHAM.  
3 FIONA HAMER-PHILLIP:  
MAHOGANY AND SILVER  
MIRROR. 4 ROBERT NORMAN:  
COUNTRY SPORTS STORAGE  
BOX. 5 TIM PARKINSON.  
6 FOUNEL PRIZE WINNERS  
TIFFANY DIDHAM AND FIONA  
CHEUNG. 7 GEORGIE REES: GCSE,  
WALNUT AND CAST ALUMINIUM CLOCK.

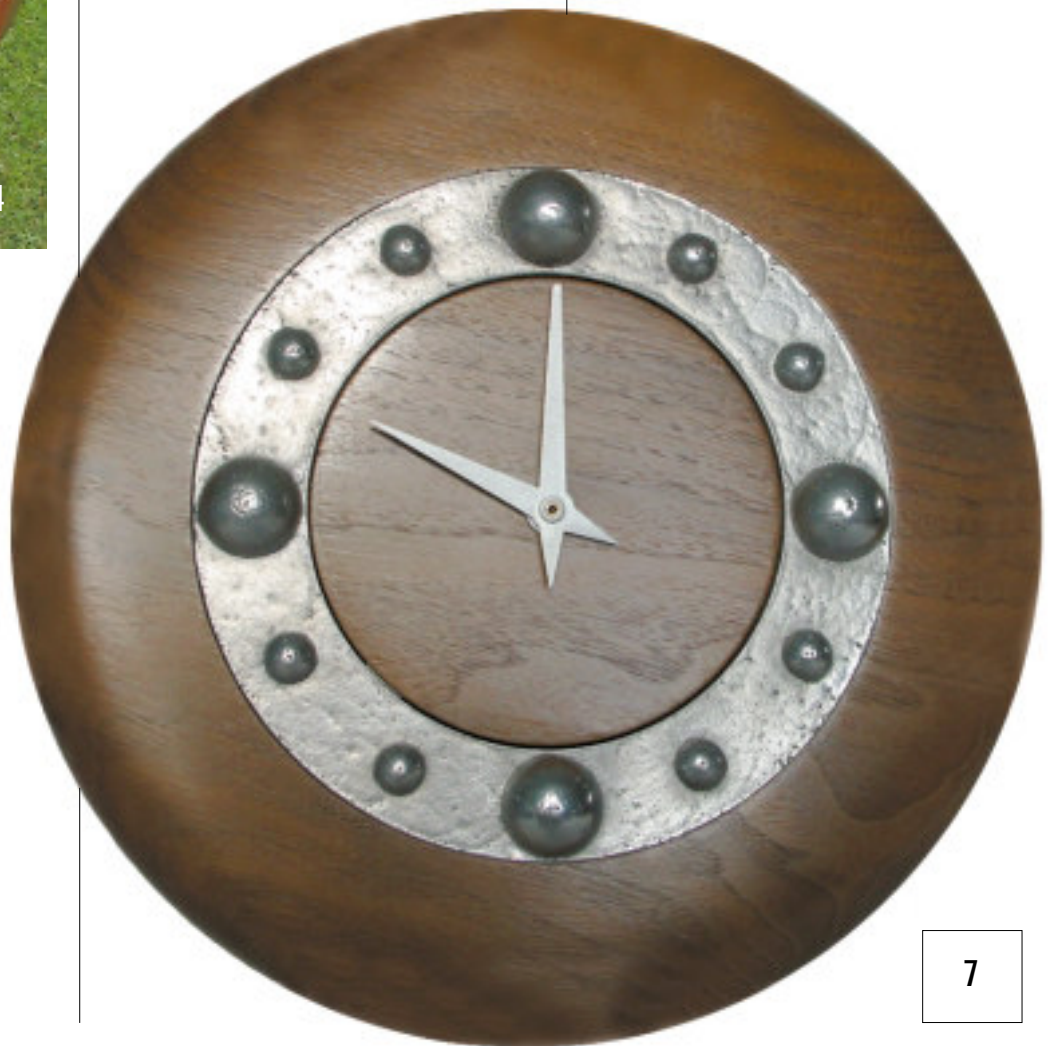
As in past years, our GCSE students have produced a diverse range of artefacts from tractor warning lights to weather vanes, silver jewellery and condiment sets, wood turning, hanging basket chairs, dressing table storage unit, personal security cabinet, produce stall, bathroom storage, trailer cycle rack, laptop stand, turned bowl, reclining chair with footrest, tables, pannier bag for a motorcycle, kitchen cabinet, silver trinket box, socket wrench support, the list is endless.

For every prize winner there is always a host of other talented students who have also been successful in applying their creative talents during the year. To name individuals would be invidious and the pictures accompanying this article can only serve to give a snapshot into the success





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 3: L6 HOLKHAM BAY. 4: Y9 SOUTHWOLD PIER.  
 5: L6 SHERINGHAM, NORFOLK. 6: L6 SHERINGHAM, NORFOLK.  
 7: Y9 SEDGWICK MUSEUM OF EARTH SCIENCES, CAMBRIDGE.  
 8: L6 OLD HUNSTANTON. 9: Y9 CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.  
 10: Y9 EASTON BAVENTS. 11: Y10 EASTON FARM PARK.  
 12: U6 SHADWELL. 13: Y10 HAYHILL, NORWICH.  
 14: U6 COVEHITHE. 15: Y7 FRAMLINGHAM TOWN.  
 16: U6 MILLWALL. 17: Y10 TAVERN STREET, IPSWICH.  
 18: U6 THE DENES, SOUTHWOLD. 19: U6 THAMES BARRIER.







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### Senior Drama Production: *Fiddler on the Roof*

The Athlone Hall had been the venue for many memorable performances over the past 40 years and the final production before its £1.8m refurbishment was *Fiddler on the Roof*. The production involved over 70 students and met with wholehearted and vociferous approval from the house on all three nights. Rupert Elmes' remarkable performance as Tevye came close to stealing the show but other excellent performance, fine ensemble playing, exciting Jewish and Russian Dance routines and a wonderful stage set ensured that it was a triumph for all involved.

An enthusiastic young cast worked very hard on the **junior production** of *The Roses of Eyam*, a play by Don Taylor. Set in 1665, the

plot focused upon the sacrifice made by the Derbyshire villagers of Eyam, who agreed to isolate themselves within the boundaries of their parish to prevent the spread of the plague to neighbouring communities.

Rehearsal space was at something of a premium for a large cast with the Athlone Hall out of action all term but under the direction of Mrs Dorothy Englert and Mr Stephen Waters, there were some very strong moments of ensemble performance and the principal characters were delivered with maturity and confidence by Andrezej Stuart-Thompson, George Moreton and Emily McVeigh. Two performances were given on the evenings of 26th and 27th of June in the Sports Hall. Many of the cast were looking forward to getting into the new Headmaster Porter Theatre for *Les Miserables*.

Many of the same pupils enjoyed an interesting day in London in early June combining a visit to the Theatre Museum in Covent Garden with seats at the Fortune Theatre to see a performance of *Woman in Black*, one of the scariest theatrical experiences of all time. It provided the Year 10 Drama pupils with much to enjoy and excellent material for their GCSE portfolios. At the very start of the term the Year 11 GCSE groups performed their practical examinations to a visiting examiner. It was a pleasure to see many parents and friends of the performers in the drama studio audience for this occasion. The three productions, *Blood Brothers*, *Kes* and *Bouncers*, made for a strong sense of variety and contrast in the work which was most warmly endorsed by the audience.

*Ms Dorothy Englert, Head of Drama*



We have further developed our intranet site this year reinforcing the entire department's commitment to the balanced mix of traditional teaching methods with computer generated support material. Each of the five mathematics classrooms has a fixed projector facility. We have developed the use of Microsoft Powerpoint and make as much information as possible available to students via downloads from the internet, for use as worksheets and examination papers. Additionally we are now able to project images of our graphical calculator to help with class instruction. Our Sharepoint site has developed into a significant resource for staff and students, streamlining our administrative processes and acting as a catalyst for greater contribution and the sharing of resources.

During 2006, we ran a mathematical intranet INSET for preparatory school heads of department. The main focus of the day was on our approach to the use of ICT to enhance and complement the teaching and learning of Mathematics. We shared our ideas and highlighted software packages that worked for us as teachers. Additionally, we addressed topics such as: the department handbook as a web page, our grading of the new Common Entrance paired papers, an email address list and scholarship papers. The course was well attended with encouraging feedback.

The UKMT Maths Challenges are lively, intriguing papers designed to stimulate interest in maths in large numbers of pupils. They are tests of reasoning and mental agility and the three levels cover the secondary school range 11-18. These tests attract over half a million entries each year from over 4000 schools and colleges. The Junior and Intermediate Challenges are aimed at the top 35% of pupils in each year group. The Senior Challenge is suitable for all students aged 16-19 studying maths below university level. Enthusiastic

younger pupils are also encouraged to enter the Challenges.

Each year the mathematics department at the College enter our best mathematicians for the Senior competition in November and the Intermediate challenge in February and we were delighted with our results again this year. We gained 56 awards overall with 17 pupils attaining gold standard; six at senior and eleven at intermediate level.

In particular, Lawrence Fan achieved a very high percentage at senior level and was invited to participate in the Mathematical Olympiad competition. Helena Wang's gold

was a significant achievement for a girl in year 11 and augurs well for the future. Of the 11 gold intermediate winners there were also some notable achievements. John Bird in Year 9, Caroline Reid and Adrian Woo in Year 10 and Helena Wang and Nikko Cheung in Year 11 were all asked to participate in their respective, follow-up rounds. Caroline and

Nikko subsequently obtained merit certificates as recognition of the quality of their submissions in the three hour, second round examinations. Special mention must go to John for doing so well at Intermediate level, at such a young age, and also congratulations to Lawrence and Nikko who obtained the 'best in school' award in the senior and intermediate competitions respectively.

Two members of staff left this year. Mr Nick Dillon has been with us for just over two years having left merchant banking in the City. Nick's contribution has been significant in this short time and we will miss his very professional involvement. Mr Richard Curtis, our Second in the Department, moves to Shiplake College and will miss him in the classroom and on the sports field.

*Mr Ken Hoyle, Head of Department*

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The Modern Languages Department has benefited from some significant developments during the year with the increasing availability of SharePoint allowing students unprecedented access to interactive material. This has greatly assisted students, at all levels of study, with their exam revision, and has also allowed them to develop a much broader appreciation of the culture which they are studying.

With the help, support and an awful lot of hard work from Mrs DeLuis and Mr Hobson, Spanish has been introduced to Year 9. This has proved to be very successful and we are looking forward to developing this into Year 10.

An impressive new digital language laboratory was installed in September 2006 which is a huge step forward for us. Major strides have also been made in re-equipping classrooms: all the teachers have new desks, all the rooms have had new carpets fitted and three of our five classrooms have been supplied with stunning hand made (by the team of house matrons) curtains. The corridor and stairs have been refurbished and Mrs DeLuis has taken charge of the display boards ensuring that these are now all painted and framed and are displaying some of the excellent work produced by our students.

The department has invested heavily in new text books for our GCSE French course and of course new books have been bought for the Spanish course. Mr Dyer has played a key role in developing ICT opportunities in the Department and, in addition to the 7.9 Gigabytes of French video, sound and interactive exercises produced by the Head of Department, we have subscribed to some leading digital resource providers to enhance the learning experience for our students.

Mr Hobson now has an interactive whiteboard to dazzle his students and with the growing use of SharePoint, Mr Thorpe and Mrs DeLuis have been very busy producing new resources for German and Spanish respectively.



- ✦ We also welcomed Mlle Lebarbé as a new member to the team as our French assistante. She has been absolutely invaluable and I simply don't know how we did without her in previous years. We tried to persuade her to stay but she needs to return to her native Brittany to further her studies.

All in all, 2006 was a tremendously exciting year and the Department with its strong team (Mr Dyer (Head of Department); Mr Clelland; Mrs DeLuis; Mr Hobson; Mr Thorpe and Mlle Lebarbé) continued to make great strides to improve the enjoyment of learning languages and raise the expectations and achievements of our students.

*Mr Bernard Dyer,  
Head of Modern Languages*

## **BUSINESS STUDIES AND ECONOMICS**

2006 was a good year for Business Studies and Economics. In Economics, Tom Sallis (Captain), Mujammil Hussain, Drivalda Delia and Lawrence Fan, competed in the Target 2.0 competition run by the Bank of England. This College team changed the whole dynamics of the competition. It would be fair to say that the other schools took a conservative approach but we set the competition alight by deciding to significantly reduce interest rates resulting in a lively presentation and even managing to raise a chuckle from the audience. They came top with their presentation but were not quite as strong in the question and answer session, and slipped to 2nd position in the regional final. Next year if we approach the competition in a similar manner and sharpen up our Economics just a little we will do really well!

For the Year 12 students we have run a number of experiments this year, being one of the few schools in the UK to adopt an accelerated approach to learning and the results have been pleasing so this must be the way forward.

Business Studies is changing all of the time. Early in the year we ran our own version of

Dragons' Den. This was an encounter with a number of people who all run their own businesses. Students were given three weeks to prepare a Business Plan, and present their findings to the experts. All of the contestants were given a rough ride, which was the objective. All of the students enjoyed the experience, Moyo Hoshino coming out on top.

We have now started to develop our own version of The Apprentice in class for the upper sixth. This allows students to assess and criticise the performance of their peers. Farai Mutonga was the favourite to win the whole competition, but sadly in the final regressed to spouting Business theory out of context. John Wybar who had faltered in previous rounds came out on top.

Teaching Business Studies throughout this year has been really good fun achieving great results as one of the top performing schools in the country in the January modules whilst adopting accelerated learning techniques for those students who volunteered for the experiment of doing all six units in January.

We will end with a few quotes, "Sometimes you have to be cruel to be kind" and finally there is a formula that I often refer to in the class-room...

**"Hard work gives you confidence. Confidence enables you to succeed, and by gaining success you get enjoyment. And once you are enjoying yourself, you are more likely to put in the hard work. It goes in circles all of the time."**

Adapted from a quote given prior to the Ashes Tour by none other than Duncan Fletcher!

*Mr Antony Bennett, Head of Department*

The Da Vinci Code has raised a lot of questions this year and I have found myself having to explain some of the more esoteric ideas and challenges which are raised in the book. Dan Brown asserts that the rituals and beliefs he portrays are accurate; The Catholic Church has orchestrated a campaign to smear what Brown wrote. Where then does the truth lie? I heard a radio interview with a leading churchman who said that the Da Vinci Code has opened a lot of people's eyes to the fact there might be something more to life than the endless pursuit of financial reward. This respected man claimed it didn't matter whether or not what was

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written by Brown was true; what was important was that people asked questions about faith and religion they had never considered before. Opus Dei the conservative Catholic group have said that the number of enquiries they have answered about membership has risen exponentially since the release of the book.

So, where does this publishing phenomenon leave the Religious Studies student? There has been a certain level of smugness amongst some of the older students as they had long started the quest for meaning and in some cases, wondered why others have taken so long! The stated aim of Religious Studies at Framlingham is to open the eyes and stimulate the brains of students. Whether it be reflecting on religious attitudes towards moral issues; considering the contributions of Martin Luther King to the development of North American theology; analysing the effect of the 2nd Vatican Council on the lives of the oppressed in Latin America or Plato's analogy of the Cave, it can never be said





that the pursuit of understanding and awareness in RS lessons is ever less than challenging.

Taking a broader view with the aim of understanding the peoples of the world around us must be a positive goal and RS students have debated Ethical theory at conferences, discussed the place of Cathedrals in the life of a community, gained some understanding of the horrors of the Holocaust and analysed how Hollywood portrays religiously sensitive topics. My hope is always that students leave the academic care of the department with their brains open and receptive to new ideas and that they are never afraid of questioning preconceptions. The understanding of science and nature has developed at a rapid pace over the past 500 years and will no doubt continue to do so in the future and I believe that those students I have had the pleasure of coming into contact with will contribute to the understanding of the place of nature, science and religion in the future.

*Mr Julian Holland, Head of Religious Studies*

TOP AND BELOW: YEAR 10 VISIT ELY CATHEDRAL

It seems that not a day goes by without an article appearing in the national press criticising the way that schools, and probably more specifically the examination system, are being run. For a number of years two areas have been much discussed; the integrity of coursework and the modular examination system.

When coursework was introduced in the mid 1980s it was seen as a method of taking at least some of the pressure away from the dreaded examination period in June. Also it was most definitely conceived as an attempt to provide students with the opportunity to work in a way that was more in line with what they would experience in the 'real world of work'. Both of these intentions were creditable and valid but unfortunately in the 1980s few of us had the imagination to foresee the impact that technology was to have on our lives. If you enter 'GCSE coursework' into Google you are presented with almost 200,000 hits. Clearly the opportunities for cheating and plagiarism are huge. The days of coursework in most of the non-practical subjects appear to be numbered for this very reason.

The value of modular examinations is another area of contention. The major benefit for the students is that they are able to resit modules if they believe they can achieve a better result. Some people clearly see this as undermining the integrity of the examination system but perhaps this method of assessment is more in line with 'real life'. If we were restricted to one attempt at the Driving Test how many of us would be permitted to drive?

While both these issues are contentious, what is more clear cut is the outstanding performance of Framlingham College students, both at A Level and GCSE.

We were very aware of the talents of our Year 13 students and we were absolutely delighted when we received their final results in August. Of the 300 A Level examinations taken over 200 achieved grade A or B (the exact figure is 68.5%). Nineteen of our students achieved three A grades (or better). Indeed six students achieved 4 A grades or better.

However the figure that we believe is the best indicator of what our students have achieved is the average number of UCAS points achieved. This year the students on average achieved 342 points. The A Level league table published by The Times is based on this statistic and this year we were the highest placed boarding school in the whole of Suffolk, Essex and Norfolk.

At GCSE level the results of the Year 11 students was also impressive. For the third year running over 40% of all GCSE grades were A\* or A. Such results enable students to enter the Sixth Form with confidence and we look forward to noting their continued academic development over the next two years.

*Mr Clive Norton, Deputy Head Academic*

2005-2006 was a busy year with two year 13 groups and two large groups of more than 30 students commencing the year 12 course. However we were delighted with the results of 83% A & B pass rate for Year A2 level and 64% AB for the AS level.

Topics studied in Year 13 ranged from Parapsychology to Substance Abuse, and Attachment theories to Popularity and Rejection, and in Year 12 from Eyewitness testimony to Obedience studies, Sport Psychology and the controversy surrounding the Recovered and False Memory Debate. So with such a huge range of topics, there is something that always appeals to all who study Psychology.

Coursework for Year 13 focused on Parapsychology again, but with some new ideas introduced on Psychokinesis involving dice throwing experiments with interesting results! In Year 12 we used the now familiar territory of Memory & Forgetting as an introduction to coursework in Year 12 (with some students having momentary lapses in memory for their set deadlines!)

OFs will be pleased to note that the Psychology classroom is still under the clock tower with the usual interruptions that go with that territory (old Psychology students will know what this means!). The bats have not been seen recently but the



occasional bird has joined us during the year! However the room has changed a bit in the last year. One excellent addition has been the introduction of a classroom projector so powerpoint presentations can be used more regularly.

As a general request to OFs, I would also be pleased to hear from any past Psychology students who have continued in a related profession or parents who work in a related field who would be willing to visit to talk to students about careers in Psychology.

*Mrs Sue Hobson*



ABOVE: YEAR 9 STUDENTS VISIT DUXFORD AS PART OF THEIR SECOND WORLD WAR STUDIES

The Department enjoyed exam success again in the summer of 2005, though with the AS Levels it took two attempts because of one rogue marker. After matters were suitably resolved, the over-all figures were very pleasing, with a 69% A/B pass-rate at A2 and 82% at AS. The latter included 13 A grades, 12 of whom hope to repeat their success at A2 in 2006! At GCSE the 44% A\*/A figure showed the strength at the top of the year group and many of them have returned for AS. The take-up of the subject remains gratifying at all levels, with 3 sets firmly re-established in Years 10 and 11. It is also good to see that many students go on to read History or at least History-related subjects at university: at least 6 of this year's Upper Sixth fit the category, headed by Will Poole who came close at Oxbridge Entrance - we hope Claire Bush will go all the way this year! The three Oxbridge candidates who did get offers were all amongst our AS A graders.

The Department continues to offer a range of opportunities beyond the class-room. The Sixth Form all attended a set of London lectures, the Lower Sixth enjoying

presentations by leading scholars on Henry VII, while the Upper Sixth were treated to Professors Clark, Noakes and Kershaw (Sir Ian) on the Hitler-State. Year 11 went to Norwich for a day on the History of Medicine, always useful consolidation for their GCSE topic. Year 9 visited Duxford this year, an experience that fitted in well with their study of the Second World War in the summer term. They also produced a fine crop of projects in May which reflected some thoughtful research and excellent presentation: Andrzej Stuart-Thompson's Ickworth and Imogen Webb's Campsea Ashe for Wickham Market were only the best of a strong batch. Many sixth-formers also do their little bit extra; Claire Bush entered a creditable essay for the Vellacott prize, and many students contributed well to History Society including Will Poole and Leanne Newton; all the Lower Sixth helped put together a power-point presentation on 'Richard III, Reputation and Reality'. The ever-youthful Mr Jowitt maintained



alliterative standards with an offering on 'Weimar, Wall Street and Wehrwirtschaft', and at Christmas Mr Robinson presided over the annual Peter Emuoboh helmet game, fun for all!

One can't write a report these days without referring to ICT. It used to be IT, but the tide of progress moves on and while the EEC has shrunk to the EU, IT has expanded to ICT. Anyway, we have more of it and Room 3 has a veritable armoury of equipment, with Room 1 hoping to be similarly equipped next year. Videos are slowly becoming DVD's and everything is slimmer, fitter and meaner, except of course the staff in the Department we are

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sorry to lose Mr Williams who has made a valuable contribution in his return year with us, but as Henry of Navarre nearly said, Worth is worth a good man.

They will know how to deal with the Common Entrance candidate who wrote: "William the Conqueror" who was the new king gained control over the kingdom by burning houses, killing people, just being really mean, that is why his nick-name was 'William the Bastard'. The reason he was so mean was because no one liked him and he knew this so he had to show everyone who was boss and he knew if he didn't they would probably fight against William, and he did not want that, so he killed anyone who he thought disagreed." Ah, the benefits of a liberal education!

*Mr Michael Cooke, Assistant History Master*

"University Chemistry Department to close", "Physics numbers in freefall", "Biology brain drain to the USA". Such recent newspaper headlines paint a very bleak picture for the future of science in Britain. However, Framlingham College does not believe in following the latest trends. At the college, science is booming. More and more pupils are choosing science at AS and A level, and 2006-7 has proved to be an even bigger year group, with a higher number of pupils than ever opting to study biology, chemistry and physics.

This follows on from some excellent exam results in 2005. At GCSE level, 99% of students achieved a C grade or higher, with 48% gaining A or A\* grades. At AS and A level it was the physics department who produced the most outstanding set of grades, with 82% of AS levels, and 75% of full A levels graded at A or B. Well done to all those pupils for their success.

But of course there is more to school than simply exam results. Plenty of other activities have been going on to stimulate and motivate. Whilst the A level physicists have been on a trip to the world renowned Cavendish laboratories to learn more about nuclear fusion and the prospects of a fusion power station, those studying chemistry were finding out how modern technology can be used to find the structure of newly discovered substances and potential medicines. In addition, two teams of year 12 students took part in the Royal Society of Chemistry 'Young Analyst' competition, held at the University of East Anglia in Norwich, pitting their practical and

analytical skills against 14 other schools from the region. A team comprising Alex Dowell, Steven Leung and Christian Fischer-Zernin performed superbly well and ran out as overall winners for the East Anglian region. They then went on to the national finals held at the University of Lincoln, and although they couldn't repeat their previous success, they again performed creditably and made an excellent impression with staff and other students. Congratulations to Alex, Steven and Christian.

Physics Challenge. In the Spring Term the top Science set in year 11 sat the Physics Challenge - a one hour written exam. Several students scored well enough to be awarded Commendation certificates. The examining body have acknowledged that this year's paper proved to be more difficult than in previous years. Despite this, Nikko Cheung was awarded a Silver Medal Certificate, the only award in East Anglia. In addition to this he was awarded the book '1089 and all that - a journey into mathematics'. Well done, Nikko!

Lower down the school, the year 9 biologists have been studying ecosystems and, in particular, food chains. This has involved dissecting sterile owl pellets to see what makes up their diet. This activity proved very popular as it brings to life a topic that is often only studied from books. On a similar theme, if any pupils have been inspired by the BBC's Spring Watch programmes, they might like to consider being involved in an activity to monitor and encourage wildlife around the school

grounds. Anyone fancy a live webcam from a bird or bat nest-box? If you are interested please speak to Dr Higgins.

*Dr Richard Higgins,  
Head of Science*



LEFT: FRANK WANG  
AND KATHARINA  
HÖFS

This year must rank as one of the busiest years for the Music Department in recent times, especially as we were moved from our home next to the Athlone Hall to underneath the Chapel, in order to allow new building work to take place. Colin the Harp and Jon Hutchings joined us in the Department, Jon having been an organist at Lincoln, Portsmouth and Chichester cathedrals, and also a teacher at Portsmouth Grammar School. Already they have been put to the test with Fiddler on the Roof, BBC broadcasts and various concerts.

The House Singing Competition proved as fierce as ever. Clare Weston, a former principal at the English National Opera, came to be our judge. After rousing entries from all Houses, Garrett's rendition of I'm a believer won the unison section, and there was stiff competition between Victoria, Garrett and Moreau for the part-song section. After skilful yet varied performances, Moreau's mellifluous harmony in If a picture paints a thousand words beat Garrett's impressive arrangement for male voices of The Bare Necessities – all the more surprising for Peter Clarke's exquisite tenor singing.

The Autumn Concert followed on – the Chamber Choir subdued the audience with their singing of Stanford and Bairstow; the main Choir revived pieces sung in Chapel throughout the term – Ireland's Greater love hath no man (for Remembrance Sunday) and Ives' Listen, sweet Dove (for Harvest Festival). This, combined with Bette Midler's The Rose, showed our Choir at its best. Typically for a Framlingham concert, the programme was varied to include Windbags, Theatre Vocals, duets and solos, and a rendition of the two finalists of the part-song section of the House Singing Competition.

Mr Hutchings throughout the year has been heard to say that 'the music at this college is extraordinary' – nowhere else was this more evident than in Laura Wright, Year 11, winning the BBC Radio 2 Chorister of the Year competition in London during the October half-term: she managed to beat off all other competitors amidst strong competition. Various radio interviews and newspaper articles soon told the rest of the

world what we already knew – we may be a comparatively small college, but we have some of the greatest talent in the country.

As the term ploughed on, so did rehearsals for Fiddler on the Roof, alongside which pupils still somehow managed to prepare for examinations and write essays. The run up to Christmas was faster than anticipated, although Chamber Choir still managed to fit in a BBC Look East recording of Darke's In the bleak midwinter on the last day of term, followed by an musical feast of Christmas music by Tavener, Britten, Carter and many others at the Carol Service.

In typical Framlingham style, that wasn't the end of term at all – Christina Johnston went on not only to get a characteristically stylish Grade 8 distinction in singing, but in the same week won an unconditional offer to study soprano at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London – no small achievement for such a committed scholar. The remarkable Henry Dunham secured a tenor choral scholarship to Southwell Minster in Nottinghamshire for his gap year placement – a very fine choir in a very fine building. This was matched by Stuart Foulston's achievement of a place to study at the Leeds College of Music, widely regarded as the finest for studying jazz in the country. Amelia Hudson decided to take a gap year to allow her rich contralto to develop into an even fruitier voice before going up to music college. These four fine, young musicians have been stalwart supporters of College music, and it is only as they leave that the loss of their unfailing contribution is truly felt.

The Spring term saw the removal of the Music Department to under the Chapel; Laura darted around the country giving various performances for BBC Radio 2 and 4; the Chamber Choir sang at a Bishop for the Confirmation Service, and then made the trip to Orford to give a stunning concert in the much-sought after venue of St Bartholomew's Church, once a haven for performances of works by Britten. In between choral works, music scholars gave performances of the very highest standards, featuring faultless performances by our new scholars Lucy Clouting, Anna Rous

(featuring Colin the Harp) and Imogen Webb and alongside more challenging works by sixth form scholars, including Christina Johnston's rapturous performance of Haydn's With verdure clad.

The music never seemed to stop: for two nights running, students throughout the College performed the marathon event 'Soul Night' to capacity audiences in the Dining Hall. Whilst based around Soul music, the nights featured music from Diana Ross, Josh Groban, Michael Jackson and Alicia Keys: a wide variety of artists from throughout the College gave exceptional performances over a period of three and a half hours. Wine flowed freely and there was a real jazz club atmosphere in the school hall by the end, with some exquisite dancing from various members of staff: this included the 'Dance of One Thousand and One things to do with a Pashmina' during Will Poole's rendition of Soul Man, which pinned us to the back of our chairs with his powerful baritone voice.

As one of the gifts of Laura's winning the BBC prize, Clair Jaquiss and her team from BBC Radio 2 came to the College in early May to record not only Laura and the choir, but the whole school singing eight varied hymns for two programmes of Sunday Half Hour, the themes being on God's Protection and St Benedict. Mr Goodrich and Mr Hutchings spent the Easter holidays setting the hymns: choirs returned to rehearse various smudgy harmonies and stratospheric descants.

Miss Jaquiss examined us all in our hymn singing, telling us not once but twice that our voices weren't raising the roof high enough. The College responded, and the sound made was so loud that the use of Mr Hutchings' organ wasn't enough – two professional trumpeters plus our own Ollie Poole from Year 11 were brought in to add lustre to the occasion, as were various items of percussion – timpani, snare drums and occasionally Mr Goodrich's feet. The Chamber Choir and Laura recorded a few extra items, and the broadcasts in May and July showed not only the high standards of singing in the College, but moreover the



volume and gusto of the congregational singing right across the board.

With all this merriment and music-making over, it was hard to believe we still had more music to make! The Summer Concert contained fine performances of music heard by a capacity audience in the church. Mr Goodrich and Mr Hutchings once again set about arranging music for the professional orchestra to accompany the soloists and choir, including Wesley's Wash me thoroughly and a stunning duet by Mozart for two sopranos, sung by Christina Johnston and Laura Wright. The highlight of the concert was a performance of Henry Purcell's Come ye sons of art, which featured six of our own pupils as soloists - a fine achievement for any school.

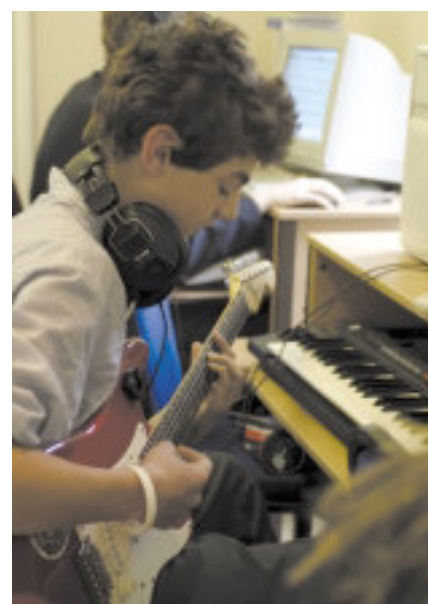
Year 9 gave a concert of stunningly high standards: performances ranged from harp to flute, rock band to piano; the music ranged from Bach to one of Beethoven's difficult sonatas (played with a particular air of virtuoso by Anna Rous), from Black Sabbath to a group performance of Nina Simone's Feelin' Good. It was all performed with the greatest sense of community - students cheered on other students to perform, no matter what mistakes occurred.

And so to the final event - the Midsummer Concert. Will we ever be able to forget Mr Hutchings and Amelia Hudson not only duetting, but swapping parts halfway through, displaying some very serious musicianship? The more relaxed nature of this concert is a fitting end to the academic year, allowing the performers great flexibility.

What an exciting year this has been for music. It makes you start to wonder what next year might have in store for us..

*Mr Jon Hutchings*

TOP: LAURA WRIGHT, RADIO 2 CHORISTER OF THE YEAR. CENTRE LEFT: ANNA ROUS PLAYING THE HARP AT THE ORFORD CONCERT. CENTRE RIGHT: GCSE MUSIC COMPOSITION. BELOW: FULL CHOIR AT THE SUMMER CONCERT IN ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH



Name	Sport	Age group	Category
Robert Newton	Cricket	U 17	International
James Hurlock	Rugby	U 18	International
Jace Palmer	Shooting	U 18	International
John Bird	Cross Country (Boys)	U 15	National Championships
Laura Stanley	Cross Country (Girls)	U 19	National Championships
Sarah Findlay	Cross Country (Girls)	U 15	National Championships
John Bird	Athletics	U 15	National Championships
Peter Clarke	Rugby	U 18	Divisional
Rupert Elmes	Rugby	U 18	Regional
Stephen Young	Rugby	U 18	Regional
Ben Davies	Rugby	U 18	Regional
Tom Turner	Rugby	U 18	Regional
Alasdair Cameron	Rugby	U 17	Regional
Oliver Poole	Rugby	U 17	Regional
Greg Gaughan	Rugby	U 15	Regional
Jack O'Brien	Rugby	U 15	Regional
Toby Tibbenham	Hockey (Boys)	U 17	Regional
Oliver Woodgate	Hockey (Boys)	U 16	Regional
Ben Gowing	Hockey (Boys)	U 15	Regional
Patrick Spraggs	Hockey (Boys)	U 15	Regional
Sean Collins	Hockey (Boys)	U 15	Regional
Sinead Collins	Hockey (Girls)	U 17	Regional
Felicity Cobbold	Hockey (Girls)	U 15	Regional
Fiona Stacey	Hockey (Girls)	U 15	Regional
Tom Turner	Athletics	U 20	Regional
Laura Stanley	Athletics	U 20	Regional
Caroline Reid	Athletics	U 17	Regional
Rebecca Green	Athletics	U 15	Regional
Harry Bush	Cricket	U 17	County
Sam Bennett-King	Cricket	U 15	County
Lee Buckingham	Cricket	U 14	County
Harry Bush	Hockey (Boys)	U 16	County
Josh Cutting	Hockey (Boys)	U 16	County
Tom Over	Hockey (Boys)	U 15	County
Will Tew	Hockey (Boys)	U 15	County
Leonie Salvesen	Hockey (Girls)	U 15	County
Laura Wright	Hockey (Girls)	U 17	County
Caroline Reid	Hockey (Girls)	U 17	County
Claire Bush	Tennis (Girls)	U 18	County
Sarah Findlay	Netball	U 14	County
Bethany Burgoyne	Athletics	U 17	County
Caroline Reid	Cross Country (Girls)	U 15	County



FROM TOP: JACE PALMER.  
SARAH FINDLAY, JOHN BIRD AND  
CAROLINE REID.  
ROB NEWTON. TONY TIBBENHAM.



## FRAMLINGHAM COLLEGE MASTERS AND BOYS v EASTON RAMBLERS

(with apologies to the East Anglian Daily Times report of 1906)



ABOVE: THE COLLEGE MASTERS AND BOYS CIRCA 2006

Two Masters and nine boys journeyed to Easton on Sunday, May 14th, to play an eleven captained by Lord Mitchell. There was a large attendance, including the Baroness Marvell, Viscount Crane, the Count and Countess of Turner, Lord and Lady Hammond, the Lady Mary Duggen, and the house party.

Clarke and Wybar opened for the visitors, with the former soon dismissed by the Hon G Mitchell for 2, before the latter shared a sterling good partnership with Anderson. Both batsman played well, and the telegraph signalled 28 before a separation was effected, Fiske the younger then getting Anderson for a fluent 14, and then removing the watchful Wybar for 20. Sallis, Turner and Baron Marvell did not stay long, T Huggins and Mr Pearce bowling with effect, but no changes had any influence upon young Bush, who played with laudable restraint before being smartly stumped by Lord Mitchell for 28. Boon and the Reverend Robinson both briefly showed to advantage, and made things merry for the visitors, the former looking to encourage a long afternoon of leather-hunting, while the latter laboured to keep out the deceptive parabola of Mr Pearce's slows. Unfortunately this partnership was brought to a premature end when the witless Boon ran his History Master out for just 4. A late flourish from the tail saw the College all out for 115. Fiske the younger was the most successful of the Ramblers' bowlers, capturing two wickets for 13. Tea was taken between innings, served by the ever resourceful Mrs Mitchell and Mrs

Bennett-King: the scones with home-made strawberry jam and clotted cream might have been the high point, had it not been for the sticky flapjack and sumptuous honeydew melon (courtesy of the LNER and the new 'Railway Imperialism', no doubt).

Squire Kimmerling and Mr R Fearnley of Rotherham opened the ball for the Eastonians, Davies and Turner sharing the attack, the former getting Kimmerling dismissed slogging across the line before he had broken his duck – one for one – a somewhat disastrous start. N Pearce then joined Mr Fearnley for a spell, but was not destined to repeat the success he has achieved with the county, departing for 5 off the bowling of Boon. T Huggins soon followed for six. Mr Fearnley showed plenty of northern grit in contributing 25 when he skied one attempting to give Bush's googly the long handle. Lord Mitchell and the Hon G Mitchell were the only others who made any show, the former falling to Baron Marvell's momentary metamorphosis into a leaping salmon at midwicket, where he swallowed a splendid good catch, the latter indulging in some severe hard hitting, remaining undefeated on 38 at the close. Stumps were drawn shortly after six o'clock with the home side on 97 off 20 overs, just 18 runs short of their target. The Empire produces some good bowlers these days: Prince Yarima Abubakar Sadiq (with his faithful man-servant, dogera Oli, in attendance throughout) took 2 for 25 and Davies 1 for 10, while Turner Major hurled down his 4 overs for just 6 runs.

What an idyllic way to celebrate a centenary: good form, good fellowship and good fun for all! Thank you Lady Hammond, Lord Mitchell and all at Easton CC, for your most excellent hospitality.

*Reverend M D Robinson*

## MASTERS AND BOYS v. EASTON RAMBLERS

(From the East Anglian Daily Times, 1906)

Six Masters and six boys journeyed to Easton on Tuesday, June 5th, to play an eleven captained by Lord Graham. There was a large attendance, including the Duchess of Hamilton, Lady Mary Hamilton, and the house party.

Lord Acheson and Mr. R. Lambton opened the ball for the Eastonians, Mr. Bassett and Mr. White sharing the attack, the former getting Acheson dismissed by Mr. Macqueen before he had broken his duck – one for one – a somewhat disastrous start. M. G. Constable then joined Lambton, but was not destined to repeat the success he achieved against Woodbridge; in trying to pull one of Mr. White's slows, he was given out lbw – 2 for 4. Hon. P. Acheson was the next victim, as after he had made six, he was smartly stumped by Mr. Butt. Lambton had contributed 9 when he skied one from Mr. Bassett, which Mr Macqueen held. Taylor, G. S. Lewis, Davies, and Murrell were the only others who made any show, the latter indulging in some hard hitting all round the wicket. The innings closed for 75. Mr. Bassett took 6 for 19 and Mr. White 4 for 43.

After lunch Mr. Bassett and Mr. White opened for the visitors, and with the first ball Taylor sent down, he dismissed Mr. White. This was no criterion of the play to follow, for Mr. Bassett and Mr. Macqueen settled down in earnest, and runs came apace. Both batsman played excellent cricket, and the telegraph signalled 120 before a separation was effected, V. J. Lewis then getting Mr. Macqueen lbw, after a sterling good innings of 67. Mr. Brown, Dr. Inskip, and Mr. Butt did not stay long, V. J. Lewis and Lord Graham bowling with effect; but no changes had any influence upon Mr. Bassett, who, up to a certain period, did practically what he liked with the bowling. On reaching 90, however, he played very carefully, and was forty minutes completing the century. His runs, which included one 6, four 4s, and seventeen 2s, were obtained by really first class cricket, and he thoroughly deserved the success which attended him. He only gave two chances, and both were far from easy. In addition to obtaining the coveted century, he had the satisfaction of being unbeaten at the drawing of stumps, and carried his bat for 101. Hodgson and Mortimer both showed to advantage, and made things merry for the visitors, who, although not missing much in the field, showed evident signs of fatigue, from the long afternoon's leather-hunting. Stumps were drawn shortly before seven o'clock, with the score at 231 for 9. Lord Graham was the most successful of the bowlers, capturing three wickets for 38.

## BOYS' RUGBY

The College 1st XV remained unbeaten for the season. The team's irresistible combination of attacking flair and uncompromising defence brought successes against talented opposition, scoring a total of 381 points and conceding only 94.

Felsted	26	8
Ipswich School	26	10
Greshams	18	16
Norwich School	24	0
Woodbridge	74	0
Royal Hospital School	16	7
The Perse School	8	3
St Joseph's College	23	5

Six players from this exceptional team represented the Eastern Counties Under 18 Group: James Hurlock (Captain), Ben Davies, Rupert Elmes, Tom Turner, Stephen Young and Peter Clarke. Peter Clarke (*pictured below*) also trained at Northampton RUFC and played for their Under 21 Academy side and 2nd XV.

TOP LEFT: ALI CAMERON  
TOP RIGHT: TOM USHER







## 1st XI

The 1st XI team played with great spirit and the exciting prospect of this team was that we will lose only two players from this team next season. The girls worked hard during pre-season training although it was evident that some of the girls found it tough after such a long holiday.

The first game of the season against Brentwood was very frustrating with the girls spending the whole game inside the **Brentwood** half but the game ended 0-0. Our first home match of the season against **Gresham's** started well and we were rewarded with an early goal that gave the girls confidence. **Gresham's** equalised just after half-time and the girls had to sustain a lot of pressure from this visiting side. The girls fought strongly and managed to score a goal on the counter-attack making it 2-1. However in the last ten minutes Laura Wright was carried off injured and down to ten players, **Gresham's** ended up as victors 4-2.

## OUR WINNING STREAK CONTINUED WITH A 1-0 VICTORY OVER CULFORD...

We found our goal scoring form in the matches against **Ipswich High** and **Norwich School** winning 4-0 and 5-0. In these matches Laura Wright came into her own from the penalty corner routines scoring three excellent goals.

The next match away to **Felsted** was played against one of the best school teams we have ever faced and unfortunately the girls lost 7-0 which could have been worse if it had not been for Fiona Stacey who pulled off many outstanding saves. Our best team performance followed in the match against **The Leys**. At half time we were one nil down. Abi Stodel on her debut made an early deflection and after this we absolutely dominated the game eventually winning 4-1.



ABOVE: WATCHING THE HOCKEY ON BORRETTS

BELOW: KARA KENDALL

Our winning streak continued with a 1-0 victory over **Culford** but was ended by a strong **RHS** side who won 3-1. The penultimate game of the season against **Woodbridge** is always played with passion. The girls had already played in a county Netball tournament during the day so were feeling tired before they had stepped onto the pitch. The girls battled on throughout the game in which the final score was 0-0.

Our final game took us to **Ely** in really poor conditions. This was a game very similar to the first game of the season in which we had all the play but on this occasion won 1-0.

Congratulations particularly to Alex Reid for her commitment over the season always giving 110% and to Kara Kendall, Megan Flowers and Antonia Borek.

*Miss Esther Stead, Mistress i/c of Girls' Hockey*

## U15A

This was not the most successful season for the U15A hockey side but what they lacked in wins they certainly made up for in spirit and determination.

The team always kept their heads up even when behind, and encouraged each other in a positive manner.



- Team skip was "Flic" Cobbold who was the midfield dynamo, full of enthusiasm and encouragement for her team mates. She was an excellent ambassador for the College both on and off the field.

Caroline Reid tackled ferociously and developed a very hard hit which could well turn her into a centre forward in the very near future. Laura Kellett and Harriet Cole also served in midfield, the latter covering every inch of the astro in most matches.

Up front Isabella Singleton made some very telling runs on the left wing, showing sound stick skills and Phillipa Dow made her presence felt in the 'D'. Harriet Cole also proved to be a very useful right wing when she was not in midfield. Sophie Pearce was also very effective on the left wing, providing useful crosses into the 'D'.

At the back Tori Aldred provided the big hits although she was unfortunately plagued by injury throughout the season, and she was ably assisted by Beth Rutterford who perfected a fearsome hit during the season, Caroline Southgate, Olivia Kingsley and Bethany Burgoyne. Anna Partington (Year 9) played very soundly in goal and certainly learnt a lot during a busy season.

*Mr Chris Hobson*

BELOW: SINEAD COLLINS



### 1st XI

Overall a successful regular season, particularly with a string of good results before half term including a 4-1 win against **Oakham**, a 2-2 draw away at **Gresham's**, a 3-3 draw against **Felsted**, a 1-0 win against **Bishop Stortford**, and a 8-0 drubbing of **Norwich**. The half term finished on a disappointing note when we lost the county final to Ipswich on penalty strokes, in a match very well supported by the majority of the school.

The second half of term included a 4-2 victory over **the Perse**, a 5-4 loss to **Woodbridge** in a bitterly disputed game and another 1-1 draw with **Ipswich**, and finally a solid 3-1 win over **Culford**. The team also enjoyed the Bath Festival. Will Poole had an outstanding season in goal, pulling off a string of first class saves. John Wybar and Sadiq Abubakar marshalled the defence with aplomb, Oli Woodgate performed well and worked hard in midfield ably supported by captain Ben Hayes and Rob Newton was in fine form up front.

Player of the Season: Will Poole

Most Improved Player: Sadiq Abubakar.

**St George's Sixes, Weybridge:** In March the 1st Six went to the prestigious St George's tournament as defending champions. With 28 of the top hockey playing schools in the country involved, every game was hard-fought and quality was at a premium. Our path through to the semi-finals of the main competition as Group A winners was secured with a succession of impressive results: versus **Dr Challoners** (won 1-0); **RGS High Wycombe** (won 2-0); **Kingston Grammar School** (won 1-0); **Charterhouse** (won 2-0); a blip against **Chatham House** (lost 0-3) and a must win game against **Sir William Borlase** (won 2-0). In the semi-final against a very talented **Langley Park** we struggled to keep pace and were undone several times at the back. We scored a couple of good goals ourselves, but ended up losing 5-3. **Langley Park** went on to beat **St George's** in final, so the first Six certainly did themselves proud.

### 2nd XI

This proved to be an enjoyable season, during which the 2nd XI played some truly spectacular hockey full of flowing passing movements. If this outfit had a weakness, it was their determination to score the perfect goal (which they often did!) and inability to convert the simpler goal scoring opportunities. They sometimes ended up drawing or even

**...PLAYED SOME SPECTACULAR HOCKEY FULL OF FLOWING PASSING MOVEMENTS.**

losing games to opponents they comprehensively outplayed! Impressive wins were recorded over **Norwich** (2-0), **Bishop's Stortford** (2-1), **Woodbridge** (14-0) and **Culford** (6-0), while frustrating draws were snatched from the jaws of victory against **Gresham's** (0-0) and **Felsted** (3-3). Special mention goes to our captain, Ben Davies, who led from the front throughout the season; to James Harpum for his strength and solidity at the back; to Tom Sallis, Andy Leung for their finesse in midfield and to the nimble forward play of Daniel Salmon.

Player of the Season: James Harpum

Most Improved Player: Andy Leung

### 3rd XI

After an almost unbeaten season last year, hopes were high for a repeat set of performances this year. The team performed well on astro, but suffered in the matches played on grass. Tom Westrope led the side with enthusiasm but sadly a couple of results went against us by the narrowest of margins. The side needed to convert more territorial advantage to goals.

Player of the Season : Tom Westrope.





ABOVE: ROB NEWTON

#### 4th XI

The season started with a number of new players who had not played the game before allied to a few old hands. They formed themselves into an effective fighting unit and played some good hockey towards the end of the season. It was a real team performance with a number of talented forwards who towards the end of the season were finding the net on a regular basis.

Player of the season: Henry Doe  
Most improved player: Christian Fischer-Zemin

#### Under 15A

The Under 15s produced some sublime hockey this season on the way to maintaining their unbeaten record, scoring 41 goals and conceding only 10 in their 9 matches. The highlight of the season was the stunning victory over fierce rivals Ipswich although there were individual moments of brilliance along the way that shall long be remembered by those present. There were stars aplenty, but what made this season memorable were the contributions of the fringe players when it mattered most: Ed Binder's goals against **The Perse**; and

Rayner Shelmerdine-Hare's gutsy tackling against **Ipswich**. In short, an unbeaten season to be proud of.

Player of the season: Outstanding team effort  
Most improved player: Will Megone.

#### Under 16

After an uncertain start, the team won three out of their six games, including a pleasing win over **Ipswich**. The team, ably led by a tactically wise Harry Bush, trained hard and developed into an effective team. Freddie Hopkinson, in goal, was impressive and very reliable off both feet. Harry Bush at sweeper tackled low, hit the ball very sweetly from short corners, and read the game superbly. The back line included huge tacklers: Ollie Boon (Player of the Season), Musa Abubakar, Greg Poulter-Jones and Harry Wrinch, as an attacking right hand side 'outlet channel'. In midfield, Michael Hollington let little through, and Jonathan Waghorne gave his customary

101% each and every game at centre link. Garry Findlay played on the right and up front, where this year he found the net on several occasions. James Leaper-Riley showed us both skill and deceptive speed and Theo Sowerbutts was quite brilliant in our final and most testing match of the season in Rugby.

In the National Knockout Competition we had tremendous battles with both **Ipswich** and **Woodbridge** before securing the Suffolk County Championship. Strengthened by the best from a strong U15 unit (Collins, Cutting, Gowing, Spraggs, Tew) and welcoming Newton and Woodgate back from the 1st XI, we travelled to **Felsted** to secure the Divisional title.

Going to the National quarter final play-off at **Rugby School** we beat **Egglescliffe College**, the top side in the North of

England, 3-2, in an absolute cracker of a match. The squad then faced South East champions, **Kent College**, in the National Semi-Final. Drawn at 2-2, we lost out on sudden death penalty flicks. We were playing as one of the four top sides in the country - an incredible achievement, hardly

imaginable in January. Players who excelled included Luke Berry, Matthew Morgan and Ben McCarthy, and Hamza Nabi who captained the side well from midfield.



ABOVE: ALI CAMERON

### Under 15 B

Our record of played 7, lost 5, won 2 did not, perhaps, make for particularly positive reading, but these raw figures do not do justice to what was actually quite a pleasing campaign. With the sole exception of a 5-1 defeat to **Gresham's**, all of our matches were close, competitive affairs from which the boys emerged with a lot of credit. We were rarely outplayed, instead conceding defeat through basic defensive errors or squandered chances to score. It was when we sorted these two areas out - against **Felsted** and **Woodbridge** - that we got our two, highly deserved wins.

### Under 14A

The team faced some talented and determined opposition during the season and subsequently success was in short measure. However, they remained positive to the end and were rewarded with a convincing 2-0 victory over **Culford** in the last game of the season with two stunning goals from John Bird and Rob Gear.

There have been promising performances along the way, most notably from Chris Treacy in goal, Alex Skitch a true stalwart and workhorse in defence and some gritty determination from Jacques Hesse in attack.

### Under 14B

This side took time to take shape, and not all players were quick to learn about the importance of some basic tactics and positioning.

The goalkeepers, Arrand and Dunham, served the side very well, and at the front the success of Whitehouse and Sutton led to their instant promotion to the 'A' side. Even without them, a draw against **Ipswich**, and the emotional victory against **Woodbridge** was clearly a high point to gladden the heart of the supportive parents who kept faith in the side through the hard times!

Player of the Season: Tom Arrand



and Wymondham. A particular strength of the team was the defensive pairing of Georgie Goodin and Annie Scott, who complement each others play well. They made valuable turnovers at crucial times which were then converted by Becky Saunders, Imogen Webb or Kirsten Putt. Becky Saunders also showed great centre court play.

Sarah Findlay showed good presence as centre and with Lily Paget fed the ball accurately to the shooters. Leonie Salverson contributed well to the overall game and improved greatly as the season progressed, particularly in closing down opposition and intercepting.

The main weakness this season has been the frequency in which the team gave the ball away, this cost us the games against Gresham's and Debenham High. This season has been a learning curve for the team.

They have battled hard and put in tremendous effort and never lost their enthusiasm for the game. With the effort and enthusiasm shown by the players the team has the ability to further improve next season.

*Mrs Claire Collins*

### Girls' U14A VII Netball

The U14 VII had a mixed season. The team achieved some creditable wins, particularly against Leiston High, Thomas Mills High



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### U15A Netball Team

This was a great team to have the experience of coaching during my first year at Fram. The girls took the first two matches to get settled in to the season but after these two fixtures the girls were unstoppable.

They played a really close match against Woodbridge and Culford in the first two weeks of term, losing 12-9 and 14-16. The girls began to work more as a team from then onwards and secured victories against Leiston High, Gresham's, Thomas Mills, RHS, Felsted, Debenham and Wymondham. They remained unbeaten after half term.

The team was well-captained by Caroline Reid who managed to make endless interceptions in defence and then send good balls up the court. She frustrated many a player with her drive and determination to get first to the ball. She was ably assisted by Hattie Coles at GK who worked well with Caroline to keep the shooters away from the ring. She also took some great rebounds.

As wing defence Olivia worked tirelessly to get the ball up to the attack. She improved no end over the weeks and her timing of when to dodge got better and better. Felicity Cobbold worked hard all over the court to provide the link from defence to attack. The feeding in the circle came largely from Beth Rutterford who really took on board the advice given and concentrated on receiving the ball in her specific zone. With Emily Hicks returning to the team her height in the circle was an added benefit and as the weeks progressed she got more and more confident in her shooting.

Hollie Dawson really worked hard to improve her rotation in the D and scored an amazing amount of goals over the course of the season. I would hope to see these girls pushing the 1st and 2nd teams next year. A fantastic all round performance, 10 matches played, 8 of these were won.

*Miss Esther Stead*

## ...A STRING OF EXPLOSIVE INNINGS ON THE ENGLAND UNDER 16 TOUR TO SOUTH AFRICA...

### 1st XI Boys' Cricket

The College 1st XI have once again lived up to expectations with some spectacular individual triumphs and impressive all-round team displays. After a string of explosive innings on the England Under 16 tour to South Africa, Robert Newton was named in the England Under 17 squad for two one-day matches against the European Cricket Academy at the National Cricket Centre, Loughborough.

Notable College victories were achieved against strong opposition from Brentwood School (by 16 runs), the Gentlemen of Essex (by 9 wickets), St Joseph's (by 57 runs), Norwich School (by 9 wickets) and Woodbridge (by 9 wickets), along with a sporting draw with Ipswich. Peter Clarke dominated with the bat, scoring 403 runs at an average of 81, while Ben Davies

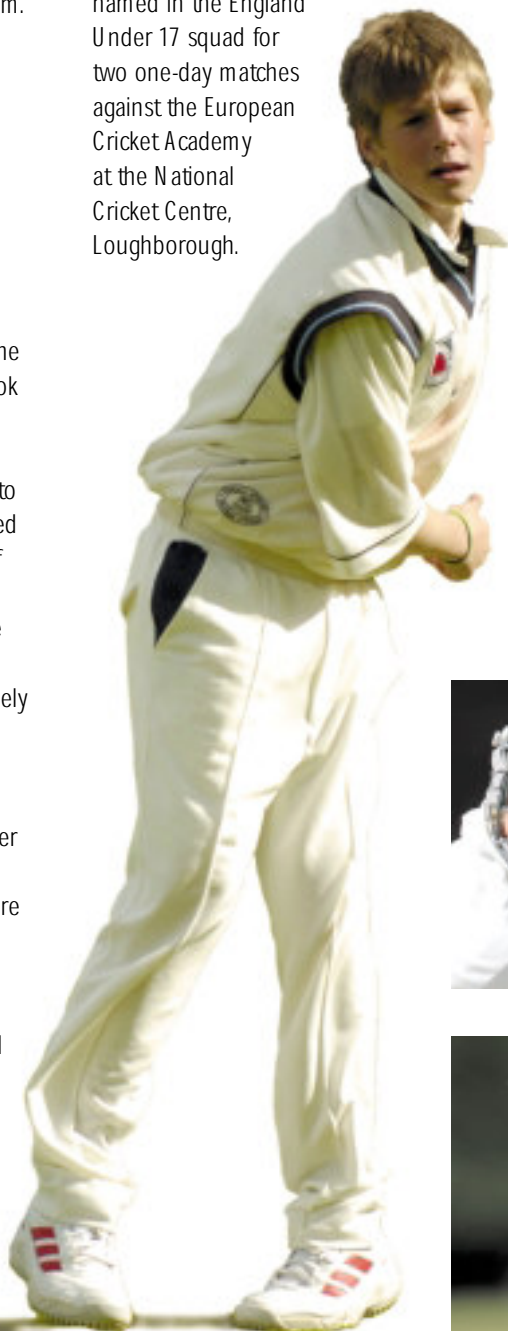


performed best with the ball, taking 20 wickets at an average of just 11. Other quality contributions were

made by Harry Bush and Tom Sallis, who averaged 50 and 38 respectively.

LEFT: HARRY BUSH. BELOW FROM TOP: IT'S NOT EASY BEING AN UMPIRE.

MIDDLE: PETER CLARKE. BOTTOM: MR MARCUS MARVELL, DIRECTOR OF CRICKET



### 1st Team Tennis

This has been a fantastic year for the girls tennis teams. With our major strengths coming through the lower end of the school, things will hopefully get even better next year. The girls have played a lot of fixtures this term. The first four have played a total of 15 matches over the course of the ten week term as well as balancing exams and other extra-curricular activities. The results



ABOVE: THE ABERDARE CUP TEAM

from the Saturday fixtures have been fantastic with the girls losing only one match 4-5, which was to a strong Felsted side.

Through the term Fram 1st's have beaten Woodbridge, Gresham's, Ipswich High, Ipswich School and Culford. The girls have really pulled together and at times the final result has revolved around the last round of matches. This is what team tennis is all about. It is not just about having a good first pair but it is just as important to have a strong 2nd and 3rd pair. On several occasions it has been Alex Reid and Sam Cherry-Downes' victory or Sam's and

Felicity Cobbold's victory against their opposite number that has secured the overall win. Tori Aldred and Laura Wright have played some great attacking tennis, with Tori's serve and Laura's slice they become a formidable opposition at first pair. Caroline Reid and Becky Saunders have at times outperformed the 1st pair and won all their matches such as in the match against Gresham's helping to secure that important win. Caroline can vary the

pace of her shots which frustrate big baseline hitters as well as confidently attacking up at the net. Becky Saunders has gone from strength to strength with a powerful first serve and good angled returns.

Tori, Laura, Caroline, Becky and Flick have all been involved in the Aberdare Cup this term and have played in some really high quality matches. Tori was faced with a girl who was

ranked in the top 30 in the country in the last preliminary match. On beating King Edward VII, Culford and Thorpe St Andrew Schools, the girls will now travel to Queenswood in July to play in the National Finals. This is a first in the history of the college and is a great way to end a fantastic season.

The above girls have also been involved in the Nestle Under 15 tournament and have progressed into the semi-final of this competition. There are yet to drop a set in this competition, securing 6-0 victories against both Woodbridge and Amberfield.

### Senior Boys' Tennis

The results really did not go our way this season despite the fixture against RHS providing the squad with an early boost in confidence. Felsted School and Greshams provided very stiff opposition although the results do not really reflect the closeness of the rubbers. In the Glanvill Cup, Norwich School fielded four rated players and we did well to keep the match alive until the Doubles' rubbers. The highlights were Henning's victory and Theo Sowerbutt's Singles performance in a real ding-dong battle, which he narrowly lost.

The Squad did finish the season on a positive note with victory at The Perse despite fielding two injured players.

*Mr Dino Constanti*

### Under 15 Boys' Tennis

A disrupted season meant that team coaching and spirit were extremely difficult to engender. That said, the A team, who were well led by Captain Ed Binder, improved as the season developed, and we only lost to Ipswich and Thurston on games, having drawn both matches on sets. This was a fine achievement, especially by the two Year 9 boys, Blake Elliott and Alex Summers, who raised their performances considerably, playing, as they were, in our top two positions. Both are fine future prospects. Rayner Sheldermine-Hare at fourth seed also proved useful and was a real character on court to boot!

In the Under 15B team, Patrick Spraggs, Tom Over and Adrian Woo played strong games, and they were supported by the ever-enthusiastic Nick Thorne. We were grateful to other guest players including Tom Osmanski, Ben Gowing, Charles Shallow and Tom Wilkinson. There is plenty of promise for the future here.

The Player of the season was Alex Summers and the most improved Player, Adrian Woo.

*Mr Mark Kendall, Coach*



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and it has been one of the most successful ever for Framlingham College. This year 166 students were awarded bronze, silver and gold awards. Gold recipients were:

C Plumbly (OF)	J Squirrell (OF)
B Woo (OF)	K Allen
M Austin	M Crompton
H Dunham	G Ellis
R Elmes	B Hayes
J Hulme	W Leung
B Mark	V Miatchin
B Norton	W Owen
T Parkinson	W Poole
A Reid	D Salmon
T Westrope	A Wilson

A Gold award is a spectacular achievement and requires a high and consistent level of commitment and determination throughout the five years at the College.

In the early days, the Year 9 students start with modules in camp craft, first-aid and navigation before embarking on the early Bronze expeditions managed by Mrs Jill Parson around the footpaths of Suffolk.

This year the Chaplain, Mr Stephen Waters, has been instrumental in setting up the Framlingham College Community Service Programme for all Yr 9 and 10 pupils which provides a splendid alternative to the CCF and allows all of the juniors to get involved with the scheme.

During the year we have 'enjoyed' expeditions to Yorkshire, Derbyshire and The Lake District allowing participants the opportunity to satisfy elements of the Award.

Here is an extract from the diary to give an example of what some of them have to put up with as they strive for Gold:

### Coniston 20-25 March 2006

"It only rained once whilst we were in the Lake District. It started on the Saturday we arrived and finished a few days later on the Wednesday morning. This gave us just one ❧



ABOVE: ASCENDING THE OLD MAN OF CONISTON

BELOW: WHO SAYS IT'S NOT FASHIONABLE?!



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

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❖ day of fine weather before the long and wet journey home. During the deluge everybody experienced the full repertoire that the heavens could throw down at us. This ranged from drizzle, to sleet and to torrential, sideways rain.

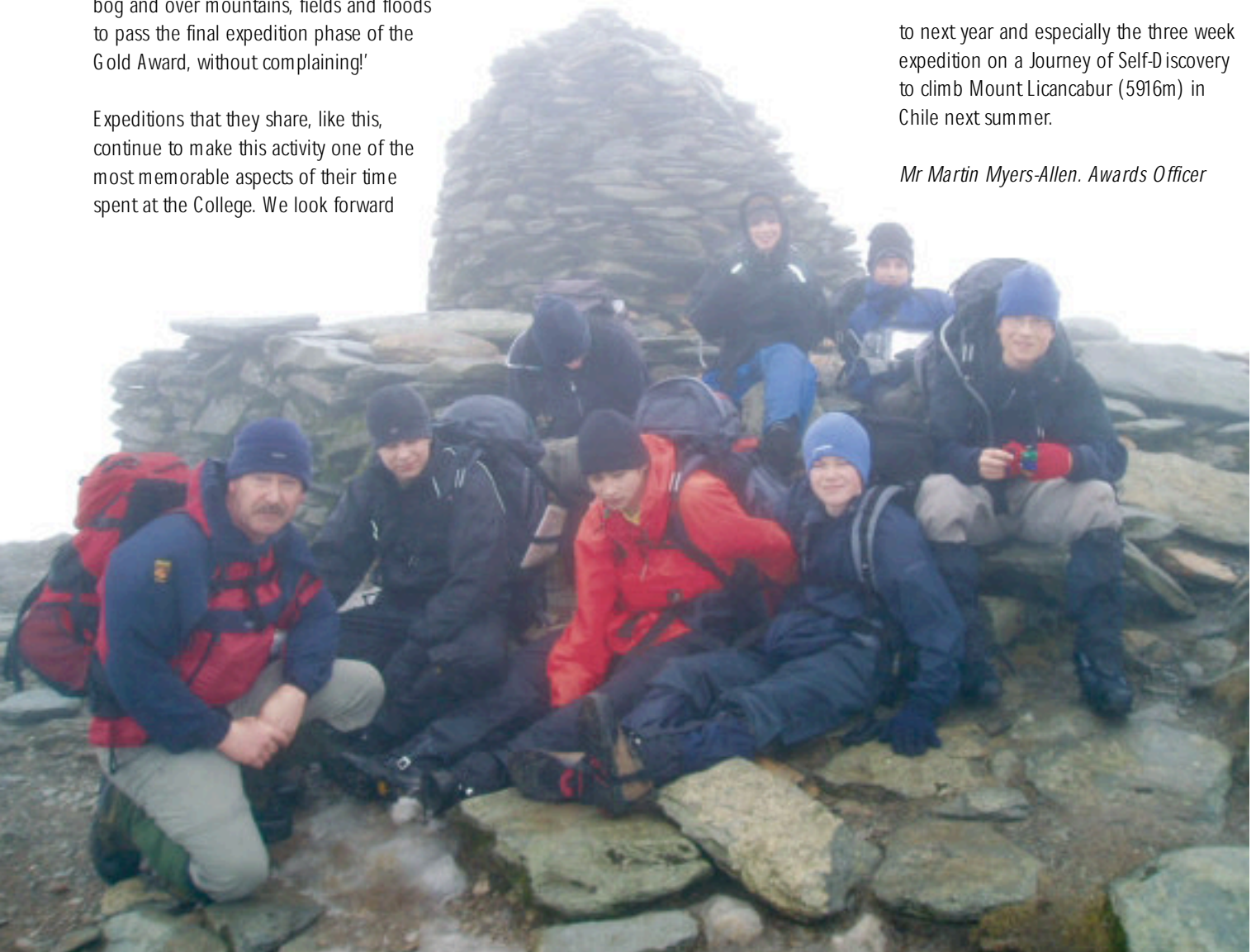
Completing a Silver or Gold expedition was clearly going to be a challenge, but the 42 well-trained expeditioners were more than a match for it. The main problems were keeping the kit as dry as possible and navigating through thick mist and driving rain. Everybody did extremely well and managed to pass, but special congratulations must go to the Gold group consisting of Sinead Collins, Storm Rae, Kara Kendall, Oliver Cutting, Ed Goodin, Harry Edwards and Nick Fox. These good-humoured and fun-loving characters walked 50 miles through mud, streams and bog and over mountains, fields and floods to pass the final expedition phase of the Gold Award, without complaining!

Expeditions that they share, like this, continue to make this activity one of the most memorable aspects of their time spent at the College. We look forward



to next year and especially the three week expedition on a Journey of Self-Discovery to climb Mount Licancabur (5916m) in Chile next summer.

*Mr Martin Myers-Allen. Awards Officer*







PREVIOUS PAGE:  
TOP LEFT: A 'FINE' START. BELOW: AT  
THE SUMMIT, WITH THE EVER-RELIABLE  
MR MALCOLM TODD

ABOVE: NEARING THE SUMMIT ABOVE  
CONISTON. BELOW: TIME FOR LUNCH

## The CCF Biennial Inspection 2006

It was cold and windy for our inspection on 20th March at Fingringhoe Ranges. The Inspecting Officer, Air Vice-Marshal Simon Dougherty (Director General Medical Services RAF) arrived by Gazelle helicopter at 1030hrs in order to visit the eight stands that had been arranged for the day. The Air Vice-Marshal was at Brandeston Hall and

involved a pizza delivery moped; a minibus; stick on wounds; lots of fake blood and some frightening and protruding bones!

In addition to the stands, Cdt Sgt Amy Robinson (RAF) organised Air Experience Flying for 15 lucky junior RAF cadets in the Gazelle in response to a kind gesture from the Air Vice-Marshal for which the cadets were very grateful.

## ...LOTS OF FAKE BLOOD AND SOME FRIGHTENING AND PROTRUDING BONES!

the College from 1960-1967, a member of Garrett House and a staff sergeant in the Army section of the CCF, before reading medicine at the London Hospital Medical College.

The Air Vice-Marshal toured the activities on display and chatted to all present including Cdt Sgt Ben Mark (Head of the CCF), Cdt Cpl Storm Rae (a Lord Lieutenant's Cadet), Mrs Randall, Squadron Leader Miller (OC RAF Cadet Training Team), Squadron Leader Bell (Staff Officer) and Dr Richard Higgins. He saw an exercise run by the Signals Section; command tasks run by the RAF Cadet Training Team (CTT); section attacks run by the Army CTT; full bore shooting run by the shooting coach; close quarter battle drills using paintballs run by the Advanced Infantry; raft building and casualty evacuation run by the RN Section and the RN CTT and a building clearance exercise. The latter took part in a blacked out Skills House involving infra red motion detectors and night viewing goggles and was the last Field Weekend for W.O.1. Steve Page, our retiring and much loved SSI. The RSM leaves us after 10 years service to the CCF and was warmly applauded and thanked by the entire contingent at the end of training.

The Air Vice-Marshal took great interest in Lt Roly Scarce's Combat First-Aid Section's road traffic accident simulation exercise

It was also a memorable day for two others: Captain Malcolm Todd, was promoted to the rank of major and Cdt RSM Alex Reid celebrated her 18th birthday.

The entire weekend was tremendously successful and all of the cadets were grateful to Air Vice-Marshal Dougherty, a highly successful Old Framlinghamian in his field who inspired us by his example.

*Martin Myers-Allen, Major  
Contingent Commander*

## CCF Field Day at Fingringhoe Ranges - 21st May 2006

Despite the threat of serious rain the Yr10 cadets went to Fingringhoe Ranges, Colchester, in May for their Field Day. It was cold and overcast, but all 46 cadets enjoyed the opportunity to engage in one and two phase flanking section attacks in woodland and open country.

Over 4000 blank were fired with each cadet engaging the enemy on four occasions. At the same time cadets were zeroing rifles on the ranges in preparation for the Bisley competition in July. All of the cadets were then able to shoot with the 5.56 Cadet GP Rifle and the 7.62 Target Rifle on the ranges.



## The RAF Section - 'Reporting for flying'

We were delighted that Cpl Hannah Jones was selected for an RAF Gliding Scholarship during the summer holidays and she joined a select band of RAF cadets from other schools to win her coveted 'wings' on completing a solo flight

Our Year 10 RAF cadets had the thrill of their first flight in a RAF Grob trainer aircraft at RAF Wyton near Cambridge when they all experienced the thrill of aerobatics and other manoeuvres in the air. Getting our cadets in the air has and always will be a priority of the RAF Section at Framlingham.

TOP L-R: CAPT TODD TEACHES FIREARMS. SAFE LANDING FOR CDT CPL HANNAH JONES. READY FOR TAKE-OFF IN AN RAF GROB AT WYTON. HAPPY DAYS! AVM DOUGHERTY AND MAJ MYERS-ALLEN. TACKLING A COMMAND TASK. THE AVM CHATS TO CAPT TODD AND CDT JACE PALMER



## LEAVERS' 2006

(BH)=Brandeston Hall

Sadiq Abubakar  
Rosemary Sara Akerman  
Thomas Henry Charles Alabaster  
Katie Louise Allen  
Rachel Nicola Allen  
Adam John Arnold  
Matthew Steven Austin  
Michael Jonathan Austin

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Theresa Bach  
William Edmund Evelyn Bailey  
Emma Lucie Banbury  
Archie Robert Bendall (BH)  
Oliver Charles Bennett  
Christina Anne Benneworth  
Emily Rose Benneworth  
Lauren Elizabeth Bird (BH)  
Hanna Elizabeth Bones  
Antonia Borek  
Sophie Alexandra Broom  
Valentin Brunstein-La Place (BH)  
Shiu Chung Dominic Butt (BH)

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Alexander Peter Cadell  
Mercedes Camino Carvajal (BH)  
Kei Kwan Chan (BH)  
Shek Lun Jason Cheung  
Charlotte Jane Church  
Peter Jon Clarke  
Elise May Lucy Clement (BH)  
Emily Mary Comer  
Kirsty Ann Couzens  
Maximilian Yardley Crompton

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Benjamin James Andrew Davies  
Isabelle Jane de Grave  
Drivalda Delia  
Henry Charles Doe  
Sophie Elizabeth Doe  
Sophie Isobel Drew (BH)  
Henry Mark Dunham  
India Tallulah Durie (BH)  
Paula Echavarren Sarasibar (BH)  
Sergio Echavarren Sarasibar (BH)

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Gemma Jane Ellis  
Rupert Edward Elmes

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Zhengjie Lawrence Fan  
Garry Francis Findlay  
Edwin Charles Fitzroy (BH)  
Megan Laura Flowers  
Stuart John Foulston  
Jeremy Dieter Fournel (BH)

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Michael Henrik Stefan Germelmann  
William Fitzmaurice Jacomb Gibbon (BH)  
Hannah Clare Gunn

Buster James William Hall  
James Robert Harpum  
Victoria Margot-Heide Harsch  
Zoe Alexandra Vivien Hartill  
Ben Geoffrey Hayes  
Thomas William Hildreth  
Chung Wai Raymond Ho  
Benedikt Niklas Hoegen  
Katharina Höfs  
Milo Maximillian Samuel Daniel Horvath  
Tomoya Hoshino  
Amelia Mary Hudson  
Joanna Frances Hulme  
James Hurlock  
Mujammil Hussain  
Charlotte Helen Ince

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Fei Michael Jia  
Christina Louise Johnston  
Leon Dumiso Johnstone

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Kara Kendall  
Thomas David Kilvert  
Thomas David George King (BH)  
Robert Frederick Kingsley  
Joanne Mary Knight (BH)

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Edward William Courtenay Lacey (BH)  
Louisa Elizabeth Courtney Lacey (BH)  
Lucas Landgrebe  
Rosemary Alice Lawrence  
James William Leaper-Riley  
Sarah Rachel Legg (BH)  
Philippe Emmanuel Lendeckel  
King To Wallace Leung  
Wen Tao Edward Li  
Joanna Mary Lowe

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Abigail Constance Louise Mackrill  
Thomas William McMahon  
James Donald McNair  
Alice Denise McVeigh  
Benjamin Mark  
Victoria Elizabeth Mawson  
Benjamin James Melrose  
Viatcheslav Miatchin  
Matthew Ian Morgan  
Danielle Joan Mumford  
Farai Mutonga

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Georgina Charlotte Neal  
Richard Geoffrey John Nettleton  
Leanne Newton  
Ben Norton  
Frederike Notz

Tomoki Ogino  
William David George Owen

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Timothy John Parkinson  
Bonnie Elizabeth Paul  
Karolin Pauly  
Annabel May Plested (BH)  
William Edward Poole  
Lewis Cassius Baddon Price

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Oliver John Rees  
Alexandra Camilla Russell Reid  
Amy Elizabeth Robinson  
Guy Peter Rush  
Miles Benjamin Rush

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Thomas Edward Sallis  
Daniel Salmon  
Nicholas William Roderick Sargeantson (BH)  
Jack Richard Senior  
Samuel James Senior  
Claudia Sarah Elisabeth Sexton  
Adam Nicholas Squirrell  
Thomas William Stanford  
Laura Elizabeth Stanley  
Harriet Nita Starling (BH)  
Sophie Elizabeth Storr  
Stephanie Danielle Surman  
Sirasorn Mike Suwannapasri

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Benjamin David Tayler  
Arabella Poppy Tew  
Mihaela Luciana Tone  
Sophia Jean Harriet Turner

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Thomas Clemens Usher

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Juan Valero Ciscar (BH)  
Benjamin James Vinten  
Josef Sebastian von Nuding (BH)

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Feng Frank Wang  
Katherine Charlotte Warren  
Amy Jane Watts  
Christopher Roger Watts  
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Derek Richard Wicks  
Madelene Wilhelmsson  
Talia Eloise Sian Williams  
Alice Wilson  
Lik Hang, Alex Wong (BH)  
Wing-Tung Victoria Wong  
Robert Michael Wrinch  
Alistair John Wybar

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Yuri Yoshida  
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