

## Rivalry Renewed

Former opponents on the cricket field in the Old Framlinghamian v Old Ipswichian matches in the 1950s and 1960s renewed their rivalry after 40 years, this time at the Royal Norwich Golf Club on 23rd August 2005. The OFs won by a narrow margin led by **Ken Mayhew** (R 29-34) who left school 71 years ago and carried his clubs for all 18 holes. He also had the lowest handicap. He was supported by **Dudley Holland** (R 45-52)



L-R: Tony Greengrass (OI), Ken Mayhew, Dudley Holland and Karl Daniels (OI)

**Richard Sayer** (S 56-61) Prime Warden of the Shipwrights Company presided at a Trafalgar Banquet at the Mansion House, London on 31st October 2005, in the presence of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress. The Prime Warden made a donation to the Lord Mayor Appeal. Among OFs present was **Ian Foster** (K 46-53) with his wife Tessa whom he had married in Gibraltar 10 days earlier.

**John Gooderham** (K 44-53), held a party at the College on 29th October 2005, to celebrate his 70th birthday. John has been a very keen supporter and worker for the Society for many years and a past President. He currently organizes the Suffolk Supper. The guests were treated to an amusing look at John's life through the eyes of his younger brother, **Paul Gooderham** (K 50-57). In reply John recalled his days at Framlingham at the end and just after the war, including his long struggle to obtain enough 'O' Levels to attend agricultural college! Among the guests were eleven OFs shown above, including John's friend of sixty years **Ian Foster** (K 46-53).



Above: Gooderham Party: J Ruddock-Broyd (G 46-52), G Stedman (G 43-52), J Thurlow (K 48-55), N Mayhew (R 48-56), I Foster (K 46-53), John Gooderham (G 44-53), D Holland (R 45-52), R. Blythe (K 48-54), E Baker (K 43-50), R Wrinch (K 55-58), P Gooderham (K 50-57) and A Gooderham (K 51-58).

**Christopher Sneath** (K 51-56) writes: They say that some events are destined. A book spotted during a browse round a bookshop in Southwold caught my eye. It was entitled "One Family's War" by Muriel Pushman. The précis referred to her father, Sir Irving Gane, whose name rang a distant bell – memories of childhood holidays at Thorpeness.

I purchased a copy and I discovered a picture of Muriel's sister, Audrey, as bridesmaid at my parents' London wedding in 1934 and, in the background, both maternal and paternal grandparents. What was more revealing to me was another later picture of Audrey who was now married to a Canadian airman. The pageboy and bridesmaid were my sister and I, aged three and six respectively.

A letter to the publishers to find out if Muriel was still alive was answered later by a call from her and an invitation to join her and her family for a re-union at the House in the Clouds at Thorpeness on August 6th. Twenty-seven of us sat down for a Bar-B-Que.

Muriel was in fact the WAAF who traced Rudolf Hess's flight to Scotland. Her experiences were covered extensively on Radio and TV during the recent 60th Anniversary celebrations to mark the end of the war. I have shared this story with **James Ruddock-Broyd** (G 46-52) who, also by chance, knew her. Muriel opened for James the VE Day 50th celebrations in Kirk Hammerton, N Yorks, on 5 May 1995

with a talk about her days in the WAAF. All of this created by a chance look at a book on the top shelf of the Southwold bookshop!!

Chris was also flattered to be asked to speak to the boys of his old house Kerrison. He talked about his career and time in Building Engineering Services allied to Construction and gave an insight into engineering rather than the normal route to the construction business. His company looked after all the Royal Palaces in London including Buckingham Palace, the Houses of Parliament and the Tower of London. This covered a period of some 15 years. He also told a story relating to his father's days at Framlingham in the late 1920s, namely that of the intrepid climber who managed to perch a chamber pot on the school spire. The only way to get it down was to get Nips Vale, the RSM, to shoot it down. One shot with a rifle. He was reported to be the only individual who achieved a possible at 500 yards standing up firing Lee Enfield 303!!

One of Chris's grandsons starts at Brandeston next September. A third generation to attend the College.

**Commander Robert Bellfield** (K 81-83). On 19th January 2006 HMS Grafton sailed into her adopted port of Ipswich for the last time before being decommissioned. She was again under the command of Commander Robert Bellfield (K 81-83) and among the welcoming crowd were his proud parents.

**Brian Aldiss** (36-39). As reported in our May newsletter, Brian Aldiss the famous science fiction writer,



was awarded an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours in June 2005 for services to literature. Brian was one of many pupils who left the college at the start of the Second World War never to return. He served in the Royal Signals Regiment in Burma.

Brian has won numerous awards for science-fiction writing including a Kurd Lasswitz Award (Germany) and a Prix Jules Verne (Sweden). He lives in Oxford.

### Framlingham Olympians

The death of **Norman Borrett** (S 31-36) and the tribute to him in the last yearbook reminded us of his achievement in winning a silver medal in the 1948 Olympic Games and raised the question as to whether any other Framlinghamian had been chosen to represent Great Britain in the Olympics.

**J K (Jack) Knights** (K 43-47) although a member of the cricket, hockey and tennis teams at school, had always had a love of sailing and this was his chosen sport when he proceeded to Downing College, Cambridge in 1950. He won a half blue for sailing in 1952 and later captained the Cambridge team. In August 1955 Jack won both the trials in the Finn Class Olympic sailing at Cowes and the following year finished runner-up in the Final Olympic Trials at Weymouth. He was subsequently chosen as traveling reserve for the Great Britain Olympic Sailing Team for the Melbourne Olympics in 1956.

When the Enterprise dinghy was introduced Jack won a cross-channel race for all the class champions and later won the 'Round the Island' race at Cowes. He was sailing correspondent for Express Newspapers and became heavily involved in the Boat Show at Olympia. Sadly Jack died in 1981 at the age of 52. A Jack Knights Memorial Race is held at Cowes every year.

**Note:** Are Norman and Jack the only Framlinghamians to have represented Great Britain in the Olympic Games?

**Jack Baldry** (G 23-29) and his wife Ruby celebrated their Platinum Wedding on Thursday 13th April 2006 and were the

subject of an article in the East Anglian Daily Times on 11th April. Jack was a career civil servant, apart from wartime service in the signals section of the RAF. He was Private Secretary to the Post-master General from 1950 to 1953 and became Director of Purchasing and Supplies from 1969 to 1972. This earned him an entry in Who's Who. It was their love of tennis that brought Jack and Ruby together and they played at the Framlingham Club until they were 70.

Jack was a dayboy. He cycled six miles into school (no obese un-exercised children in those days!), then met up with boarders walking sedately from the front door to the main gates for their early morning exercise. Walking up and down between the Head's study and the Chapel then served as a punishment. Dayboys went home to lunch, or made do.

Happily the Head who replaced the deceased Stocks insisted that dayboys remained on the campus and that they had lunch in the Dining Hall. Accommodation for the lowly species of day boys was in the Cadet Corps hut near the labs: an area of 20ft x 30ft for 30 or 40 boys.



Jack was wondering if he is the oldest living Old Framlinghamian but this position still seems to be held by **Maurice Metcalf** (R 20-24) who was born on 10th March 1908 whereas Jack's birth date is 5th October 1911. However, it must be extremely unlikely that any other living OF has enjoyed seventy years of marriage.

**Bryan Pearson** (S 45-47). In the mysterious way that OF communications work, news comes from **Bryan Pearson** (S 45-47), in Hawaii, via **Richard Rowe**

(S 65-74), in Florida, that his relation **Stephen Mayhew** (R 68-75) is both a hockey umpire and also a highly credited tennis umpire of such a standard that he has officiated at Wimbledon as a linesman for sixteen years. And guess where Stephen lives – right here, close to Framlingham, in Stowmarket. Stephen thanks the late 'Dibber' Hague for developing his great interest in tennis which culminated last year when he officiated as linesman in the final between Roger Federer and Andy Roddick.

He recalls how proud he was to receive an invitation from the All England Club inviting him 'to attend the Gentlemen's Singles Final.' In previous years Stephen had officiated in three Men's Semi-Finals, including both Tim Henman's losses, Men's and Ladies' Doubles Finals and a Mixed Final. He is hoping he will soon be allocated the Ladies' Final to complete the package.



Now that we have a photograph of Stephen (above) we can try to spot him at work on the courts of Wimbledon and hope he is soon able to complete his ambition to officiate in all the finals.

**Paul Baker** (K80-90) has been awarded a Nuffield Farming Scholarship to study 'Mixed Farming – diversification or diversion in a global market?'

Paul has already started some European travel and will be visiting China in June. He also expects to be visiting other countries later this year but plans are not yet finalised. Paul is keen to hear from and/or meet up with other OFs on his travels. :-

- ✦ Paul would be most interested in hearing from Old Framlinghamians who feel that they have progressive contacts in mixed farming systems around the world which could advance his study and maybe allow him to visit. (pbaker@agripro.co.uk).

*Paul Baker writes:*

Along with numerous other Old Framlinghamians in agriculture and other industries I have been fighting through the mountains of paperwork generated by new directives and initiatives from various levels of Government. The administrative burden of management increases as a consequence and the current reform of the Common Agricultural Policy is a case in point. Our business difficulties with the reforms have even been cited in the House of Lords. It was with this background of frustration that a neighbouring farmer and previous Nuffield Scholar suggested I apply for a Nuffield Farming Scholarship to take the opportunity to step back from the day-to-day running of my business and get a new perspective. In February this year I was fortunate to be awarded the 2006 John Oldacre Foundation Award and join the ranks of Old Framlinghamians who have become Nuffield Scholars. I have chosen 'Mixed Farming – diversification or diversion in a global market?' as my topic.

Historically British farmers have adopted a mixed farming system to use livestock and cropping enterprises to complement each other and reduce risk. I am interested in finding out if the need to specialise due to the requirement for technical excellence in

any one enterprise has reduced or removed this advantage in an increasingly global market. I plan to investigate how mixed farming, particularly dairy with arable, features



Paul Baker: Heading for a Nuffield Scholarship

around the world and what can be learnt from different market and environmental situations in other countries. Particularly how different forage crops, milking stock and methods to minimise environmental impact can provide ideas for an economic and justifiable production system for the UK.

I am only just starting my study, fitting in UK and European visits between my farm business commitments. A trip to China in June based in Guangzhou 7th–17th and Shanghai June 17th–24th 2006 is planned to investigate what can be learnt from this increasingly influential country. I would be glad to meet up with any O.F.s in that region, particularly any with agricultural connections. My main block of study for 6-8 weeks in winter 2006-7 has not yet been finalised. I would be most interested in hearing from Old Framlinghamians who feel that they have progressive contacts in mixed farming systems around the world which could advance my study and who would accept a visit from an interested OF.

**David Mayhew** (R 87-92), whose recent wedding is reported elsewhere, is a photographer specialising in landscapes. After obtaining a degree in Industrial Design and Manufacture at Loughborough University, David spent five years working for Fiat in Turin, Chicago and Watford before concentrating on photography. His new wife Jennifer is a lawyer specialising in insurance fraud.

**Simon Newbery** (Z 79-86) reports that his father **Paddy Newbery** (Hon OF), Master of Brandeston Hall (80-85) is enjoying his retirement in Somerset with his wife Judith and is delighted to find his name listed on the OF website among the Honorary OFs. Simon has been promoted to Managing Director of Orchard Toys and the company is now relocating from Nottingham to Wymondham in Norfolk. He is looking forward to moving to East Anglia and once again spending time in Suffolk.

His brother **Jon Newbery** (R 79-84) became a Chartered Accountant after graduating in Physics from Nottingham University and,

having spent most of the 1990s working in Poland, moved to Sydney in 2000, together with his wife and three children. He finds the lifestyle there much to his liking.

## Back To School, Again!

It seems only yesterday that we, **Katharine Ogilvie** (P 78-85) and **Rebecca Lemke** (née Garrod) (P 79-85), were carefree pupils at Brandeston Hall and Framlingham College.

On leaving Framlingham College Katherine attended Brighton University where she studied for a BTECH Business degree. Rebecca went to Huddersfield University and gained a BSc in Applied Nutrition before taking a PGCE at the University of East Anglia.



L-R: Katharine Ogilvie (P 78-85), Suzie Thorpe (née Pickstock) (P 78-87), Rebecca Lemke (née Garrod) (P 79-85) and Katie Wright (née Drummond) (P 80-87)

"We followed different careers which eventually led us overseas and although we experienced different cultures and lifestyles we remained close friends. Katharine lived in Doha, Qatar where she worked for The British Television Company and then went on to gain secretarial qualifications; whilst Rebecca worked in Ontario, Canada as a Primary School Teacher."

"Today, 21 years later, we are sitting in Suffolk reminiscing about our school days. When we left the College in 1985 the last thing on our minds was that we would one day return, not as pupils, but as members of staff. That, however, is exactly what has happened. We both have 2 children and are happy to be living back in Suffolk,



where Rebecca works as a Teacher at Brandeston Hall and Katharine a Receptionist at Framlingham College. Both of us feel privileged to have been educated at Brandeston and Framlingham and very much enjoy being part of the school once again."

**Peter Lloyd-Bostock** (R28-31) sent his 1933 Mag to JG R-B who found it a fascinating read. Peter added "I enjoyed the new-type College Mag very much – well done. It is good to know that Fram is on the up and up."

**Paul Griffin** (G35-40) has written another book of poems this time entitled "Diamonds for Aphrodite" which he publishes for their Diamond Wedding. A Cambridge don wrote of his 2003 book: "These poems are products of that tradition of dedicated sensitivity which continues to keep the spirit of English poetry alive against the fluctuations of time and fashion." The titles range from Cyprus to Wilderness.

Anyone requiring a copy should apply to Lyon and Lamb at 1 Crombie House, The Common, Southwold IP18 6AL.

**James Ruddock-Broyd** (G46-52). Christine held a party in honour of the 70th birthday of her husband, James Ruddock-Broyd (G46-52) on 21st August 2005 at their home in Beckenham. 78 guests were in the garden until late evening hours. OFs attending are shown in the photograph below.



L-R: Chris Bellamy (G54-64), David Metcalf (R50-55), Douglas Thomson (K53-61), JG R-B, Mike Craddock (S49-53), Bill Collard (S55-58), Bernard Bridges (S45-54) and John Gooderham (K44-53)

**Bernard Bridges** (S45-54) entertained **Mike Sullivan** (K45-54) and **James Ruddock-Broyd** (G46-52) to Phyllis Court at Henley Regatta on 30th June 2006. **Ian Watson** (S47-51) had been a guest of Mike's in the Stewards Enclosure the day before, as had James.

#### **John Bennett**

(G 34-42) wrote from Australia, asking for a copy of "Their swords", having had his appetite whetted by the photo on the website, and looking forward to a stirring of memories and the experience of the short evacuation to Repton. He remembered his old contemporaries Glyn Whitaker and Brian Hebblethwaite who made the supreme sacrifice. He had enjoyed the new style magazine with its admirable mixture of news of the Framlingham family, past and present. He enjoyed the tributes to Norman Borrett and Peter Scotchmer and had a good chuckle over the anecdote concerning Mr Kirkman and Jim Hague. He still keeps in touch with **KK Knight, M Dobson and M Abbott** (Canada) and trusted that the old school would continue to go from strength to strength. A prolific correspondent John also wrote to the Overseas Bag.

**John Melsom** (Hon OF) who retired from Framlingham in 1980 after 32 years as biology master, housemaster, rugby coach, leader of the Young Farmers Club and participant in many other school activities, celebrated his 90th birthday on 4th August 2006. He lives in a residential home in Yorkshire near to his son **Richard Melsom** (G 59-68) and enjoys the best wishes of all Framlinghamians who were privileged to be taught by him.

**James Wright** (K 94-2001) has just graduated with a 2:1 in Computer Sciences from the University of Middlesex and **Ben Kendall** (G 98-2001) has also gained a 2:1

in Modern Languages from the University of Durham. Ben is going on to Sandhurst after a cycling tour in eastern Europe.

#### **Glider Pilots reflect on Wartime Service**

**David Brook** (S36-40), Chairman of the East Anglian Branch of the Glider Pilots Association, is featured in this photograph (below) of a reunion of veteran glider pilots from World War Two. The reunion took place close to David's home in Birds Hill, Great Bealings, with the Commanding Officer of Army Air Corps 654 Squadron, based at Wattisham, touching down in a helicopter and then talking about the on-going operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. David recalled how he and the other veterans had piloted Horsa gliders and the larger Hamil Car from Woodbridge, carrying tanks and heavy guns. Some 45 former airmen and their wives attended, and enjoyed a special lunch.



Above: Veteran glider pilots from World War Two – OF David Brook 7th from left.

#### **The late Peter Scotchmer**

We received a very appreciative letter from Peter's widow, Grace, thanking us for what she described as the splendid coverage of Peter's life story in the 2005 Yearbook. Copies of the Yearbook were also sent to Peter's three sons. As a consequence of this, Grace and her family made a very generous contribution to the Society. We acknowledge this with gratitude. (Address: 1941 Bromley Road, Ottawa, Ontario, K2A 1C3, Canada)

**Chris Hall** (G 62-69) visited the College. Chris is a Chartered Accountant specialising in tax advice in Hong Kong, but his real

passion is Chinese textiles. He has what is reputed to be one of the world's finest collections. On June 26th 2006 Chris, who was in the UK on a visit, gave an illustrated lecture on his collection to a number of OFs and college students. **Caroline Mallett** (Hon OF) kindly organised the occasion, together with refreshments afterwards.

Chris gave fascinating insights into the world of oriental textiles, their colours, design and social significance, to say nothing of the difficulties of acquisition and preservation. A veritable menagerie of exotic beasts etched in silk and emblazoned on a range of imperial clothing passed before our



Above: Chris Hall shared his passion for Chinese textiles with OFs and students at the College

eyes, to be explained with panache and expertise. As Chris explained, these clothes were far from utilitarian, rather more a proudly-worn badge of rank and importance. His talk was a companion-piece to the recent Royal Academy exhibition, with Chris confident enough even to cast doubts on the absolute authenticity of some of the pieces there shown. A rare treat, and one enjoyed by Peter Howard-Dobson, Martin Hogg, Charles Simpson and Norman Porter together with college Art students, including a number from Hong Kong.

## Two OFs awarded Bronze medals at The 2006 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne, Australia!

It is true! **Mike Garnett** (R 54-56) and **Bob Munro** (R 56-60) were both awarded Bronze Medals at the conclusion of the Commonwealth Games held in Melbourne during March. But not, we hasten to add, (sadly) for any sporting achievement, but for their work as volunteers, part of the 15,000 strong 'Aqua Army' who helped keep the whole thing running smoothly before, during and indeed after the main athletic events.

The 'adventure' started early in 2005 when advertisements were placed in local newspapers, on radio and TV calling for volunteers to be involved in the Games events. And during the course of 2005 people were contacted, interviewed and offered any number of roles depending on availability, skill, requirement etc. As a result of all that, early in February this year they had to go to a training session to learn the ropes about the particular types of role they were to play in the games.

During the early part of the training session, a group of half a dozen individuals were called to the front of the 'class' to help demonstrate some of the procedures. One particular individual took Bob's attention, so certain was he that he knew that chap. Where had he seen him before?" Then of course, suddenly, the name "Mike Garnett OF" popped into his head.

Bob's narrative continues: "...having spoken to complete strangers before, believing them to be someone else, and then having made a complete goose of myself, I determined to make haste slowly this time! Fortunately we were given name badges at the start of the session so all

I had to do was get close to "Mike" to confirm my suspicion and check out the name badge.

An opportunity presented itself as we broke for lunch, and Bingo! It WAS Mike Garnett! So I re-introduced myself (we hadn't met for around twenty years or so), and had a good chat about all sorts of things, including the forthcoming Commonwealth Games. Mike was to work at the State Lawn Bowls Centre, whilst my 'job' was at the Multi-Purpose Venue where track cycling, basketball and some netball were to be contested. So, unfortunately, our paths were not to cross during the course of the games.

Suffice it to say the whole experience was just fantastic. The City of Melbourne looked terrific, the weather was brilliant, and the people (visitors and locals) were just so upbeat and friendly, that the atmosphere around was incredible. You may have seen on TV some seventy or so tin 'fish' on pontoons moored in the Yarra River, and subject at various times to a fireworks display (opening ceremony), and a sound and light show every evening on the hour for ten or fifteen minutes for the duration of the games. Just stunning stuff, brilliantly

Below: The Medal itself! A fine memento of the Melbourne Games.







Bob Munro in the volunteers uniform (just one member of the Aqua Army).

choreographed and of course all 'free' entertainment for the masses.

As volunteers, we were offered complimentary tickets to the closing ceremony, a thoroughly enjoyable show, and the like of which I am never likely to see again. Apparently visitors and athletes alike were so impressed with the help and friendship extended to them by the volunteers that it was decided to have a parade through the streets of Melbourne. All volunteers and our (very successful) Aussie athletes were invited to attend. What a buzz that was! I didn't think they would have that many people cheering and waving us on, but, boy, was I wrong! Exciting stuff, and it felt really good to be a part of it.

Oh, yes. And the Bronze Medal? Well, as a result of our great work, the Victorian State Government awarded all volunteers with a Certificate of Appreciation and the Bronze Medal (which naturally included the two OF's!). Happy memories!

I wonder when the call will go out for volunteers for the 2012 Olympics in London? Any OFs out there with time on their hands would be guaranteed a unique experience.

### Our first two Moreau Scholarship Winners

After many months of preparation, much hard work on the part of many people and a demanding short-listing and interview schedule, the names of our first two Moreau Scholarship Winners have been announced.

The awards, worth £800 a year over a period of three years were presented on Speech Day to Abigail Mackrill and Hannah Gunn. Winners of the Scholarships undertake to do their best to maintain contact with their own year group in particular, and to organise get-togethers. They are also involved with the affairs of the SOF in general. Hannah and Abigail have already attended their first Council Meeting, followed by the Suffolk Supper, and have been working hard to ensure that the Society has all necessary contact details for their peers. That runs parallel with all the demands of starting at University, so the Society is pleased that the girls have got off to a flying start.

The process of recruiting applicants for the 2007 scholarships is already under way at the College, and we very much hope that the value and prestige of the awards will encourage a large number of current Year 13 students to apply. Certainly the efforts of Peter Howard-Dobson and the selection committee, with invaluable input from personal referees at the College, richly deserve a positive response. We introduce our two new scholars below, together with their profiles:

#### Hannah Gunn: Scholar 2006-2009

Hannah was born abroad and grew up in Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe, becoming part of what she describes as the third-culture generation, moving regularly

between countries and schools. She feels very strongly that Framlingham, and the friendships made there, has been hugely influential and is something of which she has no intention of letting go.

She was Deputy Head of Pembroke House and Vice President of the Sixth Form Society, where she had to work hard to maintain morale and enthusiasm in the face of a change of licensing laws, which meant that most of the Lower 6th were no longer allowed to drink alcohol in the 6th Form club.



ABIGAIL MACKRILL AND HANNAH GUNN, SCHOLARS 2006-09

Although 'not sporty enough' to make the school teams, Hannah always made the effort to participate in cross-country running, tennis, rounders, hockey, squash and chess because she really enjoyed the team spirit and social opportunities. Never one to resist a challenge, Hannah took part in the 'World Challenge' Everest Base-Camp expedition in the summer of 2005, for which the fitness tests presented a really serious hurdle – one which she passed with flying colours. She was surprised to find that she actually enjoyed cross-country running!

While in the Lower 6th she was invited to represent Framlingham in the Students' :~