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Our own private 'Yellow Pages'

Sport/Leisure Interests: Finding Fishermen, Sailors, Musicians,
Skiers, Bikers, Hikers, Cricketers...

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Architects, Accountants, Builders, Photographers...

University/College: Who went to UEA, Loughborough, Oxford,
Birmingham, Bangor, St Andrews...



A really valuable feature of the Website, and one that we'd like your help to build on, is the facility to search our Directory for information on 'Leisure Interests', 'Professional Expertise' and 'University Attended'. About 30% of our users have entered

something for at least one of these entries, but very few have an entry in all three. We'd like to encourage everyone to make an entry in every field. It only takes a few moments to create an entry - just log into the site, go to 'Directory' and then 'Edit my Entry'. You'll find guidance on what sort of things to enter alongside the relevant boxes. Then make your entries and remember to hit the Save Changes button.

The University search should be really helpful to sixth-formers looking for advice and guidance as they choose universities, and both they and younger OFs starting out on their careers would surely find it useful to be able to pick the brains of someone in a profession they're interested in pursuing. The Leisure section ought to appeal to just about everyone: who knows when you might want to swap yarns with someone else who's run the London Marathon, or who might crew for you when you next sail the Atlantic, or come rock-climbing or Salsa dancing!

For tips on searching in these categories, please take a look at the website's main Directory page.

Meanwhile, the Website, supported by its small team of volunteers, continues to grow both in content and in the number of registered users. As we go to press, we have just over 800 members who've registered and have access to the site's advanced features.

The site provides up-to-the-minute news of OF events and activities – and the front page is always keen to receive stories about individuals, and about social and sporting events (actually, about just about anything at all!). There are various ways to submit stories – perhaps the easiest is to email admin@oldframlinghamian.com

Richard Rowe, Tim Mitchell, Peter Howard-Dobson

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Hockey v The College: March 18th 2007
- see p86.

Council Meetings: Monday 5th February 2007 at The Farmers Club, London.
Friday 20th April 2007 at The Warren Golf Club, Essex.
Tuesday July 10th 2007 at The Farmers Club.

London Supper: Monday 5th February and Tuesday July 10th 2007.

AGM and Annual Dinner: Saturday 24th March 2007 at The East India Club, St James's Square, London SW1. (see p80)



ABOVE: SELL-OUT SUCCESS – THE 2006 AGM AND ANNUAL DINNER, LONDON

Essex Supper: Friday 20th April 2007 at The Warren Golf Club, Essex.

Newmarket Supper: Friday 4th May 2007 at the Rutland Arms Hotel, Newmarket.

Norfolk Supper: Thursday 22nd Nov. 2007

Hertfordshire Activity Day: Saturday 16th June 2007.

Northern Gathering: Date and venue tba – details follow in 2007 Newsletter

Suffolk Supper: Saturday 22nd September 2007 (preceded by Council Meeting).

West of England Supper: Saturday 9th June 2007 at The Lamb at Hindon.

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A summer holiday, with a glass of cold rosé nearby, is an excellent time for looking back on the events of the last year – and for looking forward to the year to come. As this was the year in which our third grandchild was born and also the year of our Ruby Wedding Anniversary, we will remember it with great pleasure.

Having completed my first year as your President, I am grateful to the members of the Society for electing me again at the AGM in March. It is an honour to accept this office for a second and final year.

An incoming President has many new and interesting experiences, including a seat on the Governing Body and a close working relationship with the College. The governance of a public school in 2006 is a complex and serious business and



Framlingham is fortunate to have an excellent management team in place and an outstanding Board of Governors. In addition, we have in Andrew Fane, an exceptional Chairman of Governors. With this quality of leadership, including a significant number of OFs, I am convinced that the school is in good and safe hands.

This year, I have also been fortunate to visit SOF suppers and events in various parts of the country and to meet many OFs from all generations. I have attended Trustees meetings and been able to take part in the discussions of the 'inner cabinet' of the Society.

However the highlights of 2005/6 for me have been the success of the re-juvenated Annual Dinner (held in London in March

and described in this Yearbook) and the successful launch of the first Moreau Scholarships during the year. (More about the winners appears elsewhere). The concept of these scholarships, thoughtfully proposed by Peter Howard-Dobson, is to help two ex-pupils by providing substantial funds (for University expenses etc) and to encourage them to involve their year-group in the affairs of the Society, thereby bringing a younger participation in to the SOF. Having met all the 'Class of 2006', I must tell you that we have a brilliant group of young men and women coming to the Society and I sincerely hope that some of them will be interested in taking an active part in the running of SOF affairs in the future.

At this point, I must thank Norman Porter, our Hon. General Secretary for the tireless work he does on our behalf throughout the year and also the many officers of the Society, who all give so generously of their time and expertise, to ensure that the SOF functions properly for all OFs.

In 2006 we have also been able to re-introduce two events: a West of England Supper and a South East England Supper, which have not been held for several years. The first has taken place in May and was a great success, thanks to Chris Essex.

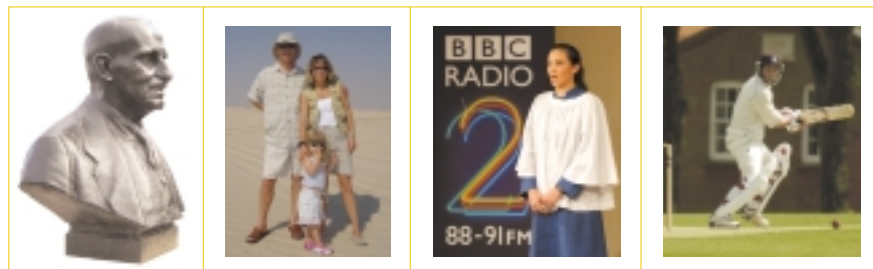
The second is booked for October 28th and we hope it will be equally successful.

By the time you read this, it will be winter and we will be thinking of the Annual Dinner again in London and the AGM. At that point I hand over the reins to my successor. Subject, of course, to your electing him, I hope this will be Brian Smith, a successful businessman, and a champion of the OF Rifle Club. I wish him a very enjoyable Presidency.

In this farewell letter, may I thank all OFs for their help and support during the last two years. I have enjoyed my time in office enormously.

Andrew G. Wright, President SOF

It is one of the paradoxes of getting older that periods of history which seemed remote to us when we were young not only become more interesting but also more accessible and somehow closer to us. It is less of a paradox that, conversely, and in a fast evolving world, the older generations find it difficult to understand and empathise with the experiences of the young.



...YOUR LIVES AND EXPERIENCES ARE THE LIFE-BLOOD OF THIS MAGAZINE.

HIGH ACHIEVERS – ABOVE L TO R: BUST OF EDOUARD MOREAU, NIGEL PARSONS, LAURA WRIGHT, ROBERT NEWTON

This Yearbook endeavours to help readers of all ages to cross those bridges and to make those links. Younger readers can read of the lives of their predecessors, up to and including our final farewells to them in the Obituaries notices. Older readers can read of the achievements and challenges facing their successors as Framlingham adapts to meet the educational needs of the modern world. Young men and women, older men (but few older women!) all with their different talents, following different paths through life. The unique thing they have in common is their education at Framlingham.

The links between the generations are exemplified by Edouard Moreau, one of the great Framlingham achievers and benefactors, making a fortune in the long-lost world of the East India Company and colonial trade, but now conferring his name and his on-going magnanimous generosity to our newest Scholarships. These Moreau Scholarships will enable two of our most recent leavers not only to make their way in a vastly different world, but they will also serve to strengthen the links between the

generations by making these young scholars members of the Council of the SOF.

Moreau was a high achiever in a world which presented very different challenges in very different circumstances. Framlingham numbers many distinguished achievers amongst the ranks of its former students. In this issue we

pay tribute to Alfred Munnings. In a previous issue we paid tribute to our VC holders. We also pay tribute in this issue to John Kerr, President of the Suffolk Show in its 175th year, to John Thurlow, 50 years with the same successful Suffolk company – both men have made an impact in the county of Suffolk, in line with the vision of our founders almost 150 years ago, also having a significant input as governors of the College. Once again we have obituaries paying tribute to an extraordinary range of personalities and achievements.

In previous issues we have profiled more recent leavers who have made their mark in the media and the arts: Dr David Bull, Charlie Simpson, Nigel Parsons. The list could go on. But that leads us to the present golden era at the College: James Hurlock, Captain of the England U18 rugby team, Robert Newton, England cricketer, Laura Wright, BBC Radio 2 choirgirl of the year, an U16 hockey side which makes it to the national finals – again an invidiously

selective list. Academic results make Framlingham the top value-for-money, value-added school in East Anglia. Framlingham strives for excellence and achieves it.

But this Magazine is not just devoted to those who, in a world of volatile celebrity, distinguish themselves, illustrious though they may be. It is about all Framlinghamians, keeping them in touch with one another, their lives, their families, their careers. As your editor it is my pleasant task to probe, and encourage readers of all generations and in all walks of life to keep others in the picture. Your lives and experiences are the life-blood of this magazine. However slim you may think your claim to appear in print, there will be someone out there who will be interested to hear about you.

Norman Porter, Editor



There has been a rich harvest of new Honorary Members of the Society. Not only have a considerable number of members of staff at the two schools accepted the invitation to membership now automatically offered on the completion of 10 years full time service, but we also have four new elected members, all of whom have contributed significantly to Framlingham.

Firstly our elected members:

Nick Chaplin, the Bursar, has not only been the man in place underpinning the financial stability of the College, but, more specifically, he has been a key man in negotiations to set up the system whereby the OF subscriptions of all qualifying leavers are now paid direct to the Society. As such, he has been the principle architect of one of the most significant developments in recent years.

Similarly **Andrew Payn**, now Estates Bursar, was initially responsible for marketing and, in that capacity, he was a key figure in promoting the concept of the new Yearbook, and the philosophy of mutual cooperation which this symbolises. Formerly one of the RAF's youngest Wing Commanders, responsible for the overseeing of major bases, Framlingham is fortunate that his skills have been readily transferable. He is now playing a key role in the development of the College, drawing on his RAF experience in Facilities and Project Management.

John Kelsall stepped into the breach when Brandeston found itself Head-less in 2004/5 and channelled his many years of experience into stabilising Brandeston during what could have been a very unsettling year. He hails from Lancaster, and after graduating from Emmanuel College, Cambridge, followed a teaching career which took him from King Edward VIth School, Lytham St Annes, Whitgift

School, Croydon, Bournemouth School for Boys (Headmaster), and Arnold School, Blackpool (Headmaster) to a final Headmastership at Brentwood. Bringing all that wealth of experience with him, he is now a Governor of the College.

Finally **Clive Norton**, Deputy Head (Academic) at the College, whose expositions not only of the complexities of exam results and of value-added testing are quite masterly, but also whose promotion of the use and extension of IT within the College has been of central significance. Under his academic leadership exam results have improved markedly. Clive joined in 1996 as Academic Deputy head, having previously been Deputy Head at St George's English School in Rome. His



NEW HONORARIES, L-R: LIZ WARD, STEWART REEVE, HELEN MYERS-ALLEN, ANDREW PAYN, CLIVE NORTON, NICK CHAPLIN, SUSAN BARKER, BOB SKITCH, GILL KNIGHTS, BARBARA HAMILTON, MICHELLE WRIGHT, CAROLINE MALLETT (MISSING - JOHN KELSALL)

wife, Jan, teaches English at Brandeston and they have two children, Ben and Chiara. Outside the classroom Clive's passions are football (he runs the Inter-House Tournament) and music (College resident bass player). Unlikely dream: to see Wales play at the football World Cup, with Elvis opening the proceedings. Also joining the Society as Honorary OFs are members of Common Room who qualify automatically after 10 years service. We are pleased to welcome **Susan Barker**, wife of David Barker (Hon OF, Head of Geography). Susan came from The King's

School, Worcester in 1986. A Tutor in Victoria, and Maths teacher, she left teaching for 7 years to look after 3 young children and returned to part time teaching in 1995. **Barbara Hamilton** is in charge of Girls' Boarding at Brandeston and is the "exhausted and penniless mother of three ex-Framlinghamians now at varying stages in their university careers". She has been at Brandeston for 14 years (The first BH Kindergarten pupils leave this year to further education.) Every year she watches BH having its annual facelift, but, self-deprecatingly, describes herself as beginning to look like a contour map, her life at Brandeston having been a real journey of never-ending stories. **Gill Knights** started working at the College in 1988. She is, in her own words "a real local

yokel", having been brought up in Framlingham, and returning there when her husband took over the running of the family business. **Caroline Mallett** has taught Art and History of Art at the College since 1992, as well as being a Tutor in Pembroke and Victoria. She is, course, the mother of David Mallett (K 93-03), one of the youngest members of Council, and of his twin sister Claire Mallett (P 93-03) also an OF. Most recently Caroline organised the talk by Chris Hall OF, mentioned elsewhere. **David Morgan**, Head of DT and President of Common Room, has taught at

the College since 1988. He was born in Southampton, and was even on the books of Southampton FC for a couple of years, but decided that teaching would be a more lucrative career! Before Framlingham he worked in Cheshire and at Woolverstone Hall when it was an Inner London Education Authority Boarding School. He has lived in Suffolk for 27 years. **Helen Myers-Allen**, wife of Martin Myers-Allen (Hon OF) has a degree in Agricultural Plant Science, trained as an Agronomist, and later as a Software Engineer. She has channelled those skills into being an IT and Biology

teacher and has been Housemistress of Moreau since 2002. **Stewart Reeve** has lived in Suffolk over 50 years. Having studied design at the University of London Institute of Education he worked for a time for a precision engineering company before starting to teach Design and Technology in 1975. Professional interests include website design and computer-aided design. He enjoys all sports, but has a passionate interest in skiing, squash and golf, and is still playing all three. **Bob Skitch** came to Framlingham in 1988 via accountancy and banking, then a delayed university career: Royal Holloway College followed by Magdalen College, Cambridge. His College involvement has been comprehensive: Science teacher, Kerrison House, Rugby, Hockey and Cricket Coach, Young Farmers' Club, CCF, some-time Examinations Officer, Head of Careers and Higher Education, plus a recent qualification in Specific Learning Difficulties. He has unofficially represented the College at a number of Essex suppers. And if that is not enough to cement him in to the Framlingham way of life, his five children are all being educated there. His wife, Anne, is teaching Chemistry at Culford. **Michelle Wright** joined Brandeston in 1994, working in pre-prep and as Matron on Sundays. She was involved in the opening of the Nursery Dept in 2002 and still works as the Nursery Nurse. She is married with 2 children, Toby and Katelyn. **Liz Walwanda Ward** came to England from Kenya in 1990, having graduated from the University of Nairobi in Mathematics. She studied for an MSc in Statistics at St Hilda's College Oxford, somehow surviving the rigours of a North European winter. She taught at Denstone College for 3 years before moving to Framlingham in 1995. She has worked successively in Victoria, Ziegele and Pembroke. She arranges Community Service activities, teaches cooking skills as an activity, and admits to thoroughly enjoying her life and experiences at the College.

We warmly welcome all these as new Honorary members of the Society and thank them variously for all that they have done for Brandeston and/or the College over their collective many years of service.

Farmers – From Producers to Park Keepers

(published 2005)
by Arthur Staniforth (OF) 147 pages. ISBN 141205534-2

The author was born in 1921, attended Hitcham's Elementary School and then Framlingham from 1931-40, finishing up as Head Prefect. He played in the same hockey team as the late Norman Borrett. In a biographical note he pays tribute to a wonderful staff, including Major Collins (History), Mr Winstanley (History and English), Mr Parsons (French), Mr Brown (Geography) and Mr Lovegrove, who was in the TA and tragically killed in the rearguard during the retreat to Dunkirk.

Born and bred on a Suffolk farm, he studied Agriculture at Wye College and Reading University and at the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture, Trinidad. After army service and work in Anglo-Egyptian Sudan (where he had dealings with the Governor General, Sir Robert Howe, and Sayed Abd il Rahman, the son of the Mahdi who had been held responsible for the death of General Gordon – see 'Imperial Echoes' – ISBN 1 872142 60 5), he returned to work for MAFF. During this time he worked with FAO (Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations), OEEC and UNESCO, travelling extensively during this time. Whatever he writes is, to say the least, authoritative.

But it all began on D'Urbans Farm, just a mile from Framlingham. It describes his upbringing during the years of depression and charts the vicissitudes of the farming industry, linked to governmental attitudes over many years. It also charts social changes in the countryside. Sir Richard Body, in a Foreword pays tribute to the unique mix of experiences which led to this book, and urges that it should take its place on the bookshelf of every farmer, and such Colleges of Agriculture as have been

allowed to survive. Once parochial, the farming industry has, like many other industries become globalised, leaving the farmer very vulnerable. The number of farmers has been dramatically reduced. Their role has changed beyond recognition, as reflected in the title. But maybe Farmers' Markets mark the beginnings of a change.

The sadness that envelops the reader is relieved by some optimistic signs as farmers try to adapt to their new role.

For your reviewer, one who now enjoys the

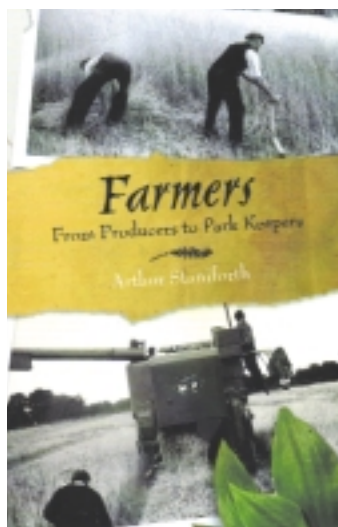
nostalgia of looking back on a happy Suffolk childhood in the 40s and 50s this book was a revelation. It is couched in layman terms, and is rich in description, both rural and social. It was compulsive reading and devoured within 24 hours. The scenes and activities described brought memories of that childhood flooding back: scythes, binders, threshing machines, harvest time and

catching pre-myxomatosis rabbits, thatching straw stacks, horses, tithe barns, small hedge-bound fields, traditional ponds, primitive housing, sugarbeet-hoeing.

The book evokes the then peripatetic Suffolk Show, the town of Framlingham in the 20s and 30s and there is a chapter on education in the 30s, with a significant section devoted to the College, including a description of a match against a team of German schoolboys who gave a chorus of Heil Hitler whenever they scored a goal.

The book may describe the past but it also has an acute awareness of the present. All the better for bringing out the changes and the contrasts. Even though much of the regret at the passing of one world may be sentimental, this is a good nostalgic read for those who remember those times and an education for those who don't.

Norman Porter



Brandeston browsings – and a new history in prospect

Brandeston celebrates its 60th birthday as the Preparatory School for the College in 2008. The new Master, Nigel Woolnough, and his wife, Paula, have already taken the school to their hearts and are clearly very aware of its historical significance as a living

College history seems to have been written in slices of 60 years. A chance meeting with John Pemberton, a member of staff when Brandeston opened in 1948, now aged a sprightly 87, together with his wife, Wendy, triggered off the realisation that there is no authoritative history of Brandeston. Surely the time is ripe for this to be remedied. In time for the 60th birthday celebrations.

SURELY THE TIME IS RIPE FOR AN AUTHORITATIVE HISTORY OF BRANDESTON... IN TIME FOR THE 60TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS.

war memorial. The dedication, in Latin, to Framlinghamians lost in the wars, has been moved into the Entrance Hall, from the Dining Hall, and it is planned to supplement this with an English translation for the benefit of generations who no longer learn Latin.



ABOVE LEFT: THE INSCRIPTION MOVED TO THE FRONT ENTRANCE HALL FROM THE DINING HALL. BELOW LEFT: JOHN AND WENDY PEMBERTON WITH THE DIRECTOR OF SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST.

So this is YOUR chance to be part of that history. I call upon all who could make contributions to that history: visual, anecdotal, humorous, personal, professional or anything else, to rack and raid your memories, imaginations and attics in search of appropriate material. It is a human history which is in prospect – the fabric of lives lived there, staff as well as students – as well as a history of the Hall and buildings.

Our photo shows the inscription dedicating the Hall as a living memorial and permanent home to those Framlinghamians lost in the wars. The first generations to benefit from that far-sighted and generous gift from the Society of Old Framlinghamians are now at that stage of life when nostalgia looms large, and the memory is better at evoking the past than the present. So, please, while the juices of memory still flow strongly, let us have your thoughts. More recent memories are equally important, so as to achieve a balance. Initial structuring outlines cover: The Hall and the village; Pre-war; the war years; 40s/50s Beginnings; The various masterships of the 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s and The New Millennium.

Over to you, the readers.

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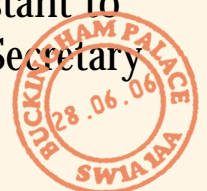


BUCKINGHAM PALACE

At The Queen's Command, I have been asked to thank you for your kind message of good wishes sent on the occasion of Her Majesty's eightieth Birthday. Your thoughtfulness in writing on this special Day was much appreciated and she sends you her warm best wishes in return.

Special Assistant to the Private Secretary

June 2006



OUR PRESIDENT, ANDREW WRIGHT, SENT OUR LOYAL GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF THE 80TH BIRTHDAY OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II. THOSE GREETINGS WERE ACKNOWLEDGED IN THE EXTRACT SHOWN ABOVE

Sir Alfred Munnings, superlative equine portrait painter, erstwhile President of The Royal Academy, is probably one of the most famous of Old Framlinghamians. This abridged article is intended to introduce younger generations to his life and work and, hopefully, encourage them to delve deeper. This can be done by accessing our website – oldframlinghamian.com – where a full version of the article may be found.

Munnings first exhibited at the Royal Academy at the age of 20. He became an independent artist with a fine reputation. He was a well known figure on Newmarket Heath and was official artist to the Canadian Cavalry brigade in the First World War. It was in this capacity that he painted the Flowerdew (VC) Charge – one Framlinghamian painting another. In 1944 he beat Augustus John in the election to the Presidency of the Royal Academy, and this heralded a tumultuous term of office in the course of which he established himself as an outspoken upholder of traditional artistic values, lambasting the arrival of modernism. His paintings have recently been sold for millions of pounds. In 2004 his Red Prince Mare sold for almost £5 million at Sotheby's in New York.

He was born in 1878 at Mendham Mill, a huge weather-boarded edifice straddling the Waveney on the Suffolk/Norfolk border. His father was the miller. Alfred had a studio in part of the carpenter's shop in the village – he bought it himself, out of earnings. Having begun to exhibit at the Royal Academy at the age of 20, he exhibited more than 300 paintings there in the course of his lifetime.

After spending some time in the village school, he was sent to Framlingham 3 weeks before his 13th birthday. His mother paid the fees. He was there for four terms only and it was not a happy experience. He left Framlingham at the age of 14 with bitter resentment. In his own words: "I hated the place. I was damned miserable there." One of his least pleasant memories was that of being severely caned by Second Master, Alfred Pretty, for drawing during prep. History was to confer on Alfred Pretty a high reputation, not least as founder of the SOF, a reputation with which Munnings did not concur. Similarly the Art Master, Edward Lynch was genially proud of Munnings' early successes as a painter, but there was no reciprocal appreciation.

After Framlingham, Munnings started work in the art room of Page Brothers, a Norwich lithography, letterpress and printing firm. He then moved to Cornwall and joined up with the Newlyn School, a group of artists around Stanhope Forbes, and settled there from about 1911. In 1917 he finally went off to the war. He had a job which involved checking the necks of horses to see whether they had "mange". Several thousand horses were checked before Munnings was sent to the front as an

official war artist attached to the Canadian Cavalry brigade. In the words of Leslie Gillett: "It is one of his earliest pictures (1919) that most closely touches the College – that of the cavalry charge in which Gordon Flowerdew won the Victoria Cross in 1918." In 1998 the majority of the 30 or so paintings belonging to the Canadian War Museum were exhibited in London, Bath and Dedham. Castle House, Dedham, to which Munnings moved in 1919, is currently open to the public and well worth a visit. Tom Slocombe, Sir Alfred's groom and gardener, and a loyal and devoted worker, was given the Dedham house after Munnings' death in 1959. He features in various Munnings pictures, and his son still lives in the village. Munnings' equine portraits and war paintings constitute the best known part of his artistic output and examples can be seen at Castle House.

Munnings fame had spread. He became a Royal Academician on Derby Day 1925. In 1944 he was elected President of that distinguished institution. His Presidential address of 1949 is remembered for his castigation of what he called "foolish daubers", artists of the calibre of Cézanne, Matisse and Picasso, whose influence, according to Munnings had defiled the British tradition. It was a speech for which he claimed presidential prerogative, and he pursued his theme with, at times, near incoherent vigour. His views elicited both dissent and approval. The speech was heard on the radio, and sackfuls of letters showed that a great majority approved of what he had said.

Alfred Munnings did attend several Old Boys Dinners. On one occasion he was clapped and cheered for stating in a speech that the College was a rotten place. He did, however, according to Leslie Gillett's 'The Second Sixty Years' give four reproductions of his Ascot paintings to the College in 1925. Successive Presidents of the Society hand down a fine volume of reproductions of Munnings' paintings, as accompaniment to that office. He did not lose touch. Framlingham, however, like so many comparable boarding schools, was not in those years conducive to the flowering of artistic spirits. If one could take the ghost of Alfred Munnings by the hand and lead him down the College corridors today, he would probably be thrilled to see the displays of students' work. Things have changed. The arts now flourish and enjoy a high status. Similarly, if that selfsame ghost were to see some of the offerings at the Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition, or indeed, witness the exhibits for the Turner Prize, he would probably again splutter indecipherable words of outrage.

James Ruddock-Broyd

(This abridged version edited from the original by NH Porter)



HIS PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS OF 1949 IS REMEMBERED FOR HIS CASTIGATION OF WHAT HE CALLED "FOOLISH DAUBERS", ARTISTS OF THE CALIBRE OF CEZANNE, MATISSE AND PICASSO...



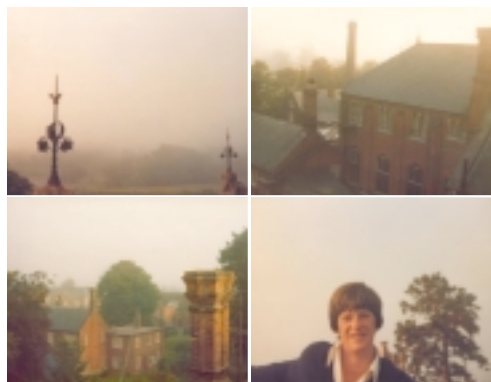
TOP: FLOWERDEW CHARGE. BELOW: SIGNING AUTOGRAPHS IN SUDBURY, SUFFOLK, 1954. BOTTOM LEFT: STRATHCONA HORSE

Paul (Harry) Demko (S 74-79)

Harry Demko, aged 45, spent 25 years as a Detective in London, the last 11 of which were at Scotland Yard. He was attached to the International and Special Casework, Extradition Unit and the set up of the Special Enquiry Team, which is responsible

...SEIZING THE ASSETS FROM ORGANISED CRIME, TERRORISTS AND DRUG CARTELS.

for the arrest of high profile and establishment figures. His last post was as a financial investigator, seizing the assets from organised crime, terrorists, and drug cartels. On leaving Scotland Yard to pursue a career within the Security Consulting arena, Harry Demko was awarded a certificate of exemplary service.



Harry Demko was commended by the FBI for the arrest of Al Qaeda terrorists in London, responsible for the Kenyan and Tanzanian embassy bombings before 9/11.

He has travelled extensively representing Scotland Yard and gave evidence in Australia against a Vietnamese Triad he had arrested in London for a murder in Melbourne.

Throughout his service at Scotland Yard he liaised and shared intelligence with US Secret Service, Customs, DEA and FBI, European Police Forces, Interpol and UK law enforcement agencies. He was responsible for the collation of information, compiling and delivering reports for intelligence purposes, maintained liaison with the Appeal Court and Judges and managed workloads of a highly sensitive nature in respect of the UK Security Intelligence Services.

He directed operations involving the Judiciary, Courts, Ministers of Parliament, Customs & Excise, Royal Family, Foreign & Commonwealth Office, Right Wing Literature, Murders abroad, Jury Nobbling, Arts & Antique and Cheque and Credit Card enquiries. He has been extensively involved in the investigation of Kidnaps, Contract Killings, Food Contamination and Blackmail.

His last major role was running the hospital and victim liaison for the London bombings in 2005 and latterly he directed observation of the terrorists arrested for the bombs that failed to explode.

Since 2006 Harry Demko has been a Director of NorseStar; a discrete and bespoke Security Consulting company based in Central London. Details of the services offered by NorseStar can be found at www.norsestar.com

A LOVE OF EXCITEMENT AND DANGER FROM AN EARLY AGE...

ABOVE LEFT: EARLY ESCAPADES WITH JEREMY WADE (S69-70) ON THE COLLEGE ROOFTOPS – STRICTLY NOT ALLOWED!

BELOW LEFT: UNDERCOVER HARRY DEMKO – PRESENT DAY

A 'Trinity' of Suffolk OFs

Visitors to the Suffolk Show will know of the renaming of the Showground as Trinity Park, in honour of the Suffolk Punch, Red Poll cattle and Suffolk sheep. We allude to this in paying tribute to the contributions made to the County by three OFs.

John Kerr



ROYAL VISITOR TO THE SUFFOLK SHOW, THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER (LEFT) WITH JOHN KERR, SHOW PRESIDENT 2006

This year marked the 175th anniversary of the Suffolk Show. John Kerr (G 51-56) had been elected President for 2006, a signal honour in an auspicious year. The Duke of Gloucester was this year's royal visitor. As a leading member of the Suffolk Agricultural Association, John has been closely involved in the evolution both of modern-day farming and of the Suffolk Show.

The development of his wide business interests runs very much parallel to the changes charted by **Arthur Staniforth** in his book, reviewed elsewhere in this publication. Not only that, but he has also been a leading figure in promoting the Suffolk Major Attractions Group, including the Kerr family's Easton Farm Park, and has for many years been a Director of Ipswich Town Football Club. He is also a Governor of the College. Insofar as Framlingham College is rooted in the county of Suffolk, John embodies and sustains those traditions which exemplify our county. He is also Vice Lord Lieutenant of the County. From his early Framlingham beginnings he has contributed richly to the county which nurtured him, and, indeed, continues to do so.

John Thurlow (K49-56)

An item in the East Anglian Children's Hospices Newsletter attracted our attention. John Thurlow, Chairman of the Thurlow Nunn Group, had completed 50 years service with the company. Rather than splash away money to celebrate this milestone, the company launched a series of fundraising events in support of the Hospices and was able to present them with a cheque for not far short of £30,000.

...A SERIES OF FUNDRAISING EVENTS IN SUPPORT OF HOSPICES RESULTING IN A CHEQUE NOT FAR SHORT OF £30,000.



PHOTO: FARMERS GUIDE

JOHN THURLOW (ON TRACTOR), WITH SON JAMES THURLOW AND DAUGHTER PENNY TEW, RIGHT

John thanked all customers, employees and suppliers who had contributed so magnificently to the appeal. Those who know John, very recently High Sheriff of the County and still a College Governor, will recognise this as the measure of a modest high-achiever, and of one who has devoted much of his working life to the County of

Suffolk, its prosperity and well-being. And he's not finished yet. John's great grandfather set up in business in Stowmarket in 1875. After mergers and further development, the Thurlow Nunn Group now employs approximately 500 people and operates from 18 sites throughout East Anglia in the supply of agricultural and horticultural machinery, motor vehicles and the manufacture and erection of steel framed buildings.

John took over the running of the business in 1968, and his son **James Thurlow** (K79-89) is now Managing Director, with John's daughter Sally Tew the Personnel Director. The generous response of so many people to the EACH appeal is doubtless a reflection of the company's standing within the region.

The Gooderham family and Snape Maltings

The Gooderham family own the historic Snape Maltings site, once the largest agro-industrial working site in Victorian East Anglia. Seventeen years after founding the Aldeburgh Festival, Benjamin Britten had

the vision of converting the largest of the Malthouses into a world-class Concert Hall. He negotiated the lease of the site with **George Gooderham** (K 45-53) who, at the age of just 28, had bought the site in 1965 – he needed somewhere for storage of grain and was looking to new opportunities.

Forty years on, and with the hall having risen Phoenix-like from the aftermath of a severe fire on the opening night of the 1969 season, George's son, **Johnny**

Gooderham (Brandeston 75-80), is now very much the man in charge, and, having been born on site, is determined to secure a bright future for Snape Maltings. The proposals for the regeneration include a new 999 year lease for Aldeburgh Productions that will permit the further development of the musical activities into one of the finest

centres of musical excellence in the world. The over-all cost of the music project is £12 million, and the plan is to make the Aldeburgh Productions development a European creative centre, welcoming the world's best musical and artistic talent.

Of course, 999 years is effectively a freehold, but the Gooderham Family remain 'landlords', and will themselves be developing 120,000 square feet into residential accommodation, a heritage centre and enhancing their retail offering. For some time now, the granary block has been used as a popular destination,



JOHNNY GOODERHAM, ENHANCING THE MALTINGS AT SNAPE

with a gallery, tearooms and craft shops, and the flagship House and Garden store opening in 1991. Open throughout the year, the site now attracts some half a million visitors a year. There is

more to come, but Johnny is determined not to make Snape Maltings an uncomfortably busy place, but to create a balance, maximising the appeal of the glorious riverside site.

There is a certain irony in this. The Framlingham College of the mid-twentieth century was perhaps not particularly renowned for its artistic output. Now, through two Old Framlinghamians, it is associated with one of the most successful creative and artistic enterprises in the country. The all-year-round programme of concerts and events, including the Aldeburgh Festival in June and the August Prom season goes from strength to strength as does the artistic and musical reputation of the present-day College.

The cultural 'ripple' effect is forever spreading, and increasing the attractiveness of the county of Suffolk for those who once thought it was just an agricultural backwater.

SOF Annual Dinner

Wow – this will take some beating!

March 25th 2006. After a long absence, Old Framlinghamians returned to the East India Club for their Annual Dinner following the AGM. It was a sell-out with 120 members and guests attending. This was a 'full house' and in spite of the large capacity, we had to run a stand-by list. A number of OF's were disappointed so next year, the same venue, get your applications in early!

Pre-dinner drinks were served in the Smoking Room overlooking St James's Square followed by a three course dinner. Food and wines were excellent - which might have led to the odd murmur of support during the short speeches that followed. The Head was allowed a break (it was end of term) so Andrew Fane, Chairman of the Governors reported on the successes of the College over the past year. The Society's President – Andrew Wright – responded and then manfully oversaw the raffle in aid of the Royal Marsden Hospital and the SOFs. Our grateful thanks to those OFs who most generously contributed hundreds of pounds worth of wallet-opening prizes.

Guests included the Head and her husband David Randall, Andrew and Clare Fane, the Head Boy and Girl Ben Mark and Rosemary Lawrence, Julie Atkins, John and Diane Kelsall, David and Louise Boatman, Clive and Jan Norton and Tony Lawrence.

It was a happy affair with members and guests sitting at tables of ten and obviously having a good time – not least as the College had organised a coach back to Suffolk that evening! Equally, at least three tables were organised by 'younger' OFs – well, at least under thirty – so there was a great mix and a lot of reunions.

Next year's dinner will be at the Club on March 24th 2007. I will be contacting OFs by letter and email. Do book early and join us for another great evening. (Contact details p70.)

Michael Holden





RECENT SUPPERS

continued

Essex Supper

The Warren Golf Club, 21 April 2006



ABOVE L-R: JOHN RANKIN, NIGEL WOOLNOUGH (BRANDESTON MASTER), PAULA WOOLNOUGH, ANDREW WRIGHT, JOHN DURHAM (OWNER OF THE WARREN)

The Essex Supper was moved to the above venue this year after having been held for many years at Rivenhall. The Warren is owned by **John Durham**, (K 46-49) and both he and his Staff made us most welcome. 45 OFs and guests booked in on the night. We were welcomed by the Durhams' peacocks and yes, the venue was first class and the atmosphere convivial. The richly beamed dining room, hung with hunting trophies brought back memories of the old College museum! It is also possible for OFs to play a round of golf beforehand. It is hoped that more may take advantage of this option and play next year.

Nigel Woolnough, The Master of Brandeston Hall and Paula Woolnough were welcomed by our President, Andrew Wright, who proposed the health of Brandeston and the College.

Nigel Woolnough then replied and told us about his background and career. He has taken the reins at Brandeston with obvious relish and his enthusiasm showed through as he told us of future plans. He clearly had his mind round the job and his heart in it. He was thoroughly enjoying his tenure at this rural Suffolk school. Having heard, that evening, so many childhood stories of dens, dams and swimming in the Deben, he had an even better understanding of why Brandeston occupied such a special

place in the hearts of its former pupils. He spoke very poignantly of Brandeston's origin as a living war memorial. The Memorial tablet had been moved to a position of prominence in the Hall, and it was planned to have an English translation from the Latin beside it for all to see. This is something which the writer, for one, would have welcomed when he was a pupil at Brandeston.

Next year the Essex supper will again be held at The Warren Golf Club on Friday 20 April 2007. If you enjoyed it this year please tell others and try to come, particularly if you live locally.

John Rankin

Those attending: A G Wright, President; Nigel Woolnough, Master, Brandeston; Mrs Paula Woolnough; N H Porter; P C Howard-Dobson; J F Capps; Mrs M Capps; A J Prentice; C R Milner-Moore; D A Carr; M R K Holden; N G Mayhew; D F Wright; Mrs B Wright; D B Mead; Mrs A Mead; C R Essex; John Durham; David Mallett; Air Vice Marshal S Dougherty; R J Blythe; F R Wolton; Guest of F R Wolton; R J Overend; K E Handley; R L Archer; Mrs C Archer; J A Waugh; P J Golding; M D Smy; Barry Lorkin; D E Mason; G A Duce; Mrs K Duce; Brian Evans; Roger Last; C A Bellamy; P M Liell; R J Nice; Mrs AJ Rankin; J G Rankin.

Newmarket Supper



The Newmarket Supper was held at The Rutland Arms Hotel on Friday the 5th of May. Thirty three members attended together with some wives and were presided over by our President Andrew Wright. Many reminiscences of life at Fram were exchanged and friendships renewed. It was good to welcome new faces and we hope for even more new faces next year.

News of The Society and College was well received by those attending:

Andrew Wright and Margaret, Roger Last, Tony Martin, John Waugh and Sue, Norman Porter and Virginia, Peter Jolly, Rob McLean, Norman Mayhew, Brian Smith, Ruth Elwood, Mike Holden, David Hodge and Gillian, John Raynham and Sheila, Jim Blythe, Chris Bellamy, Michael Smy, Robin Kiddle and Jessie, John Gooderham, Andrew Gooderham, Paul Gooderham, Roland Nice and his wife, Nick Ward, John Rankin, Andrew Golding, Peter Golding and Jan.

Peter Golding

Suffolk Supper

October 1st 2005 (but too late for 2005 Yearbook)

This was promoted as a special opportunity for OFs to say thank you to **Howard (Zowie) Robinson** (Hon OF), who had retired from full time teaching at the College, having spent 25 years there, mostly as Head of Biology, 2 ic Science, but with much extra-curricular activity as well, including most notably his Barbers Shop singing groups. The 2004 Annual Dinner was interspersed by offerings from his singers. This time, Howard gathered together six singers from the past (**Andrew Robinson** – baritone; **Robert Baker** and **Tim Church** – Lead tenors, **Richard Perry** baritone, and **Andrew Cronin** – bass) and this group made light of having had but an hour to rehearse and offered diners rich entertainment. Almost exactly 100 OFs and guests were present, from across the generations, many of the younger ones intent on paying their tributes to an outstanding biology teacher.

At the end of the meal, **Andrew Wright**, (President) updated those present on the affairs of the Society and then handed over to **Norman Porter** (Hon General Secretary) to make a presentation to Howard on behalf on the Society. Norman recalled how Howard had seen five whole generations through the College, devoting the prime of his professional life to one lucky school, and how his biology students remembered him as an outstanding teacher. There were attempts to unravel the origins of the nickname. Norman concluded by saying that the achievements of teachers are not left behind in brick walls, they are left behind in the hearts and minds of young people

who go out into the world, spreading out the legacy of those who have taught them.

Howard, in reply, paid tribute to the College and to his pupils. The combination was producing excellent results. In the course of his 25 years he had attempted to award some three and a half million marks: yes, marking was tedious, but lightened by some of the funny things written by students:

"When you breathe you inspire, when you do not breathe you expire."

"Artificial insemination is when the farmer does it to the cow instead of the bull."

"How long does menstruation last? About 60 years, until you stop producing eggs."

"Out in the desert animals either live or die; there is no in-between."

"A fossil is an extinct animal... the older it is, the more extinct it is."

"A remedy for asphyxiation is to apply artificial respiration until the person is dead."

He thanked the Society for having arranged an excellent evening, and looked forward to retiring – reading, gardening, travelling, visiting children, grandchildren – eventually. For the time being, he had to return to the College to stand in for his successor, who was due to give birth in November. At least she must have read up to page 382 in the Biology book!

The Head, **Gwen Randall** wound up proceedings by giving the view from the College. With typical rhetorical aplomb she debunked the reports which had given rise to much bad, but utterly unwarranted publicity, and countered that with glowing references to the Summer's outstanding exam results and the excellent start to the games season. The rugby team was looking very special. And the College shooters had narrowly beaten an outstanding OF shooting team, still flushed from its best season ever, and with a wealth of trophies, on display at the supper.

There was much lingering, a fond recalling of memories, and a strong sense that this was a recipe to be repeated. Our thanks to John Gooderham for organising it, and to the website for the additional publicity.

Norman Porter

West of England Supper



After a break of around 14 years, a West of England Supper was held at the Lamb Inn at Hindon on Saturday 13th May 2006. The Lamb Inn has been a public house since the 12th century and the dining room was a lovely setting for our 3-course meal, which was chosen on the evening.

With probably the widest geographical spread of any UK-based supper, prospective OFs were invited from Cornwall across to Hampshire and Gloucestershire down to Dorset. In total 160 OFs were contacted (some up to 4 times!), of which 10 attended and an encouraging further 60 replied saying that unfortunately they

particularly pleasing to have **Bryan Shelley** and his wife **Diana** present. Bryan had previously organised the supper for a number of years, when he owned the Rose & Crown in Hinton Charterhouse. Also worthy of a special mention for attending are **John Rankin** and his wife **Angela**. Despite living near Harwich in Essex, they had made the long journey across.

One of those who couldn't attend this time was **Eric Jennings** (36-44). A contemporary of Bryan's, he couldn't attend because it was his 80th birthday that weekend and had a big family event planned. We all raised a glass to wish Eric a happy 80th birthday.



The President gave an update on OF and College events, followed by a toast to the College and to HM Queen to mark her 80th birthday in 2006. After further coffee and drink we all made our way off around midnight, with the lucky ones only needing to climb upstairs!

couldn't attend this time but wished to be invited again next time. We were also delighted to be accompanied by 7 wives, making a total of 17 in all.

In addition to the President and his wife, who had travelled hot-foot from the OF Golf in Sussex the same afternoon, it was

Those present were: Colin Bates (58–66), Mr and Mrs Charles Carter (63–69), Robert Currie (48–52), Mr and Mrs Chris Essex, Organiser (69–75), Mr and Mrs Nigel Hyde (55–60), Mr and Mrs Peter Lockwood (60–65), Mr and Mrs John Rankin (47–56), Mr and Mrs Bryan Shelley (39–44), Rodney Walker (44–48) and Mr and Mrs Andrew Wright, President (48–57).

Chris Essex

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:- London Suppers

We have two London Suppers a year, following on our Council Meetings in July and January (February next year) at the Farmers Club in Whitehall Court.

These are splendid occasions, enthusiastically organised by Richard Sayer, and almost invariably attracting back faces from a familiar past but not so familiar present. Former members of Stradbroke, whipped up into a glorious frenzy by Richard playing

...ATTRACTING BACK FACES FROM A FAMILIAR PAST BUT NOT SO FAMILIAR PRESENT.

the ebullient host, are sometimes in the majority – but don't let that put you off – and the Dining Room is almost invariably full to its capacity of 40.

For those of you who work in London and prefer to take the train home after a sociable evening, (a 7.30 sit-down means that supper is finished by 10pm) this is a perfect recipe for meeting up with old friends and for catching up with the affairs of the Society and of the College.

If you haven't already done so, give it a try – young and old. For younger members there is still plenty of time after the Supper to get out on the town. Richard's contact details are on p70.

Amongst those attending this last year, including various newcomers, returnees, globetrotters, long-distance travellers, members of the old College Jazz Band, shooters etc – all welcomed by their genial host – were: Messrs Barringer, Benson, Bloomfield, Blythe, Booth, Burnip, Carr, Collard, Coomber bros, Corner, Ellerby, Essex, Fayers, Ian Foster from Mallorca, ex-Pres John Gooderham, Halahan, Hall,

Handley, Henderson, Holden, Peter Howard-Dobson, Jacob, Last, Lee, Liell, Marriott, Ian Marsh, Mason, Metcalf, Mitchell, Stuart Munro (ex-Aussie), ex-Pres Overend, Podd, Secretary Porter, Rankin, Ruddock-Broyd, Russell-Fish, Sayer, Smith bros, Stapleton, Stevens, Tong, Turnbull, Wade, Waller, President Wright, plus distinguished senior College figures Payn, Chaplin and Head Gwen Randall.

Dates for 2007: Monday 5th February and Tuesday July 10th.

Northern Gathering

For the second year running this was held at the Otley home of Douglas and Dorothy Thomson. Douglas had (almost) single-handedly erected his marquee, and he and Dorothy provided the main ingredients for an extended lunch-time, launched in glasses of Pimms and concluded with tea and cake. The temperature never looked like matching last year's mid-eighties, and the breeze swirled around the loose canvas, but activity within was convivial.

The company included John Vincent (R49-54), David Allen (51-56), Jim Butchart (51-60), John Nickolds (59-64), Norman Porter (K50-57), Douglas Thomson (K53-61), and his brother Michael Thomson (K51-59), together with wives.

This was another generously hosted occasion, so thanks to the Thomsons for all their hard work and hospitality. Douglas is hoping to make the Northern event peripatetic, perhaps taking his marquee across to Cheshire next year, if a suitable garden and willing host can be found. A gathering in Scotland is being considered for 2008.

BELOW: OFs AT THE NORTHERN GATHERING



Golf

This has been another busy year for OF golfers. The **Team results** were as follows:

- March 25th: match v. Aldeburgh, lost 6/4
- April 6th: Halford Hewitt, first round, lost 3/2 to Wrekin
- May 13th: Grafton Morrish, didn't qualify. (Got 69, needed 81)
- June 22nd: Cyril Gray, lost to Eastbourne in R1
- June 23rd: Cyril Gray, reached Semi-Final of the Plate, beating Brighton 2 1/2 to 1/2. Blundells 2/1 but losing 2/1 to Kings Canterbury.

For these matches, the Team was captained by Richard Cullinan and the following played: Richard Graves, Mathew Stolls, Peter White, Peter Watts, Robin Anderton, Martin Lamb, Guy Jenkinson, Norman Mayhew, Mike Schneidau, Andrew Towler, Gavin Cowell, Alex Cameron, Charles Plunkett, Michael Spencer and Richard Cullinan.

On June 19th, the annual friendly match between the OFGS and the Old Ipswichians was played at Woodbridge and the OFs won 5/1. It was a most enjoyable day and our thanks to Norman Porter for organising the fixture. The series now stands at 2-2.

The Spring Meeting of the OFGS was held again at Stowmarket on May 18th, followed by the AGM, and 22 OFs played in fine spring weather.

The Autumn Meeting took place at Aldeburgh on September 15th with 24 OFs playing and we had an excellent day. Trophies this year have been won as follows:

- The Captain's Prize (May): Peter Howard-Dobson
- The Minter Cup (May): Richard Cullinan
- The Coronation Cup (Sept): Michael Spencer
- The Le May Cup (Sept): John Wybar
- The Lamb Trophy (Sept): Michael Spencer
- The Howard-Smith Cup (Sept): Andrew Wright

Sadly, no match was possible this year against the College Team, but we hope this will change in 2007. John Wybar, hcp 3, is a very good young golfer who left Fram in July and hopefully will represent the OFs in the future. (You will recall his sister Kirsty was last year's Cambridge University Captain, responsible for their remarkable Varsity match victory). This year, now aged 16, Patrick Spraggs has been playing for

Suffolk and training with the England Junior squad – a great achievement and he is clearly going to be a very good golfer. Harry Bush and Jack Wescott are also very promising young players.

At the AGM, Colin Stokes succeeded Andrew Wright as OFGS Captain for 2006-7 and David Turnbull agreed to take over as Hon Secretary from David Metcalf by the end of the year. We wish them both well and thank David Metcalf for his work as our temporary Secretary. Mike Schneidau will be Vice-Captain, and we offer our congratulations to him too.

For 2007, the OFGS Team Captain has changed to Gavin Cowell and we wish him well in trying to move Fram up the ladder of Public Schools' golf. Our thanks also go Richard Cullinan for all his work as team captain in the last 2 years.

Andrew Wright

Dates for 2007

Halford Hewitt Draw	Wed 10 Jan.
Halford Hewitt Practice	Wed 28 March
Halford Hewitt Event	Thurs 29 March - Sun 1 April
Grafton Morrish Qualifying	Sat 12 May
OFGS Spring Meeting (The Warren)	Tues 22 May
Cyril Gray Practice	Wed 27 June
Cyril Gray Event	Thurs 28 - Sat 30 June
OFGS Autumn Meeting (Aldeburgh)	Fri 14 Sept
Aldeburgh Golf Club Match	Sat 15 Sept.
College Match at Aldeburgh	Sun 16 Sept.
Grafton Morrish Practice	Thurs 4 Oct.
Grafton Morrish Event	Fri 5 - Sun 7 Oct.



THE OFs WIN BACK THE TROPHY. NORMAN PORTER (OFs) AND KARL DANIELS (OIs)

Cricket

OFs v The College. Friday July 30th.

The OF cricket fixture of 2006 was a slightly surreal affair. For the first time in recent memory the game was played on a Friday and divorced from the Speech Day festivities. Certain members of the OF team were concerned that they would struggle to rise to the challenge in the absence of a 500 strong crowd, and, more importantly, without an early Pimms to bolster the spirits. In spite of these inauspicious circumstances, the game proved to be one of the most closely contested encounters between the two teams and culminated in a nail-biting finale.

The weather and playing conditions were impeccable and the OFs, misty-eyed with nostalgia, slavishly followed custom and batted first. The fearless OF skipper looked proudly at his swordsmen and declared that a total of 300 ought to be reached in the 40 allotted overs. He had not, however, counted on the College bowling attack being vastly improved.

The OFs got off to a sluggish start and talisman Philips was shelled by over-eager fielders on 3 occasions. Fortunately his comrade Veevers Chorlton major, who went on to top score with a vigorous 45, kept the scoreboard moving with some peerless stroke play.

The OFs did not manage to follow Chorlton's lead. Wickets fell at the most inopportune of moments and this interrupted the fluency of the innings. The middle order failed to amass the quick runs required and, amidst some injudicious batting and running, only Veevers Chorlton minor provided consistency as he eked out a steady 43. The returning batsmen's excuses flowed thick and fast, but the runs did not. Even Truman (sharing a useful stand with the promising Williams, 23) only managed a brief cameo of 26 and as the innings drew to a close it was the wagging tail of the side (in the form of a bristling Jeremy Ford) that dragged the total above 200. The score finished at 206 for 9 and

the OFs (who, as tradition dictates, were strong on batting but fragile on bowling) did not fancy their chances of successfully defending this paltry target.

The College began at a fearsome lick as the opening batsmen made short shrift of the OF pacemen and scored at around 7 an over. Newton was scoring freely and when the OFs twice put him down in the deep, brittle confidences were shattered and defeat was in the air. The OFs were soon to be buoyed, however, by the bowling of Mitchell. The little tyro plugged away with little luck before pulling off a real coup in dismissing a disgruntled Newton (45) plumb LBW. Suddenly OF tails were up and the skipper scented the soft underbelly of the College batting line-up. He went for the jugular, but instead of destruction being wreaked by the fired-up OF bowlers it was the College who injured themselves with some disastrous running between the wickets.

The seasoned hounds (after various failed attempts) eventually capitalised on the disaccord in the College ranks and the brave Humphrey proved invaluable behind the timbers in snaffling up loose throws and whipping off the bails. In this regard, the fielding of Rodwell minor should also be mentioned as he put his leaden and creaking team-mates to shame with his acrobatic and alert groundwork.

In spite of regular inroads into their batting and some fine bowling by the tireless Ford and the wily Veevers Chorlton minor, the College got a grip of themselves and (led by P Clarke) laid siege on the total. The game was in the balance, and it is at times like this that leaders can make the difference. Contrary to advice, Truman made some inspired bowling changes and his new recruits made vital contributions: Philips took 2 with his cunning spin and Williams did damage with his raw pace. The College's tail took a battering, but they continued to haul down the target. As the schoolboys ran out of wickets and the OFs ran out of runs, the atmosphere around the hallowed ground intensified. With the College needing 2 runs to win and 9

❖ wickets down, all teetered on the brink. Something heroic and extraordinary was required to break the deadlock; it came in the shape of Rodwell major. The old warhorse, bloodied but unbowed, gathered himself for one last huzzah and stormed in to clean bowl the beleaguered last man with a searing yorker. The final wicket was met with jubilation by the OFs and this celebratory mood endured deep into the balmy Suffolk night.

Well done to all concerned for contriving to produce such an epic game.

Matthew Truman

Birthday Cricket Match

On July 22nd another epic cricket match took place in celebration of the 21st birthday of Peter Lawrence. The match was a contest between a team made up of Exeter University graduates and a team totally made up of OFs who had attended the College between 1998 and 2004.

It was a truly splendid day with a total of over 500 runs scored and a real celebration and appreciation of ongoing friendships. Peter has now graduated from University and is looking to move towards a career in sports journalism. That was as good a reason as any for getting in touch and letting us know about the match.

Contact Peter Lawrence
pwwl@hotmail.com Tel: 07886658528

Hockey dates for 2007

Jonathan Slay was appointed as Master ic Hockey in January 2006.

The date proposed for the OF fixtures is Sunday 18th March 2007. This is in the College Calendar, with slots booked for 11.30 am and 1.30 pm. There has already been one match, a sort of pre-season work-out for the College side, on January 6th. The College won 4-1. College sides have succumbed to Ipswich School in the latter

stages of this year's National Competitions so all players should be available, with no national finals beckoning.

The girls play hockey in the Autumn term, but Sinead Collins (Capt of Hockey) is liaising with staff and hoping to organise a social match versus an OF side on the same date: March 18th. OFs who would like to play should contact Jon Slay (JSlay@FramCollege.co.uk), Ben Hayes (benhayes_10@hotmail.com) or Andy Cutting (07711 659949).

In welcoming the latter two to OF team management, we must also say thank you to Simon Stacpoole for getting together teams in recent years.

Any hockey-playing female OFs who would like to be involved, do please contact Sinead Collins (shnedved@hotmail.co.uk).

Shooting



ABOVE: JOHN HALAHAN (COACH) – LEFT, WITH SHOOTER JIM 'JAMES' MEHTA AT BISLEY IMPERIAL MEETING

It was always going to be difficult to repeat the annus mirabilis of 2005, when the OF marksmen won almost everything going, apart from one small blip when they lost against the College before the Suffolk Supper. 2006 has been slightly less successful, and has been marked by the departure of Malcolm Todd as ic Shooting at the College (see Tribute), and by an

unfortunate conspiracy of circumstances which resulted in the cancellation of this year's October match against the College.

As ever, though, there is much to suggest that the shooters are in good heart, with many enthusiastic participants and a wealth

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of talent, both established and burgeoning. Early in the season the OFs had retained the Lizard Goblet against their old foes, the Old Lawrentians.

The highlight of the season was the Bisley Imperial Meeting. We were able to field no

fewer than three teams for the Blue Riband event of the season – the Public Schools Veterans. This sets our shooters against virtually every school which fields a team in the Ashburton. Ten OFs pitched their tents for the nine solid days of the meeting – Bisley is the reverse of golf – only one hole but 18 clubhouses –

catering for seasoned drinkers with a shooting problem.

The OF 'A' team was outstanding, with Suffolk skipper Andy Gemmill in a star role. He made a near-perfect 50.9. The team dropped only 6 points out of 250. Such is the quality of the opposition, that even this only merited 8th position, a full 4 points

behind the ever-tedious Greshams. The 'B' team played up to their name, under-achieving with 228 ex 250, despite Tom Chapman's creditable 44. Result: just above halfway at 15th. The 'C' team scored 225, with Nigel King stamping some long-lost authority over the side with a stunning 49.3. This brought 13th place. In the aggregate competition for all 3 teams we came 7th. Overall a fine achievement, especially for James Brocks who had not shot for 12 months. The Medal for the Day was won by Nigel King.

That was just the start. On day 2 the OFs, having been given the honour of representing Suffolk, appeared in the prestigious Astor County Challenge. Worthily, if slightly disappointingly, they achieved 17th position, just 11 points behind the winners. Gemmill held up the side with an aggregate 104.16. Thereafter the meeting concentrated on individual competition. Consistently excellent performances from Gemmill and Sandy Walker (at just 19 surely to be the finest shot of his generation) brought high placings in the grand aggregate. Nigel Burnip, shooting beautifully, was placed 48th in the St George's competition, and he and Walker (26th) were rewarded with X class status – effectively the top 100 shots in the UK.

The meeting is not complete without the OFRC barbecue. Messrs Halahan and McDowell managed to feed everyone without setting fire to the tinder-dry campsite, and, as usual, the OFs proved to be world-class in this area.

The week finished with the Parting Shot – which last year yielded gold. Sadly there was to be no repeat, and the dropping of a mere 4 points meant slipping back to 4th place and out of the medals. Greshams won yet another trophy, and with the weight of their accumulated prizes must have broken an axle on their way back to Norfolk.

Amongst the participants in 2006 were: James Mehta, John Horton, Jack Meynell, James Brocks, Andrew Horton, Nigel Burnip (Capt), John Mann, Nigel King, Robin Podd, Andy Gemmill, Brian Smith, John Halahan, Robin Curtis, Sandy Walker, Steve McDowell, Nick Argent, David Argent, Neil Joy, Tom Chapman, Jon Ford, Mike Coker.

Major M J Todd BEM (Hon OF)

The College bids farewell to an extraordinary School Staff Instructor.

Malcolm joined the army as a junior soldier at Oswestry, Shropshire on 11 August 1971 at the age of 17 after experiencing an army recruiting event at Fingringhoe Ranges, Colchester. He joined the Royal Anglian Regiment and twenty two

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years later he had become a W.O.1 and Garrison Sergeant Major at Warminster and was arguably one of the finest soldiers of his generation.

His career was certainly varied and distinguished and he was awarded the British Empire Medal for services to anti-terrorism in Spain, Gibraltar and Northern Ireland. He left the Army on 17 December 1994 and took up the post of School Staff Instructor at the College later that afternoon. It was not long before the College recognised that he had brought an arsenal of skills to the College and he was later promoted to the Senior Management Team as

Assistant Bursar. Time constraints were huge, but he remained a staunch supporter of the Combined Cadet Force and was still able to contribute as Head of the Army Section and as a Bronze, Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award supervisor. I also enjoyed his company and sound advice on the first College expedition that I organised to Bolivia in 1997. The

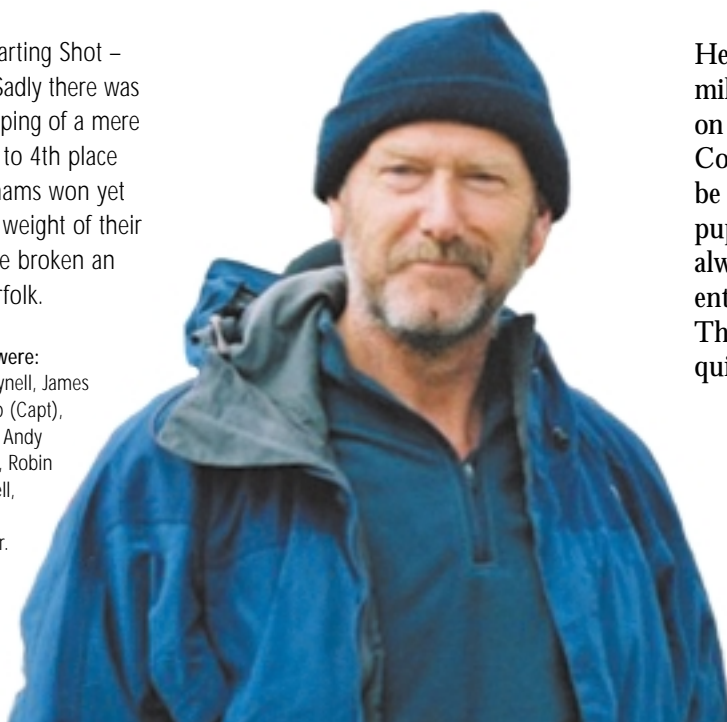
highlight of the expedition was when the team completed the ascent of Mt. Mururata (5850m) in temperatures that dipped to -51°C.

His sense of humour was valuable on the 20 day gruelling Annapurna Circuit during the monsoon season in Nepal in 1999. Malcolm went on to lead the second team that saw a quarter of the sixth form meet at Base Camp on the North Face of Everest in 2005. In addition Malcolm found time to be an impressive Master i/c Shooting and coached numerous Athelings of which 7 went on to shoot for England at Cadet and School levels. Malcolm later returned to the position as S.S.I. in 2006.

He completed the final day of his military career where it had started: on a Field Day at Fingringhoe Ranges, Colchester on 21 May 2006. He will be fondly remembered by staff and pupils at the College and we will always miss his ready wit, endless enthusiasm and engaging stories. The corridors are going to be a little quieter from now on...

Martin Myers-Allen, Major, Contingent Commander

LEFT: MAJOR M J TODD BEM



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



Paul Baker: Heading for a Nuffield Scholarship

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

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'

- League of Nations in Geneva, where she so impressed the judges that they invited her back to the next session on the Isle of Wight.

Hannah's intention is to build on her personal experiences of different cultures, and to use that foundation to learn and appreciate broader aspects of international relations in both social and business environments, with the goal of a career in Consultancy. After getting three As at A-level, Hannah is fulfilling her ambition to study for a degree in Business and Economics at Manchester University – which she then might follow with a conversion course to study Law.

Abigail Mackrill: Scholar 2006-2009

Abigail (Abz) said when she applied, that she feels very strongly that Framlingham College is her Home. She joined in year 10 having chosen the school for herself. She found Fram an enormous contrast from her earlier school and, although a late joiner, she was immediately made welcome and found friendships which she believes she will have for life. Her favourite subject is History, but she loves languages (she has already taken part in a French Exchange programme) and English Literature. Ever one to keep her horizons broad, she included Chemistry in her AS level studies.

She was deputy head of Victoria House and Secretary of the Sixth Form Society where, with her fellow-scholar Hannah, she wrestled with the issues of changing licensing laws and their impact on social gatherings.

Abz was a keen member of the CCF Navy Section where, as Leading Rate, she developed teamwork and leadership skills that will be vital both in her career, and as a Moreau Scholar acting as a focal point for her year-group.

A keen and analytical debater, she involved herself in the College's Model United Nations team and represented it at the Isle of Wight Assembly and then in Geneva where she represented Ecuador. She says that the research elements of these assignments were really rewarding, developing the ability to read, understand

and collate information into a fluent and coherent response. However, she derived greatest pleasure from getting to know other members of the team really well, working as a group and being responsive to others.

Abz is an accomplished Ballet dancer and has performed publicly in Croydon and at the Theatre Royal, Haymarket. She's not sure how long she can keep this up, as ballet demands enormous efforts to maintain fitness and keep in practice. After getting three As at A-level, Abz has gone on to read History at York University and then perhaps to branch into Law. She still plans to keep up her languages though, and expects to include a new language in her university studies.

Wallace and Old Framlinghamian Scholarships

Every year, the Society awards a number of leaving scholarships, based on student profiles compiled by the College and passed on to us by the Head. The photograph below shows this year's winners with our President, Andrew Wright.



STANDING: WILLIAM POOLE, ANDREW WRIGHT (PRESIDENT SOF), JOHN WYBAR;
SEATED: MICHAEL AUSTIN, ROSEMARY LAWRENCE, BEN MARK, ALEXANDRA REID,
(ABSENT: JOANNA HULME)

Rosemary Lawrence was also subsequently presented with a special President's Award on Speech Day. All the scholarship winners have now moved on, gap years, university etc. Hopefully they will write something for the next Yearbook at the end of their first year away from the College.

You, dear leavers, are the most elusive of Framlinghamians, caught up, as you are, in the excitement of travelling, making new friends, taking new courses at university, and setting out on new careers. Our thanks to those who do let us know what happens to them in the immediate post-school years. We do include at least two items of news relating to degrees achieved in Here and There, but more feedback in this area would be welcome – just drop us an email, so that those who remember you, teachers and College friends, can keep up with what you have achieved and which directions career paths are taking.

We do now ask those who are awarded Old Framlinghamian Scholarships to let us have a brief note of what they do in their first years away.

Colette Hamilton (V 92-05) responded by sending the reflections that follow:

I am coming to the end of a wonderful first year at **Loughborough University** where I have been studying English and Sport Science. I am enjoying both aspects of my course and the social side of life at university. I have made some fantastic friends who will no doubt be visiting Framlingham in the near future – so look out Fram - Loughborough students are on the way!

Hall of Residence: I am currently in Elvyn Richards Hall of Residence, and have had much fun representing the Hall at netball, hockey, basketball, volleyball and girls' rugby. Later this month we, the Elvyn ladies, are taking part in the Nottingham 'Race For Life', a 5km sponsored race in aid of Cancer Research.

My course: My academic work has proved very stimulating. The English course has opened up entirely new areas of literature and I truly love it. The Sport Science Modules have been just as inspiring. On the practical side I have, these past two semesters, ventured into the gymnastic hall, learning backflips, vaults, and parallel upstarts. Sport has always been a large part of my life, and it is wonderful to have

found a course which really expands my horizons. Where better to study Sport Science than at Loughborough?

Next year: So I have been very busy this year, and have still more plans for next. I have booked dates for coaching and refereeing courses so I can gain those qualifications. My interest in teaching has remained strong so I will be looking to gain experience, where possible, in schools, with a view to opening up future career options. What I am really enjoying about university is the opportunity to do things I had never dreamt of doing.



COLLETTE HAMILTON (FRONT, LEFT) TEAMS UP AT LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY

Friends from here and there: If I had to choose one thing that has helped make my time here so enjoyable, it would have to be the really fantastic people I've met. I have a fabulous group of friends and it's been great introducing them to my Framlingham friends who have been to visit. There are quite a few old Framlinghamians here too and we catch up every now and then. My sister (**Kimberley Hamilton**, V99-03) is here and from her year there is **Emma Tuckwell** (M99-03) and **Will Clephane** (G99-03). It's good to have a circle of friends that includes both the old and the new.

The Town and Union: Loughborough is quite compact. Most of what you need you can get on campus. However the town is only a stone's throw away and Nottingham and Leicester are easily accessible by train so there's plenty to do. We have a fantastic Union, the biggest in the UK. Nights out

there are really good fun. During the day it acts as a great hangout for friends with a coffee shop, book shop etc. It's a perfect size: big enough to lose yourself but small enough to know and meet lots of people, get to lectures on time and chill out without travelling too far.

Moving away: Making the first move away from a familiar environment can be hard. I found the jump from Framlingham to Loughborough terrifying. I had been at Brandeston for 8 years and Framlingham for 5 and so the people I knew had become like family. Coming here was very scary but the welcome was incredible. The people are so friendly. Although the prospect of meeting new people is daunting, you just have to remember that almost everyone is feeling the same way as you, so the best thing to do is to jump in with both feet and meet as many people as possible in that all-important Freshers' Week. It's not a time to be shy!

University or Gap Year? For me coming to university straight away was the right thing. I have heard so many wonderful stories from my friends who have been travelling and these stories have inspired me to go travelling at some point, but I want the security of a degree under my belt first.

My advice for those planning to go straight to university is not to feel you are missing out on anything when all your friends are living out of backpacks in darkest Peru or soaking up the sun on the beaches of Australia. If it's right for you to go straight to university, then go – there's time enough for travel once you've graduated. I'd say the same to those planning a gap year too: university will still be there when you get back. If you're not sure about your course or your offers, take some time out to ensure that you'll really get the most out of university when you do go. Whatever you decide, just enjoy it and take opportunities as they arise... just enjoy.

Toby Hough (K 01-05) *writes in similar upbeat vein:*

Edinburgh University: Arabic and French and much else. In September 2005 I started my degree course in Arabic and French at Edinburgh University and quickly settled into university life. After joining about 20 clubs and societies at the Freshers' fair (ranging from tennis to whisky-tasting and chocolate-eating) I soon realised that this was a little ambitious! In the end I did some sailing and a lot of singing with the University Chamber Choir, and I plan to carry on with drama in my second year. I relished my first year in the Scottish capital, and have made some really great new friends. At Easter I had a very busy holiday, spending the first 10 days backpacking around the south of France with **Sandy Walker** (R 96-05). (*How's the shooting going Sandy? Ed.*) During the second half I sang with the National Youth Choir of Great Britain in concerts in Leeds, Manchester and finally in the Royal Albert Hall for Classic FM. July and the BBC Proms series also provided another opportunity there, again with the NYCCGB – something I joined during my time at Framlingham.

And travelling too: As our exams finished so early, two friends and I decided we should use the time to do some travelling in the Middle East. We were lucky enough to be awarded a University bursary for educational travel and fieldwork so spent all of June living in an apartment in Cairo, attending a language school in the city. This was vital for my peace of mind as I returned to England certain that Arabic is the right course for me, and that my ambitions lie in the Middle East. So really I can say that the best thing that has come out of this year is

a love and fascination for that part of the world, a stone that would have been left unturned had I not decided to take the risk of choosing Arabic as my degree.



TOBY HOUGH (LEFT) WITH SANDY WALKER

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The Overseas Bag continues to flourish. So much so that we simply cannot find space in the yearbook to carry verbatim quotations from correspondence. We also have to fit everything into one Yearbook, now that we have little available space in the May newsletter. We could have filled 20 pages, with text and great photographs, but that would have had severe cost implications for this publication. In the circumstances, I have had to make the editorial decision to reach for the pruning scissors and try to summarise what our correspondents have written. I apologise both to them and to our readers, and, indeed to Chris himself, but we have little choice. Insofar as the Yearbook is more archival in its purpose, then it is perhaps more appropriate that it should limit itself to the essence of the activities of our Overseas OFs, at the expense of the detail. There is consolation in that the full text can still be found on our website, should you wish to pursue that detail, in the familiar chatty style. (Ed)

In the last Newsletter, Richard Rowe indicated that a combination of work commitments and a desire to spend more time with his young family meant that he needed to make the sad decision to relinquish editorship of the Overseas Bag. He does, however, continue as a vital member of the web team.

So who am I? My name is Chris Essex (K 69-75) and I have volunteered to pick up the reins from Richard. Although I went to Framlingham with him, my family is now fairly grown up (but not yet fled the nest or wallet!) and I have chosen to retire early and therefore have more time available.

However, this is not supposed to be about me, but what our adventurous OFs living overseas have been up to. As is customary, I issued an e-mail in June 2006 to all OFs living overseas, who have registered an e-mail address on the SOF website and I'm very grateful to all those who have been in touch. I trust that my editing skills have done your many and varied messages proud, but please read the full versions of the correspondence I have received, via the 'People' section of the website (www.oldframlinghamian.com).

I know that not all of you have email or internet (if you do have email, then please register on the website as it assists communication enormously). For those of you overseas but without email, I am still very keen to hear your news – by mail, friend's email, phone or whatever. Do send your news to me, especially photographs.

Australia

Chris Shaw (K 50-56) emailed from Cairns in late March, having safely survived the Category 5 cyclone Larry which hammered the Queensland coast. No phone or electricity for 3 days, lots of fallen trees, but much better off than folk about 80Km away. Political response reported to be better than in the USA – Richard Rowe

knew all about the impact of the Florida hurricanes.

After leaving Fram Chris worked as an apprentice in Boots (Tavern Street, Ipswich), completed Pharmacy Studies in Leicester and Plymouth, became a Medical Rep in London, and then Overseas Medical and Area Rep for the (then British) West Indies. Australia (Cairns) followed, where he had two pharmacies, two marriages and two children. He is now semi-retired, writing a bit, doing locums and trying to get a pharmacy-related business up and running. He is in touch with **Paul Williman** (K 51-57), **Clive** (K 51-53) and **Judith Simpson, Mike** (S 50-56) and **Mary Craven, Clive Hedley** (G 58-67)



and **Phil and Dee** in Sydney. His parents are 99 and 97 this year, and he is hoping the genes translate.

In July he and Rebecca had an unofficial OF Dinner with Janet and **Peter Hughes** (G 52-56) on the occasion of Peter's birthday – rude to ask which one – Peter is on Chris's right in the photo.

Phil Bower (G 65-74) sent a message from Sydney in February 2006. His older brother **Nigel** (G 58-68) had been over for Christmas and the New Year. Phil was "retrenched" at the end of November by his French employer, which didn't exactly help his almost legendary "froggophobia." So he is back on the chain gang, working on whatever shows he can get into, with a new band cooking up quite nicely and ready to inflict suffering on the listening public by March. His website needed updating at that time.

He found the 2005 Yearbook enlightening and entertaining. It was sad to read of the passing of people he had known at school – the death of **Brian Mabie** struck a particular chord – "a really nice guy".



PHIL AND NIGEL BOWER AND WIVES

Simon Ray-Hills (S72-77) wrote from Perth with a brief family update. He is married to Sue, with 3 boys (18, 18 and 14) He had been living in Hampton Court and working as a Graphic Designer in London until 2004. They then decided to emigrate to Australia. They live in Swanburne, a suburb of Perth, where Simon now works. He plays hockey for an over 40s hockey team called Suburban and

one of his sons was selected for the W. Australian hockey team, who became National Champions.

John Gates (S44-48)) sent greetings from Queensland in the New Year. He reported on a then forthcoming lunch at Maroochydhore with **Peter Bailey** (K 34-38), **Neville Marsh** (S 53-61), and **Peter Simpson** (K 32-40), together with wives. The Gates and the Baileys were off to New Zealand in February. In July John wrote in from Dubai, en route for 4 months away, taking in Pembrokeshire, Shropshire, Rutland, Oxfordshire, a Med cruise, and a catch-up with cousins in Norfolk and Suffolk.



Bob Munro (R 56-60) proudly announced news of a 2006 Commonwealth Games bronze medal, together with **Mike Garnett** (R 54-56). For full revelation see 'Here and There' – p92. Bob also wrote in later about his film-making exploits: Charlotte's Web with Julia Roberts, Oprah Winfrey and John Cleese as the voices for some of the cartoon characters.

Peter Risk (R 55-60) made contact, saying that he had come out to Australia in 1961, farmed in NSW for 4 years, back to the UK for 3 then out to Western Australia in 1968 as a builder. Life has become a bit more leisurely, with more time spent share-trading and enjoying "the best climate in the world."

Jonathan Amos (S 67-71) contacted Chris Essex, a near-contemporary, to congratulate him on his new job. Having had miserable years as an accountant, Jonathan now enjoys running his own business as an MYOB consultant in Perth. He has a Japanese wife, and has visited Japan 6 times, so, finding various elements of Oz life tiresome (crime, hooliganism, 4 wheel drives, accent) he finds a second emigration to a more civilised Japan an attractive proposition. His wife prefers Australia!

Nick Carlton (G 63-70)) responded in June. Chris correctly remembered that Nick was House Captain of Garrett in that year, and that **Jeremy Page** (K 72-70) was Head Boy. Nick, has been a one-company man, doing cruises, and the cruising boom has served him well. At the time of writing he was in Alaska, on 10 day cruises on the Regal Princess out of San Francisco, having trans-shipped from the Grand Princess in the Mediterranean (Naples). He was due to return to the Grand in September.

John Bennett (G 34-42) wrote to welcome Chris to his new role, carrying on a fine tradition starting with Alfred Pretty, through Tom Saul, James Ruddock and Richard Rowe. He even scanned a letter written to him in 1946, while he was serving overseas, by Alfred Pretty. The transcript follows:

My dear Bennett, I did not know you had left Bangkok and gone to Singapore, and I congratulate you on not being blown to bits by the mine which hit you just before you got there. I notice you are in a Coast Defence Regt. composed entirely by Malays, bar the officers. I see you have met Rossiter and George Martin. If you see them again, please tell them I am eagerly awaiting letters from them, and that they would do well to equal you in regularity of correspondence.

With every best wish, Yours sincerely, Alfred Pretty.

John writes that he is sure that so much of the strength of the Society is due to the dedication of its officers over the years. He continues to say that there has been a tremendous rush for tickets for the Test series. Thousands have been sold to English supporters, with the interest in Australia as high as for the bodyline series of '32/'33 – so much so that even early morning queueing failed to bring him tickets for the Sydney Test Match.

Some consolation to have tickets for the match v The Prime Minister's XI and the 2nd 1 day match. John's wife, Dorothy is through and through Aussie, while he has only lived there for 50 years, so support is divided. His hopes that England might meet Australia in the Football World Cup were dashed.

John is still in touch with several contemporaries including **Ken Knight** (K 32-38) – 85 on July 6th – **Mike Dobson** (R 34-42) and **Mike Abbott** (K 34-41–Canada), who, with his wife, paid a visit some years ago.

Tom O'Donald (S 51-57) welcomed Chris Essex to the job and recalled that it was Richard Rowe who had brought him back into the SOF after a break of nearly 50 years. He had caught up with two very good friends **Martin Wolferstan** (G 52-57) (but see Obituaries, Ed) and **Mike Geddes** (S 51-55). His mixture of medical problems and robust humour deserves direct quotation:

I have developed a brain dementia which has robbed me of my ability to walk, and has now affected the muscles of my throat so that I run the risk of inhaling food and thus giving myself pneumonia. The whole thing was delightfully put by my neurologist in 2 minutes flat:

1. *If you get pneumonia it would be pointless to do anything much save keep you comfortable.*
2. *Appoint a Power of Enduring Attorney so that your wishes may be passed on.*

3. *(And this is the killer) Please may we have your brain. Thank heavens I have not lost my macabre and warped sense of humour, although, when they took my driving licence away, it did cause a bit of a downer, but it is surprising what you can do with a gopher and the local bus and train services.*

Tom and his wife had booked a cruise up the Queensland coast for November, and he is hoping to hang on to see one of his sons to walk down the aisle for the third time next March.

We wish him well.

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✧ France

Pat Rogers (R 56-60) still lives near Arles, running a nano-sized business of holiday cottages (www.camargue-nature.co.uk), but admits to laziness about getting the website in order and organising occasional residential English immersion courses. He also goes off on consulting missions for a week or six at a time, usually and preferably to the Far East, mostly something to do with biodiversity or parks or forests. Read about an interesting visit to China on the website.

Germany

Babette Klitz (formerly **Schmidt**) (V 84-86) and her husband have moved to Berlin after 7 years in Brussels. Her husband works for Volkswagen and they have 2 boys aged 11 and 9. Her sister **Annette Netti** (formerly **Schmidt**) (P 80-82) lives in Berlin too and is also an OF. *(Given the number of OFs living in Germany/Berlin it would be good if someone there organised an OF gathering – volunteers?)*

Hawaii

Bryan Pearson (S45-47) sent some updates on his recent cruises:

In September 2005, he and Celestine boarded the Tahitian Princess in Papeete for a 10 day cruise to Rarotonga in the Cook Islands and were royally entertained by **Captain Nick Carlton** (G 63-70). Despite concern that they were monopolising too much of his



time, it was a wonderful experience with loads of time to reminisce about time at Fram. On the last day, they went up to the bridge, and took pictures, wearing the OF ties brought for the occasion.

The next cruise was to be aboard with Nick from August 4th to 14th 2006, sailing from San Francisco up the Inland Passage to Alaska and back. Of the ten days, five were to be spent at sea, so more time to reminisce, and, of course, another Old Framlinghamian Dinner. Bryan was looking forward to visiting his daughter in Sonoma before the cruise.

Hong Kong



Iain Fidlin (M 73-77) sent in the photo (above) in April 2006 of **Ian Howard** (S 57-62), **Iain F.**, and **John Birt** (S 59-63) after a chance meeting at the Hong Kong Rugby Sevens.

Bob Fox (R 66-71) has now been back in Hong Kong for 6 years, having spent 13 years in Australia, a further 8 in Hong Kong, one in Spain, another around Europe – which takes him back to 1975 when he left the UK. He is now working in a university, teaching IT in Education. There have been lots of changes but he describes HK as fundamentally still the same safe and vibrant place. With a bit of help from Chris, he was amazed to discover that there were 22 OFs there. An exchange of photos inspired him to think about collating lots of Fram photos – but then he was fruitfully directed to our website gallery.



He has been in touch with both his close friends at Fram: **Andy McConnell** (R 66-71) and **Gordon Gibbons** (R 66-71). He met up with Andy a few years ago, who stays in contact with **Ed Babbage** (R 64-69) and **Nigel Parsons** (R 64-68). Way back in 2000 he was also in contact with **Martin Hogg** (S 63-71), who is now living in Bury St Edmunds, and **Jonathan Amos** (S 67-71), now living in Perth.

Mallorca

Michael Evans (S 45-48) got in touch to say that he had nothing remotely interesting to say to other OFs, but that he did see **Ian Foster** (K 46-53) who lived on the other side of the island.

New Zealand

Nick Marsden (G 72-76) got in touch about his recently published novel (see website), and on return from a trip to Japan filled in some gaps. He has been in NZ for 14 years, having initially come for a month to run a teacher-training course.

After leaving Fram he went to Portsmouth Poly, sharing a flat with **Tony Tonka-Woods** (K 68-76) and, after graduating, headed to Morocco to teach English. He turned to training teachers, mostly in their own countries. His work has taken him to Izmir, Turkey (Directing an English School), Argentina, Poland, Brazil and Thailand.

He has now been in NZ for 14 years and is applying for citizenship. Having been a bit of a nomad, he is now establishing solid NZ roots, particularly after the birth of daughter Naomi, now coming up for 1 year old.

A late starter he got married for the first time last year, but compares himself (un?)favourably to Charlie Chaplin who had his first child at 70 and finished up with 11!

Nick manages to keep in touch with **Peter Rodolfo** (R 70-75) and **Bill Shipley** (G 67-76), and regrets how easily one loses touch, while enjoying reconnecting. He hopes to do more writing – so watch this space.

Philippines

John Simpson (K 32-36) wrote with news of his itinerant sons. **Jeremy** (K 56-64) was about to join them from his base in Philippines/Hong Kong. You can see what he is up to on www.jeremysimpson.com. Jeremy is now a serial grandfather – his daughter, Becky, has 2 daughters and a son. **Ben** (BH 84-86) has a strapping son. Ben is loving life in Kenya, flying choppers. Paternity has caused him to give up paragliding, but John was not sure about his adventurous motorcycling.

John was in the same Rugby teams as the late **Norman Borrett**, but had no eye for the smaller ball. He was in the same form, and, as Governor, saw Norman later on when he was Second Master. Both finished up living in Framlingham. John reckons to have a few more archive pictures, but they need to be dug out of boxes.

South Africa

Adam Phillips (G78-83) sent Christmas greetings. He lives in Cape Town and loves it. He works for Investec Bank. He believes that **Tim Smart** (R 73-81) now lives part of the year on Johannesburg. Tim, a great Rendlesham friend, works, he thinks, for De Beers.

He wrote again in June while the World Cup was on, finding it difficult to believe that it would be held in South Africa in 2010. Most South African support, this time, was for Ghana. More of a cricket and rugby fan himself, he was looking forward to seeing the Boks play France in June.

Adam also knows **James Campbell** (M 74-82) but has yet to meet him out there.

Thomas (Tim) Lewis (K 53-59) was intending to be back in Colchester during August and September. He kindly offered to bring with him an army plaque from his old regiment, as well as a book, for the cadets. It was not easy to think of an appropriate place to display the plaque, but thanks for the offer, Tim.

Guy S Brooke-Smith (S 41–44) passed on the sad news of the death of **Oliver Bridges** (S 45-50) on July 18th (see Obituaries). When they had lived in (then) Rhodesia and later Johannesburg, Oliver had been almost part of the family. He was a great friend.

Thailand

Michael Regan (M 77-79) lives in Bangkok and had been trying, unsuccessfully, to get together with John Birt in Koh Samui. He is still trying. He sent thanks to Richard Rowe.

John Birt (S 59-63) reported on his 60th birthday bash in January. It was a dinner given by several pals in a Bangkok restaurant. **Ian Howard** (S 57-62) was present and had obviously given the organiser some key biographical tips which resulted in the serving of cocktails variously labelled as...

1. Sandhurst Sizzler - Citrus Vodka, Grand Marnier & Lemon Juice
 2. Gurkha Grumbler - Bourbon, Sweet Vermouth & Angostura Bitters
 3. Stradbroke Blazer - Kahlua, Bailey's & Grand Marnier
- John further wondered about the possibilities of Rendlesham Ruin, Garrett Gimlet or Kerrison Kooler.

Still living it up, John later found himself again with Ian celebrating a friend's 50th birthday.

USA

Tony Neubroch (G 61-69) has renewed contact with the SOF from Ohio.

Niall Foster (G 73-75) emailed from Troy, Ohio, having discovered the OF website. He remembered Richard's name but not the face. It had taken some 30 years for nostalgia to erase some of the less comfortable memories of Fram. It had been a difficult two years coming from the freedom of life in Trinidad to the restrictions of an English boarding school. But having survived, and, according to his father, become "a better man" the memories and the



NOTE THE RECENT PHOTO (ABOVE) OF HIS FAMILY, AND ONE OF NIALL WITH HAIR AT FRAMLINGHAM!

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✚ names came flooding back: **Phil Bower**, **James (Wack) Barry**, **Simon (Beppo) Cain**, **Richard 'Rosie' and Bill Shipley**, **Simon N Garroway (Head of Garrett)**, **Timothy 'T bone' Slaughter**, **Peter Dring**, **Ngozi 'Boff' Ofili**, **Ed Giles**, **Johnny Adnams**, **Piers Hedley (Head of Garrett)**, **Chris Essex**.

Niall later sent in a few of his memories ("scary but my own") of Fram together with various photos – these fascinating and detailed memories are all available on the website, and, in addition to the above, include references to **Sam Slade (K 72-75)**, **Martyn Crook (G 70-75)**. The photos are of Garrett House and of Rugby teams, together with ones of **Charles Blackmore (K 65-75)** and **Rupert Chenevix-Trench (S 71-75)**.

Mark Twite (R 79-87) wrote from Denver, Colorado, with news of a new arrival, Annabelle. He is in his final year of training in anaesthesiology. He is based in two hospitals – Univ. of Colorado Health Sciences Center/The new Fitzsimons Hospital and The Children's Hospital. He was expecting to be back in England, at Birmingham Children's Hospital from July-December 2006, getting further experience in pediatric cardiac anaesthesiology – and also catching up with family.

Bryan Ivory (K 48-52) braved computer, scanner and internet to send photos to the website gallery, trying to remember names. Thank you, Bryan. He pays tribute to OB editors and gives a brief biography. After leaving Fram he qualified as a Quantity Surveyor.

He emigrated to Canada in 1958, lived in Toronto for 3 years, returned briefly to the UK before returning to Toronto to work in a firm of architects. He then moved to Washington USA and worked for an engineering company. He spotted an advert to do work at Dallas Airport, but based in Boston, and the next 30 years, as they say, is history. He has designed and built his own house and lives just 3 miles from the coast in N Carolina. He has kept in touch with **James Ruddock**, **David Pitcher (R 44-51)**, **John Gooderham** and **Michael Brown**.

James Kuppe (G 79-80) an ESU student in 1979, made contact from California. He is trying to locate **Ian Birrell (G 69-80)** and **Xavier Lam (G 78-80)**. Both are listed as 'Gone Away', but details have been passed to brother Mark Birrell, while Xavier is believed to be an architect in London or Hong Kong.

Alfred Molson (K 38-43) tells of contacts with **Ted Woods (G 38-44)**, **Ron Pine (K 34-41)**, **William Shipley (G 41-47)** – a retired vet – farm animals as well as small – **Michael Blake (K 72-76)**, whose father was rumoured to be a US ambassador. Alfred writes: "**John Thorne Blake (K 37-39)** and his brother **Elisha Roman Blake (K 37-39)** were two Americans at Fram with me. Their father, Maxwell Blake, was the US consul in Tangiers and I first met them in 1936 when 35/40 of us went back and forth to the UK to boarding school on P&O

liners. Maxwell's first post involved a donkey ride with all his belongings to a hilltop in Tirana, Albania. No airports in those days. His last post was Consul General of the USA in Morocco – where JT Blake was born. Maxwell served for some 60 years and retired during WW1. Elisha, with the US Military Police, died about the time of the Korean War.

Also on the P&O ships was **E Dempster (38-40)**. Ron Pine told Alfred that the older brother **Fergus Lee Dempster (29-34)** won a DSC in WW2 – and it should have been a VC, according to another OF".

Jonathan Ash (S 80-82) renewed contact to say that, although his official base was still London, he was temporarily encamped in New York, staying with his girl friend who works at the Singapore Mission to the UN. He expects to be there until next year –and then who knows where next. At Fram Jonathan shared rooms with **Myer Blackshaw (S 80-82)**, **Victor Cole (S 80-82)** and **Julian Mutimer (S 75-82)**. He has lost touch with Victor, heard from Julian that he was driving a bus for a living down in Brighton – possibly married with children – but the conversation stopped there.

Peter Ballard (S 57-66) responded to an email to say that both children had grown up and left home. The eldest was a doctor serving with the British Army, somewhere in Afghanistan. The youngest married an American lass last year, with the wedding in England, at Easton Church and the reception at Yaxley Hall, all of which coincided with his parents' 60th wedding anniversary.

He is still in the employ of Rolls Royce working the Corporate Aircraft market. He is in the throes of restoring a recently acquired 1933 Morgan Three Wheeler – a true piece of British history. It looks great from 10 feet but problems lurk beneath the surface. It is not unique –there are some 250 of them over there. Retirement plans involve a move back to a warm European country, but not England.

BELOW: PETER'S 1933 MORGAN THREE WHEELER – A TRUE PIECE OF BRITISH HISTORY



Richard Rowe (S 65-74). Last but far from least, readers will be delighted to hear about Richard. He is pleased with the impact which Chris has made with the Overseas Bag, and enjoys the less pressurised role of being a mere correspondent. He has done so much travelling in the last few months that he is beginning to forget where and when – grey cells beginning to rot. But – lots of new places: Medellin in Colombia, Lahore in Pakistan, Israel, Bulgaria, along with more usual destinations – Brazil, Mexico, Portugal, Turkey, India and Sri Lanka. He has a hand-held GPS to help with hotel/airport navigation.

Perhaps we should conclude by quoting verbatim from recent adventures – if ever anyone had a life style which shows the value of having contacts in far-flung places then Richard is the man. What he writes has the flavour of present day international travel: exciting but uncertain and sometimes hasardous:

"In Medellin there was the expected person holding a card with my name. My Spanish is almost non-existent and his English was not much better. He muttered "Car coming", and a large Mercedes pulled up. 4 men jumped out and motioned me inside. Their first words were "The road to town is broken, so we take longer route" As we roared off, I was beginning to wonder how many months of detention in a jungle hideout the "longer route" might take. But everything turned out to be genuine – just shyness because of the language barrier. They entertained me well. As with Pakistan my

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local guides implored me to be an ambassador for their "beautiful country" They simply didn't understand why the US and UK have their countries on travel advisory blacklists."

"I now have US citizenship but the UK does not recognise the US requirement to renounce allegiance to all foreign countries – so I still have my UK passport as well. Gone are the days when I could have held up my passport high like a shield to walk away from trouble. Now I hide my nationality and try hard to keep away from trouble.

In Israel I visited a factory North of Haifa. My guide then explained that I was in the safe North of the country, away from the Palestinian trouble areas. Today that same area is under attack. Bulgaria was fascinating, if only because the people shake their head for "yes" and nod for "no".

On the family front his three boys are very active in sports: the eldest, James, soon turns 7. There are terrazzo floors in the house so he has taught himself to skate on roller blades on the smooth floor. So, when he was put on ice for the first time he was off and away. He is enrolled in lessons and super-keen. The two younger boys are also taking to the ice-rink so ice hockey could become a major commitment.

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Thank you to the correspondents who have contributed some very interesting accounts of current life in the Services in this edition, and their own recent doings. At present there are a number of OFs working in or near the MOD, and it would be good if they were able to attend the London OF Suppers held in January and July at the Farmers Club within a short stone's throw of their offices! We look forward to welcoming them there. *John Stevens*

Royal Navy

Gordon Corner (S 72-75) has recently finished a long stint working at the MOD in central London, and has just started a new appointment in the NATO HQ at Northwood. He says that in his new job he is in touch with **Tim Woods** (Z83-88), who has left RNC Dartmouth and is now MA to the Chief of Staff. We understand that **David Summerfield** (G72-77) is now CO of the Royal Marine Reserves City of London, based in Bermondsey.

Army

*Many congratulations to **Miles Wade** (S66-76) who was awarded a well deserved CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for his work over the last three years in the MOD on Future Army Structures. He writes:*

I have not been a very good correspondent of the Old Framlinghamian Services Section since I was the Military Assistant to the Commander of NATO's Rapid Reaction Corps (as IFOR) in Bosnia and Germany from 1995-98, after which I undertook the MPhil in International Relations at Cambridge University in 1999. During my year at Cambridge, I was fortunate to be a member of Trinity Hall, and conducted an analysis of NATO's purpose and its military capability, using Bosnia and Kosovo as comparative examples.

Thereafter, I was privileged to command The Royal Yeomanry, converting it to be a Reserve Armoured and NBC Regiment, before undertaking an operational tour as Joint Operations Centre Director of HQ KFOR in Kosovo in mid 2002. I was Colonel General Staff in the MOD from 2003-5, responsible for Army policy and planning of the Future Army and Infantry Structures - a controversial and challenging task - which has fortunately resulted in a recent mention in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

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- Life has not all been work. With a family of three teenagers, we ski and sail. Anderley, my wife, and I have raced a Laser 2000 for a couple of seasons, becoming Army Individual dinghy champions and coming 5th in the 2006 Inland National Championships. My son William looks like following me into the Army, having just obtained an Army scholarship – much to his mother's chagrin.

My mother and father, **Peter Wade** (S45–49), are still globetrotting (currently in Canada), out of a delightful house in the Yorkshire Dales, from which my father continues to run the pheasant shooting for the members of Catterick Garrison. He now only plays golf three times a week. Brother **Jeremy** (S69–79) has a London and Essex-based business which is so time-consuming that he can only shoot and play golf twice a week. Brother **Julian** (S71–81) is bringing his architectural skills to bear for a business in the Yorkshire Dales.

I am currently attending RCDS where I am analysing the policy approaches to regime change – experience in the MOD has certainly helped! I have recently been appointed to command 145 (Home Counties) Brigade in 2007, but prior to that I have the challenge of commanding Multinational Task Force (North West) in Bosnia, commencing in September 2006. Bosnia is in an interesting state of transition; promoting political/civil primacy, whilst balancing the risk of military drawdown in a state where the memories of the ethno-nationalist wars of the early 1990s remain deeply scarred. I would be delighted to see any OFs either in Bosnia, or in Aldershot once I return.

Thank you Miles for an interesting account of a very busy life. Good Luck for your tour in Bosnia and congratulations again for your forthcoming promotion to Brigadier.

Julian Bunce (R70–80), who is still in his post at Warminster writes:

I'm in my third and final year responsible for communications and information systems support to the Joint Helicopter Command, based at HQ Land in Wilton, Salisbury. The Command is an interesting mix of Army Air Corps, the Commando Helicopter Force and the RAF's support helicopter fleet. We also look after the Army's 16 Air Assault Brigade which is a potent combination of Parachute Regiment battalions and Apache attack helicopters.

It's one of the most varied posts I've had in my 22 years service, frustrating at times when having to cope with some of the RAF peculiar habits (was it Churchill who said the RAF doesn't have customs, just bad habits?) but always challenging. We've just deployed a large part of 16 Brigade to Afghanistan and Iraq continues, so business is busy. I have dealt extensively with Cdr Gordon Corner RN over the last 2 years who was been 'higher HQ' as the CIS lead in the MOD.

Sailing is occupying much of my time and I met Col Miles Wade last year at the Army dinghy sailing committee. He is the current Army

champion (with his wife as crew) in the Laser 2000 class. I race my own dinghy here in Warminster on a small lake on the Longleat estate and also own a small cruiser in the Solent with my father and sister. We're happily settled in our own house and I'm hoping to re-tour at HQ land, probably moving into IT project management if all goes according to plan. I also see **Richard Pugh** (R75–80) occasionally – our sons play in the same West Wilts hockey team.

Royal Air Force

Jon Owen (K93–98) writes:

Looking at the latest magazine, I can see it's been a while since I kept you updated with my whereabouts.

From Cranwell, I was streamed helicopters and posted to RAF Shawbury to undergo rotary wing flying training. After 18 months spent flying the Squirrel and Griffin, I was role disposed onto Search and Rescue. Posted to RAF St Mawgan, I spent 7 months learning to fly the Sea King before being posted to RAF Lossiemouth for my first operational tour.

With an average of 200 callouts per year, Lossiemouth is one of the busier Search and Rescue Flights – certainly enough to keep me busy! I'll leave with a plea for any OFs – if you do go hill climbing in Scotland please wear something more than jeans and a T-Shirt!!

United States Navy

*I have received some welcome late news from **Sergio Kontek** (S92–94) who is now a Lieutenant in the United States Navy and writes:*

After leaving Fram, my family and I returned to the States in a suburb of Washington, DC, where I attended my last two years of high school. I received a congressional nomination to attend the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, NY, where I studied marine transportation and engineering. I graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Marine Operations and Technology, a commission in the Naval Reserve, acceptance into Navy flight school, and Merchant Marine license as "Third Mate, any tonnage, upon oceans". This essentially meant that I became a licensed ship's officer and could sail on almost any type of seagoing vessel.

After graduating in 2000 I did just that. Despite being commissioned I was not yet given a start date for flight school, so I applied for a third mate job with the U.S. Navy's Military Sealift Command. I sailed on the USNS Saturn and deployed with the USS George Washington battle group to the Mediterranean Sea for 6 months.

After returning home in January of 2001 I finally received my first set

of Navy orders, directing me to report to Navy Schools Command, Pensacola, FL to begin flight training and my Navy career. After Aviation Preflight Indoctrination I joined the 'Shooters' of VT-6 (Training Squadron 6) from Primary flight training in the T-34 Turbomenter. It was during training that I met my wife Heather. We actually attended high school together in Virginia, but that is a whole different story!

At the completion of Primary I was selected into the E-2/C-2 Pipeline, which took me to Corpus Christi, Texas for Intermediate multi-engine flight training. There I flew the T-44 Pegasus and received my instrument rating.

After leaving Texas I took a short break to get married and go on my honeymoon and then moved to Meridian, Mississippi to begin Advanced flight training in the T-2 Buckeye, a two-engine jet. Advanced training meant that I landed on an aircraft carrier for the first time and finally receive my Wings of Gold in January of 2003. Heather and I moved to Norfolk, Virginia in February to begin training in the E-2 Hawkeye, but not before having to attend SERE (Survival, Evasion, Resistance, Escape) school in San Diego for 2 week. If you've seen G.I. Jane, it's kind of like that, except not quite so 'Hollywoodized'. Suffice it to say that it was miserable, but one of the greatest places in the world to train.

I carrier-qualified and finished E-2 training at VAW-120, the E-2 Fleet Replacement squadron, in February of 2004 and was assigned to Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 125, where I am still stationed until March of 2007. I deployed to the Arabian Gulf in June of 2004 aboard the USS John F. Kennedy and will deploy again soon aboard the USS Dwight D Eisenhower until my departure from the squadron. My next assignment will take me back to Pensacola, Florida to fly the T-6 Texan II.

On a very happy note, Heather gave birth to our daughter Olivia Rose on January 17, 2006 and she is growing and learning at an incredible rate. I must say that parenthood is probably the most exciting thing in the world... well, except for landing at sea in the middle of a dark night!

Thank you very much Sergio and please keep us posted on your news when you get back to Pensacola.

Addresses

These are the latest addresses that we have. In several cases we are listing home addresses as being more permanent, and easier to keep up with.

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Lt Cdr PHG Moore RN, DEC UWB, Northumberland House, Northumberland Ave, London WC2N 5BP

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Army

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"Calling all Services"... Any security-cleared photos from our Service members would be most welcome (Ed).



We are delighted to announce the appointment of our first-ever Liaison Officer. All details of the job description were published in our May Newsletter, together with the advertisement for the post. This post is funded by the College, and will be based in the College. We are confident that we have, in the person of Paula Woolnough, the ideal person to bind the College, Brandeston and the Society more closely together, and to further the active involvement of female OFs. We leave it to Paula to introduce herself:

My name is Paula Woolnough and I am the new Old Framlinghamian Liaison Officer. This is an exciting new position and one that I'm delighted to be taking on. I am married to Nigel the 'Master' at Brandeston Hall and our daughter Francesca is currently studying in the 6th Form at Framlingham College. My career background is human resources and marketing and I look forward to adding to what is already a thriving and social organisation.

We hope to create more opportunities for the Old Framlinghamians to meet up and visit our two schools, both of which, I think, are situated in the most stunning situations. We hold many fascinating archives and have some famous and notable alumni and at some stage we intend to mount a comprehensive exhibition that you will be invited to.

However, in the meantime, we are always delighted to hear stories about your time at school as we don't want them to be lost forever... so please do contact us! At a recent Suffolk OF dinner we were told some hilarious stories about midnight raiding parties foraging for food during wartime, summer swimming parties in the Deben and foot trekking from Thorpeness to Brandeston in an afternoon!

Meanwhile please do check the website often as it is updated regularly and we post worthwhile and current news on it. I am contactable at either Framlingham College or Brandeston Hall and would welcome news or information from any Old Framlinghamian.

...HILARIOUS STORIES ABOUT MIDNIGHT RAIDING PARTIES...



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ENGAGEMENTS

Alex Miller (S 89-91) to Miss Claire Louise Lowndes Radcliffe. They will be married at Bilsington Church, Kent on 27th May 2006.

MARRIAGES

David John Mayhew (R 87-92) to Miss Jennifer Gross on 25th February 2006 in Chicago, USA. At the wedding were David's father **Robert Mayhew** (R 53-60) and mother Dianne and brothers **Alan** (R 83-88) and **Timothy** (R 85-90).

James Nesling (Z 89-94) to Cassie Stimpson on 29th July 2006 at St Nicholas Church, Bedfield (5 miles from Framlingham). Present at the wedding were **Ian Squirrell** (R 89-94), **James Blyth** (Z 89-94) and all **Neslings** that have attended Fram over the years.

DEATHS

Derek John Barralet (G 52-55) – On 8th June 2006, after a short illness, aged 68. Brother of **Philip Sydney Barralet** (G 60-64). A Service of Thanksgiving was held on 16th June 2006 in St. Alban's Church, North Harrow. Among the large congregation was **Adrian Skeates** (G 51-55). Derek is survived by his wife Mary, children Andrew, Jane and Peter and three grandchildren.

Oliver John Herbert Bridges (S 45-50) – at the Norfolk and Norwich hospital on the 19th July 2006 aged 73, Brother to **Bernard Bridges** (S 45-54) he is survived by his daughters Jane, Kate and Sophie and his grandchildren Lucy, Henry, Emily and Alice. The funeral was held at the St Faith's Crematorium, Horsham St Faiths, Norwich. Among O.Fs attending were **Charles Wharton** (G 44-52) and **Richard Lee Warder** (S 67-71).

Geoffrey Charles Brown (S 31-38)

Simon Bransby Cockell (K 69-74) - early in 2006 aged 50.

Alan Sydney Dods (R 27-32) – on 6th March 2006 aged 91. The Funeral was held on 10th March 2006 at Plumstead near



Capetown. He is survived by his wife, Noel, six children and twelve grandchildren.

Raymond Andrew Acfield Emms (R 48-52) – suddenly on 21st August 2006 aged 71 in Lupiac, France. Father of the late **Neville Emms** (R 75-80) and the late **Charles Emms** (R 75-84). He is survived by his wife Annette.

Leonard Paul Evans OBE, (G 42-48) – suddenly on 17th August 2006 aged 75 in Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia. He is survived by his wife Patricia, daughters Sally and Jodie and son Toby.

Brian Anthony Godfrey (K 41-45) – suddenly but peacefully on 17th June 2006 aged 77. He is survived by his wife, Joan and children Simon and Jennifer. The funeral was held at Dunwich Church on Wednesday 28th June at 2pm. Among OFs attending were **G G Peck** (S 38-44), **A D Cole** (G 48-54), **R J Mayhew** (R 53-60), **K G Hammond** (G 50-57), **J I B Halahan** (S 72-75), **G A Duce** (K 71-79), **C E Core** (S 73-78), **A V Pryce** (K 44-47), **J E Jarman** (S 53-57), **D H Holland** (R 45-52), **R J Hayes** (S 60-65), **B Russell Fish** (G 44-50) and **G R Gould** (K 66-71).

Anthony Terence Hoolahan (R 39-43) – on 11th March 2006 aged 80. He is survived by his wife Dorothy, son Mark and daughter Catriona. Among the funeral congregation were **B L Shelley** (G 39-44) and **M W Marjoram** (S 42-50).

David Henry Stannard Kent (K 69-74) – on 8th July 2006 aged 51. The funeral was held at St Mary's Church, Uggeshall on 19th July 2006. He is survived by his wife Ronnie.

Susan Fiona Mackay (P 81-90) – on 5th March 2006 aged 33. Sister of **Lorna Mackay** (P 82-91) and **Colin Mackay** (Z 83-91). The funeral was held at St Andrew's Church, Kettleburgh on 14th March 2006.

Herbert John Rutter Middleton (G 39-44) on 11th November 2005.

John David Thorp (K 36-40) – on 29th August 2006, aged 82, in Mahogany Creek, Western Australia.

Neil Jonathan Utting (G 58-65) – on 4th July 2006 aged 59, after a sudden illness. Brother of **Nigel Victor Utting** (G 64-71). He is survived by his wife Maria and children Richard and Rachael. The funeral was held on 12th July 2006 at Heveningham Parish Church. Among OFs attending were **D H Holland** (R 45-52), **J E Jarman** (S 53-57), **A D Cole** (G 48-54), **B Russell Fish** (G 44-50), **P M Martin** (G 54-59), **R J Hayes** (S 60-65), **K G Hammond** (G 50-57) and **J R Mann** (G 58-76).

Martin Weston Pipe Wolferstan (G 52-57) – on 1st September 2006, aged 68. The funeral service was held at his old Cambridge college, Trinity Hall on Tuesday 12th September. Brother of the late **Timothy Swinfen Pipe-Wolferstan** (G 49-51).

OBITUARIES

*Notice of these deaths was posted in the May 2006 Newsletter. Full Obituaries now follow.

***Lord Belstead** (1932-2005)

John Clement, former Chairman of the Governors writes:

The tradition that the Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk should be Chairman of the Corporation of The Albert Memorial College has been of enormous benefit to the college and to the Chairman of Governors over

many years. I feel very fortunate to have served the college with two quite different but wonderful characters – Sir Joshua Rowley and Lord Belstead. Both men hardly missed a meeting and were always available for those all too important impromptu discussions. John Belstead was a great listener and a very reassuring and wise friend during the time that we worked together. He never failed to return a telephone call.

Much has been written and said about him in recent weeks and I venture to suggest that not many knew just how great his political contribution had been. His integrity and his courtesy were of the

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highest order and the attendance at his memorial service at St Mary-Le-Tower Ipswich on the 21st of January was a very fitting tribute to him.

He had a profound interest in all matters educational and few people knew that he had taught in prep schools and indeed started his Ministerial career as Under Secretary of Education. In recent years he had not enjoyed the best of health but he had been a very enthusiastic sportsman playing tennis, croquet, golf and always judging carefully the ability of the opposition in order to play a good game – which he was not averse to winning.



✚ He was a very keen sailor and displayed nerves of steel when racing his Dragon 'Harkaway' at Aldeburgh. For an unassuming and gentle man he was surprisingly competitive in spite of appearing rather laid back. He owned an old boat but he was frequently first over the line due to his careful judgement of wind and tide and an intimate knowledge of the river Alde, always preferring to sail if at all possible.

John Belstead had a deep understanding and love of the land and



everything that involved Suffolk, preferring to be in the county regarding everywhere else as 'abroad'. His disarming ability and desire to talk to everybody as equals was very special and this applied especially to the young with whom he would have meaningful conversations.

In a day and age when so much news appears negative and destructive it gives me the greatest pleasure to write about a wonderful human being about whom nobody has written or said anything remotely negative.

John Belstead was an unfailingly courteous and kind 'Gentleman' with whom it has been a privilege and pleasure to have been associated.

*Michael Dixon Whitehead Balls (1938-2005)

Michael left Framlingham in the summer of 1955 and in due course was enlisted into the RAF for his national service. Upon completing his service he entered the construction industry when he joined Whitham Precast Ltd. This did not satisfy Michael and in 1975 he founded Danbury Fencing Ltd, which supplied and fixed fencing for many different applications. He was widely traveled, going to South America as a fencing consultant and also to Portugal, Estonia and Greece. Never happier than when engaged in country pursuits, he most enjoyed fishing and game shooting. As a hobby he loved woodcarving and turning and successfully made furniture for his home. Devoted to his wife, Susan, and his daughters, Michael was laid to rest in the orchard of his beloved home in Danbury.

Derek John Barralet (1938-2006) *Schoolfriend Bob Clayton (G 50-56) writes:*

I first met Derek at the College in 1952. He came to Framlingham from his prep school St Martins in Ealing.

Our friendship began due to his surname beginning with B and mine with C, this resulted in us being in close proximity at roll-call time in Garrett House Set-room.

As his parents lived in Ealing it was too far in those days for them to travel up to the College and back in one day for the four Sunday 'exeats' allowed each term, particularly since we were not allowed out until after the morning chapel service and had to be back for Evensong for 6.30 p.m. As a result of this Derek was invited back to my home in Combs (near Stowmarket) for 'exeats' by my parents who came to regard him as one of the family. For my part I was equally looked after during school holiday visits to his family home in Ealing.

Derek was a good athlete, always doing well in the annual 'standards' and representing the house in cross country 'Inter-set' races. However his favourite sport was rugby in which he excelled, catching the eye of 'Laddie' Melsom after one memorable game for the school 3rd XV and being promoted straight into the first XV where

he remained for the rest of the season. The year was 1955 and a good one for the first XV captained by **Norman Mayhew** (R 48-56). Other notable names in the team were our mutual friends **Bryan Ellis** (G 49-55) and **Bryan Arthur** (K 52-58), (who sadly lost their lives with many other members of the Bury St Edmunds Rugby Club in the

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Paris Turkish Airlines crash), and **Andrew Hancock** (S 52-57) who scored the memorable winning try for England in a match against the old Scottish foe in the sixties.

Shortly after leaving Framlingham Derek's younger brother Philip joined the College at the same time as did my brother Michael.

After leaving the College, instead of doing his National Service, Derek opted for a three-year stint in the Army, his leadership qualities being sensibly recognised by the Royal Military Police who awarded him a short-service commission. He served in Singapore and Hong Kong gaining high respect from his fellow officers and men. Up to the time of his death he maintained friendships with his old RMP colleagues.

After leaving the Army Derek joined his parents in their 'Barralets of Ealing' nursery and landscaping business. Soon meeting and marrying Mary, they set up home in Ruislip where their three children Andrew, Jane and Peter were born.

During his business career Derek's firm showed at the Chelsea Flower Show for some thirty five years. During this time he came into contact with many OFs including **Jim Blythe** (K 48-54) and **Adrian Skeates** (G 51-55).

Perpetuating his early love of rugby Derek qualified as a London Society Rugby Referee and later became a steward at Twickenham. He was also a steward at Wimbledon for many years, being very generous to his friends with his highly

prized allocation of match tickets!

Derek was a keen bee-keeper, winning acclaim for his delicious 'Ruislip' honey. In-between his many activities he found time to play bowls and to transport infirm patients from their homes to the local hospital for their appointments.

He was waiting to go into hospital for a replacement heart valve operation when, during other tests in March, it was found that he had terminal cancer. Sadly he died in hospital on 8th June 2006.

Derek was a lifelong friend with a wry and chiding sense of humour. He will be sorely missed by Mary, his three children, three grandchildren and many friends.

Oliver John Herbert Bridges (1932-2006)
His brother Bernard writes:

After leaving Framlingham in 1950 Oliver attended Writtle Agricultural College in Essex after which he built up a Broiler Chicken business in Fakenham and Bawdeswell in Norfolk.

In 1975 Oliver left the UK to manage a poultry farm in Harare, Zimbabwe and later moved to South Africa to work for Premier Foods. Here his responsibility was to advise the company on their poultry businesses in neighbouring countries such as Mozambique, Angola and Zambia.

Oliver returned to the UK for a short period but retired to Zimbabwe in 1990 where he became increasingly depressed by the deteriorating economic and political situation there. Ill health caused him to return to the UK in 2002 when he went to live near his oldest daughter in Horning, Norfolk.

Oliver had been a keen sailor, racing Flying Fifteens at Lowestoft in Suffolk. He played energetic tennis in Harare and enjoyed his Bridge group there.

While in Africa he maintained close contact with a number of OFs, in particular **Chris Seddon** (S 43-50), **Guy Brooke Smith** (S 41-44) and **Alan Richardson** (S 34-40).

***Laurence Godfrey Burr (1928-2005)**

Laurence suffered a stroke about three years ago and never fully recovered. After leaving Framlingham he joined his father working the family farm at Burgh-next-Aylsham in Norfolk.

He developed an interest in collecting British banknotes and followed this interest for over 40 years, eventually becoming a leading authority on this subject. His collection included notes from the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands, Ireland, Scotland, England - including those of private banks and the British Armed Forces. He would carefully inspect every note, finding the slightest difference, and record his findings. He developed a method of washing and ironing his notes to return them to pristine condition giving a new dimension to "money laundering"!

One of the first books published about British notes was co-written by Laurence ensuring he was held in very high esteem by fellow collectors and giving him one of the most prestigious collections in the world. The collection is soon to be auctioned at the Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, Covent Garden in June, September and December 2006.

He married Mary and together they had two sons, Philip and Richard. He later married Dorothy and their daughter, Amanda, eventually gave birth to Laurence's only grandchildren, two grand-daughters.

***Brian Kenneth Dent (1938-2006)**

The son of a master baker, Brian came to Framlingham in 1950 and when he left five years later had established his place in the Cricket XI and gained his First XI colours, it being noted that he 'bowled his off-breaks - which he is not afraid to pitch up - with considerable effect'.

With a great interest in the countryside, from an early age, it was not surprising that Brian became a farmer, a career he followed all his life, always supported by Ann whom he married in 1960. He continued his love of sport, particularly cricket, becoming captain of Spooner Row Cricket Club and Wymondham Hockey Club. When he was no longer able to play his sport he became a keen spectator, especially of Norwich City.

Well liked at school, Brian retained his links with Framlingham, and many OFs in Norfolk and beyond, will always be grateful that he took on the task of organizing the Norfolk Suppers. For ten years Brian carried out this duty, even as his illness took its toll,

and he only reluctantly relinquished it in the last weeks of his life. He will be sorely missed.

BELOW: BRANDESTON SPEECH DAY:
ANN DENT PRESENTS THE INAUGURAL
B K DENT AWARD TO TOM KING.



Alan Sydney Dods (1915-2006)

The Dods children sent a letter subsequent to Alan's death on March 6th 2006, following a fall and broken hip just 2 days before his 91st birthday. He and his wife, Noel, had been living for the past 17 months in an Old Age home near Cape Town.

He had been a GP for nearly 60 years. He was a man of integrity and high ethical standards with a quiet but firm Christian belief. He was also an avid sportsman. He died in his own bedroom, under a print of the mighty Thames river and his other favourite pictures, with his Framlingham school crest and his beloved Matopos Sailing Club crest on the wall next to him.

At the end he was surrounded by what he had loved and those whom he loved.

Alan was a loyal member of Council, attending meetings until a couple of years ago, when increasing deafness made attendance difficult. His daughter tells us that he always had such a high regard for his old school and used to delight in returning for Golf days and dinners. He "dragged" his wife to see OFs wherever they travelled around the world. She adds that the school did him proud and that he was a keen supporter of all that the Society did.

Alan's children live in Bedford (UK) Marseilles and Cape Town, Kansas City, and Woking, a truly international family. Alan is survived by Noel, his wife, six children and five grandchildren.

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✶ **Leonard Paul Evans OBE (1931-2006)**

The following appreciation, written by Guy Waterson, Len's son-in-law, is dedicated to the man, Len Evans. In the next Yearbook we shall publish a considered appreciation of this extraordinary man and his achievements.

One summer evening 15 years ago Len Evans grabbed a good bottle of burgundy and led me out to his veranda for the would-be son-in-law conversation. As the sun fell behind the Hunter Valley's Brokenback range we got to the part where he could gauge my prospects. I was struggling with some banal career decision: one path boring but financially secure, the other much more interesting, but relatively poorly paid. Seeking approval, I ventured that the sensible thing might be to go dull and safe. Len thought for a moment, turned to me and asked: "How many lives are you planning to have?"

If there is anything to temper the sorrow of his family and friends after his beleaguered heart finally packed in last week, it is the certainty that Len could not have extracted any more fun from this life.

As we drove north to the Hunter last Thursday, my young daughters in the back seat heard a brief tribute on the radio. Nine-year-old Emily asked, "Do you think Grandpapa had done everything he wanted to?" "He never got to Barcelona," I said—the worn-out heart had several times frustrated his desire to see Gaudi's architecture — "but I can't think of anything else."

Most of the times you hear it, the expression "living life to the full" is a platitude; Len turned it into a masterclass, and we were his students. His public and professional face was that of the wine man, and according to those equipped to judge, he had few rivals in the world for breadth and depth of knowledge. Fewer still could match his palate; none could equal his contribution to Australia's wine industry. But to celebrate that expertise alone is to limit him. To my eye, his greatest love was people. His adored wife, children and grandchildren came first, without question, but I know of no one who took more energetic pleasure in friends and strangers,

entertaining them with wine, song, fine food and, above all, laughter. "We're having so-and-so for lunch," he'd say. "I think you'd enjoy him." Sometimes we wouldn't, but Len's boundless energy and appetite for life gave him the capacity to enjoy almost anyone and anything. He would find the secret amusing corner of the most difficult personality; he could roar with laughter at books with odd titles — his collection began with a volume called Altar

sausage sandwich, tomato sauce dripping down his shirt. He would drive me into Cessnock to the pie shop and home through the vineyards, every paddock and building inspiring a pastry-flecked lesson in Hunter history. With silent precision we'd stop at his gate to inspect each other's clothes for telltale crumbs. We were never caught.

Len forgave us both our greed because he was mightily amused by human folly,



LEN EVANS: BOUNDLESS ENERGY AND APPETITE FOR LIFE

Linen: Its Care and Use, although I think his favorites were Underwater Sport On A Small Income; Dumps, A Plain Girl; and the profoundly wise Be Bold With Bananas.

His appetite was not just metaphorical. He hosted or attended thousands of great meals—as the messages of sympathy came in last week, it was astonishing to see how many began "The best lunch/dinner/day I ever had..."—but his taste buds had their simple side. Little grunts and moans of pleasure would emerge from the kitchen, where he could be found devouring a

especially that of his friends. He would repeat tales of indiscretions and infidelities with rogueish non-judgmental relish. He could even rejoice in another's meanness — a quality he detested — but only if their tight-fistedness was of such spectacular proportions that it made a good story.

Raconteur is a word that normally provokes a shiver of dread, but you could listen to Len all night. I never heard him stumble over a name, detail or punchline, even when by rights he should have been stumbling over the furniture. And every

tale, bawdy or screamingly funny, revealed an understanding of human nature born of self-knowledge and that relentless curiosity about others. He knew prime ministers, film stars, musicians and multi-millionaires, but when they arrived at his legendary parties they had better learn to mix with cellar hands and vineyard workers.

That love of people, of life, found expression in Len's absurd generosity. Contrary to the general assumption, his cellar was not especially well-stocked, because he was always drinking the stuff. Not drinking; sharing. Len must have poured more great wine down unsophisticated throats than anyone in history: I have a beer-loving friend who still has no idea he has drunk Romanée-Conti. Len wasn't stupid — his glass tended magically to look a little fuller than the next — but he'd rather have called someone in off the street than drink a great bottle by himself.

He was generous too with his time and advice; many fine careers in food and wine were launched with his support. And he maintained his countless friendships with seemingly effortless kindnesses.

Something — a book, a trinket he'd found rummaging in an antique shop, an engraving — would catch his magpie eye and remind him of someone; days later it would arrive in the post with a letter in his bold flowing hand. He would spend hours covered in clay and oxide dust making ceramic tiles, firing them in his electric kiln, assembling grand mosaics destined for a friend's winery wall.

The last time I saw him, the Sunday before he died, he and Trish called in on their way home from the airport. They'd eaten on the plane, but our seven-year-old decided to make him a sandwich. She tore holes in the bread with chunks of too-cold butter, stuck on a slice of ham and smeared the lot with enough hot English mustard to make a shark weep. Len ate it as though it were the finest dish ever offered to him, licked his lips and said "Lucy, that was so delicious I simply have to have another." She beamed with joy and triumph; it was an expression he made appear on many faces throughout his glorious life.

Brian Anthony Godfrey (1929-2006)

Brian had been at Framlingham just two years when he developed pneumococcal arthritis and was very fortunate that the surgeon was able to save both his life and his leg. After spending many months on his back, Brian had to learn to walk again, although his disability remained all his life.

Upon leaving school he worked with his parents in the hotel business until his father retired from the hotel and developed a nursery specializing in freesias.

At this stage Brian decided he wanted to go to sea and the only opening for a disabled person was as a Radio Officer. Having completed his training in 1960, he joined Marconi Marine and was hired out by them to various shipping companies including P&O passenger vessels. It was at this time that he and Joan, his girlfriend from college days, were married and in 1963 Brian felt that, with a new wife, he should spend less time on long sea journeys and became a silicon wafer engineer in Southampton.

Having spent several years at silicon development and by now the father of growing children, Simon and Jennifer, he felt that working on oilrigs would be financially more rewarding and give him more time to enjoy his family. Here he stayed until his father retired from the nursery in Suffolk and Brian took that over until he too retired to spend the rest of his life in Suffolk where he was born and educated.

***John Anthony Harvey (1937-2006)**

From an obituary by David Green in the East Anglian Daily Times.

John 'Tony' Harvey was one of Britain's best known countrymen, a farmer, engineer, raconteur and traditional singer — a Suffolk man who loved horses and hunting. He lived at Tannington, not far from Framlingham and rode with every mounted pack in Britain during a lifelong love affair with hunting. He was Master of the Easton Harriers Hunt for two periods, 1963-1968 and 1971-1989, and was out following the hunt the day before he died.

After being introduced to hunting in the Lake District he heard people singing

hunting songs in the pubs and soon had his own repertoire, later extended by other traditional folk songs. He sang in East Anglia with John and Katie Howson's Old Hat Concert Party and was trustee of the East Anglian Traditional Music Trust.

Tony was in the first intake into Brandeston in 1948 and, while still a schoolboy, was using horses on his father's farm and came to regret their rapid replacement as tractors soon dominated the Suffolk farming landscape. When he left school he became a horse dealer working in partnership with Jack Steel at Bulls Hall, Bedford.



TONY HARVEY: LIFELONG LOVE AFFAIR WITH HUNTING

From the end of the 1960s Tony collected horse-drawn carts and carriages, gathering with friends and vehicles on Sundays at local pubs such as the Worlingworth Swan, Brundish Crown and Hoxne Swan. Eventually he started a business from Tannington Hall, driving guests around the local countryside in horse drawn-carriages, employing friends who were retired horsemen, as drivers.

He made two epic journeys aboard his traditional gypsy wagon, one from Suffolk to the Appleby horse fair in Cumbria and later to Epsom for the Derby, via central London and Trafalgar Square. "He knew one of the Queen's equerries and as a

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result he stayed at Buckingham Palace for one night during the journey. Everywhere he went people knew him – from dukes to dustmen,” said his daughter Bridget. Tony’s Epsom trip raised £25000 for the Thomas Wolsey School in Ipswich where one of his grandsons, Wilfred, was later to become a pupil.

His second wife, Lydia and daughters Bridget, Judith and Charlotte paid tribute to a sociable, charming and enthusiastic man whose love of horse and hunting inspired many others.

Anthony Terence Hoolahan (1943-2006)

Foundation Scholar and Head Prefect, Anthony left school in 1943, volunteered to join the Royal Navy and found himself as a member of the Oxford University Naval Division, combining the study of law with the discipline of learning how to be an ordinary seaman, eventually being commissioned in the Naval Volunteer Reserve.

His first posting was to a small, 900 ton, Flower Class Corvette – HMS Celandine, where as the Anti-Submarine Detection Officer, he was kept extremely busy on their Atlantic patrols, which went as far as Newfoundland and back, helping to protect convoys from enemy action. When the European War ended in 1945, he was immediately posted to a 4000-ton tank-landing ship, which was then stationed in Calcutta for the continuing war against Japan. In 1946, after he was demobilised, he resumed his law studies up at Oxford.

As an advocate specialising in defamation, Anthony was a Bencher of the Inner Temple, and at one time Head of Chambers at No. 1 Brick Court, a Recorder of the Crown Court, and latterly in his career, also Commissioner for Social Security, and for Child Support. This busy life notwithstanding, he also found time to interest himself in local affairs, becoming chairman of the Richmond Society for four years, of the trustees of the Richmond Museum for seven years, and a governor of St. Elizabeth’s School for nine years.

A gentle man, with a quiet sense of humour, overly modest of his significant abilities and achievements, patriotic, loyal, stoical, he lived by his Christian Beliefs and his sense of duty, and the way in which he

and his family bore his incapacitating illness was a model of love, courage, and sacrifice.

David Henry Stannard Kent

(1954-2006)

David spent his working life in banking and was one of the founder members of the HSBC Agricultural Team in the Eastern Counties which was established in 1989.

He spent much of his career serving the financial needs of farmers and growers in the County of Norfolk where he built a reputation which was a credit to him and his bank. David was much liked and respected by customers, professionals and colleagues alike and will be greatly missed by them all.

Susie Mackay (Pembroke House 1981-1990)

Rev Roger Dixon, former Rector of Brandeston, who gave the tribute address at the Memorial Service, and Caroline Morgan (née Dixon), long standing friend, write:

Susie Fiona Mackay died in March aged 33. She had been born at Mobberley in Cheshire but moved as a small child to the Old Rectory at Kettleburgh when her parents came to work in Suffolk, her mother as a GP in the Framlingham practice. The grounds of the old house were a wonderful playground for the family who kept horses, dogs and cats. Susie grew up with a great love of animals and adopted a vegetarian way of life.

A very popular pupil at Brandeston, with a wide circle of friends, she went on to the College in September, 1985. She was involved in all the usual games and activities, though some of her friends recall the devious schemes and excuses devised among them to avoid “Steeps”. She was one of those people with whom others could share their troubles and anxieties, a characteristic which showed not only at the College, but at home. The family moved from Kettleburgh to “Ridgewood” on the outskirts of Framlingham, and then to College Road, a house which became a kind of “Mackay Drop-In Centre” with Susie as the chief counsellor.

While in Kettleburgh village she had shown the same caring attitude, and one

member of the community has recently spoken of Susie’s sincerity in her concern for other people there. A gene must have been passed down from her grandfather and her mother, because she took up work involving care for others. First of all it was Reiki and then, even though her own health was precarious, she retrained for Occupational Therapy.

The diagnosis of a brain tumour had been a great shock to her family and friends, though she made a good recovery after an operation. Earlier this year, however, the problem reappeared and she



SUSIE MACKAY: ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE WITH WHOM OTHERS COULD SHARE THEIR TROUBLES AND ANXIETIES

entered Addenbrooke’s Hospital. The end was mercifully quick but was a tremendous loss to her many friends and a tragedy for her family. Her mother, Sheila, a former College doctor, will be known by many OFs, as will her sister, Lorna and her brother, Colin.

The funeral service was conducted by Graham Vellacott in Kettleburgh Church on 14th March, 2006. The address was given by Rev Roger Dixon (Hon OF), who pointed out that to us who grow older, she will always be young, and that there is truth in Laurence Binyon’s words, “They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old.” Readings were given by Giselle Breed, a friend from university, Susie’s step-father, David Wray, her brother-in-law Anthony Custy and **Jane Barlow (née Hayes P85-90)**. Susie’s popularity and the shock felt at her untimely death was evidenced by the large numbers of her contemporaries from Framlingham, staff and pupils alike, who

attended the funeral.

We sang some of the hymns and worship songs familiar to BH pupils of her generation and in the attempt to sing one as a round, chaos resulted.

Some of us may have cried at her funeral but we certainly all laughed. She would have loved it!

OFs, Hon OFs, staff or former staff present at Susie's funeral included: **Colin Mackay** (83-91), **Lorna Custy** (née Mackay 82-91), **Jane Barlow** (née Hayes 83-90), **Caroline Morgan** (née Dixon 82-90), **Giles Smallcombe** (80-90), **Sarah Hinds** (née Pawle 83-90), **Kate Banyard** (82-90), **Nicola Sheppard** (85-90), **Isobel Betts** (83-88), **Andrew Robinson** (80-90), **Sally Davies** (81-91), **Hanna Smallcombe** (82-93), **Georgia Faulkner** (née Cole 83-91), **Sarah Coleman** (86-91), **Tim Griffiths** (81-89), **Andrew Reader** (81-87), **Richard Pawle** (58-66), **John Bater**, **Norman Porter** (50-57), **Brian Smallcombe**, **Rev Michael Vipond**, **Mary Vellacott**, **Tony Lawrence**, **Howard Robinson**, **Bob Williams**, **Ann Nesling**.

Also in attendance were **Steven Norton** and **Will Edmundson**, who were long time school medical officers.

***Gerald Mitchell (1928-2005)**

The son of the Secretary to the Medical Division of Norwich Union, Gerald had an illustrious career at Framlingham which was unfortunately marred by news of the death of his elder brother Michael, killed in action in Malaya during the Second World War.

Head Prefect, Captain of Cricket and Hockey, member of the Rugby XV, Captain of Squash and Tennis and Keeper of Fives, Gerald was also awarded the Mawby, Eustace Dicks and Austin Sparkes prizes.

Upon leaving school in the summer of 1946 he was immediately selected to play cricket for Norfolk in the Minor Counties Championship and, on his debut, scored 95 against Hertfordshire, with the next highest score being 18. National service in the RAF and a posting to Malaya prevented him playing in 1947 and 1948, but in 1949, he top scored against Suffolk with 71. 1950 saw him score 139 against Kent II at Dartford and he was awarded his County Cap. Ill health prevented Gerald playing

from 1953 to 1955 and he made only occasional appearances thereafter, but as a stylish batsman and a useful bowler he had made a great contribution to Norfolk cricket. He was also a fine hockey player and played for Norwich Grasshoppers, Norfolk's premier club at that time.

After national service Gerald attended Brooksby Farm Institute at Melton Mowbray followed by a spell with Norfolk farmer Charlie Joice. He then entered the agricultural commercial sector working in turn for The Processed Vegetable Association, Balding Brothers of Dereham, Pertwees, and before retirement, Dalgety.

In 1955 Gerald married Alix Bruce, the sister of **Douglas Bruce** (S 51-54).

***Neil Murrell (1919-2006)**

Neil, although eighteen months younger than Norman Borrett (S 31-36), played alongside him in the 1936 Hockey XI, being at centre forward when Norman was inside left. He claimed he was able to beat Norman on the athletics field at any distance over half a mile. They resumed their teamwork some twenty years later when both played hockey for Framlingham Town where they were joined by former England trialist **F G Jerrey** (S 26-31).

Neil joined the RAF during the 2nd World War and served in France and Germany and, soon after the end of the war, tried to put his recently acquired skills to good use by buying an aircraft with the intention of starting an airline in Australia. When this proved unsuccessful he returned to England and bought Street Farm at Earl Soham where he farmed for the rest of his life.

Sport was always an important interest for Neil and in addition to hockey he played club cricket and soccer. When he became too old for hockey he took to golf and soon became a very good golfer, playing in the Halford Hewitt for the Old Framlinghams. In his latter years he was renowned for his ability at croquet assisted, no doubt, by practice on his own croquet lawn.

***James Henry Scoggins (1921-2005)**

James attended Framlingham as a Pembroke Scholar and when he left school in 1935 at the age of 14, employment was

not easy to find. Undeterred, he walked from his home in Framlingham to Diss in search of work and was taken on by Larter and Ford (ironmongers). After wartime service in the RAF, engaged in bomb disposal, James returned to Diss as manager of his former employers before moving to Watson & Smith, motor dealers, as Sales Manager. He later became a director and shareholder and remained there until he retired.

A devout worshipper at St Mary's, Diss, he was determined it should remain open despite the threat of vandalism and spent many hours on the volunteer rota, protecting the church and welcoming the many visitors from around the world.

James was elected to the Diss Urban Council in 1948 chairing each of its working committees and the Council itself. When local authorities were revised in 1974 he was elected to the new District Council and served until 1995 thus spending close to 50 years as a local councillor.

James was a Rotarian, member of the Round Table and Freemason where he was a Past Master of the OF Lodge. He was still Clerk to the Trustees of the Diss Parochial Charities when he died aged 84.

***Guy Simpson (1925-2005)**

His sons Charles and Henry write:

Along with his cousin, John Simpson, Guy was at the heart of five generations of Simpsons to have attended Framlingham. These included his grandfather, George Henry Simpson, who enrolled at the opening term in 1865, his father, uncles, his brother Clive who enrolled at the opening term of Brandeston in 1948, two sons and five grandchildren, four of whom are currently at Brandeston. A total of 25 direct descendants of George Henry have attended the college.

Guy was born into a family that had farmed at Stonham Aspal since at least 1675 and, whilst the farms were given up shortly after his birth, his later career as a maltster was to return him to his agricultural roots in Suffolk.

He enrolled at Framlingham College in 1939 and soon found himself evacuated to Repton where his duties included photography (see "Their swords are in your ✨

keeping.”). On leaving Framlingham he briefly joined Eastern Counties Farmers before enlisting in The Rifle Brigade in 1943, prior to being commissioned into the 1st Battalion the Suffolk Regiment.

He joined the Battalion in late 1944 in North West Europe and was soon in the thick of the fighting. A notable engagement was the five day battle for a Dutch baron's castle near Geijsteren in the Maas bend. 60 years later Guy was somewhat surprised to recognise a photograph of himself with his platoon the morning after the battle in “The Old Dozen” (Photographs of the Suffolk Regiment). Guy was mentioned in a number of press articles and his parents back in Suffolk would scour the newspapers for news of his exploits.

At the end of the fighting in Europe, Guy returned briefly to England. The photograph below “Return to Fram 1945” shows Guy second left with Tony and David Brook, Peter Thomas and Will Elmslie outside the College.



After this brief respite, Guy was promoted to Captain and rejoined the Battalion in Palestine where he commanded a Company during the Jewish insurgency.

Rejoining Eastern Counties Farmers in 1947, Guy learned the grain trade prior to joining maltsters Munton and Fison, at Stowmarket in 1955 where he spent 30 years, retiring as Deputy Chief Executive and Commercial Director in 1985. During his career the company estimated Guy oversaw the purchase of over 2 million tons of malting barley. He was Chairman of the National Malting Barley Competition committee and of the Cereals Committee of the Maltsters' Association of Great Britain. He was a member of the Home

Grown Cereals Authority and a past chairman of the Eastern section of the Allied Brewers Traders' Association. At his peak, it is said that no one knew more about malting barley than Guy.

During his retirement, Guy and his wife Mary, spent 20 very happy years at their home, Sheepfold, on the outskirts of Earl Soham where they oversaw the expansion of their close family. Guy had many hobbies including tending rare breeds of bantams and sheep, fly fishing and collecting paintings by East Anglian artists.

During his last eighteen months Guy and Mary celebrated their Golden Wedding, Guy his 80th birthday, and just ten weeks before his passing, there was a large family party for his grandfather, George Henry Simpson's 150th birthday.

Guy is survived by his wife, Mary, their four children and thirteen grandchildren.

Neil Jonathan Utting (1947-2006)

After leaving Framlingham, Neil obtained a BSc in Zoology from the University of London, followed by a PhD at Imperial College in the field of parasitology. In a major change of specialisation, Neil spent the next two decades working with great success in nuclear health and safety with what was then the CEGB. Neil was a passionate supporter of nuclear power and was greatly dismayed by the hype, half-truths and plain untruths published by the media about 'his nukes', taking all possible opportunities to set the record straight.

Early retirement from the CEGB was followed by a short spell in horticulture, but his wealth of technical experience was too valuable to lose, and he soon set up what was to become a highly successful radiation protection consultancy, with clients ranging from one-man businesses, to Government departments and the Armed Forces.

Neil made his entry into Masonry whilst living in Hampshire, and was a past Master of the OF Lodge, believing strongly that the Masonic tradition is a force for good.

Neil underwent a triple heart bypass in 2002 from which he made a complete recovery; sadly, he suffered a major stroke at the end of June 2006 and died five days later.

TRUSTEES REVIEW

The Society of Old Framlinghamians

The Trustees' Review of the Year 2005 appeared in the 2006 Newsletter. This practice will continue, as the Newsletter is published shortly after the AGM, and gives readers an up-to-date report on the proceedings.

As ever, should OFs be minded to make any donation or legacy to the College or The Society, they could contribute to the Framlingham College Improvement Trust (with its inherent tax advantages), or to the SOF, should they wish for funds to be directed specifically towards the activities of the Society. David Mason, (Chairman of the Trustees) will be pleased to answer any queries.

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NOTICE

The Society of Old Framlinghamians

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at 6-30 pm on Saturday March 24th 2007 in the Rugby Room of the East India (and Public Schools) Club, 16 St James's Square, London SW1Y 4LH.

Agenda

- 1 Apologies.
- 2 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 25th March 2006. (These Minutes will be available at the Meeting. They will also be available on the Society Website, and/or obtainable from the Hon General Secretary at the address below on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope).
- 3 Matters arising.
- 4 To receive the Accounts for the year ending December 31st 2006.
- 5 President's Report.
- 6 To elect Officers of the Society for 2007: (Trustees); President; Vice Presidents; Hon Gen Sec; Hon Assistant Sec; Hon Treasurer; Finance Committee; Independent examiner (=auditor); 3 elected Council Members - 3 year term. (For the names of officers for 2006 please refer to p68)
- 7 Any other business.

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Poser answer (from p69)

Times crossword 23,438

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