

- gratitude to the folk of the village who have done so much to support Peter in recent years. A veritable army of female family members, of differing generations, did a remarkable job in undertaking the entire catering responsibility in the 'feeding of the five thousand'.

Peter spent virtually his entire working life, some forty-eight years, the greater part of it as Head Gardener, maintaining the estate at Brandeston Hall, initially during the period of wartime army occupation and from 1949, when it became what it still is today - the Junior School of Framlingham College, until his ultimate retirement.

Among the guests present was a generous turn-out of former colleagues and former pupils, a number with links back as far as 1949. A birthday toast was proposed by Bob Williams with entertainment provided, in the traditional manner, by Ray Hubbard of the Suffolk Horse Society. A request for donations in support of the



ABOVE: THE BIRTHDAY CAKE: NEAT EDGES, CAREFULLY MOWN GRASS AND TASTY VEGETABLES – PETER APPROVED.

Brandeston Hall who, together with his wife Cynthia, had made the long journey from Honiton in Devon to be part of this very special day. We understand that Peter recovered from all the excitement, in time to celebrate his official 80th birthday on the 17th January!

OF's present included - **David Risk** (R 48-55), **Jim Blythe** (K 48-54), **Tony Martin** (G 47-55), **Derek Hill** (G 40-45), **Andrew Ward** (Z 72-78), **John Pemberton** (Hon OF), **Bob Williams** (Hon OF) and **Richard Broad** (Hon OF)

Bob Williams

LEFT: DAVID RISK, WINE WAITER
BELOW: JOHN AND WENDY PEMBERTON



work of the Society (in lieu of birthday gifts) raised a sum in excess of £400 – which delighted Peter. An expression of thanks to the Arbon family, for the provision of a magnificent lunch, was made by Richard Broad, former Headmaster of



Moreau Leaving Scholarships awarded to Robert Norman and Katie Blow

Robert Norman and Katie Blow won their £800-a-year three-year scholarships after a long and rigorous selection process. They were among twelve candidates for this year's awards. The volume of emailed support generated by all the candidates from across the College community – staff and students alike – was impressive and this helped the selection panel produce a short-list of six candidates for final interviews at the beginning of the Summer Term.

Peter Howard-Dobson, chairman of the selection panel concluded:

“ The final stage interviews were quite simply a joy. Far from being an exhausting five hours, we all found the time flew by and felt buoyed-up by the end. What a very impressive group of young people, all of whom gave an excellent account of themselves!

Ultimately we were united in selecting Robert Norman and Katie Blow to be our 2007 Moreau Leaving Scholars. We're thrilled at the prospect of two such super Framlingham College graduates joining the scholarship programme.

We're immensely grateful for the support and guidance given to us over the course of this year by so many of the staff and students, and also for the time and trouble involved in letting us have such detailed commentaries on all twelve of the applicants. ”

In addition to their £800 a year for the three years of their scholarship programme, Robert and Katie will join Abigail Mackrill and Hannah Gunn, last year's scholars, on the Council of the Society. Each of them will have the support of an Old Framlinghamian mentor. This year's mentors are Nigel Burnip (Captain of OF Shooting) and Rosemary Lawrence (last year's Head of School). We are very grateful to Kirsty Wybar who is standing down as a selector, after her invaluable 2-

year initial input into the scheme.

The most important role of the scholars will be to ensure that everyone leaving the College in 2007 keeps in touch both with each other and with the school. They will be the catalysts behind sports and social events throughout their three-year term and will be very grateful for the support of the whole leaving group in making them really enjoyable occasions.

Katie Blow: Personal Profile

Katie joined the College in September 2005, on an academic scholarship for the sixth form after completing her GCSEs at Thomas Mills. She made such a mark in her first year that she was appointed Head of Victoria House and then a School Prefect. The scholarship selectors noted that she

disappointing, tried to attend as many home matches as she could. She took the same approach to 1st XI cricket, so that there was plenty of support for the team from the boundary.

Outside school she's a member of the local amateur dramatics society (FADS) where she recently performed in "Steel Magnolias" as Shelby. This was her second production since joining last year. Being the youngest in the theatre group, by around fifteen years, has given her the opportunity to meet new people in the local community – and this could be good preparation for service on the SOF Council!

Katie did A-Levels in Psychology, Theatre Studies and Art. She hopes to go on to university to study Psychology and then develop a career in Child Psychology.

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Although she's chosen not to go on a gap year, Katie is very interested in travelling and living somewhere new around the world. She would love the opportunity to study abroad as part of her degree, and she's determined to improve her language skills. She would like to combine this with her degree course.



ABOVE: ROBERT NORMAN AND KATIE BLOW, MOREAU SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS

was in good company – Emile Moreau only attended for the sixth form and he was a Pembroke Scholar.

She obviously got a real buzz out of being Head of House. Although the job carried a lot of responsibility, it also provided opportunities to inspire events such as house dinners, house music and other house-based activities including the sporting ones. Although she's the first to admit that she's not a shining star in sports, she always tries to make up for this by driving up support and house spirit. She thoroughly enjoyed supporting the 1st XV and, although last season was a little

She's clearly passionate about this, and says: "When studying for my A-Level Psychology, I particularly enjoyed learning about children's development of gender and morals. Then, in my Theatre Studies, the group researched D.I.D - dissociative identity disorder. D.I.D can be triggered by severe abuse in the very early years of childhood. I researched further to understand in more detail the features and causes of such a terrible yet fascinating disorder. Who knows, maybe it's something I can specialise in later on".

In her final term, Katie won the Theatre Studies Prize and she took part in 'Salsa

Robert Norman: Personal Profile

One of the reasons why Robert applied for a Moreau Scholarship was because he felt that the Society of Old Framlinghamians needed more active participation from its younger members, if it is to thrive and be in touch with the needs of new leavers. He's looking forward to doing his bit to help this process.

He loves socializing, whether it be a small social in the pub or a large gathering for 18th birthdays or New Year's parties. Organising events for his leaving-group will be something he will really enjoy.

As Head Prefect he had plenty of opportunity to demonstrate his organisational skills – something which will come in useful during his three-year term. He's also been Captain of Shooting which has meant setting up Inter-house shooting competitions as well as all the regular shooting events.

What really makes Bob tick is farming and the countryside. He grew up on a farm, and feels passionately about a career related to this and the countryside. Living in a rural area has meant that much of his free time has been spent there, usually working on the family farm, not only driving a tractor but also learning about running a farming business. As Robert puts it, "I am deeply interested in the economics of agriculture, and I've keenly watched how many farmers have diversified and the ways

- ❖ in which they have carried this out. I am also interested in conservation and enjoy debates such as whether it is right to build on-shore wind farms”.

Robert recently completed his Duke of Edinburgh's Scheme Gold Award – no mean achievement; and in summer 2007 he took part in the World Challenge expedition, going to Chile and Bolivia for three weeks.

A keen, rather than an expert sportsman, he represented the College in all three main sports, playing for 2nds

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Rugby, 4ths Hockey and 3rds Cricket. He intends to keep up his rugby, but shooting will demand most of his attention. He also enjoys skiing, fly fishing, and sailing.

His A level subjects were Geography, Biology and Business Studies, and he hopes to go on to study farm management at University and develop his farming career.

Other OF Scholarships and Awards 2007

In addition to the above Moreau Scholarships, The OFs, both as a Society, and individuals, fund a considerable number of annual awards. We congratulate this year's winners of the following:

OF Scholarship: **Sinead Collins**

Wallace awards: **Laura Bridgstock, Clare Bush, Samantha Cherry-Downes, Storm Rae, Matthew Tubbs, Tom Turner**

The Bromage Award: Senior School: **Caroline Reid, Brandeston: Ryan Clark**

The Ellis Arthur Award (Rugby): **Charles Precious**

The Karen Buttenshaw Award: **Robert Norman**

The Brian Dent Award (Brandeston cricket): **Alexander Saunders**

OF Award for most improved golfer (Brandeston): **Thomas Berry**

Rachel Page, one of this year's leavers, has undertaken to be a roving reporter with special responsibilities for gathering in information about university and Gap Year experiences. She loves English, both reading and writing, and has set her sights on obtaining a degree in English and in



ABOVE: RACHEL PAGE, GAP YEAR AND UNIVERSITY ROVING REPORTER

pursuing a career in journalism. Recent leavers are encouraged to contact her with snippets of news, or, failing that, prepare to be pestered! Rachel's responsibilities extend beyond her own year – she will be interested to hear from anyone still at university, and will help with collating an annual feature for this Yearbook.

Photographs will be particularly welcome, even though publication cannot be guaranteed. Her contact details are: mixeyandme@yahoo.co.uk

Rosemary Lawrence (V 92-06) has just completed her first year at Exeter, enjoying the beautiful green campus just outside the city and the broad scope of her first year History course. It was a bit of a shock having to adjust to a new place and new people, having spent so many years in the relatively closed context of Brandeston and the College, but she has really enjoyed it.

She has fun debating and playing netball but is fed up with being asked whether she is going to become a teacher!

She is looking forward to her second year living out and the different experiences that this will bring. She warmly recommends Exeter University to any current Framlinghamian and would be happy to show around anyone who is thinking of making an application!



ABOVE: ROSY LAWRENCE, FUTURE SELECTOR FOR THE MOREAU SCHOLARSHIPS

We are also delighted that she has agreed to become a selector for the Moreau Scholarship scheme and will value her input.

Michael Austin (K 01-06) has begun a 4 year Master of Pharmacy degree at **UEA**. He has successfully completed his first year of this newly accredited degree, having lived in Constable Terrace, a Hall of Residence. He has had a placement in a community pharmacy in Attleborough, another one in the Norwich and Norfolk Hospital, and two shorter placements, one of them at the Phoenix Wholesale Distribution Centre in Harwich which helped his understanding of the procurement and distribution of drugs. The University has awarded him a 'Pathway' scholarship.

He is a member of 'Nightline' a service run by students for students, a regular user of the Sports Centre for work-outs, and a member of the Staff/Student Liaison Committee.