

# *The Old Papplewickian*

2001



*Present view of Papplewick from the South, with the Sports Hall dwarfing the Chapel*

## THE HEADMASTER WRITES:

*I should like to thank Tony Sparshott for taking on the role of Hon. Secretary of the Stag Society and for producing 'The Old Papplewickian' which is designed to keep old boys in touch with each other and the school. As we have only recently completed the most successful appeal in prep school history, which enabled us to build a Sports Hall and a Music School, I can assure you that there is no ulterior motive on our part!*

*Whether we succeed in our aims or not depends upon your interest and support. You will always be welcome at Papplewick, particularly on occasions such as the Dinner or the Cricket Match, when you can reminisce about your days 'opposite the racecourse' and catch up with all the latest school news. The School is thriving: three Eton Scholars in two years, the mighty Dragon put to the sword on the rugby field and record numbers. Some put this boarding success down to the influence of the Harry Potter books. You and I know better.*

*Rhidian Llewellyn*

Several Old Boys have contacted the School requesting information both about Papplewick and also news of other Old Papplewickians. The best way to disseminate such information is naturally through some sort of Old Boys' magazine, and we intend to make this news sheet an annual event, provided, of course, that we get your support.

In this edition we shall include School news from the whole of the past academic year (1999-2000) plus the Michaelmas Term 2000, and in subsequent ones, from the previous Lent term to the end of December - i.e. the calendar year.

At the moment the existing database for the Old Papplewickians is in need of updating, for we have lost

track of many of you, and the information that we have on many more may well be out of date. So if we have sent this to the wrong address and it has been forwarded to you, or you happen to know the current address of any of the 'missing' Old Boys on the enclosed lists, please would you help us by informing me either by post or e-mail (*details on the last page of this news sheet*).

In the past we have held periodic dinners at the School, which have been greatly enjoyed, though sparsely attended, and we intend to hold another such dinner on **Saturday September 22nd**. Please keep this date free and do make every effort to come and meet other Old Boys and catch up on their news.



*The Headmaster and Tony Sparshott*

# NEWS FROM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**CHARTERHOUSE** - Both Matthew Applehans and Lawrence Horne left Charterhouse in 1998. Matthew is currently studying Music Technology at Kingston, and Lawrence is doing Management at Bath.

**ETON** - Oliver Cook has left Eton in his Lower Sixth year where he was currently Keeper of the Year Book. Following his interest and expertise in computers, he has been offered a job as Senior Systems Developer with a computer company. Ji-Sung Kim is Keeper of Basketball and has also played rugby for the College team for the past two years. He is Captain of Villiers House, some two years after Hunter Maats held the post. Benji Leaver is Secretary of the Sports Society. Rory Magrath, Dale Taylor and Ji-Oon Kim play rugby for the Junior Colts A team and enjoyed playing against Doud Goutseriev in the match against Harrow, which ended in an 8-8 draw. Ji-Oon also captains the U15 basketball team, and Dale and Gyles Scott-Hayward are in the Junior Colts Cricket side.

**HARROW** - Alastair Orr-Ewing has now left Harrow, having successfully taken three A Levels. He is now on a gap year and has enjoyed doing an intensive cookery course, and working in a pub before setting off for 4 months in Kenya with African and Asia Venture. When he returns he plans to go to Newcastle University. James Lea is in his third year and is enjoying life. He took

two GCSEs early, managing an A in both. He is also showing some form as a swimmer. In April he went to South Jordan with the Geography Department doing GCSE fieldwork, studying the impact of tourism on a desert community. His elder brother, Dean is now at Swansea University, reading Marine Biology. Robert Sheward ended his time as Head of House, and has now moved on to University. William Lace, Ton Boonyakarnkul and Laurence Whyatt are all in their second year. The former two creating a good impression in the classroom, and the last in the Music School, where he plays the trumpet in the Orchestra, the Concert Band and the Swing Band. John Friedman is now in the sixth form, having achieved a formidable set of GCSEs. He is working hard and also playing the 1st Violin in the Orchestra. Charles Edwards left the school in July 1988 with A level grades of AABB, and took a gap year before reapplying to Cambridge. Julien Edwards taught in

Eagle House during his gap year before moving on to Leeds University to read Modern Languages. Michael and David Farrant are both in the USA, Michael at Harvard and David finishing his education near Boston. Felix Leworthy, now in the Sixth Form, is studying French, Spanish, Maths and Physics, after scoring straight As in his GCSE exams, including 6 A\*s. William Perry and Jamie Salisbury also took and passed some good GCSEs and are likewise working in the Sixth Form, the former doing English, French, Theatre Studies and Art, and Jamie studying Geography, DT and History of Art. William has a major part in 'David Copperfield' later on in the year, and has his eye on reading English and Drama at university after leaving Harrow in 2002. He is playing the trombone in the Swing Band and in the Orchestra occasionally.

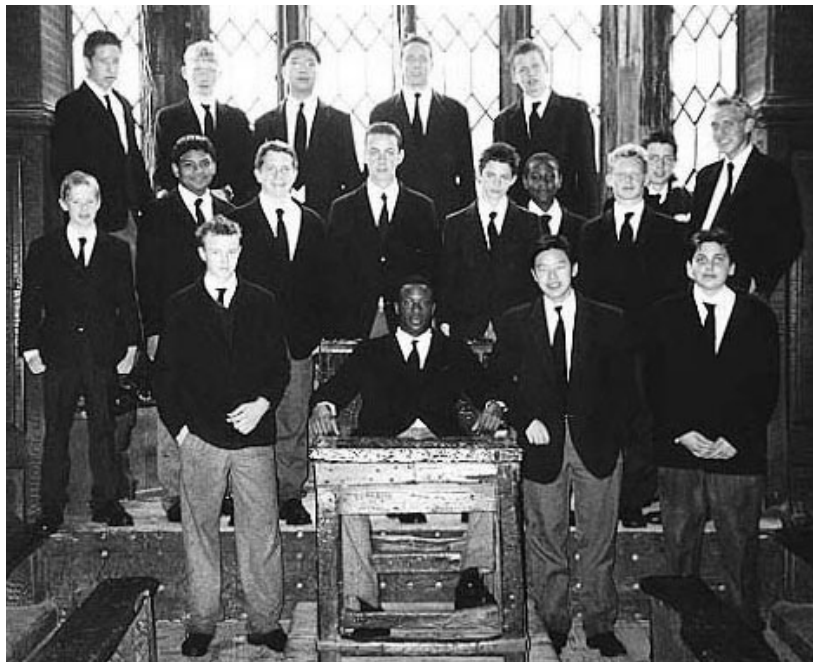
**MALVERN** - Jonathan Baker took his GCSEs last summer and emerged with 3 grade As, 5 Bs and a C, and is currently doing French, English, Politics and Economics in the Sixth Form. He is Captain of rackets and squash, and he has been playing some good cricket, making a significant contribution to the side that won the Lords Taverners' Cricket Trophy. Elder brother Jeremy left Malvern in 1999 and is now at Cardiff University doing a 4- year degree course in French and Business Administration.

## **MARLBOROUGH**

- Max Paddick is in his final year at Marlborough, where he is a Prefect. Philip Clague and Ollie Ward have settled in happily and are now in their second year. Both are heavily involved in sport, with the former playing cricket for the undefeated Yearlings 1st XI, captaining it for the last few matches, making some useful scores and bowling his off breaks to effect against Clifton (3-5) and Bradfield (5-29). Ollie has played for the 3rd XI, though he should be in a better team next season. He has a visit to Toulouse organised *en famille* for February to improve his French and he is going rock climbing in Scotland in March.

**MONKTON COMBE** - Alasdair Sanders has settled in very happily and he is enjoying the greater amount of free time at Public School. He is playing some badminton, football and rugby, but he prefers rowing.

**MONMOUTH** - Andrew Roberts has started his A level course, doing English, History, Economics and French,



*Old Papplewickians at Harrow – Michaelmas 2001*

having scored 2 As, 6 Bs and one C in his GCSEs.

**OAKHAM** - James Stein left Oakham last Summer scoring very highly in his Alevels, with 2 A1s and 3 As. He was a House Prefect, and during his time at Oakham, he was an U16 national sailing champion

**PANGBOURNE** - Joseph Johns took his GCSEs last year, and came away with 2 A grades, 5 Bs and 3 Cs.

**READING BLUE COAT** -Toby Yorke achieved 5 As, 4Bs and 2Cs at his GCSEs last year.

**ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL, GUILDFORD** - Giles Panton is now in his third year and is very enthusiastic about life at Guildford. He is working hard, winning plenty of commendations, and he has been playing some rugby, hockey and doing some cross-country. In his first year he won a 'Formula One Dream Team' competition to Monaco!

**SEVENOAKS** - Having left Papplewick at the age of eleven, Theodor van Sante Kenley took 5 GCSEs a year early last Summer, scoring 4 A\*s and one A.

**SHERBORNE** - Richard Reason left at the end of last summer term, having been Head of School and having to balance the demands of this post with his workload. He scored AAB for his A levels, and is having a gap year. He is going to India to do some teaching for three months, followed by one month of travelling. He has gained a place at Oxford starting in Somerville in October.

**SHIPLAKE** - Andrew Lane has now left, having played in the 1st XV for two seasons, with plans of going to golf school in the USA after leaving school.

**WELLINGTON** - Dougie Harrison left Wellington at the end of last year. He was Deputy Head of House and was awarded the Master's Special Award on Speech Day. An outstanding rugby player, he captained the College tour squad to New Zealand last summer, where they were unbeaten. He has played for England U16s and Scotland U18s. He is now studying Sports Science at Brunel. In the 1998 Rosslyn Park Sevens, Dougie was in the victorious College team with two other Old Papplewickians -David Cox and Max Willcox. Max's brother, Alex, was a House Prefect, scored BBC in his A levels, played soccer in the College 1st XI and rugby for the 3rd XV. Sadly a shoulder injury prevented cricket, at which he excelled at Papplewick. Miles Northey has moved on to Exeter University where he is reading Business and Management Studies, having gained CCC in his A levels. He was a House Prefect, and played hockey with the College 4th XI, rugby for the 5ths and many games at House level. Richard Goblet d'Alviella has left Wellington, since his parents have moved back to Belgium, and is now in the

International School of Brussels. He took his GCSEs in Wellington last year, in which he scored 1 grade A and 8 Bs. He was a member of an outstandingly successful College swimming squad, being awarded his major colours. He was also a member of a very useful pop group. James Galitzine left in 1998 and is reading Architecture at Newcastle after doing a gap year in which he went to Belize looking into coral bay conservation. James Norris is making the most of his time. He suffered a serious leg injury that put him out of rugby almost as soon as he arrived, two years ago, but he has long since recovered, and he used his time off games to work most effectively. Adnaan Shan has taken up fives, playing regularly for College. He has also played in the Yearlings 5ths for rugby, and he does some rock climbing and mountain biking, not to mention playing the saxophone. Jonathan Koo is playing some excellent rugby in the Yearlings 1st team. Ollie Han has settled in well, working

enthusiastically and playing some energetic rugby for the 4th XV. Sidhartha Mallya is thoroughly enjoying Wellington. He's taken up fives and played for College, and he's been captain of the 7th XV. He's also taken up the flute, currently studying, as he says, at grade zero level! Edward Haskell injured a finger early on, restricting his sport, but before his injury he played some rugby at 3rd and 4th XV level, as well as for his House. Philip Mhina has started well in the classroom and has been playing rugby in the Yearlings 1st XV. Perhaps unsurprisingly, he has taken up the guitar and has passed grade one. Bob d'Erlanger has been playing some very successful rugby as flanker for the Yearlings 2nd team and for his House. He has also played some golf and taken up the drums. Stefan Hoffelner was most unlucky to injure his right

elbow early on in his time at Wellington, and this affected both his work and his sport for much of the term, though he did play some rugby with the 3rd and 4th teams before this. He has joined the Film Club and he continues to enjoy reading. Tom Mee has been an excellent Captain of the Yearlings 3rd XV and he has taken up golf for the first time, which he is thoroughly enjoying.

Jonnie Bryan is at the moment studying for his GCSEs. He plays 'cello in the College Orchestra, which has recently done a tour of Malaysia, and in the Camerata. He is doing grade 7 organ and grade 6 piano. He also sings, both in the College choir and in the Chamber choir. He is captain of the Colts 4th XV rugby and he enjoys sailing, taking his Instructor's course in the Summer. His brother, Chris, has settled in well, and is playing the oboe (grade 4) and the piano (grade 6), and is also singing in the Chamber choir.



*David Cox, Dougie Harrison and Max Willcox at Rosslyn Park in March 1998*

# PAPPLEWICK 1999 - 2000

On Speech Day, the Headmaster had this to say about the last school year. 'Sport, Music, Art and Drama continue to flourish. The 1st XV exceeded expectations, the 1st VII won the Wrekin Sevens while the Colts lost only once in two seasons.

The Hockey team reached the semi-finals of the King's Canterbury tournament and won the prize for the team which played with the best spirit. They will certainly enjoy the best surface on which to play now that the astroturf has been relaid. Our soccer players again won the Wellington six-a-side tournament. The Chess Team won the Berkshire Schools' Chess league for the second successive year and only a burst tyre, causing the team to miss the first round, prevented victory in the IAPS National Rapid Play competition. As it was, we settled for second place, with William Hollis winning all five of his games. Mo Ladan came 3rd in the U12 100 metres in the National Athletics Championships.



*The IT Room*



*The Azat Gallery*



*A successful conversion v Hall Grove*

Our cricketers enjoyed a mixed season but the Colts, Junior Colts and Under 9s all showed great promise. Lord Cowdrey of Tonbridge opened the Max Liddell-Grainger Sports Hall and then proceeded to watch one of his grandsons hit the winning run for the Under 9s, in their match against Cranleigh. Throughout the winter we shall be preparing for our tour of South Africa in March 2001. Preparations are in

hand for Papplewick to compete at the Prep School Polo Tournament, thanks to Sheikh Mohammed who has kindly put his personal polo trainer and excellent ponies at the disposal of our more able riders.

One of the highlights of the musical year was the choir's performance at a Bruce Oldfield Fashion Show at the Dorchester and we look forward to the full opening of the Music/IT suite in September, 16 keyboards all interfaced to computers for composing. The Azat gallery has given the art department a new showcase to display the boys' stunning work, while it has been quite a year on the Papplewick stage: Stuart Malan's 'Macbeth', Simon Hitchings' 'Antigone' and Nigel Ramage's 'Injuns' in addition to the huge success of the Spring Festival.'

# PAPPLEWICK NEWS 1999 - 2000

Tony Sparshott has retired after nearly fifteen years at Papplewick and has been replaced by Harry Pakenham, who has joined the English Department after teaching at Moreton Hall, Bury St Edmunds.

James Shone has left Papplewick and has taken up a post as Housemaster at St Andrews, Turi, in Kenya, after teaching here for four years. He is replaced in the Geography Department by Jonathan Powis who formerly taught at Sandroyd.

In July 1999 David Allaway left teaching to try his hand at marketing his 'Detention Papers' on a greater scale than heretofore. This has been a great success, resulting firstly in a revamp under the name of 'The Conduct Files', and more recently putting the papers on the web, and making it interactive. At Papplewick he has been replaced as Head of English by Nigel Ramage, formerly Headmaster of Highfield Prep School.

Ronan De Burca is now in Sydney, Australia, where he is on a year's exchange at King's School, Parramatta. He is replaced in the Music Department for the calendar year by David Jensen who is Head of Music at Parramatta. Penny Parkinson left in June 1999 on medical grounds, and spent a year teaching in Reading before moving on to the Dolphin School, where she is at the moment. She has been replaced in the Science Department by Juliet Pennell, and Martin Barker has become Head of Science.

Tim Edwards is now Senior Resident Master, and has handed over St Michael's, where he has been Housemaster since 1986, to Stuart Malan.



*Helen Barker and Olivia*

Congratulations to Martin and Helen Barker on the birth of their daughter, Olivia, in June 2000. During her maternity leave, Helen's form was taught by Mrs Jean Thompson, who returned after a term and a half's retirement from her extra English timetable. Jean Thompson began her teaching at Papplewick as a replacement for Vanessa Butler in 1991, also away on maternity leave.

*Nigel Ramage directing a play rehearsal*



## ACADEMIC RESULTS 1999 & 2000

*Scholarship results have been extremely pleasing.*

1999 - **Jamie Attwater** - King's Scholarship to Eton (5th on Roll)  
**Christopher Bryan** - Top academic scholarship to Wellington  
**Oliver Buckworth** - Art scholarship to Stowe  
**Darren Hooey** - Peter Attenborough scholarship to Charterhouse  
**Billy Price** - Exhibition to Wellington  
**Asril Rashid** - Academic exhibition to Harrow  
**Oliver Ward** - Top art scholarship to Marlborough  
**Laurence Whyatt** - Top music scholarship to Harrow

2000 - **Vladimir Astakhov** - Major academic scholarship to Bradfield  
**Keshan Gunawardena** - King's Scholarship to Eton (6th on Roll)  
**Joe Harris** - King's Scholarship to Eton (7th on Roll)  
**Tan Lochotinan** - Crown Prince Hamza of Jordan Leadership Award at Harrow (Internal Award)  
**James Norris** - Caldwell Scholarship at Wellington (Internal Award)  
**Ross Sweeney** - Major academic scholarship to Merchiston Castle

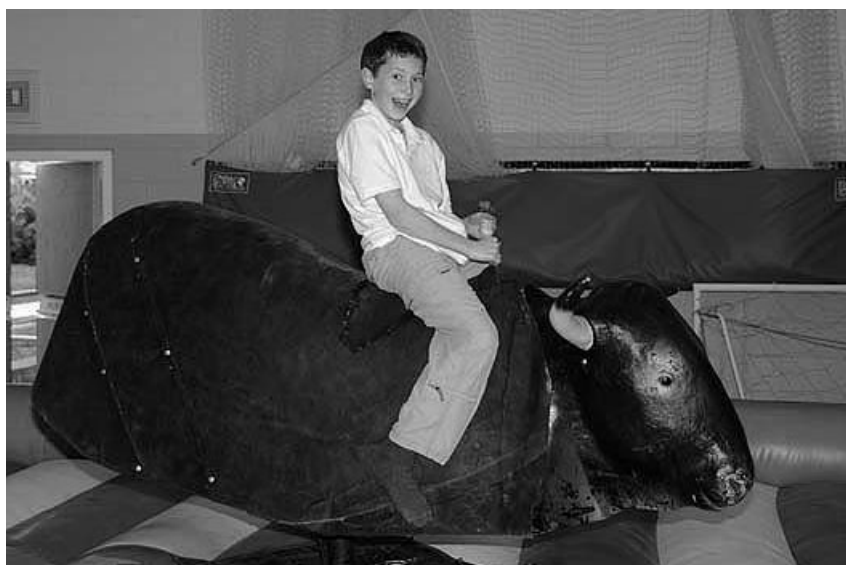
Once again in the past two years **Common Entrance** results were excellent with all boys securing places in the public schools of their first choice. Some very good passes were gained in 2000, with one boy coming top of the roll at Wellington, one scoring 9 A grades to Eton, another 8 to Harrow, another 9 to Bradfield, one 8 to Wellington and another 7 to Marlborough. Over the past few years, Wellington, Eton and Harrow have proved the most popular choices for boys leaving Papplewick, though we continue to send boys to the usual wide range of schools.

## SPONSORED WALK, HOG ROAST AND CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Sponsored Walk in 2000 was held at Wellington, as there was an official event in the Great Park, and was a great success. Over £7,000 was raised for bowel cancer research.

We did not have a Christmas Fair in 1999, but the one held in November 2000 was a great success, raising £7000 towards an Adventure Playground.

Last year's Hog Roast was the best yet, with good weather once more and tremendous side shows, including a bucking bronco once again, a bouncy castle and a great slide, as well as the usual side shows.



*The Christmas Fair*



*Sponsored Walk at Wellington in 2000*

## FUTURE BUILDING PLANS

The next phase of the building programme is the construction of a separate Headmaster's house between the present house and the A332. Building is expected to start in September 2001, at the same time as we put another storey on top of the changing room, providing the School with more showers and loos upstairs. From September 2000 the visitors' entrance to the School has been through the main door to the Headmaster's house, with the Secretaries' Office being immediately on the left inside, and the 'waiting room' the next door down. So the Headmaster is already being squeezed out!

# OTHER OLD BOYS' NEWS

Piers Buckworth (1994-96) in Sydney, has taken the Australian equivalent to 'A' levels - taken during the Olympics! He has been working very hard in School and has come away with very good reports in all subjects. He is still very much the games player, performing particularly well in Athletics where he was selected for the CIS team for the State Championships.

Ian Campbell (1989-95) is now at UCL reading Law, and enjoying the social life, after a good gap year in which he went, among other places, to the States.

Ed Coode (1984-88) rowed in the Coxless Pairs in the Sydney Olympics, coming 4th in the final.

David Cox (1988-94) is reading Classics in his second year at Durham University. He is playing rugby for the university XV when the weather has permitted, experimenting as an attacking full back, and he plays regularly for the Welsh Exiles.

James Fletcher (1980 - 85) is now teaching at Caldicott, having previously been teaching for a couple of terms on a supply basis.

Andrew McNair (1989-94) is working in Foxtrees Estate Agency in London.

We receive regular letters from the Revd John Naylor (1957-59). He had keyhole surgery in March which kept him out of action for a bit. He is kept busy in his parish near Hexham owing to nearby vacant parishes. He keeps in touch with several old Papplewick staff-

including Peter Knatchbull-Hugessen, John Wragg and Rodie Peters, the master in charge of Music in his day. He also reports that the present Archdeacon of Oxford, John



*A recent addition to Papplewick*

Morrison, was on the Staff at Papplewick when he (John Naylor) was a boy here. He sent us news of another Archdeacon, Guy Wilkinson, and his two brothers, who were his contemporaries in the late 50's. He comments that John Eddison was preaching at Papplewick in those days - just as well then as he is now!



*Winter visitors to the Swimming Pool*

Ben Scholfield (1989-94)

is in his first year of three at drama School, at the Webber-Douglas Academy, in London. Having acted with distinction in various plays at Stowe, he is he is now discovering that he is really only a beginner, and is enjoying learning to speak properly!

Fergal Roche (ex-Staff 1985-89) has been appointed Headmaster of St Andrew's prep school in Eastbourne.

Stephen White-Cooper (1982-88) is playing some good rugby for England A and in the 2nd row for Harlequins. He played recently in the team which narrowly lost to Newcastle in the final of the Tetley's Bitter Cup.

Guy Wilkinson (1956 - 61) has recently been appointed Archdeacon of Bradford. After leaving Papplewick he trained as an economist and he had a successful career in European public service and industry before being called to the ministry eleven years ago. He has an optimistic message on the Church of England in the new millennium.



*The Music School*

Some Old Boys may be unaware that the School also has an official Old Boys' Day - the Sunday after Speech Day - which is the final day of the Summer Term.

We do hope that many Old Boys will return on that day - **Sunday July 8th 2001** - to meet up and talk, whatever the weather. For the past two years the cricket match v the Headmaster's XI has been abandoned because of rain!



*The Mound, making way for the new Music School*

## PLEASE WRITE

*You will have noticed that this news sheet for the most part contains news of the more recent old boys, for these are the ones who tend to visit the school most frequently, or those of whom we have heard news from their public schools. We hope that it will encourage more of you to write in and let us know something about yourselves and what you are currently doing. We would particularly value news of some of the older old boys, for experience has told us that they are the very people who would like information about their contemporaries.*

## MEMORABILIA

Have you bought your Papplewick 'Stagware'? We remind Old Boys that you have an opportunity to purchase umbrellas, mugs Old Boys' ties and other memorabilia from the Bursar at very reasonable prices. Just phone him (01344 636903). Old Boys might also be interested in buying from the Bursar **Peter Knatchbull-Hugessen's** book, 'Meanderings', which is a collection of very readable short stories (not about Papplewick). And those of you who have not yet read **David Allaway's** history of Papplewick, entitled 'Opposite The Racecourse' can also obtain this through the Bursar (£12.50 +postage).

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

*If you think you would like to receive 'The Old Papplewickian' next year, together with information about Old Boys' events, would you please send a cheque for £5 to me, payable to The Stag Society. This will cover the cost of this news sheet and next year's.*

*If you could include some news of what you are doing now - no more than 3-4 lines if you don't want to write more, then I can include it in the next news sheet.*

*Alternatively, e-mail me at:*  
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*Can anyone name the term and year when this photo was taken?*

## PLEASE REMEMBER

**THE OLD BOYS' DINNER at Papplewick on Saturday September 22nd 2001**

**OLD BOYS' DAY at Papplewick, on Sunday July 8th when the Headmaster's Cricket XI plays an Old Boys' XI, from 11.30a.m. Teas will be available in the afternoon.**