

The Old Papplewickian

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THE HEADMASTER WRITES

A parent wrote me an interesting letter at the end of the Lent term, a little light reading for the holidays. In it she expressed difficulty in believing that highly educated boys would become teachers. "I would have thought it more likely," she wrote, "that they would wish to become professionals in a higher income bracket." Sadly she may be right: the teaching profession as a whole is under-appreciated. The members of Staff at Papplewick, however, are not: they are among the most dedicated, caring, highly qualified, professional and visionary people in the country.

I always welcome correspondence from Old Boys, none more so than a letter I received in October:

"...It has been an extraordinarily long time since we have seen each other.... I have just finished my A levels at Eton, and am applying to Oxford for next year to read English. It's funny that a passion of mine deriving from David Allaway's English lessons and your own interest in the war poets would go on to form my university degree! I actually wrote my final English Paper on a poetry comparison of Owen and Sassoon. And I can still recite 'Aftermath' by heart.

Papplewick is a school that I

can't think of without a certain smile. Some of the teaching and experiences I had there were a privilege. Dr Smith-Bannister, Mr Allaway, (and how could I forget) Mr Bunbury, were all inspirations to me; their attitudes towards the profession still instil hope in an admittedly cynical 18 year old....

This letter has not done you justice. I was writing to say how much I appreciated everything that was done for me at your school. Lee Iacoca once said "in a completely rational society, the best of us would be teachers, and the rest of us would have to settle for something less." How true.

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The Headmaster and Mrs Llewellyn in Thailand, with a Stag made of Ice

EDITORIAL

This is the third 'Old Papplewickian News Sheet' to be produced, and it has been interesting for me to have been in contact with so many Old Boys over these years. There is a steady supply of news from those who have gone through the School, and we always have plenty of information to pass on through these pages. It is clear that large numbers of Old Boys remember Papplewick with great affection.

Yet for various reasons, prep schools are not generally places where lasting friendships are made, and prep school reunions tend, as a result, to be poorly attended. Over the past decade, our invitations to dinners or other social gatherings have not been taken up, and this is understandable. Those who have accepted have almost invariably enjoyed them greatly, and have usually returned to future reunions. But they are a tiny minority, and, sadly, the small number of acceptances received for last September's dinner resulted in our having to cancel it.

What do our Old Boys want? They obviously do not want a dinner at Papplewick in September. Would a

dinner in London, perhaps, be better, or one at some other time of year, or perhaps something other than a dinner? The School values its Old Boys immensely and does not want to lose contact with any of them. So we are anxious to hear your opinions on what, if anything, we might put on in the form of a reunion.

What we plan to do in 2003, as an experiment, is to have a barbecue at the end of the cricket match against the headmaster's XI in July, for Old Boys and their families. The cricketers will be there anyway, as will any visiting Old Boy interested in the cricket. But will other Old Boys make the effort to attend a barbecue? Is it worth a try? I think it is; but if it doesn't work, we'll have to think of something different next year.

Whatever happens, I hope we shall continue to produce the news sheet. But we shall need constant information coming in from our Old Boys. Why not write or e-mail me now with a few lines on your activities over the past twelve months? You may not believe it, but others are genuinely interested in what you have been up to – not least past and present members of Staff.

NEW CHANGING ROOMS

The building programme is now up to date, with the completion of the changing rooms at the start of the Michaelmas term. This has been a long overdue addition, and I am sure that all Old Boys will welcome it, though not as much as longsuffering parents!

A second storey has been added to the old building (see picture on Page 1), with showers and loos on both floors, and with the ground floor totally revamped. There is a separate room, too, for visiting teams, thus avoiding the former chaos that visitors inevitably brought with them. The upper storey is also used for evening showers, making it a quicker and more efficient evening chore, and with two lots of showers (now with fast-flowing hot water!) boys have one fewer excuse for being late for prep, after games.



Old Changing Rooms...



...making way for new

SCHOOL INSPECTION

Papplewick was inspected in October 2002 by a 6 strong team from the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI), led by Mr Graham Nunn and supplemented by 5 serving IAPS Heads. At the same time, the quality of that team's work was being inspected by OFSTED. Graham Nunn is a hard man to please: he has led 151 public and prep school inspections, yet accorded the accolade "very good" to just six. Not only is Papplewick one of the six, but the only prep school to receive such a high ranking.

We are very proud of the findings of the Inspection which says that Papplewick is "a very good school with some outstanding features." In 'inspection speak' this is high praise. Despite the rather bland language that inspectors have to use, the high quality of teaching and learning, the high quality of relationships in the school, the high standard of pastoral care and the outstanding extra-curricular provision still come shining through.

More often than not in these reports, schools' strengths outweigh their weaknesses; in our case, however, the team could find no major weaknesses although, naturally, the Report makes a small number of suggestions for further improvement upon which we are acting.

I hope you will find time to read (and enjoy) the full 40-page report which can be found on the school website, www.papplewick.org.uk. In the meantime, I leave you with its resounding conclusions:

- * Pupils attain high standards by the time they leave the school in nearly all subject areas, largely as a result of the substantial proportion of good, very good and outstanding teaching they receive.
- * The ethos of the school is very good, as are the relationships in the school and the overall provision made for pupils' personal development.
- * Pupils have very good attitudes to their work, their behaviour is very good, and all pupils, including those who board, are very well cared for.
- * The school is very well led by the headmaster, who is well supported by his senior managers.
- * The quality and range of extra-curricular activities are excellent.



Extra Activities received very favourable comments from the Inspectors

EX-STAFF NEWS

Stuart Morris (Headmaster 1979-91) has moved on from Harrow International School in Bangkok, and has been appointed Headmaster of Shrewsbury International School, also in Bangkok. This is a brand new, purpose built school, close to the centre of the city, due to open in September this year.

Ian Bateman (Staff 1986-93), having been second master under Martin Ives (Staff 1985-98) for four years at Old Buckenham Hall, has been appointed Headmaster at St Andrew's, Turi, in Kenya, where he has taught on two previous occasions.

James Shone (Staff 1997-2000) is currently teaching at St Andrew's, Turi, though he has now moved up to teach in the senior school. He and Olivia have a small son, Herbert, born in 2001.

Congratulations to Vernon Hales (Staff 1986-91) on his appointment as Headmaster of Alwickbury School in Hertfordshire.



Vernon Hales (right) with Martin Ives

PAPPLEWICK 2002

In his speech on Speech Day, the Headmaster had this to say about the past year:

'Academic success at Papplewick stems from confidence and confidence is gained from curricular and non-curricular breadth: in short, the more the boys do, the better their exam results can be. Since last year, our boys applying to public schools and boys already there have gained twelve awards; this brings the total of Papplewick award winners since 1993 to 97.

No fewer than 24 boys in a field of more than 200,000 across the country won certificates in the UK Junior Maths Challenge, as a result of which Hee-Won Cho qualified for the Junior Maths Olympiad. In this, he was awarded a silver medal which placed him in the top 35 Year 7 and 8 students in the country in a competition for which he is still eligible next year.

The high point of the Lent Term was the Spring Arts Festival, with music competitions and concert, artwork, debating, prose and poetry...and the eventual Thwarting of Baron Bolligrew. And in the Summer Term we all enjoyed *The Incredible Mr Fox* and *Abu Hassan Pays his Debts*.



Conkers

HOBBIES & CRAZES

The pogo craze, predicted last year, apparently never really materialised during the past twelve months; there were only a few pogo sticks which made their appearance. The latest craze to appear is the game of 'Top Trumps', apparently not a new game, though it is to me. I wonder if any of the older Old Boys remember having played it as a child...

Robert Wolstenholme (1973-78) can remember a few hobbies that his generation of Papplewickians were involved in: Model Villages in the woods by the playing fields. Balsa wood aeroplanes. Kites (except for the Choristers, who had choir practice while their mates played in the grounds). Sneaking out of the Cottage late at night to pay a visit to the weathervane.



More Extra Activities

The Summer Concert featured our rock group, Sinergy, the Wind Band, Flute Ensemble, Clarinet Ensemble and the Junior Choir's memorable rendition of *Captain Noah*, together with a number of soloists including the extraordinarily talented Nick Kirby-Johnson, whom we have entered for the BBC Young Chorister of the Year.

Neither the Music nor the Art departments could be in better hands: in addition to our three top art scholars, the annual exhibition was a spectacle to behold, showing a wide range of work from an even wider range of boys. The leaving boys have designed and made a mosaic, which adorns the Sports Hall wall, on the theme 'Sport for All'!

The major innovation of the Lent Term was Association Football, which, far from being the end of civilisation, as I had feared, was a great success; not only in terms of the performance of our teams, but in adding a freshness to a term so often characterised by illness and poor weather.

Despite the wettest summer for 40 years, our cricketers have all enjoyed considerable success. The 1st XI put an emphatic end to Summer Fields' four successive unbeaten seasons. They lost only once (to the Dragon) and finished the season with four victories in a row, including one over a very strong invitation XI from KwaZulu Natal. The team of the season has been the Under 9s who went through the term undefeated.'



Scooters

PAPPLEWICK NEWS 2002

ACADEMIC

The following academic awards have been won since last year:

Samilh Batchelor:	Academic Scholarship to Marlborough
Jonathan Clapham:	Top Art Scholarship to Wellington
Jonathan Elfer:	Roxburgh Award to Stowe
Edward Fremlin-Key:	Sports Award to Marlborough
Charlie Hunt:	Academic Scholarship at Wellington (Internal Award)
Poom Kumplin:	Top Art Scholarship to Harrow
Mo Ladan:	Academic Scholarship to Harrow
James Lea:	Academic Scholarship at Harrow (Internal Award)
Ryan Phanphensophon:	Top Art Scholarship to King's Canterbury
Rupert Yorke:	Academic Scholarship to Bradfield

This means that Papplewick has won 97 awards since 1993

Very good Common Entrance results include three boys who scored 6 or more Grade As.

Congratulations to Tom and Sallie Bunbury on the birth of their son, Harry.

Jeremy Branfoot has left Papplewick after 11 years teaching Geography and Maths; he has moved on to be Deputy Headmaster of Copthorne. His wife, Caroline, has been an ever-present 'honorary' member of the French Department, where she has constantly helped out with oral, remedial and scholarship work. Jeremy is being replaced by Jon Bartlett, who has already done two stints at Papplewick, once as a 'gap year' student, and once, in the mid-90s, as Master i.c. PE, before going with his wife, Lisa, to the USA. Jon returns as Senior Master.

Miles Dorman has retired after 10 years as School Bursar. He has been described by the Headmaster as the ideal bursar – 'able to say Yes and No – sometimes No so pleasantly that it does not offend, and occasionally Yes in such a way that it means No!' As Bursar, he has been replaced by Bob Carrick. Miles' departure, sad though it is for the Headmaster, will be welcomed by the Old Papplewickians; 10 years school service qualifies Miles to play as an Old Boy in our annual cricket match against the Headmaster's XI. For years he's been a thorn in our flesh, notching up high scores for the opposition!

Vicky Credland has been both assistant and finally Deputy Matron over the past three years, and she has left to do a PGCE at Oxford.

Andrew East and **Rod Freeman** have left, and their places have been taken in the DT and Classics departments by Alex Clarke, formerly Head of DT at Moulsoford, and Tom Lewis respectively. Tom's wife, Catherine, has joined the French Department.

Jim Hewer has replaced Martin Barker as Director of Sport, and **Joff Powis** has become Housemaster of St Christopher's, on the departure of Jeremy Branfoot.



Miles Dorman - Bursar for 10 years



Jim Hewer, the new Director of Sport



The Adventure Playground

John Paul

Old Boys who were at Papplewick between the years 1965 – 78 will be sad to hear of the death, in January 2002, of Mr John Paul. He was Second Master during Peter Knatchbull-Hugessen's time as Headmaster, and he did an immense amount at the School. An indefatigable games player, he was involved in many activities, and it was no surprise when he was appointed Headmaster to Maidwell Hall in Northants. A devout Christian, he was involved for over thirty years, both at Papplewick and at Maidwell Hall, in the Scripture Union Activity Holidays for preparatory school boys, held at Swanage each summer. Our sympathy goes out to his widow, Susan, whom he married while at Papplewick. John's Memorial Service was held last March, in Sherborne Abbey, where he worshipped as a boy. This was attended by seven ex-Papplewick members of Staff – Peter and Anna Rose Knatchbull-Hugessen, Judith Holden, Michael Lerigo, Derek Fullerton, Paul and Diana Cheater and Tony Sparshott.

Justin Winther (1964-68)

It is with great sadness that we heard of the premature death of Justin Winther, who was at Papplewick in the mid 60s. He died of a heart attack in December 2001, at the age of forty-six. After Papplewick, Justin went to Clayesmore and then into the catering business. His sister, Virginia, lives at 110 Pelham Road, London, SW19 1PA, and would love to hear from anyone who was at school with him.

OLD BOY NEWS

Geoff Allan (1948-49) writes in saying that he is interested that football has been revived at the School. He has sent in an old team soccer photo, with the ball in his own hands. He wonders what has happened to the other members of the 1st XI – though he suspects he knows where Jill, the dalmation, is now! The Editor knows something about two of them – Roy Thomas and John Sexton. What about the others?

Matthew Applehans (1987-93) – is presently in a rock band, trying to make it in the Music industry.

Jeremy Baker (1987-93) is in his final year at Cardiff, and his brother

Jonathan (1991-97) left Malvern last July. He was in his College Cricket team, which toured South Africa in December 2001. He had some fantastic experiences off the field of play, and a few drubbings on it! He has spent three months working with racing and rally cars in Banbury before going to finish his gap year in New Zealand and Australia. He hopes to go to Cardiff University this October.

Mark Baldwin (1988-94) has graduated from Warwick in Law and Business Studies. While there he played hockey in goal for the 1st team for two years. He is now doing a gap year, teaching at Deane Close. He spent Old Boys' Day at Papplewick in July – but he failed to give us his latest address!

Alexander Brent (1988-93) graduated from Exeter in Economics and Geography last June. He left for a gap year in August, to backpack his way round Canada and then to take up a job as a ski instructor in Quebec. He was hoping



Geoff Allen (Capt.) and his 1948 Soccer Team

to go to the US at the beginning of the year as a 'trainee corporate manager'. His ultimate aim is to emigrate to New Zealand.

Simon Denning (1983-87) was married in September 2001. His brother, **Paul** (1985-89) read Business Administration at Oxford Brookes, on leaving Stowe. He is playing a good deal of rugby for Berkshire (as are his brothers) and in June last year he played in the county final v Warwickshire at Twickenham. Youngest brother, **Mark** (1988-93) graduated from Durham last year.

Rod Dew (1972-75) is married with three children and living in Sydney, Australia, his brother **Martin** (1973-78) is in San Francisco working for a film company, and his youngest brother **Tim** (1980-85) is married and living in Edinburgh.

Rastam Dewal (1991-96) left Charterhouse in 2001 with 8 grade A GCSEs and ABC at A level, and is now reading

Geography at Newcastle University. While at Charterhouse he played some enthusiastic tennis and hockey.

Giles Humphreys-Evans (1980-85) runs half marathons, and is getting married this May.

Marcel Iveson (1973-77) – is in banking in Singapore at the moment, having graduated from London, after Stowe, and having spent some nine years working in Hong Kong.

Paul Kaplanski (1991-96) – had two gap years after leaving Wellington. He spent them as a ski-ing and snow boarding instructor first in Canada and then in California. He is currently at Leeds, reading Marketing and Psychology.

Marcus Lade (1991-1996) – is reading Law at Bristol University.

Felix Leworthy (1991-97) – has left Harrow with 2As and a B, having won the Maths Prize in his final year. In January he went to Sarawak, Malaysia and Borneo to help local communities with the charity Trekforce, and this May he's off to Australia.

Paul Landless (1988-91) graduated from Durham in 1999 and went to the College of Law for two years. He is working as a solicitor with Slaughter and May, a firm in the City, and he now hopes to spend six months in Paris. He is learning to glide and has finished his British Motor Sports Association driver's licence, with the intention of starting a racing team. He says he needs some test drivers. Any volunteers?!!

David Liddell-Grainger (1995-96) has had a very active year since leaving Harrow. He has been in Australia for six months working as PA to a media mogul, based in Melbourne. His work has involved the Snowy Mountain Scheme and Nature Reserve. While out there he drove from Melbourne to Alice Springs. He has been awarded an RAF scholarship from Harrow, and he was hoping to go to Cranwell before ultimately joining the RAF.

Miles Northey (1989-95) is now in his final degree year at Exeter, studying Business Management.

William Perry (1994-97), having left Harrow, is doing a gap year. He worked as a ski instructor from December to April, and in November he goes to Manchester to study film.

Rodie Peters (Ex-Staff 1951-69) writes about an unpleasant experience he had on the day of the dedication of the Chapel organ by the Bishop of Oxford, in 1957. Peter Knatchbull-Hugessen had found an organ that was for sale, and he and Rodie drove up to the Midlands together to try it out. Rodie thought it suitable for the recess that had been built onto the Chapel to accommodate an organ, and it was duly transported to Papplewick. But on the very day of the dedication, the organ refused to work! Rodie frantically phoned the builder, and he sent his assistant to try to sort out the problem. Rodie can still visualise himself playing it, with a strange man emerging from its inner depths just before the arrival of the Bishop. The organ was now working, and it was a very relieved Rodie Peters who had a grateful drink in the Headmaster's garden after the dedication service!

Alastair Robinson (1990-93) left Harrow in 1998 and went to University College London to read Microbiology

and Plant Pathology. Following his graduation, he went to Queen's College, Cambridge to do a Ph.D in Molecular Biology, where he is now in his second year. His field of study concerns a particular group of genes that are thought to be instrumental in controlling the cell-cycle. He also rows for the College, sings in an acapella choir, and tries to get in as much travel as possible. He tells us that **Kristjan Byfield** (1988-93) has played upon the London stage in a Ben Elton production – an impressive achievement.

Luke Ronaldson (1987-94) has graduated from Southampton with a first in Mathematics.

James Ross (1985-90) is working in Australia for a year, as a doctor.

Richard Scawn (1985-91) has taken his finals in Medicine, and is thinking of taking up surgery after his time as a junior doctor. He found work pretty hard to start with, because he had little time off. His brother, **William** (1988-94), graduated in Politics from Warwick last year. He was thinking of doing a gap year in South America, South Africa and Australia before taking up a career in Politics.

Robert Sheward (1988-94) is in his final year at Bristol University. Last summer he spent his time running a Windsurfing school in Greece.

Derek Sisson (1950-56) – remembers life at Papplewick under Peter Knatchbull-Hugessen with great affection. After leaving, he went to Cheltenham, then joined the Merchant Navy, travelling all over the world, and ending up as Navigating Officer on the QE2. He subsequently became Operations Manager in Cunard's head office, returning to the UK in 1983 and working for two private cruise ship companies. He is due to retire this year. He lives in Sussex, where much of his time is taken up by a large garden.

Damian Suchet (1979-84) went to St Edward's Oxford after leaving Papplewick, and from there to Middlesex University. He then enrolled in the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art. He is now a headhunter. His brother, **Kieran** (1982-87), is manager of a residential Language School for foreign students in Sussex, having previously spent five years in the States. Youngest brother, **Rory** (1984-88) is a journalist at CNN in Atlanta, where he has been for the past two years.

Duncan Thomson (1991-97) has left Glenalmond, and spent three months trekking through Peru before going to Papplewick for the autumn term as a student teacher.

Adrian Waters (1973-77) is currently an airline pilot, having taken up flying in the eighties, and working as an instructor for a few years. He is now a Captain with an airline based in Southampton, doing scheduled runs to and from Amsterdam.

Mike Watt (1953-59) remembers the annual Choir Picnic along the Thames and going with Rodie Peters on 'many great Choir adventures', including singing at Tunbridge Wells Cathedral. Mike, living in the USA, has become reacquainted recently with **George Estes** (1957-61), who is Chairman of the Board of the school in the States which he attended, and which is now attended by his son.

Robert Wolstenholme (1973-78) went from Papplewick to Stowe, going on to get a degree in architecture which led to

a career in commercial property. Having worked for Jones Lang LaSalle for 14 years, he set up a new property investment and development company in April last year. His first deal took him off to Sweden, where he bought into some very exciting out of town retail parks. He and his partners are looking to build up the largest portfolio focussing on this property type in Europe. He suggests he could turn Papplewick into an interesting real estate plot for

his investors, it being in an ideal location! He hopes that any other Old Boys in the property world who may be interested in a get-together will get in touch with him – though he does not specify if his take-over of the Papplewick property will be on the agenda of any gathering!

James Young (1971-76) is the Financial and Analysis Manager for GE Access – a computer distributor which is part of the GE family of companies - in Amsterdam.

NEWS FROM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BRADFIELD – **Callum Gore** is now in his second year, enjoying the greater degree of free time he gets. He has been acting in a large number of plays.

BRYANSTON – **Alex Johnson** has settled well into his new school and has been doing some good work. His music and art are coming on well, and he is particularly keen on rowing, riding and squash.

CHARTERHOUSE – **Jack Lawrence** has now left and is on a gap year before going on to Southampton to read Acoustical Engineering, having gained an A and 3Bs in his A Levels. He was a 1st team tennis and rackets player, and a highly skilled drummer in a much acclaimed rock band.

ETON – **Gyles Scott-Hayward** was in the football squad which went on tour to Italy in August, spending some ten days being coached by AC Milan and playing youth sides in the vicinity, together with a couple of games in Switzerland, at the

end. Gyles also went on tour with the College Cricket XI, to Australia last June. **Dale Taylor** was also a member of the touring side. They are looking forward to playing at Lords in the Summer, when they should be playing against Harrovian, **Michael Mahon**. **Matthew Ives** is presently Keeper of Swimming at Eton. **Ji-Woon Kim** scored well in his GCSEs last Summer, and hopes, eventually, to follow his brother, **Ji-Sung**, to read Oriental Studies at Oxford. **Jamie Attwater** scored A*s at everything he took in last year's GCSEs. **Tom Luck** plays rugby in the College 1st XV.

HAMPTON SCHOOL – **Alex Tregurtha** did his GCSE exams last year, achieving 4 A grades, 4 Bs and a C.

HARROW – **James Lea** was awarded an Honorary VI Form Scholarship, and promptly justified his award by scoring 4 As at AS Level. He hopes to move on to Oxford next year. **William Lace** did his GCSEs last year, finishing with 5A*s and 5 As. **Ton Boonyakarnkul** scored 4A*s, 5As, 2Bs and a C in English Literature. **Laurence Whyatt's** trumpet playing is becoming increasingly accomplished, and in his GCSE's he achieved 3A*s 7As and 2Bs. **Stof Magrath** is in his second year at Harrow, and thoroughly enjoying it – especially the cricket; he

plays for the A or B team, bowling and batting quite successfully. He has also been playing Rugby in the School JC side. **Edmund Kissner** took part in last year's B i a t h l o n Competitions and was a year group winner for his House, which was overall winner of the competitions. **Sam Leworthy** did well in his GCSEs last year,

with 2A*s 2 Bs and the rest As. In the Sixth Form, he's currently studying Maths, Physics, DT and Art for his AS levels. He's also enjoying playing rugby in the 3rd XV, as scrum half.

MILLFIELD – **Jamie Lewis** is thoroughly enjoying Millfield, playing basketball and some hockey. His sense of humour is as overt as ever, and he gave a very amusing end of term speech at his House Christmas Dinner in 2001.

MONKTON COMBE – **Nick Sanders** is in his final year at Monkton Combe and has scored 3 As and a B at AS level last year. He has his eyes set on Oxford in 2004, after a gap year doing student teaching. He has been



Birdseed for Old Papplewickian William Hollis, on the Christmas Fair Tombola

playing rugby in the 1st XV and rowing in a variety of first crew boats.

MONMOUTH - **Andrew Roberts** was Head of House last year, and is now at Aberyswyth University reading International Politics and Intelligence Studies.

PANGBOURNE - **Joe Johns** has left School, having been Head of his House. He was awarded the prize for outstanding contribution to Drama, and (somewhat naturally) he is now reading Drama and English at Loughborough University.

STOWE - **Alex Pike** is in his final year, and is running strongly. Last year he represented Stowe in the English Schools Cross Country Championships, and on the track he has been running the 800m. **Jonny Sayle** has played hockey and tennis for the 1st teams. **JJ Herabutya**, on a more cultural note, competed in the school piano competition, winning the Open Jazz Class prize with his performance of 'C Jam Blues', with which he delighted with a great variety of sound colours. **Oskar Gerland** played the part of the Bloody Sergeant in the Junior Congreve production of *Macbeth*. **Louis Buckworth** came away with two prizes on Speech Day, the senior Bryan Henshaw Prize for English Speech and the Anthony Howard Prize for Sculpture.

TONBRIDGE - **William Hollis** went on a sponsored silence last November, and raised £158 for the **Max Liddell-Grainger** Memorial Fund, by keeping silent at Tonbridge for 48 hours. Amazing! Many thanks.

WELLINGTON - **James Coyne** is in his final year, and is playing a good deal of sport. He was in the winning second racquets pair at Queen's last March. He also plays cricket in the College 1st XI, bowling with venom, as the Papplewick Headmaster's team found out last July! **Ben King** is very active on the golf course, and was in the team which beat Winchester in a tense final of the Micklem Cup. **Jonny Bryan** is now in the VI form doing double maths, physics, chemistry and music at A level, with the probability of



George Tysoe receiving the Foster Cup

Shaun Ginsberg has left Wellington with BBB in his A levels. He is studying Management at UMIST. **Ludvik Thorsteinsson** has left Wellington, where he was a prefect, and played Basketball in the 1st VI and Football and Rugby at a lower level. He scored CCD in his A Levels, and is now doing Food Studies at Newcastle. **James Norris** has obtained a place at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford to read Law. He had an entry in this year's Daily Telegraph Young Science Writer Awards

competition, and is Deputy Head of House of the Lynedoch, where **George Tysoe** is Head of House. George won the Foster Cup Senior Title in the National Schools Rackets Championships at Queen's Club, last December. The Daily Telegraph described him in the final as 'an elegant player, a canny left-hander, who stayed totally calm and focused, moving silkily and tucking away the winners with calm assurance. He served tightly throughout, dictating the pace and dominating the rallies'. **James Haskell** is in his final year and is Captain of the College Rugby XV. Last season he captained the Under 18 England Rugby team, a year young, and he is currently in the U 19 side. He plays for Wasps, and enjoyed playing against the French team, ASM Montferrand, last



*James Haskell
England U18 Captain 2002*

September. In Wellington's Field Gun competition he holds the lumber lift position.

WESTMINSTER - **Rod Mamudi** is now in the VI form, having scored one A*, 7As, 2Bs and a C for his GCSEs.

COWDREY CRICKET CLASS 2002

This was launched at Papplewick during the Summer holidays amid an unprecedented enthusiasm for the game. Chris Cowdrey writes:

What's wrong with English Cricket? Simple – our youngsters don't play enough of it. I am determined to get 'more of our children playing more of our summer game in more of the summer.' So, you can imagine how exciting it was for me to launch the Cowdrey Cricket Class at Papplewick in July 2002. With a group of top coaches, we offered net practice, cricket treasure hunts, specialised coaching, matches in the middle, the occasional swim and, above all, great fun. Thanks to Papplewick, a hundred boys enjoyed a cricket experience with wonderful facilities, when otherwise they might have been on a dreaded soccer course!



Chris Cowdrey talking to his Cricket Class

OLD BOYS v THE HEADMASTER'S XI 2002

In the past three years the weather has played a major part in this match, causing it to be either cancelled or ended early, as a draw. Not so in 2002. The Old Boys produced a strong team to play the Headmaster's XI on a gloriously sunny day. A full day's play was guaranteed, and captained by Tim Trueman once again, our young team went straight into the attack by putting the Headmaster's team in to bat on a wicket that looked as though it would help the bowlers initially. Our attack was a mixture of quick (James Coyne, Dale Taylor, Paul Denning) and wily (George Tysoe, Richard and William Scawn, Henry Hughes-Young and Aidan Kendall.) The Headmaster's team proceeded to hit us all around the park, with Anthony Brookes (65) being particularly aggressive. Our fielding was extremely good, however, and wickets fell steadily, with the result that they were all out for 200, with James Coyne and Dale Taylor taking three wickets apiece.

Our batting was very steady to start with, with Blair Taberer scoring freely, ably supported, in particular, by Dale Taylor (37). We were coasting along with a score of something like 170 odd for three, when Blair retired on 102. Disaster then struck, and at 185 for 9, he had to don his pads once again to try to save the day. There was no problem, however, for James Coyne rose to the occasion, with some lusty blows against a rejuvenated H.M.'s XI, and the Stag team finally won by one wicket.

Many thanks to all those who came to play, and to the Umpire, Peter Wolstenholme, who did a noble job. At the end of the game, Ian Humphries-Evans offered his services as Umpire for the following year. With two Stag Umpires, may we hope for the same result in 2003?

At the Cricket match, it was good to see a fair number of Old Boys who wandered in for some time during the course of the day. I hope that next year we shall see even more.

PAPPLEWICK SPORT 2002

CRICKET

After two rather lean years for the 1st XI, 2002 proved a very successful one for the School. With several boys who had gone on the Easter 2001 tour of South Africa and some talented Colts from last year, the side was beaten only once – against the Dragon – when our batting let us down.

It was a shame that the summer proved to be such a wet one for the most part (resulting in 6 drawn games), as this side was at its best in the drier conditions that came towards the end of term. The newly laid Papplewick square also had some impact upon the confidence of the boys in their batting and bowling; the pitches were truer, with good bounce offering something for batsmen and bowlers – in short, rewarding good cricket.

The standard of cricket from the Papplewick boys was high, with batsmen showing patience and good quality shots, bowlers no little guile and fielders some real skill and determination.

With a good pool of able players at the top of the School last season, the 2nd XI, far from being leftovers from the 1st team, was a talented collection of developing cricketers, winning 6 matches, losing 3 and drawing 3. The 3rd XI showed themselves to have real talent, sometimes even threatening to play some quite classy cricket - not at all the sort of social stuff that they are supposed to play! The Colts XI was extremely successful, with one loss in eleven games, and the Under 9s managed an unbeaten season.



1st XI Batting

RUGBY

Papplewick had a good Michaelmas term, with a shortened fixture list, as a result of our playing soccer in the Lent Term. We had a strong team and hopes were high. Of the fixtures played, the 1st XV lost only to Caldicott, and St John's Beaumont. It was good to score another win against the Dragon, though Caldicott defeated us comprehensively on a day when they played very well and we were slightly under par owing to a couple of injuries. The shortened season lent a sense of urgency to both players and coaches, and Stuart Malan, the Master i/c Rugby, says he is convinced that this will produce a higher standard of rugby at Papplewick.



Old Papplewickian Billy Price coaching Game 1



The Rugby XV attacking against Downsend

SOCCER

Undoubted talent and inexperience; breathtaking skills and caution in front of goal; attacking spirit and generous marking; all were features of the 1st XI's soccer season. Early season timidity in front of goal, and the loss of a key player up front to a bizarre injury made winning matches difficult. In spite of having star performers dotted around the field, the team failed to capitalise on on-field dominance,

and results in this first season did not always accord with the skill displayed on the pitch. It was always going to be hard work due to the inexperience of many of the boys, who were unused to competitive football. But next year we shall be that much more experienced, and with a goodly number of pre-season shooting practices, we should be more successful. Soccer has proved itself 'a good thing' and it has certainly been greatly enjoyed by both players and coaches.

Daphne Watson, who will be remembered by many Old Boys at the School in the 60s and 70s, has retired from running the Second Hand Clothes Shop, which she has overseen for some time. She has been a devoted supporter of Papplewick for over 40 years, and she will be greatly missed. I'm sure, though, that we shall be seeing her from time to time – especially as she still has a grandson at the School

LAST EDITION'S PHOTO QUIZ

The Scholars' group was taken in Summer 1986, and the Tutors' Christmas party was held in December of the same year.

★ The Year 6 newspaper day, which has taken place for some 8 years now, bore fruit this year, with the School entry winning an award in the T.E.S. Year 6 Newspaper Award Competition. The boys went to the House of Commons to receive their certificate.

★ The major School drama production of the year, *Carry on Papplewick* was written and produced by the Head of English, Nigel Ramage, and was, inevitably, a great success.

★ The Christmas Fair, in November, realised just under £10,000, and this will go towards the purchase of some more interactive white boards for the School.



Halloween Supper 2002

SOUTH AFRICAN TOUR 2003

No fewer than 28 boys were selected for our joint rugby and cricket tour to South Africa in March and April of this year. The cricketers left just before the end of term, and returned after two and a half weeks, and the rugby players not involved with the cricket left a week or so later, and stayed on for an extra few days to complete their programme. There will be a report on this tour in our next edition.

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Our hopes, published in last year's news sheet, were, sadly, unfulfilled. Any Old Boys hoping to access 'The Stag Weekly' were out of luck, for the editors were all working for their Common Entrance in the Summer term, with the result that the 'Weekly' failed to be published. Also, we are still working on getting The Old Papplewickian on the website. We are more optimistic this year....



The Headmaster with Old Boys in Bangkok. (Spot the Father and Son)

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

Old Boys' Day this year will be on **SUNDAY JULY 13TH**, the day after Speech Day. Once again the Headmaster will invite a team to play against the Old Boys XI, starting at 11.00 a.m. Teas will be available in the afternoon, as will the swimming pool. After the match there will be a barbecue, to which all Old Boys and their families are invited. We are looking forward to having a good turn out.