

The Old Papplewickian

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THE HEADMASTER WRITES

You will no doubt be aware, as Old Boys, that schools such as Papplewick are now the subject of periodic inspections, and I hope that you will be pleased to hear that Ofsted has just rated your alma mater as an 'outstanding' school. I am sure that it was ever thus, but I was particularly proud that the inspection team was impressed, first and foremost, with the boys themselves, and thereafter with their relationship with the staff, and with the family atmosphere of the school. The report included such quotations as, *"boys were respectful, confident and articulate"*, *"on many occasions, staff and boys referred to the school and boarding as a family"*, *"the school ensures that all boys are valued, irrespective of background or ability"*, *"the whole staff group and the boys were a true community"*, and one boy commented that he *"enjoyed boarding and sometimes did not want to go home!"*

In the modern world where communities are increasingly fragmented, it was especially gratifying to me that the virtues of a positive, tight-knit community were recognised, not least because I am sure that such an atmosphere gives the boys the security and confidence

from which success will inevitably flow...and this year, it has been the turn of the Music Department to enjoy unprecedented success with no fewer than five boys winning music awards to Eton, Winchester, Harrow and Charterhouse. I hope that it is by valuing academia, sport, and the Arts equally that Papplewick continues to turn out boys who, the inspectors also observed, *"respected and showed consideration for each other while being natural and well-rounded individuals"*. Sallie and I would of course be as delighted as ever if you felt like coming to see them for yourselves during the course of 2011!



Pavil Piamkulawanich, Dave Tungsuwan and Myles Riches at the Bangkok Tea Party



Outdoor Education

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SPEECH DAY 2010

The Headmaster began his speech by commenting on the way 'factors beyond his control' had threatened a normal start to each of the three terms of the past academic year – the threat of a resurgence of swine flu, heavy snow and volcanic ash. All this involved last-minute changes of arrangements for the School, parents and boys. This disruption provided a useful lesson for the boys, however, for they had the opportunity of learning first hand that setbacks, when they happen, are there to be overcome. Swine flu had visited Papplewick last Summer and measures were still in place to deal with that eventuality, should it arise. The snow was overcome by parents and boys, who were determined to beat it; one family even resorted to cross-country skis to get to School one morning. And the internet provided a way of overcoming the volcanic ash problem, for schoolwork was placed on the School website so that the boys could be gainfully employed, much to their disappointment, while their parents struggled with changed travel arrangements.



Snow strikes once again in 2010

The Headmaster went on to say that the good thing about a prep school, particularly a boarding one, was that it could provide something of a sanctuary where so many of the old fashioned virtues can be absorbed: that nothing worthwhile can be achieved without sheer hard work; that honesty, courtesy and loyalty will carry you further in life than any qualification; that teamwork will always overcome individual effort; that friendship is at the core of the human spirit; and that if you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all.

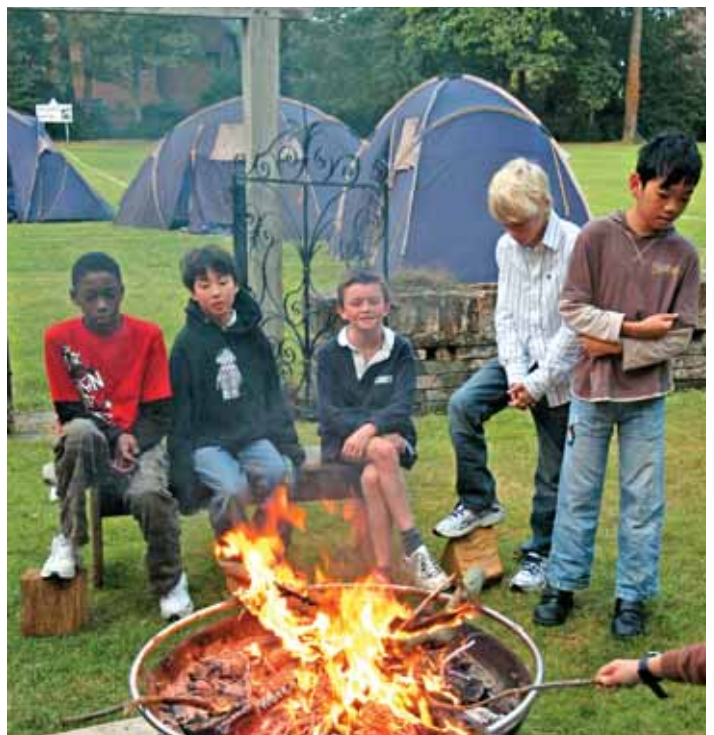
Perhaps some of these virtues were behind another very good list of scholarship results over the past year – in double figures for the sixth time in succession. Common Entrance results had also been excellent, with a dozen boys securing a particularly high number of A grades and with two gaining 8 and 9 respectively. The Headmaster suggested that such success might well lie in the fact that Papplewick was an all-boys school. He pointed out that there had been much research into how boys' brains develop at a different rate from that of girls. This, together with the fact that girls mature physically earlier than boys at the prep school age, led one to question the sense of



Dormitory Life is Fun...

So 'business as usual' was soon restored on each occasion, and the School could get on with the matter of education in a boarding environment – one where staff and boys inhabit the same space for much of the time, producing the kind of family atmosphere that led to a representative of the 'Tatler Good Schools Guide' writing to the Headmaster after his visit to say, "I was bowled over by the boys with their good manners and outgoing natures and it is evident that Papplewick really does provide the boys with an extended family."

This family atmosphere places huge responsibility on the School, of course, and there are occasions where boys will come across situations which they may be able to handle on an intellectual level, but not emotionally. Such situations are fed by TV, advertising, the internet, email and the mobile phone, most of which in themselves are beneficial. Some, however, are manipulative, exploiting and deeply worrying. On this subject the Headmaster stated, "That is why I am determined to extend the education of the boys, particularly with regard to the use of the internet, through a new curriculum in e-safety from the start of the new school year. I hope there will be great benefit for parents too, for it is possible the challenge lies more in the use of technology at home than at school, for here we have the luxury of network wide controls. And as well as educating the boys in how to stay safe, I have equal resolve that we will educate them in how to use the internet to discover the real world and not just to escape from it."



... so is the Saturday Night Camp Out



Cockroach Racing at the Hog Roast

attempting to educate the two together simply for reasons of their chronological age, when they are clearly at different stages developmentally. "Here, boys can develop at their own pace, competing on a level playing field, with other boys developing at the same rate. Here, boundless energy can be celebrated...but it is this energy, this boy behaviour which stands out and may seem inappropriate or wrong in a classroom shared with girls."

On the games field however, last season this energy had been most welcome, because the seniors in particular had experienced a very successful year in all three major sports.

In the Arts, the natural creativity which boys possess can be in



Pottery is greatly enjoyed at Papplewick

danger of being suppressed in a co-ed setting, whereas at Papplewick it is very much taken for granted, as has been evinced in the past year through the remarkable artwork on display, the outstanding depth of musicianship and the wonderful drama, performed at all ages throughout the School – including the first class performance of 'HMS Pinafore' and a joint drama production with the girls of St Mary's, Ascot.

However, for all this creativity boys are natural risk takers, which can lead to problems. The Headmaster emphasised that at Papplewick there was no wish to subdue this natural trait in boys, but rather a desire to direct it and help boys learn the judgement they need to avoid hurting themselves or others. Provision is made to secure a safe environment within which those risks can be taken and enjoyed by everyone together and this can lead to friendships that can last a lifetime. Year after year Old Boys come back to the Hog Roast at Papplewick to renew friendships forged through shared experiences at boarding school. The Headmaster concluded his thoughts on boarding by saying, "I become more and more certain that this cocktail, which is in such a large part unique to an all-boys school, is a huge contributory factor not only to the success of your sons, but also to the confidence that they have when they leave the School at 13."



The Christingle Service 2009

Tom Bunbury paid tribute to the Papplewick Staff who had worked so tirelessly over the year in so many different ways and he bade farewell to three long serving members of the School community, Nigel Ramage, Ronan De Burca and Robert Furness, the School Doctor for the past 15 years. Tributes to them appear elsewhere in this newsletter. He ended by saying that during the past year the School had put an enormous emphasis on Pride and he was happy to say that he was unashamedly proud of the boys at Papplewick. He thanked the leavers, and their parents especially, for their support over the years, parents and boys who had come right the way through the School as he and his wife, Sallie, took over the running of Papplewick in 2004. He hoped the leavers had benefited from the Papplewick philosophy so neatly encapsulated by John F Kennedy when he said, "All of us do not have equal talent, but all of us should have an equal opportunity to develop our talent." It was the Headmaster's hope that they would go off to their public schools and beyond, knowing that people would always be more important than possessions.

Farewells 2100

Nigel Ramage. "It is hard to find the words to describe such a colossus of the prep school world." Thus the Headmaster began his tribute to Nigel on Speech Day. He came to Papplewick in 1999, and during his eleven years at the School he has had an incalculable effect on the lives of countless boys, championing their cause, making them feel valued, giving them confidence – particularly to those who might otherwise have lacked it – and drawing undiscovered talents out of them. Senior Tutor and Head of the English Department, he was an inspirational teacher, editor of the Stag Magazine, the supremo of the Arts Festival, an inspirational director of School plays, an overtly enthusiastic coach on the games field and a man who brooked no nonsense but was fun to be with. He was a tremendously hard worker who brought the best out of those with whom he came into contact, man and boy, being a source of sound advice



Nigel Ramage leaves after 11 years at Papplewick

and tremendous encouragement to all who approached him. He was a kind man who gave generously of his time. Most boys will only be aware later of his influence on them as they progressed through the School, but parents will know and above all the Headmaster will appreciate, to a huge degree, his enormous contribution to Papplewick. He was indeed a colossus of the prep school world and we wish him every happiness as he and his wife Katie take a much deserved retirement.

Tom Lewis joined the Papplewick Staff in 2002 as Head of Classics and did wonders in the Classics Department. His inspirational teaching brought the best out of the boys, who enjoyed his lessons while gaining consistently high grades in both Common Entrance and Scholarship exams. He became Director of Studies and Deputy Headmaster (Academic) and on the games field he was an enthusiastic coach of the 3rd XV rugby. We wish him well as he leaves to pursue a new career, still in education but without the all-consuming role life that prep school education entails.



Ronan De Burca leaves after 11 years

Ronan De Burca joined the Music department in 1999, where he has been a source of great inspiration to boys in developing their own musical talents and creativity, both through their individual instruments and through the music technology curriculum that he has so much made his own. He was an extremely talented organist, gracing daily services and bringing pleasure to all who heard him. On the games field, particularly the soccer pitch, he galvanised boys into action with his talented play and infectious encouragement. He leaves school life to pursue a professional playing career, initially on cruise ships heading to Alaska, and he goes with our thanks and good wishes.

Dr Robert Furness has been School Doctor, serving Papplewick in a quiet and unassuming way but with immense care and professionalism over the past fifteen years. His friendly and confidence-boosting approach must have played a great part in effecting the cure to a vast number of ailments amongst the boys, and there are plenty of members of staff who have cause to be thankful for his ministrations too – the editor of this publication amongst them! He leaves with our gratitude and we wish him and his wife Ann a very happy retirement.



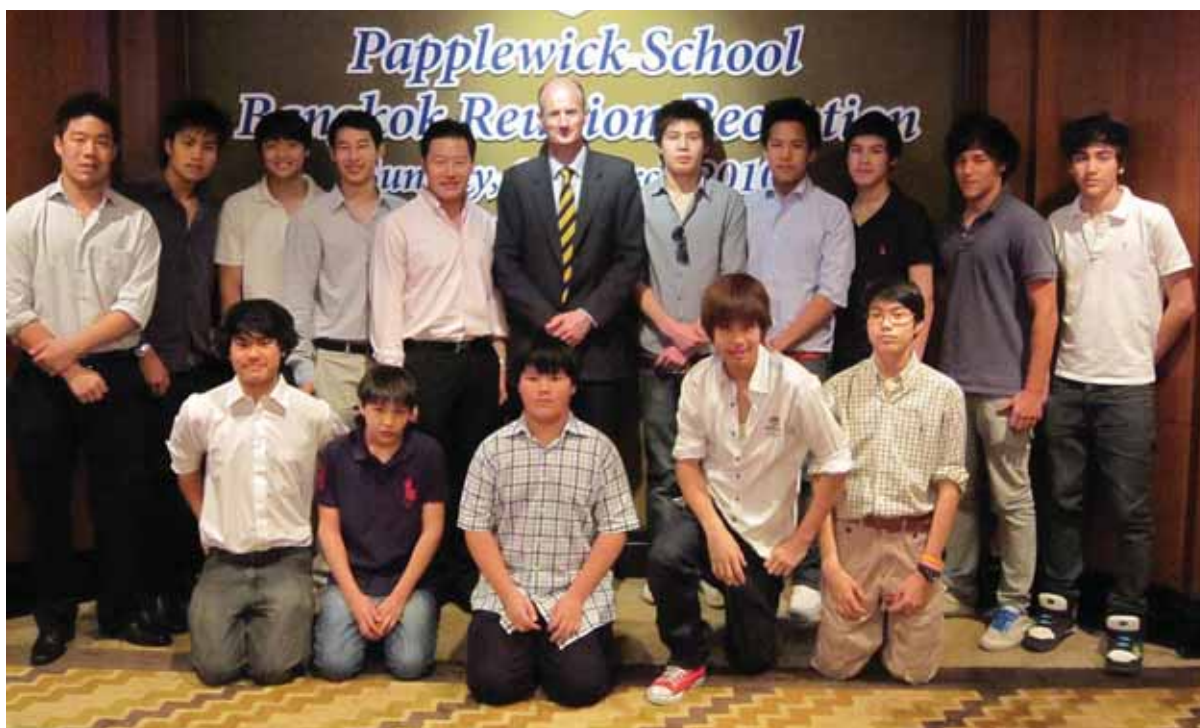
Dr Robert Furness was School Doctor for 15 years.



Languages Day 2010

AWARDS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2010

William Benjamin	Exhibition for Excellence in Sport to Wellington
Tom Harrison	Peter Attenborough Scholarship to Charterhouse
Jakob Holder	Academic Exhibition to Wellington
Kevbe Otobo	Art Exhibition to Charterhouse
Clark Thorley	Exhibition for Excellence in Sport to Wellington
Harry Thorpe	Top Design Technology Scholarship to Bradfield
Myles Treacy	Academic Exhibition to Wellington
Andrew Veale	Academic Exhibition to Wellington
Caspar Whitehead	Top Academic Scholarship to Stowe
William Yoon	Top Academic Scholarship to Harrow



Old Papplewickians at the Bangkok Reunion last year

Back row:

Tim Lochotinan,
Peuk Vadanyakul,
Johnny Bunnag,
Poom Kunplin,
Tan Lochotinan, TWB,
Napol
Sirimongkalkasem,
Dave Tungsuwan,
Pavil Piamkulawanich,
Myles Riches,
Guy Riches

Front row:

Wyn Clayton,
Hugh Riches,
Teddy Maithai,
Joe Bunnag,
Parsant Jotikasthira

Thailand

Following hot on the heels of a very successful Spanish reunion in 2009, the Headmaster, Simon Gedye and the Bursar travelled to Bangkok in March 2010 to host a reunion for all our former Thai boys and their families. A very English tea party was held at Bangkok's premier hotel, the Peninsula, which Old Boys from 1996 to 2010 attended. As part of the reunion, Tan Lochotinan, Poom Kunplin, and Dave Tungsuwan all spoke very eloquently in reminiscing about their schooldays at Papplewick. The reunion would not have been possible without the extraordinary generosity and hospitality of current parents, Siriluck and Thidej Matthai, together with Marisa Clayton and Yang Riches to whom a huge debt of gratitude is owed.

Design and Technology

The boys have always shown great enthusiasm and imagination when tackling new projects and this has resulted in the production of some very good work. The School introduced computer aided design and manufacture into the project work last year, thus enlarging the scope of what is available to the boys. It was very pleasing that a Papplewick boy was awarded

the top Design and Technology scholarship to Bradfield. His project elicited a comment from the Principal there to the effect that he thought it was up to A level standard.



Tom Lewis (centre) leaves after valuable work in the Classics Dept.



Papplewick's first DT Scholar with his 'Steady Hand' Game

Art

Art in the School continues to flourish under the expert and enthusiastic direction of Caroline Brooks and Sadie James. Boys throughout the School have excelled with both the quality and quantity of work produced during the course of the year. The work on display at the Art Festival demonstrated a wide variety of drawing, painting, printing and ceramic techniques that was quite amazing, reflecting the breadth of talent within the School. The Art Scholars' hard work and dedication resulted in very substantial and varied portfolios, most of which was done in extra-curricular activities and in the Sunday workshops. But while it is always gratifying to see boys with talent flourishing, it is also immensely rewarding to witness the progress made by boys who really have had to persevere in order to produce such pleasing results.



Scott and Katherine Smith-Bannister at their Wedding

Drama 2009-10

Drama thrives throughout the School and last year saw a production of HMS Pinafore staged as the 'magnum opus', keeping up the Gilbert and Sullivan tradition. This was a highly successful event, as ever, with the boys throwing themselves into their parts with gusto. Once again the results of Dick Deadeye's dastardly actions failed to produce the results that he sought, and the Captain's daughter ended up marrying her humble sailor, who took his meteoric promotion at the end of the play in his stride – as indeed the Captain accepted his fate with customary stoicism. Having such a talented School choir, the

soloists and the choruses added outstanding contributions to the high quality actions. The producer must have been very pleased with the final result.

Year 6 put on a play full of energy, talent and mystery in 2010 – **'The Highland Hotel.'** The play centres around Mr and Mrs McAllister who are trying to sell their failing hotel to any one of the rich clients. The Thompsons are too busy showing off to buy, Lord and Lady Loopy and their posh son were too poor to buy while the mysterious Mr Jackson and his sidekick Mr Chevolski were so dark that the audience was afraid they'd buy. And the Americans Frank and Gladys found at the last minute that they couldn't afford to buy either.

SO WHO DOES BUY? – This must remain a mystery as the School Magazine 'The Stag' does not reveal this information.



Jonathan and Charlotte Cooper

The Arts Festival

Papplewick experienced an innovation this year in that the School was approached by Mr Tim Jelley, the Head of Drama at St Mary's, Ascot, asking us if we would like to take part in a joint production of 'Skellig' by David Almond. Mr Jelley is not only an inspiring director, but he is in command of a real theatre at St Mary's and our boys were very fortunate to get the chance to be part of such a professional production – as well as get to talk to some real girls! As well as the actors, the technical boys had a great time back stage, under the supervising eye of the Technical Director of St Mary's, using a real lighting box and a fine sound system. It was a tremendous success for both schools, and greatly enjoyed.



Sponsored Walk 2010



Collection for the Shoebox Appeal



Papplewick's Green Day

ECO AWARENESS 2010

Papplewick has now been awarded the Eco School Silver certificate and it is working towards achieving its Green Flag Award. Recent projects include:

Produce from our vegetable garden plot is harvested and used in our kitchen.

There are two main compost areas within the school. One is situated next to the garden plot and the other one in the kitchen.

As part of their Science lessons boys have planted trees.

Boys have been allocated limited printing quotas to minimise paper waste.

Posters and signs reminding people to switch the lights off when leaving rooms are displayed in and around classrooms.

Each classroom has paper recycling bins that are regularly emptied.

To raise awareness on electricity waste a non energy day was held when no laptops or interactive whiteboards were used.

The School has also held a Litter Awareness Day - the theme being how we can take better care of our school and grounds.

Letters, School reports and marks are sent to parents via electronic systems.

Eco Conference

One day last year a group of boys from Papplewick went to the Dragon School to attend an Eco Conference. The day started in the Assembly Hall where they were given ten important reasons why we needed to keep our trees safe and secure. After this, they divided into separate groups to do workshops which laid emphasis on English, Geography and Art and DT. In the English workshop boys read and looked at books which told them how to be more of an eco school. The Geography group examined how many miles our food travels and how much we were polluting the world by just transporting an orange from overseas. They were told that if possible they should buy foods which didn't come from abroad. In the Art/DT group, they made a necklace out of recycled materials. This was fun to do and not at all hard.

At The Races

During afternoon activities one day last summer a gang of boys was siphoned off from a Cookery Activity to the racecourse, wearing 'Keep Britain Tidy' plastic bag shirts and gloves and armed with black litter bags and litter pickers. Work began at the entrance and it seemed like a nice easy option at first; it took about ten minutes before the aches and pains began to set in.

Action then moved to the inner areas of the racecourse, where there were a lot of discarded cigar ends. Soon much more litter was discovered further in and the boys were really quite glad when they finally came to the end of their allocated time. Glad, but pleased to have done a full hour's work for the good of the community.



Dressed up for Picking Litter on the Racecourse

David Allaway

Former Papplewick Headmaster, Rhidian Llewellyn, gave the Address at David's memorial gathering on June 3rd 2010. Here is an edited version of what he said...

David Allaway was an intensely private man, a modest and sensitive one, an innocent who had no idea how many lives he touched and who achieved so much in his teaching career, first at Prince Alfred College in Adelaide and then at Papplewick. He was a supremely gifted schoolmaster who exuded a calm authority: the boys had to listen carefully or they would not hear him. Equally, however, they had to speak up otherwise David would not hear them! When he left Papplewick in 1999, I spoke about him on Speech Day in the following way:

"Last September I received a letter from David Allaway informing me of his decision, reached only after much soul searching, to leave Papplewick after a decade of dedicated service. Over the years I have asked David to do so much that I have felt at times like a cricket captain piling sweaters on a patient umpire: Head of English; Senior Tutor; Senior Master; Editor of Stag; author of the History of the School; Media Mogul – film and play producer, DJ, in name and pastime, is a great loss not merely to Papplewick but to the teaching profession in general. Countless Papplewick boys have benefited from his inspirational teaching and pastoral care. When his successor but five comes to write the sequel to his history of the school, the name of David Allaway and the innovations he inspired will feature prominently in that story. He leaves us to pursue a business career following the great success of his Detention Papers, which make the ideal gift for someone you don't really like but can't overlook! No headmaster could have been luckier or better served by his senior master."

His dream, on leaving Papplewick, was to make his business a success and he made every sacrifice to do so: and he came so tantalisingly close, yet was so cruelly far away, from achieving his dream.

To all his family, to his pupils and his protégés and his friends, to us his memory is his monument and his death is swallowed up in thankfulness for his life.

The lovely words which end Thomas Hardy's *The Woodlanders* come to mind: "David, you were a good man and did good things."



David Allaway, when he came to Papplewick in 1989

The Rev'd John Naylor

A Cambridge graduate in History and Theology, John Naylor came to teach at Papplewick in 1956, where he remained for two years before moving on to become a parson. He always considered that his chief contribution to the School was his input during the planning stages of the building of the 'new' Chapel in 1957, when Peter Knatchbull-Hugessen sought his advice on several key points. Tim Reynolds who was a contemporary teacher of John's, remembers how much Peter valued this input. In 2007 John hoped to be able to visit Papplewick for the 50th anniversary service commemorating the building of the Chapel, but ill health kept him away. Over the last decade he kept in touch with the School and made various interesting contributions to

'The Old Papplewickian' during this time. Tim Reynolds maintained contact with him over the years and was able to be present at his funeral in Newcastle on November 4th.

Born in Bradford, the son of a clergyman, he was ordained in Newcastle Cathedral and he spent most of his ministry in the north of England, though he did spend some years in St Albans, where his duties included being acting Chaplain for several years at Caldicott. However, the call of the North lured him once more to the Tyneside area in 1980, where he continued his ministry until his retirement eleven years later. A lifelong bachelor, he was a popular and much loved minister with a passion for music, and when up north he would rarely miss a performance of the local Choral Society.

Major Dick Waller

After a successful and varied military career as an Engineer, Major Dick Waller arrived at Papplewick in 1975 to fill the shoes of the redoubtable Angus Bainbrigge and the indomitable Brigadier Rodney Greenwood, in order to keep the light of the mathematics department shining: a mighty challenge, if ever there was one!

Those who remember him will recall that he was a gentleman, in every sense of the word. With impeccable manners and as an engaging conversationalist, he was always prepared to give time to anyone who wanted or needed it, and although teaching young boys was a new venture for him, he was never prepared to accept second best, either in the classroom or as far as respect to others was concerned. Whether assisting an eight-year-old with tying his shoelaces or entertaining his colleagues royally

with Cynthia, his wife of many years, at their lovely home, such occasions would always be enhanced by Dick's wit and wisdom.

As with most ex-military men-turned-schoolmasters, many apocryphal stories about Dick Waller abounded among the boys. There was no doubt, though, that he had undergone horrendous and psychologically-scarring times during his career. His omnipresent smiling countenance was said to have occurred as a result of this, but I prefer to think that whatever the awfulness of the truth may have been, his smile was genuine, never lacking sincerity or compassion.

Shortly after leaving Papplewick, Dick suffered a heart attack, but he survived, and his characteristic tenacity ensured that he and Cynthia were able to enjoy a long and happy retirement. **PRC**

Rosemary Beharrell

Many Old Boys and former Staff will be sad to hear of the death last September of Rosemary Beharrell, who was a tremendously loyal supporter of Papplewick from the time that her son, Andrew, arrived as a new boy in 1968. She was Assistant Secretary at the School from 1979-1984 and

the following year she became a School Governor. Since her retirement in 1997 she has been a regular guest at Papplewick Carol Services and Speech Days, where her friendly smile of greeting will be sadly missed by her many friends.



Christmas Feast 2010



The Authors' visits are always popular

OLD BOYS' NEWS

Raj and Dilip Anketell (1961- 64) were both keen on cricket at Papplewick before moving on to Hurstpierpoint. Raj now lives in Hong Kong and manufactures shoes and Dilip works at Texas Southern University.

The three **Asplen-Taylor boys (2007)** are all settled in Sherborne. **William** is now at Taunton School (saying it reminds him of Papplewick!) having got an academic award. He has taken up running, doing the 400m for school and County. **Alexander** is still rugby mad, playing for club and

school and **Matthew**, now Year 2, is mad on sport. All three went in for a triathlon as part of a 'try it' weekend, and did well.

Myles Barley (1999-2000) visited the School last July for the Reunion of 2000. He is running his own business, Internetshop, locally.

Nick Baum (1955-60) has written to give his details for the School database. He went on to Marlborough after Papplewick, where he was Second Prefect, Head of House, and played in the

1st XV for two seasons. After leaving school he graduated from what is now known as Guildhall University. He joined Ogilvy & Mather advertising agency in '69 as a graduate trainee and enjoyed 18 great years with them, in London for 3 years, then in Paris. He still lives in France, helping run TBWA Europe. He married in 1975 and has three daughters and four grandchildren. He spends his time between Paris and Ramatuelle, (where he says fellow Old Papplewickian **Hugo Skillington** runs a very swanky Real Estate company!) On a sad note, Nick's brother **Johnny**, who was also at Papplewick and Marlborough, died in 1967 in a car accident, shortly after graduating from Dickinson College in Pennsylvania.

James Belgrave (1999-2000) graduated from Leeds University in 2009 having spent 14 months studying in Buenos Aires and travelling around Latin America, visiting 15 countries, as part of his Spanish Degree. Afterwards, he completed an MA in Development Studies at the Institute of Development Studies, in 2010. He has now moved to East London and is doing an internship with Forum for the Future, a think tank specialising in Climate Change and Sustainability issues. When we heard from him he was looking forward to starting an internship with the FAO of the United Nations in January.

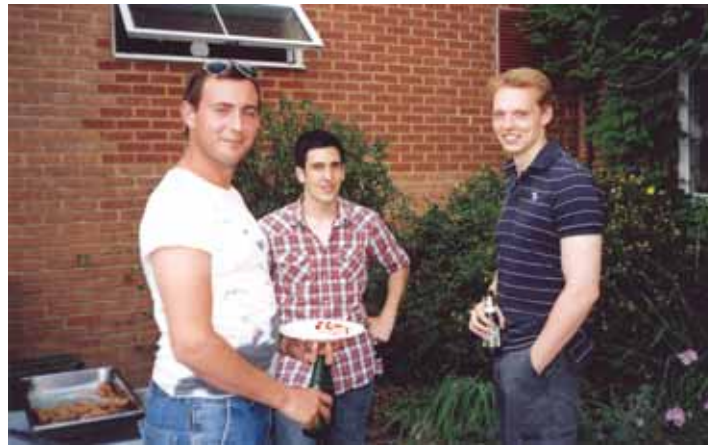


Outdoor Education

Chris Callue (1994-2000) was studying for his medical exams last July and was unable to spare the time to attend the Reunion of 2000 at Papplewick.

Tom Edwards (1994-2000), having graduated from Oxford with a degree in biochemistry, did a two year law conversion course and is now working for Allen & Overy.

Tom Elliott (1988-94) has moved to Perth, Australia, where he is continuing his dental career. He is enjoying the sun, sea and sand and all that these bring with them in the way of sporting activities. He also enjoys his sallies into Margaret River in search of new vintages of the excellent wine to be found there.



Myles Barley, Jo Harris and Tom Edwards back for the Reunion of 2000

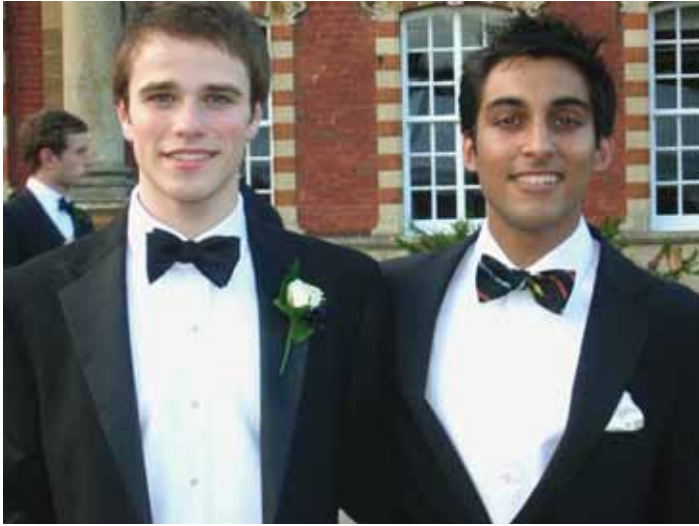
Jo Harris (1998-2000) is now working in Consultancy in Richmond. It was good to see him back at Papplewick last Old Boys' Day for the Reunion of 2000.

James Haskell (1992-98) continues to play rugby in the back row for Stade Français and for England. This season he has been playing an increasingly prominent role in internationals and it was good to see him on the score sheet against Italy and Man of the Match in the Scotland game. He visited Papplewick last year when he spoke to the boys, signed autographs and presented the School with one of his England rugby shirts.

Martin Humphreys (1968-73) moved with his family last September from Shrewesbury School, where he was Head of Communications, to take up the position of Principal of King William's College, in the Isle of Man. We believe his first



James Haskell presents one of his England Rugby Shirts to the School



Charlie Smith and Inder Virdi left Wellington last Summer

purchase when there was that of an extremely powerful motorbike, though this has yet to be verified!

Nick Maughan (1988–93) - Having finished university, he married in 2004 and now has a daughter. In 2007 he moved from running a hedge fund in New York to setting up an online financial betting company from the Isle of Man. He recently sold it to a FTSE 250 company and now owns a financial software company, being based between the Isle of Man and London. Nick's brother **Oliver**, who was also briefly at Papplewick, though just for one year, now lives in a small town in New Hampshire (US) and is an artist. Nick has written in to say that he was very sorry to see from the 2010 newsletter that Tim Edwards and Peter Longhurst had both died. He remembers teaming up with some other boy to steal a statue of an owl that Mr Longhurst had by the door of his flat and placing it in the middle of the cricket pitch one evening! Not having liked games much, he also remembers standing around on the astro turf hoping the football didn't come near him. Whenever he thinks back to games at Papplewick it involves referees blowing a whistle at the less sporty boys, who were keen to avoid playing rugby.

Charles Neale (1999-2004) is studying Economics and Management at Trinity College Oxford. He has been rowing for the College and is now coaching the VIII. He has also taken up lacrosse and still finds time to practise his bagpipes in places which cause the least nuisance to the local residents! He very much enjoys Oxford and is standing for Treasurer of the College's Students' Union.

Jonathan Sargent (1969-74) went to Haileybury after leaving Papplewick. He was heavily involved in sport there, particularly rugby, where he played in the School side. After leaving school he continued playing, for Bedford, Harlequins and England U23s. Unfortunately a building accident brought his rugby playing to an end, though he continued to do some casual building work, while spending the next few years training and qualifying as an architect. He left the UK some seventeen years ago and worked in various countries before ending up in Dubai, where he has lived with his wife and two children for the past nine years, working as Project Manager for KEO International Consultants.

James Schembri (1989-96) has written in to get himself on the mailing list. Things are going well and he went to the University of Southampton in 2002 to read French. After graduating in 2006 he moved to London where he has been working in finance in the City.

Stuart Seymour (1981-87) is working on the business development side at Enquest PLC, an Oil & Gas exploration and production company with assets in the North Sea. He keeps fit by playing squash for the Queen's Club, Barons Court. In November he married Laura, whom he had met some twelve months previously.

Charlie Smith (1999-2005) has moved on from Wellington with the grades he needed to go to Leeds, where he is now studying Modern Languages (French and Spanish) and really enjoying it.

Duncan Thomson (1991-97) - On 30th May 2010 Duncan ran one of the World's longest ultra marathons. Billed as the 'Ultimate Human Race' it covers 89.2kms (56 miles) between Pietermaritzburg and Durban in South Africa. That is the equivalent of two full marathons and then another 4 miles on top! Just to make it harder, the cut off time was 12 hrs and the route was across the dramatically undulating valley of 1000 hills in Kwazulu, Natal. Duncan was born in Pietermaritzburg, where this great annual race was first run in 1921. He therefore thought it was fitting for him to attempt this challenge, which was, as many other runners have found out, 20% physical and 80% mental. He also ran this crazy distance in order to raise money for two very worthwhile charities, *Mercy Ships* and *Children with Leukaemia*.

Over the previous 6 months:

He ran over 400 miles in training

He trained in the wind, rain, snow and sun

He ate over 50 kg of pasta



Stuart Seymour married Laura in November

He spent over 2 hours in ice cold baths
 He ran both the Rome and Paris Marathons in just over 4 hours. He ran 40 miles round and round Forfar, in 7 hrs 44 mins on the 2nd May, to complete his training.

Setting off from near Pietermaritzburg Town Hall at 5.30 am on 30th May, Duncan and his running partner (age 63!) crossed the finishing line at Kingsmead stadium in Durban together, in the remarkable time of 11hrs 38 mins 52 secs.

Will Western-Kaye completed his successful Wellington career in June 2010, with some very impressive run scoring in the 2nd XI. Last November he enjoyed working for the Fat Duck Group in Bray (Heston Blumenthal's company) as Front of House staff and in February he set off to do some travelling. Having gained A Levels in PE (A), Business Studies (A) and Philosophy and Ethics (B) he will take up his place at Exeter University in September 2011 to read Sports Science.



Duncan Thomsom and co-runner at the end of their double marathon



Emre Sert had a good day behind the stumps against the HM's XI

NEWS FROM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BRADFIELD - Jaewook Jung finished his GCSEs at Bradfield last year and achieved 10 As of which 6 were A*s. He is now attending Tiffin School for Boys, where he's also doing pretty well. He got straight As in his January AS levels and his UCAS predicted grades for A Levels are Maths A*, Further Maths A*, Physics A and Art A. He's been offered a provisional place in September at Imperial College London to study Civil Engineering.

BRYANSTON - Maximilian Cramer and **Jordan Lees** are now in the VI form both having secured 9 GCSEs last Summer. The latter is now studying Art, DT, Theatre Studies and Business Studies at A level.



Paul Kaplanski and Divia Dattani on Old Boys' Day 2010

ETON - Michael Stacey had a good year in 2009-10. He was awarded his 1st XV colours a year young, winning himself a place on the rugby tour to Argentina. He also played cricket in the 1st XI as an opening bowler. On the academic side he was awarded the St.Nicholas prize essay for History. **Rohan Handa** has now embarked on life in the Sixth Form and is taking 5 subjects: Maths, Further Maths, Physics, Economics and Politics, a pretty tough schedule! He did very well in his IGCSE exams, scoring the top grade in all subjects except one, where he scored a grade A. **Jordan Paragpuri** put in a lot of hard work last year and was rewarded with some very good GCSE results - 10 A*s and an A. He was also awarded the English Prize for coming top of his year. His interest in English and the Arts continues and he is taking A levels in English, Theology, Art and History of Art.

HAMPTON SCHOOL - Forbes Lindesay has completed an enjoyable time at Hampton and is now at Cambridge (Robinson College) studying Computer Science. He did very well in the sixth form, achieving A*s at A level Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Psychology, an A in General Studies, a merit in AEA Maths, and an A in AS Economics. He also did a Computing A level (old syllabus) outside of school in 2009, for which he was largely self taught, and got an A with 100% in all the A2 modules.

HARROW – There are 25 Old Boys at Harrow. **Jeremy Ogilvie-Harris** has had a successful three years so far, having gained an A* in Maths GCSE a year early and proceeding to do C1 and C2 Maths. As the Classics Scholar, he has done Latin and Ancient Greek GCSE and Classical Civilization GCSE off-timetable, also becoming the Head of 'Lupuli', the Junior Classics Society at Harrow. He has made good progress at his bagpipe playing as well as getting into the School Pipe-band. In the CCF he was selected for the Royal Marines' Stuart Pringle Trophy Competition last year, while still in the V Form. He is now looking into Navy and Marines Scholarships as he would like to take this side of his life further. Jeremy was



On Safari in South Africa



Boys visiting Holyport to try their hand at Real Tennis

also in the Park Drill Squad of 13 people which won the Harrow competition, scoring full points in the inspection and marching, beating the current record. He played goal-keeper for the 2nd XI Hockey and is now working his way up the grades in Karate. He has had the odd setback, including, in October 2009, falling and rupturing his spleen – luckily with no serious consequences. **Alex Mackintosh** has been appointed Head of Druries. Last Summer he did a week's work experience at Rothschild, which he really enjoyed. He has been working hard towards Oxford, having achieved very good results in the Lower VI and GCSEs. **Dan Harmes** has left Harrow with 4 As at A level and is currently at Bristol, reading Engineering. **Sami Goussous** was awarded a gold certificate in the UK Chemistry Olympiad Competition last year, and also won two other Science prizes on Speech Day. He has now moved on to Churchill College, Cambridge to read Natural Sciences, having secured 4 A*s and one A at A level. **Richard Oh** and **Matthew Carter** also won two academic prizes each last Speech Day. The latter is also a good swimmer in the School team. **Yunus Sert** and **Dave Tungswan** have been on tour to Dubai with the School 1st XV and U15 XV respectively, where they were both 'Man of the Match' on one occasion each. Yunus distinguished himself at cricket last Summer by scoring a century at Lords in Harrow's victory over Eton, in

their annual cricket match. He also took a couple of important wickets and ran out two of the opposition. His batting average for the year was 79.6. This season Yunus captained the 1st XI soccer team. He is now a 'Triple Blood' with 1st team colours in Rugby, Soccer and Cricket and has been appointed Captain of Cricket for 2011. **Adrian Clarke** works for the School Community Service, enjoying visiting and helping the elderly. **Salman Alhamrani** gained 4 good A levels and has moved on to San Diego University, in the USA. During his time at Harrow he made a great contribution to the polo team, representing the School for several consecutive years at Guards Club for the annual fixture against Eton. In his final year Salman scored one of the goals and received the prize for the Best Polo Pony on the day. **Emre Sert** is in the Junior Colts A soccer team, **Waleed Alireza** has been playing some good rugby in the 1st XV and **James Lawson-Baker** played a couple of games last season for 1st X1 cricket and went on tour to South Africa.

MILTON ABBEY - **James Lees** thoroughly enjoyed his time at Milton Abbey, but he has now left, after his AS year, in which



Rob Deacock and Yunus Sert ready to bat against the HM's XI



Will Cowley (3rd Right, Middle Row) and Alex Worth (Middle, Back Row) in the Daily Mail Stowe Rugby Team

he studied Maths and Drama. He has had a passion for flying from the age of 14 and he is now doing commercial pilot training at CTC Wings Flying School in Southampton, on an 18 month course - with 6 months in New Zealand!

RADLEY – Felix Lahiff was in the Shell last year, enjoying his drama greatly. He performed in the Shell play, 'Dick Barton, Special Agent', taking the part of Helga. **Piers Saich** played rugby in the 3rd XV last season in the very successful side which won eight of its nine matches.



Charlie and Harry Miller-Stirling (Eton) co-incidentally met up with Thomas and William Liney (Marlborough) on holiday in Bali last year.

READING GRAMMAR SCHOOL - Joel Matthews has left RGS and is now at Bristol where he is reading electronic and electrical engineering, after securing three very good A level grades. His younger brother **Harry** is now at RGS High Wycombe and very much likes life at the school, where he has taken some GCSEs early, getting some good grades in the three Science subjects. Youngest brother, **Ted**, enjoys Claire's Court and is doing well in the Sciences and Languages.

REED'S SCHOOL – Roy Steudle is working hard, being academically in the upper reaches of his year, and he was hopeful of getting some good results in his GCSE exams. This is very creditable considering that he has an extremely heavy skiing schedule, which takes him away training for a

considerable part of the year. He has won Gold medals in both the Slalom and Giant Slalom as well as an overall award at the British Schools' Championships in Meiringen, Switzerland. His efforts helped Reed's become National Champions.

ST. EDWARDS, OXFORD – Jamie D'Alton is enjoying St Edwards, especially the athletics where he is performing well for the School in the triple and high jumps.

STOWE – Both Alex Worth and Will Cowley have been playing first team rugby this year. They have played in the National Daily Mail Schools U18 cup competition, getting to the last sixteen where they just lost, 21-17, to Plymouth College. To get that far involved defeating some of the toughest school teams in the country. Alex scored in the Plymouth game but a serious knee injury unfortunately kept Will out of the side and will mean an end to further sport for about nine months. Apart from rugby, Alex also plays polo in the School team and went off with the tour party to Argentina last year, visiting Buenos Aires and Concordia. On the academic front, Alex has secured offers from a number of universities that he has applied to and Will has received 80% of offers, including one from Durham to do marketing. **Orlando Whitehead** has been enjoying his sport at Stowe. He is a good cross-country runner, coming in 4th in the



Choir Outing 2010

Intermediate School Competition last year and he played hockey as a defender in the Junior Colts B side, which enjoyed an undefeated season. He also played tennis for the Junior Colts A VI, which had a good season. **Phong Vadanyakul** is now in the Lower Sixth and very much enjoys his art. **Ify Ejindu Peuk** played Cricket in the successful Colts A side, where he is noted for his bowling of 'laconically delivered bullets.' **Guy Riches** swims breaststroke for the Junior team and he broke the School record for this event last season.

WELLINGTON - **James Brooks** had a very successful season in the Cricket 1st XI last year, with some excellent performances behind the stumps, earning him the fielding cup for the season. He could also be relied upon to score some valuable runs in the middle order. **Inder Virdi** won the Trainer's Tankard in the Field Gun Crew. **Oscar Lahiff** is pursuing his interest in Art by doing some valuable work in the Art School. **Charlie Skipworth-Button** played some good cricket in the Colts team last summer, displaying some aggressive batting, and **Ryan Lever** showed considerable potential in the Junior Colts 3rd XI.

WINDSOR BOYS' SCHOOL - **George Winter, Alex Avery, and Jeevan Singh** last year went with a Windsor Boys School first team cricket tour to Barbados where they met with considerable success. Despite being the youngest tourists (main squad were upper and lower 6th boys), they all had a fantastic tour, each of them winning a 'man of the match' award with some fabulous nail biters, showing true character. An amazing time was had by them all.



James Brooks scored a fluent half century against the HM's XI last July



Visiting the Elderly at the Ascot Day Centre



Papplewick's Got Talent

MORE SCHOOL NEWS

Ascot Day Centre

On Thursday afternoons Papplewick has been sending a group of volunteers to the Ascot Day Centre to speak with the Senior Citizens. The boys serve them tea and biscuits, and listen to the reminiscences of the residents on their childhood, something which they really enjoy hearing about. One of the residents, now aged 84, showed pictures of when he was aged 19 and serving in the RAF. He and other residents had interesting stories to tell of the war. Both boys and residents clearly enjoy these weekly visits.

Authors' Visits

These visits are always very popular, with a feeling of excited anticipation around the School just beforehand. In the Lent Term the School was visited by Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell,



Welcome to Charlie Powis and Rufus Smith-Bannister

author and illustrator respectively of the popular 'Edge Chronicles', their visit coinciding with the publication of the last book in the series, 'The Immortals.' The author explained to the boys how he forms characters and plots, with the illustrator then drawing these characters from his imagination. Later in the term Steve Feasey, who writes vampire stories, came to give a talk. He was a great hit with the boys, for he explained in some detail the difference between vampires and werewolves.

In the summer term Papplewick received a visit from Steve Cole and Chris Hunter. The former is the author of the 'Astrosaurus' series, and he has linked up with Chris, a former soldier, to write their first novel, 'Tripwire'. The boys were on the edge of their seats when the time came to demonstrate how to dismantle a bomber jacket, worn by Mr Elkington. A successful outcome to this operation proved a source of no little disappointment to some members of the audience....



Fun at the Hog Roast

Papplewick's Got Talent took place for the third year, producing another fun-packed show. The judges had a hard job assessing the talent on display, but the eventual winner was the same competitor as last year, with his imaginative version of 'Chasing Cars'. The varied content of the programme and the patent enjoyment of the competitors was greatly appreciated by the audience, who were regally entertained.

Windsor Lions' Sponsored Swim

Last October eight members of the Swimming Squad went to Windsor Leisure Centre to take part in the Centre's annual sponsored swim event, together with a variety of clubs, schools and societies. The Papplewick team swam an impressive 300 lengths between them (7.5 kms in their hour slot) raising a very respectable £250 for their chosen charity – Help the Heroes.

Wilderness Expertise

2010 saw the welcome return of the School's Outdoor Experience course, which had to be cancelled at the last minute last year as a result of swine flu at Papplewick. The weather proved perfect, which added to the success of it all. Each class went to a specific venue and was monitored by a teacher from Papplewick but was trained by well qualified instructors, who soon got the best out of the boys.

They were all given an outdoor experience where the skills required got more difficult with each year group. The Year 5



Snow - an enduring memory of 2010

boys went to the Mendips for three days and two nights, those in Year 6 had a great three-day camping experience as an introduction to leadership, with the Year 7 boys continuing this theme at another venue, with a whole day spent on developing leadership skills and exploring what is expected of a prefect and warden. Reports coming back from boys and staff alike were very positive and there is no doubt that this course is a very useful addition to our curriculum.

The Garden Plot

From little beginnings several years ago, the gardeners have made further progress in 2010, expanding the plot slightly. An additional raised bed has been added and new additions include a bed for Globe Artichokes, Kale, Pak Choi and Rhubarb. In the greenhouse, two cucumber plants produced over fifty six-inch cucumbers between them! The soft fruit has again been popular, with the strawberries topping the list.

Spring Festival 2010.

The theme of the Festival this year was 'One World' in which a large number of the School took part in a variety of workshops, plays, poetry recitation and public speaking as well as music making. As usual, the week came to an end with the Gala Prom, a grand finale to all the week's hard work, with the wind band once again performing outstandingly. This year,



Mr Elkington, your time is up!

under the direction of the Deputy Director of Music, an ensemble of twelve guitarists played 'House of the Rising Sun,' a hugely successful addition to the normal programme. The trumpet and piano playing was really good, as were the public speaking, the poetry recitation and the Choir singing. It was an impressive evening's entertainment to end the week!

Lower School Variety Show

This was another tremendous achievement by members of the Lower School, showing just how good they were in a great variety of items, which included chorus singing by the entire group, a flag bearing routine by Year 3, several musical items, public speaking and drama in the form of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' by Year 4. There was a wonderful performance of the Haka for English International rugby player, James Haskell, who was present, and a dance number by form 5A. It was great fun for performers and spectators alike.



Arts Festival Public Speaking Competition



Spring Festival – Guitar Group

Lower School Scientific Trip

In October last year, the Lower School went off on a trip of scientific discovery to the Look Out Discovery Centre. They spent the first half hour running through the woods and leaping ditches with great glee. The task in hand was to collect something of interest along the way, and they came back with all sorts of materials – spiky conker shells, bright red spotty toadstools, oddly shaped stones and all sorts of insects found on the forest floor.

They followed this up by dividing into groups in the Hands On Discovery Centre, where they took part in a Forces workshop. They slid on trays, played tug-of-war and even watched their teacher sitting on a bed of nails! The centre is full of exciting experiments where the boys made dams and whirlpools, shot rockets into the air, built bridges and played huge musical instruments. A good time was had by all and the boys had so much fun that they barely realised that they were learning at the same time. Just what it was meant to be!



Papplewick, as most Old Boys will remember it

SCHOOL SPORT

RUGBY 2009

This must have been one of the most successful seasons that the 1st XV has enjoyed for many years, with 13 games played, 10 won 1 drawn and 2 lost – our first two games. The 0-0 drawn game was against St John's Beaumont, who had beaten us 20-7 in the final of the Papplewick tournament, the first fixture of the season, when we had lost some bodies through injury on the way to the final.

The success of the season came through strength in depth, for the Papplewick team had no weak links which opponents could exploit. We had an excellent hooker who provided more than his share of the ball in set scrums and who was a prominent player around the field, two outstanding second row forwards who provided power to the scrums and drive in the rucks and mauls, with the other forwards tackling ferociously and attacking with enterprise.



Papplewick on the attack

The scrum half was usually unerring in his passes to the backs, who caught well, tackled devastatingly, ran elusively and linked well with the others, timing their passes to perfection. The full back could always be relied on to catch the high ball, to bring down the opposition and to run well, given the chance, initiating some good counter attacks. With such a team it is not surprising that we notched up victories against the Dragon and Caldicott by 35-14 and 43-0 respectively, and we defeated a previously unbeaten Aldro side by 36 points to 14 in the final game of the season.

The 2nd XV lost its first five games, playing against big opposition, but the boys obviously learned through these defeats, ending the season with four wins under their belts. Throughout the season the team played an entertaining style of open and flowing rugby and at times, as against Aldro and Moulsoford, they raised their game to produce really excellent performances.

FOOTBALL 2009

The 1st XI returned from the Christmas holidays full of energy and bursting to go – only to be confronted by heavy snow, which played havoc with the fixture list. In spite of the weather, however, seven fixtures were played during the term and all of them were won, with 27 goals scored as opposed to 3 against. This was a very



William Scawn, Aidan Kendall and Jonathan Baker adopting a relaxed attitude to batting

good team with no passengers at all, so every player could rely on all the others to do a good job. It was a real pleasure to see them in action. In the Easter holidays the team went on tour to the USA rather than to South America, where it had gone on its two previous tours. This was a great success and very much enjoyed both on the field of sport and off it. We came across some very good opposition and lost each of our four games, though much was learnt on the way. During their free days, the boys went to two fantastic theme parks, packed with great rides, and this rounded off an unforgettable tour.

The Colts team was a strong one which missed some fixtures early on against less challenging opposition, because of the snow. After losing to a strong Dragon side there were some good wins against Downsends, Danes Hill and the Oratory. But the highlight was the Papplewick Tournament, where the side won its group games and progressed to the final in the hope of beating a highly professional Gayhurst team. This, sadly, was not to be, and we had to settle for being runners up.



Papplewick Juniors on the Defence

CRICKET 2010

1st XI – The team last year had a wealth of talent and experience, with seven boys who had toured South Africa in 2009 and some good new talent to add to this. But in spite of this, only average overall results were achieved, largely because the School side failed to build high enough scores to defend adequately. Three good victories and a draw to start the season were followed by three defeats and some more indifferent scoring. There was a very exciting game to finish the season, against Cheam, where a total just short of 400 runs was scored by the two sides, with Papplewick falling 4 runs short of the Cheam score when stumps were drawn. It is a comparatively rare event for a prep school boy to score a century in a school match, but last season produced no fewer than three hundreds scored by the Papplewick Captain – a truly remarkable achievement. His season's average was 75 and he was also top of the bowling averages with 22 wickets at 16.91 apiece. It was a pity that there was not sufficient support to convert these individual performances into team successes.

3rd XI – This was a most exciting season with some dreadful cricket and some excellent cricket played by both Papplewick and opposition sides in the same match and on several occasions, with a few of the games going down to the final over – in one case to the final ball! Just when defeat seemed inevitable one or two players produced star performances either with bat or ball, and when we couldn't possibly lose a match from such a strong position, the opposition produced the goods. Of the 13 matches, six were won, five lost and there were 2 draws.



The Captain of Cricket scored 3 Centuries in 2010

CROQUET

After such an exciting inaugural match against Ludgrove last year, when we lost at the final hoop, expectations were high for a repeat performance at the very least, if not for outright victory. Sadly this was not to be, for our gallant team was soundly thrashed by the opposition and had to return to Papplewick to lick its wounds once more, and to plot tactics for 2011.

CROSS COUNTRY 2010

This season must have been the best for the past 15 years, largely because of hard training and the fact that the School had one outstanding runner who won his opening races at the Oratory and Eagle House, finished a close second at the race at Lambrook and came 8th in the National Prep Schools Championships at Malvern. The 1st VIII won team medals at each of these meetings and finished 8th in the Nationals. The U 11 team also picked up place medals at several events as well as finishing a fine 8th at the Nationals. Such success bodes well for the future.



The Gentleman's Game

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

Clay pigeon shooting has been an activity at Papplewick for some eight years and last year we had an active season, having moved from where it used to take place in Barnet, North London, to a shooting ground at Bisley. The ground has one of the finest sporting facilities in the country and the boys are extremely lucky that they have such close access to these for their Thursday afternoon activity.



The start of the Junior House Race

NEWS UPDATE

We always need news coming in from Old Boys about what they have been doing recently – or over the years since they have left Papplewick – so please do contact us to keep us informed. News of other Old Boys is always of interest, so you can assume that others find news and photographs of you just as interesting! So please send all news to A.R. Sparshott, c/o Papplewick, Windsor Road, Ascot, Berkshire, SL5 7LH, or email it to sparsant@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

OLD BOYS' DAY 2010

Cricket Match v The Headmaster's XI

This took place on Sunday July 11th, with the cricket match against the Headmaster's XI starting at 11.00 a.m. The Old Boys batted first and began confidently, putting on 200 runs by lunch time, with Yunus Sert scoring a masterful 50 before retiring temporarily. Aidan Kendall was not far behind him, retiring shortly after lunch, followed soon after by James Brooks who also scored a fluent half century. However, a flurry of wickets, perpetrated by James Guest (5-58), who has returned from South Africa and is now teaching at Eagle House, necessitated the return of Yunus Sert, who continued where he left off, eventually reaching 81 not out before we declared on 261-8.

The Headmaster's XI started with great confidence, quickly scoring 130 runs with the loss of only two wickets and looking as though the Old Boys' score would be an easy target. However James Coyne (4-31) and Yunus Sert (2-33) went into overdrive after tea and the HM's side succumbed to the onslaught, scoring only 156 before being dismissed. Once again our fielding was of a very high standard, with our youngest player, Emre Sert, doing excellent work behind the stumps. Fortunately for the Old Boys, the Headmaster's own famously dogged resistance failed to materialise last year; he has dashed our expectations too often in the past!



The newly painted and fenced Pavilion

Missing Old Boys' List

Those who access the Old Boys' Page of the Papplewick website may be surprised at the number of Old Boys whose contact addresses we don't have. We would be grateful if you would have a look at this list (Papplewick.org.uk – About Papplewick – Old Boys) and let us know of any Old Boys there whose addresses you may know. In this way we shall be able to send them a copy of the annual Newsletter.



Aidan Kendall warming up for his half century

OLD BOYS' DAY 2011

Old Boys' Day this year will be on Sunday July 10th, so please make a note of this in your diary. Once again we shall be having our customary cricket match against the Headmaster's XI. Since we beat the opposition last year, we have high hopes of repeating the performance in 2011. The game will start at 11.00 a.m., lunch for the teams will be at 1.00 o'clock, and tea for teams and visitors will be in the pavilion at 4.00 p.m. Once again the swimming pool and tennis courts will be available for families and friends, and at 6 o'clock there will be a barbecue in the Bursar's Garden for all Old Boys and their families. We shall be delighted to see you there.

Old Boys who left Papplewick in 2001 are particularly invited this year, ten years on, and you will be receiving a personal invitation with this newsletter. Do come if you can, perhaps arriving for tea at 4.00 p.m. – or even earlier if you are a keen cricketer. It will be good to meet up with your contemporaries, stay for the barbecue and have a look around. You will be surprised at the changes, if you have not been back since you left.

We shall be posting last minute details on the morning of July 10th, by 9.00 a.m. on the School website (www.papplewick.org.uk). Just click on 'About Papplewick' and 'Old Boys'. In the event of uncertain weather it is important to do this, as both fixture and barbecue may have to be cancelled at the last minute.