

The Old Papplewickian

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THE HEADMASTER WRITES

***I** gives me great pleasure to be writing to you for the first time as Headmaster of Papplewick, having taken over the reins from Rhidian Llewellyn in January 2004 following his twelve years of outstanding service to the school.*

With one term under our belt, I am delighted to report that my wife Sallie and I, not to mention our young son Harry, could not be enjoying ourselves more.

The school is full, boarding is more popular than ever (154 boys next term with not a bed to spare), and the latest craze to hit the school, in succession to skateboards and scooters, is snakes! Sixty boys are now the proud owners of snakes, currently housed in the old dark room, undoubtedly making Papplewick unique in the Prep school world. Having said that, Sallie and I are under no illusion that what really sets Papplewick apart from the rest of the boarding school world in 2004 is the care, commitment, and sheer dynamism of the remarkable group of people that make up the Papplewick Staffroom.

Many challenges, and I dare say a few changes, lie ahead, but the fundamentals of Papplewick, with which you are all so familiar, will remain the same.

For Old Boys, I hope that our appointment will bring with it a long period of continuity and familiarity, even if many of you will only remember me as the junior science teacher whose experiments were rarely successful back in 1993!

I would like to thank Tony Sparshott for all his hard work in once again putting together such a tremendous edition of the Old Papplewickian – I know how so many of you regard it as an invaluable link to your old prep school. In addition, I would urge you to log on to the school website, where a facility will shortly exist for reporting your news, and reading that of others, in a manner similar to 'Friends Reunited'. Above all though, Sallie and I very much hope that you will find time to drop in to visit us in person over the next twelve months, when we look forward to welcoming Old Boys and their families from all six decades of Papplewick's distinguished past.



Tom and Sallie Bunbury, with Harry

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RHIDIAN LLEWELLYN

I think that Rhidian Llewellyn will agree that when he came to Papplewick in January 1992, he inherited an exceptional prep school. Stuart Morris had left a well organised, well equipped, well filled, happy establishment, with a very professional staff. What Rhidian did, when he came, was to have a close look at what Papplewick was, and in what direction it seemed to be heading. He then slowly and firmly built on the strengths, if necessary altering the direction in which the School was going to suit his own vision of Papplewick.

He started up a Senior Management team, which met and discussed School matters. This resulted in the introduction of such innovations as the Pastoral Care Committee, the Premises Committee and the Food Committee. A Leavers' Studies programme was organised at the end of the Summer term, preparing the leavers for the life which would face them as they moved on. A Christmas Fair and Hog Roast and an Arts Festival appeared, and the Jubilee Appeal saw the building of a fantastic sports hall and a modern music school. Rhidian encouraged the Arts – drama, music and art itself – seeing them reach extraordinary levels, and he was determined to keep the academic standards going from strength to strength, which resulted in boys winning an ever increasing number of awards into public schools.

Gradually he brought Papplewick into the 21st century. What had been good in 1990 would not necessarily be good in the year 2000, and changes were inevitable. This was, in fact, a decade of immense and mandatory change in education throughout the country, and, in the prep school world, Rhidian anticipated much of it. And his skill lay in introducing change without losing the support and



Rhidian and Rose Llewellyn

affection of his staff, his parents and his boys.

When I left Papplewick, in the year 2000, I thought it was in great shape. It had an exceptional Common Room, and the atmosphere around the school was outstanding. Any Old Boy returning now can see that it still is. I am sure I speak for the Staff who served under him, and indeed for his Old Boys, when I say that we have been fortunate to have had the opportunity of contributing to such a successful school, under the direction of such a headmaster. We wish both Rhidian and Rose every happiness as they embark on their new life.

A.R.Sparshott



Lawrence Koo – playing at the Arts Festival 2003



Year 8 Mosaic Clock – looking out over the Rugby Pitch

A LETTER FROM THE FORMER HEADMASTER - RHIDIAN LLEWELLYN

I am writing at the end of my twelve-year tenure as Headmaster to thank Old Papplewickians everywhere for their company and their many qualities.

That my Headship has been so happy and fulfilling is due in no small measure to the tremendous support we have received from parents, staff and boys, both past and present.

Of course there have been battles to fight and, in such a people-intensive business, there will always be conflicting interests to accommodate; herein lay the fascination of headmastering. We have enjoyed great successes; 113 scholarships, 100% pass rates at Common Entrance, outstanding Rugby XV's and, to my great personal joy, cricket sides fit to compete with schools of more established cricketing pedigree, choirs of cathedral school standard, Nigel Ramage's Drama and Caroline Brooks' Art. And as a result of our highly successful Jubilee Appeal, we have a Sports Hall and a Music School which helps turn Papplewick boys into Renaissance Men.

We have had our tragedies too: the deaths of Max Liddell-Grainger, Azat Italmazov and Keshan Gunawardena. So pleasure and pride in our progress and achievements have been mixed with deep sorrow and pain. It has shown us, if indeed we did not realise before, that what we are is as important as what we do, that people matter more than buildings, and that we need to cherish each other at all times.



Parents' and Governors' farewell to Rhid and Rose

One of the most valuable things that we shall be taking with us is the true friendship of the Papplewick community, expressed in Rupert Brooke's fine phrase:
"laughter learnt of friends."

In Belloc's words:

*From quiet homes and first beginning
Out to the undiscovered end
There's nothing worth the wear of winning
But laughter and the love of friends*

A new world of journalism and educational consultancy beckons but we shall be maintaining our links, albeit from a distance, with this remarkable school. Please keep in touch. Our address is:

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CF71 7ST**

Finally, Rose and I should like to wish Tom and Sallie Bunbury every success and happiness as they take over the reins next term. They will enjoy the united support of a teaching staff with whom it has been a privilege - and such fun - to have worked.



Christmas Feast 2003

THE YEAR AT PAPPLEWICK 2003

Papplewick has enjoyed its usual busy year, with more going on than one can really keep track of. The tradition of staging outstanding dramatic productions continues, and 2002-03 has been no exception. The Michaelmas 2002 performance was 'Carry on Papplewick', written and directed by Nigel Ramage. It had occurred to him that as nobody under the age of fourteen appeared ever the have heard of the 'Carry On' films; it was time Papplewickians were educated into the seaside postcard humour and basic *double entendre* jokes. In the Summer, he also staged 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', motivating the boys "by using anything that came to hand, from sandals to water bottles." 'Ghost Writer' was another production, an ingenious and lively show, full of surprises, taking an irreverent look at the way writers go about their creations. This play was put on by year 6, and gave every boy a chance to contribute – either on the stage or behind the scenes. The main School play, in December 2003, was a production of 'Oliver.' A huge cast performed all the popular songs, and there were some excellent acting and singing performances, notably from Alex Griffin, William Scholfield, Harry Griffiths and Charlie Smith. The Director, Nigel Ramage, put in a memorable performance as the lovable rogue, Fagin.

The Spring Festival had as its theme 'Underground, Overground', with each year selecting which of the two it wished to portray in the School workshops. There were two very good plays, one by Year 6, and one by the junior forms. A visiting author, David Schutte, introduced the boys to his world of Naitabals, and there was a fantastic Gala Prom and Art Show, with some first class music, debating and an exhibition of the boys' art work.



A Midsummer Night's Dream

Indeed, the outstanding success of the Art Department has continued, with the quality of the boys' work never ceasing to amaze. Visitors to Papplewick cannot fail to be impressed by the displays, from all age groups, on show around the School.

Geography Fieldwork abounded in 2003, with the customary Common Entrance expedition to Windsor, analysing how goods are advertised in shop window displays. Even closer to home, Year 7 set up an enquiry into the various types of soil in the ground around Papplewick, and Year 6 looked into temperature variation, by placing some 20 thermometers around the School grounds, in an attempt to understand the factors controlling microclimates.

The First Choir has been very busy, as usual, and has had a satisfying year. It was very much on show during the inspection week, with an emotional and sympathetic interpretation of Faure's 'Cantique de Jean Racine', and the Choristers performed beautifully at the Carol Service at the end of the Michaelmas term. The highlight of the year, perhaps, was the performance of Pergolesi's 'Stabat Mater' – a two part piece with some very challenging passages for both parts.

The role of the second choir has evolved somewhat in recent years. For many boys, it is now a progressive step towards singing in the first choir, with quality music and great enjoyment.



The Choir had a busy year

EX-STAFF NEWS

Paul Cheater (Staff 1973-89) is a housemaster at Summer Fields, and has just been appointed Second Deputy Head at the school. He has also been elected an Honorary Fellow of the National College of Music, for his contribution to music over the last three decades. His wife, **Diana (Staff 1980-88)**, was asked to take over as Head of the Junior Boys at Summer Fields, as well as being housemother to the boys in Paul's House.

Vicky Credland (Matron 1999-02) did a PGCE course at Cambridge last year, specialising in Key Stage Two. She has now returned to Papplewick as a teacher, where she has taken over Helen Barker's class in year 4.

David Harrison (Staff 1976-98) is happily retired in Worcestershire, still contemplating the relaying of his back patio. During the past year he has been playing the organ at various places around the country, at Exeter and Peterborough Cathedrals among others, and he did the Worcester University College Graduation Ceremonies Recitals once again. He also composed an Advent Carol for his local choir, which seemed to go down well.

Stuart Morris (Headmaster 1979-91) is now Headmaster of Shrewsbury International School in Bangkok, which opened last September. It has got off to an encouraging start, with 670 boys and girls, and a good Staff chosen from 2,000 applicants. Unfortunately his Bursar left just before the School opened, leaving this important post unfilled. Teaching out in Thailand is completely different from teaching in the

UK, for there is a built-in work ethic, together with a sense of responsibility.

The Rev'd John Naylor (Staff 1956-58) last year took what he describes as a 'Health Sabbatical' – the result of cataracts, which precluded driving completely and which affected his balance. He had an operation in June; he wrote to the News Sheet while waiting for the ambulance to come and take him to hospital! Fortunately he is now back behind the wheel, enjoying his regained freedom. He hopes that the School will celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the building of the Chapel, in 2007. He spotted a notice in a local paper of an organ recital in Barton-on-Humber by **Geoffrey Morgan**, music master at Papplewick between 1970-76. John keeps in touch with **Rhodie Peters (Staff 1951-69)** and **John Wragge**, and Old Papplewickian **David Sage (1957-60)**.

James Shone (Staff 1997-2000) and his wife Olivia, have left St Andrew's Turi, in Kenya, where they were running a house. They have now moved to King's Bruton, in Dorset, with their young son Herbert, where they are in charge of New House.

John Wragge (Staff 1955-58) called in at Papplewick in July 2002 – coincidentally on the day of the Old Boys' cricket match v the HM's XI. He found himself looking for faces he recognised. He had to keep reminding himself that they'd be 40+ years older, as would his own face! John well remembers the 'organ incident', referred to by **Rhodie Peters (Staff 1951-69)** in last year's edition of 'The Old Papplewickian'.

OLD BOY NEWS

Jeremy Baker (1987-93) has now graduated in Business and French from Cardiff, and has a job with a US Retirement Home Developer, which he greatly enjoys.

Jonathan Baker (1991-97) went to New Zealand, Australia, Fiji and Japan for three months with **Giles Panton (1993-97)**, during his gap year. Jonathan is now at the West of England University doing a 4-year business course. He has also gained a qualified license for formula racing, and he is never happier than when flying round the circuit at Silverstone in Formula Fords.

William Buckland (1974-79), having graduated from MIT, is now writing Maths books, one of which has been translated into Chinese. His younger brother, **James (1976-81)** is a solicitor, working in London.

David Cox (1989-94) is spending a year teaching Classics at Trinity Grammar School, in Australia. He has been getting in a fair bit of rugby and cricket coaching at the same time, not to mention travelling widely in the holidays.

Mark Denning (1988-93) spent his gap year travelling extensively – to Singapore, Thailand, Cambodia, the Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, the Falklands, and South Africa. He did a good deal of deep sea diving, swimming with whales and dolphins, and is now a Senior Instructor in the sport.

Paul Denning (1985-89) is currently in General Motors, working for Saab as Development Manager, and is playing some good rugby for Berkshire. He was in the County finals once again last year, playing in the same side as his elder brother, **Simon (1983-87)** who has been working for the Pru, in its Bereavement Department.

James Fletcher (1978-85) is now teaching at Caldicott, where he has been appointed Head of English.

Eric Flyckt (1985-1990) finished his schooling in Sweden, after two years at Stowe, before going to university in Denver, Colorado, for six years, to snowboard and get degrees in biology, cognitive science and business. He is now at Stanford University, California, studying medicine. When he wrote, he was studying specifically epileptic rats, and patching up people in the emergency room.

Guy Gilbert-Johns is now happily settled at St Andrew's Grahamstown, in South Africa, and is in the School water polo team for his age group.

Guy Harper (1991-96) left Radley College in 2001 and is currently in his second year at St Andrew's University, reading Mediaeval History and French.

Edward Hearn (1979-85) came out of the Welsh Guards last year, and is now studying for his MBA in Barcelona. While at Papplewick he set the School record for the hurdles.

Lt. Col. John Humphreys-Evans (1947-51) – one of the founder boys at Papplewick under Wing Commander Kings – was invested with the Order of St John last June, for services as President of South Wiltshire St John’s Ambulance. When he was at Papplewick, fees were less than £60.00 a term.

Glenn Jones (1977-82) went to Eton after leaving Papplewick, then to Stanford University in California, ECPC in Paris and the University of Chicago. He is currently a physician in Virginia.

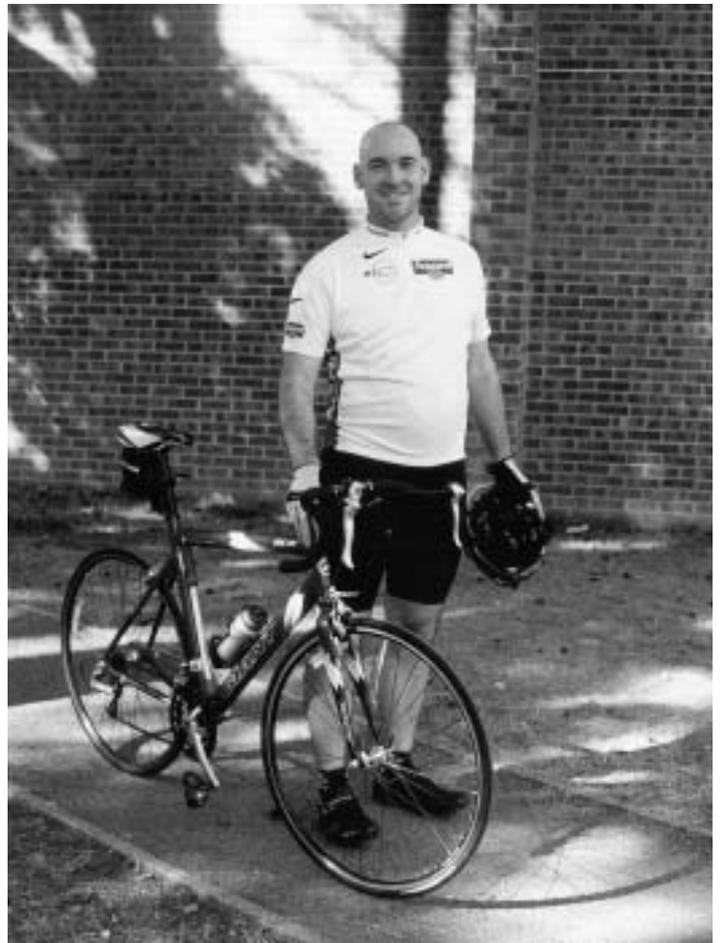
Paul Kaplanski (1991-96) is now in his final year at Leeds, reading Marketing and Psychology. He is Captain of the University hockey XI, and is still very keen on ski-ing and snowboarding.

Felix Leworthy (1991-97) is now at Bristol University reading Spanish and Portuguese and thoroughly enjoying it. He spent the beginning of a brilliant gap year in Sarawak, combining work on tree conservation with jungle survival, and ending it in the Whitsunday Islands, off Australia, where he became a yacht master. His younger brother, **Sam (1994-1999)** is studying for his A levels in Physics, Maths and Art at a 6th Form College in London. He hopes to do Product Design at university.

Hugh Lowry (1991-97) left Wellington in 2002 with 4 As at A level, and has gone to Manchester University to read Computer Science. He has been writing for the university paper and he starred in his Hall play. Last summer he stayed up in Manchester working as an intern for Data Monitor, the British equivalent of Reuters.

Edward McBride (1984-87) is currently working in Bangkok, where he is South East Asian Correspondent for ‘The Economist’. By chance, one day he met **Stuart Morris (Headmaster 1979-91)** at a social gathering in Bangkok.

Andrew McNair (1987-93) left Millfield in 1901. He played rugby for Wasps and Scotland in his age group, but sustained an injury that put an end to his rugby-playing days. He then



Stuart Seymour training for his cycle trip

became an estate agent in London, though he plans to relocate to Cardiff. He is engaged to a girl, Eli, from South Wales, whom he met in London, and they plan to get married later this year.

Rod Mamudi obtained A grades in A Level English, History and Economics last summer.

Edward O’Bree (1985-89) – Took his finals in Law last summer, and is now a barrister in London.

Andrew Roberts (1991-97) is now in his final year at Aberystwyth. He has been working for the Tory Party for some time. He now finds himself in charge of campaign teams in assembly elections, commentating in local papers, doing TV interviews and participating in a politics version of ‘Pop Idol.’ Within the party he has earned the title of the most English Welshman in the valley, due to the stark contrast between the local accent and his own English accent, acquired while at Papplewick. At University he has taken up American football, and in his first season he has been selected to represent his university and also Great Britain at under 19 level. He went to Australia last summer, and was hoping to meet up with a few Old Boys.

Richard Scawn (1985-91) is now a junior doctor in Charing Cross Hospital, working very hard. He hopes to specialise in eye surgery as he moves on. His younger brother, **William (1988-94)** enjoyed travelling extensively in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa during his gap year, taking temporary jobs on the way. He is now applying for work in the Foreign Office.

Ben Scholfield (1988-94) is in the Warner Bros film ‘What a



Andrew McNair with his fiancée Eli

Girl Wants', on release in the UK. He takes the part of "the evil, posh, public school boy, seducer."

Will Scott (1980-86) has married a teacher at Marlborough College, and has worked for Nortel Networks for some six years now. He enjoyed Robert Wolstenholme's reminiscences – particularly the weathervane one – in the last news sheet. Will recalls, as a senior boy, responding to an amnesty and depositing most of a weathervane on Stuart Morris' study floor. He's not sure how (or even if!) he got away with that one. **Stuart Seymour (1981-87)** is working for the Royal Bank of Scotland in the Structured Finance Department. He was diagnosed with testicular cancer in January 2002, which responded well to treatment, as is usually the case if caught early. In order to draw attention to this illness, which so often strikes young men aged between 20-40, he undertook a sponsored cycle ride for the Orchid Cancer Appeal (of which he is now a Vice President) in September last year, from Lands End to John O'Groats, raising over £11,000 for the charity (See Back Page). He completed the 915 mile journey in 10 days, with a total of 58 hours on the bike, averaging a speed of just under 16 mph. He thoroughly enjoyed the experience, considering it an amazing way to see the country.

Jerome Starkey (1988-94) graduated from Newcastle University with a First Class Honours Degree in English. He is now studying for a Diploma in Journalism in London.

Theodore van Sante-Kenley (1991-96) left Sevenoaks last summer, having gained 42 points in his International Baccalaureate diploma – an excellent score. He showed himself to be a very sharp economist, and he has moved on to the LSE to read Economics. While at School he was an accomplished jazz pianist and a respectable golfer, as well as being an able 200m sprinter, which led him to the National Youth Championships when he was 15.

Richard Weil (1951-53) has written in, reminiscing on many of his contemporaries. Since finishing his education, he has worked at the John Lewis Partnership, Standard Telephone & Cables and Eastern Energy. He is now semi-retired and has a part-time job at his local tennis club, where he also plays. At one stage he lived in Australia and New Zealand, thoroughly enjoying the experience. He has travelled extensively, and has written a book about his travels. He is a keen jazz enthusiast and he is a follower of Middlesex at cricket, Saracens at rugby and Southgate at hockey. He has a sports museum in his house.

Ricky White (1990-96) spent three months in Namibia with the Biodiversity Trust during his gap year.

Dale Winner (1973-78) has been living in Nassau for the last ten years. After graduating in law from Reading he went to work in a Japanese bank in London. He is now managing a global long short fund for Templeton, in Nassau. He has been married for five years, and has a 3-year-old daughter.

NEWS FROM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BRADFIELD - **Callum Gore** acted in the College Greek theatre performance of 'Agamemnon' last year. He took his Maths GCSE a year early, and he has been playing tennis in the JC tennis team.

ETON - **Tom Luck** is now in the 6th form, having scored 10A*s and one A in his GCSEs. He has plans to read Classics at Oxford before embarking on a legal career. He mentions an award from Sandhurst, but he does not see the military as a long-term career.

HARROW - **James Lee** has now left Harrow, having made a great impression on both the School and his House. He gained 4 A grades in Maths and the Sciences at A Level, and has moved on to Oxford to read Biology. **Ricky Chana** scored BBC in his A Levels last year, and is now studying Business Studies at City University. While at school, he played tennis and soccer to a high standard, and he gained a gliding scholarship and the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Medal. He will be joined at City University by **Michael Poutous** who gained BBB at A Level, and who also aims to read Business Studies. **Douglas Swain** is enjoying life at Harrow and is working hard. English seems to be his forte, and last year he was commissioned by his tutor to write a short story.

THE KING'S SCHOOL, CANTERBURY - **William Iron** has settled down well and he continues to be a ferocious reader; in consequence the standard of his creative writing is high. He has taken up fencing, and has recorded significant progress in the sport. **James Belgrave** took his GCSEs last summer, gaining 2A*s, 3Bs, 3Cs and a D.

MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE - **Charles Cartwright** has settled in very well, and is enjoying life. He has been awarded a distinction for an outstanding piece of work – an exceptional occurrence for a boy still in the Shells. He is Captain of the College's promising Yearlings XV, playing at No 8. **Edward Fremlin-Key** has played cricket in the Yearlings 1st XI, where he is considered a solid batsman with good concentration. During the season, he made 33 against Eton, 54 against Winchester and 37 against Sherborne. **Charlie Foster** played for the all-victorious (P7, W7) Yearlings 3rd XI, and is a very successful bowler. He got 4-4 against St Edward's, Oxford and 3-4 against Bradfield. **Philip Clague** and **Ollie Ward** are both in their final year, the former doing Applied Maths, Business Studies and English Literature at A level, and the latter Business Studies, Fine Art, Government & Politics and the History of Art. **Oliver Wilkins** took his GCSEs last Summer, and scored 3 A's and 7 Bs.

MERCHISTON CASTLE - **Ross Sweeney** is playing 2nd row in the 5th XI, continues to be an IT fanatic and a frustrated musician, and stands 6ft 4ins high. He is still a voracious reader and is very keen on the cinema. He took his GCSE's last summer, gaining 6As and 3Bs. He was a member of the back stage team for 'Guys and Dolls' last Christmas, and is an enthusiastic member of the Rogerson East Reel Club.

MONKTON COMBE - **Nick Sanders** has left the School, having gained 2As and a B at A level. His younger brother, **Alasdair**, scored 1A, 5Bs and 3Cs in last year's GCSE exams.

RADLEY - **Charles Briggs**, having scored 8A*s and 2As at GCSE three years ago, secured 4 As at A Level last year, and has gained a place at Oriel, Oxford to read engineering. He played rugby for the 1st XV and rowed in the 1st VIII for his final two years, also gaining the D of E gold medal while there.

RUGBY SCHOOL - **Alex** and **David Morgan** have now left Rugby, and are both reading Law at Kingston University. At A level, Alex scored AAB, and David AAA. Their brother, **Hugh**, took his GCSEs last summer, scoring one A*, nine As and a B. He is studying Biology, History, Chemistry and Economics at A level. **Miles Johns** and **Karl Restucci** have settled down well and are enjoying playing rugby in various teams.

SHREWSBURY SCHOOL - **Jocelyn Knight** has established himself in his good year group. He has taken part in a range of sports and music, and he has been enjoying his first year. **Will Panachea** has created a good impression, and seems to have settled in very well, with a wide circle of friends. His work has shown considerable improvement, and he has gone up a Maths set. He plays football for his House, runs and has learned to scull, where he performs in his highly successful House quad. He also came 4th in the New Boys' Shooting Competition.

SPAIN - **Archie Hendry** has settled well into his new school in Spain, and has been making friends. He has joined a local rugby club (rugby is not a sport played much in Spain, though its popularity is increasing) and is now in the team for his age group. In October he spent a week-end in France training and playing against a local French side. Academically he seems to be coping pretty well, though he naturally has some catching up to do, particularly in Spanish language.

STOWE - **Alex Pike** has now left Stowe, having had another successful year. He was the chairman of the Debating Society, and he won the prestigious Myles Henry Prize, with a friend. This prize comes in the form of a travel grant, which allows the winner to travel abroad, to the place of his choice, to work in a local community. Alex and his friend chose to go to Swaziland, to set up a project to deal with the massive ecological problem of *Chromolaena Odorata* (more commonly known as the Triffid Weed) and to employ and train 12 locals. This weed grows up to 8 feet high and is devastating the natural bush lands of Southern Africa by out-competing the indigenous plants for water and light. The two were there for some weeks, and had a fantastic, and extremely hardworking time. Last year **Oscar Gerland** played hockey in the JC B side, where he was one of the best players, in terms of strategy. **Duke Yuvacharuskul** was in the Yearlings A rugby team, where he showed considerable flair. **Alex Ward** is a prominent member of the School swimming team. During the summer, as well as breaking the individual School Intermediate 50m freestyle record, he was in the School team which broke the 4 x 50m medley relay. **Ollie Buckworth** is now in his final year, and still retains his interest in art.

WELLINGTON - **James Coyne** has now left Wellington, where he was Deputy Head of House and completed his second year in the cricket XI. He has moved on to Bristol West of England University, where he is reading Business



Leo Mellis and Robert Thomas in New Zealand

Studies and Marketing. He is still playing a lot of racquets, and is the National Organiser for the U 21s. In fact, he and his partner won the National U21 Doubles title! **James Haskell** took his A Levels last summer and has been playing some top class rugby since then. Being described as being among 'sixteen of the most exciting young players to emerge in English rugby' he was selected by the Rugby Football Union, last September, for the first ever Junior National Academy Squad. They have been training as a group at key weekday sessions, each lasting two days. The hope clearly is that this group will form the nucleus of future English squads. **Nick Jenkins** played squash and tennis in the College 1st teams, and hockey in the 2nd XI in his final year, and secured an entry to Bristol University to read Ancient History, with ABB at A Level. **Robert Thomas** (1991-98) left Wellington last year having been a very positive influence - not least as a flanker in the College 1st XV. He scored BBD in his A Levels. He did a term as a student master at Papplewick in the Michaelmas term, when he helped with the coaching of the 1st XV. He has now gone to Australia, via New Zealand, with **Leo Mellis** (1994-98) for five months, to work in property development. They were surprised to meet their old Papplewick French master on the ferry from Wellington to Picton, in February. In October he is going to Bristol West of England University to read Marketing. **George Tysoe** (1992-98) is on a gap year, and is currently doing two terms at Papplewick as a Student Teacher. He has been playing a good deal of rackets, getting to three National finals - the U21 singles, the U21 doubles and the U24 doubles. He put his back out playing in the first final, the U21 singles, where he emerged as runner-up, and consequently he was not really fit for the other two. He is hoping to go either to Bristol West of England University or to Oxford Brookes in September. **Tariq Abbas**, **Max Lahiff**, **Charlie Rodger** and **Danny Price** have all settled in well. They are enjoying their greater freedom and are playing some good rugby, Max in the Yearlings 1st XV, Danny in the 2nd and Tariq and Charlie in the 3rd. Charlie has also had trials for the Berkshire hockey team.

CONGRATULATIONS

to John and Lisa Bartlett on the birth of their second child, Alexander Kenneth, born on January 28th 2003.

to Martin and Helen Barker on the birth of James Lloyd, a brother for Olivia, born on September 2nd 2003.

to Lorna Ingram and Andy King, on the birth of their son, Ethan David, born on September 26th 2003.



STAFF CHANGES

Keith Whiting, was head groundsman for some eighteen years, and dealt manfully with the vagaries of the English weather, keeping the school grounds in very good condition. He also maintained the School minibuses, locked up and unlocked the School buildings at night and morning, and always seemed to be there to sort out power cuts and problems with staff cars. We have much to thank him for over the years.

Juliet Pennell was at Papplewick, teaching Science, for four years and also singing alto in the Choir. She was 'Mistress of the Robes', ensuring immaculate turnout of the choristers each week. Her interests in outdoor pursuits found her regularly supervising boys as they went for riding lessons and beagling. We wish her well as she returns to East Anglia.

Farewell, too, to **Lorna Ingram**, who has also been at Papplewick for four years, in the capacity first as Deputy, then Senior Matron. She has done wonders upstairs, and she has left to join Andy King in Huntingdon. They are to be congratulated on the birth of their son, Ethan.

Catherine Lewis, was only a single year at the School, where she taught French and Drama. She will be sadly missed, and we wish her happiness as she joins the Staff at Eagle House.

Julian and Diana Bailey, have left to attend to their family home in Guernsey after six years at Papplewick. Julien was head of the maintenance team, and Diana provided excellent meals in the dining hall during her time here. We thank them for their hard work.

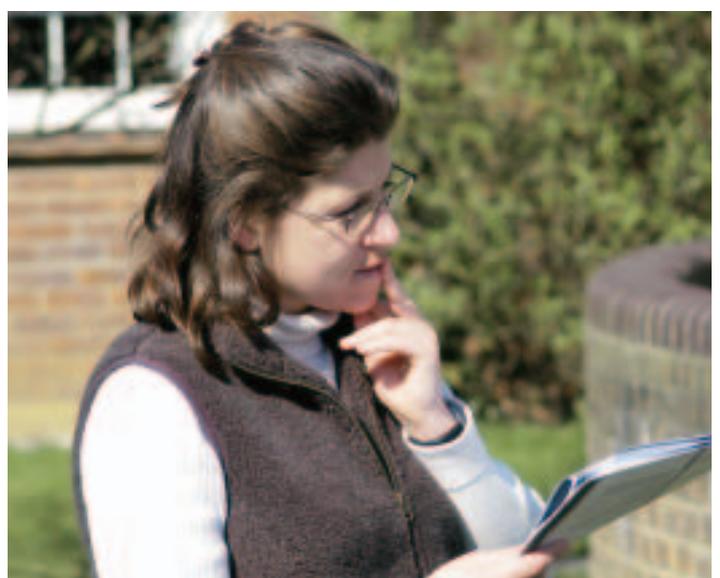
To replace those who have left, the School has appointed the following newcomers:

Robert Deacock - not really a newcomer, since he is an Old Boy of the School (1978-83). He has come to take over the running of the grounds, having moved from Davenies. His presence, we hope, will be a welcome addition to the Old Boys' cricket team in July, when we play the Headmaster's XI. **Steve Elkington** has joined the Staff to teach Science. He is from St Andrew's in Grahamstown, where he met up with our rugby and cricket players when they toured in South Africa last March.

Victoria Salter, has taken over the post of Senior Matron, and brings with her a wealth of experience and kindness to the onerous job upstairs.



Keith Whiting – Head Groundsman 1985-2003



Juliet Pennell leaves, after four years at Papplewick

THE NEW SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM

Deputy Headmasters: Martin Barker
Jon Bartlett

Director of Studies: Scott Smith-Bannister

Senior Master: Joff Powis

Senior Tutor: Nigel Ramage

Head of the Lower School: Jeremy Ward



Judges at work – Arts Festival 2003

ACADEMIC AWARDS 2003

James Bowler	Art Scholarship to Bluecoats, Reading
Charles Cartwright	Art Prize Winner and Herbert Windeler Scholarship to Marlborough
Hee Won Cho	King's Scholarship to Eton
Marcus Cottee	Roxburgh Scholarship to Stowe
Nicholas Kirby-Johnson	Music Scholarship to Tonbridge
Jocelyn Knight	Academic Scholarship to Giggleswick
Laurence Koo	King's Scholarship and Music Exhibition to Eton
Baxter Macaulay	Academic and Music Scholarships to Harrow
Meehal Patel	Art Scholarship to Wellington
George Royds	Exhibition to Charterhouse

Seven boys taking the Common Entrance exam, Alexander Frayne, Rupert Lewis, Max Miles, Karan Patel, Kris Petnunthawong, Danny Price and Charlie Rodger shared no fewer than 41 A grades between them.

PAPPLEWICK SPORT 2003

CRICKET

The 2003 season saw the most talented Papplewick side for the last five years take to the field for a total of twenty-two matches, which included a pre-season tour to South Africa. The side appeared to have no basic weakness – a team full of batsmen, a variety of bowlers and talented fielders. The new wicket at the School has helped cricket enormously, being batsman friendly.

This side was almost unfairly dominant in some matches, with bowling attacks smashed to all parts of the excellent Papplewick ground. In other matches, however, little things seemed to creep through the side, and make matches that should have been easily won turn into close draws or even losses.

The batting was the strength of the side, with ten scores of over 50 in the season, plus many 40s and 30s, the result of a mixture of patience and aggression. The bowling was good, but the old problem of an inability of any bowler to maintain consistency of line and length reared its ugly head time and again. Indeed, only one bowler in the entire season took 5 wickets in an innings.

Results - 1st XI season: Played 16, Won 6, Drew 6, Lost 3, Abandoned 1
2nd XI: Played 13, Won 4, Lost 5, Drawn 3, No result 1
3rd XI: Played 10 Won 6, Lost 1, Drawn 3
Colts A: Played 11, Won 5, Lost 5, Drawn 1, Abandoned 1
Junior Colts: Played 8, Won 6 lost 2
U 9s: Played 9, Won 9



Cricket on the Square

CRICKET AND RUGBY TOUR 2003

This tour to South Africa was an outstanding success. It was the longest of the five overseas tours to date, lasting three weeks and four days, and it was the most adventurous, in that it comprised both rugby and cricket players.

As well as the games themselves, the boys had a splendid opportunity to see some of what the country had to offer tourists. Sightseeing included Robben Island, the infamous prison which held Nelson Mandela, the V & A Waterfront, Spier Winery, Table Mountain and Cape Point, in Port Elizabeth.

The cricketers played six matches, five in Cape Town and one in Port Elizabeth. Of these, two were won, one drawn, two lost and one abandoned because of rain. These matches served their purpose as excellent warm-ups for the home season, and revealed some weaknesses that could be worked on in the summer term.

The rugby matches began halfway through the tour, and the boys played seven games, winning six of them. The success of the previous season's 1st XV was reflected in the way the tourists played while in South Africa – good attacking rugby, played with determination.



The Rugby Team playing in South Africa

HOCKEY

The senior hockey team had an excellent season in 2003, being almost unbeatable. Most of the 7-a-side games were won convincingly, and the draw against Caldicott was a particularly exciting contest. It was a pity that the team was unable to compete in the National Tournament at Millfield because it clashed with the CE trials. The 1st VII played 6, won 5 and drew 1. The Colts VII who had a good season, improving as the term progressed, played 4, won 3 and lost 1.

SOCCER

Without a win to our record on our debut season, there was plenty to prove in 2003. The 1st XI was a strong and physical side, which trained hard and fought bravely, and the boys played to their strengths during the season. There was great heart in the team, which was aware of its weaknesses as well as its strengths.

The result was that of the 10 matches played, 8 were won, 1 drawn, and we only lost 1 – to Aldro.



The Rugby 1st XV being coached by Matt Dawson

RUGBY

The 2002 Season was a good one for the 1st XV, in which 11 school matches were won and only one lost – to Caldicott. Apart from the impressive results at home, the team enjoyed a highly successful tour of South Africa in April, winning six out of seven matches. But the strong teams of the previous two years had moved on by September 2003, leaving an inexperienced squad to face the new season. The results were slightly disappointing, though our boys battled hard on all occasions. The 1st XV season ended with five wins recorded, against seven losses, and this record was proportionally the same at all levels of the game.



The 2003 Old Boys' Cricket Team

OLD BOYS' CRICKET v THE HEADMASTER'S XI 2003

A repeat of the victory in 2002 was denied us last Summer, on another gloriously sunny day. Skipped by Cuthbert Kendall, the Old Boys batted first and scored steadily throughout their innings. David Cox was our steadying influence, scoring 67 runs and batting into the afternoon. Other good batting performances came from Michael Taberer (38), George Tysoe and Paul Kaplanski (22) and Miles Dorman (19). But good bowling restricted our score to 219, about 40 runs short of what we really wanted.

The Headmaster's side began scoring confidently in spite of aggressive bowling by James Coyne, Paul Kaplanski, Jeremy Baker and Michael Taberer (3 for 32), and some wily deliveries from Aidan Kendall, George Tysoe and Miles Dorman. But we were not good enough for them, and the opposition won by five wickets, in spite of a flurry of wickets at 218, which resulted in the non-playing Captain, the Headmaster, at the crease without any pads! Since he will now be eligible to play for the Old Boys' team, perhaps he can be talked into joining us in 2004 and wreak havoc on his successor's XI.

Thanks are due to Peter Wolstenholm and Ian Humphreys-Evans for kindly coming to umpire the game for us, and to Roland Denning for his support and advice.



Judith Holden (School Secretary 1972-84) at the Cricket Match, talking to Adrian Waters (1973-77)

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

Have you made a note in your diaries of Sunday 11th July – Old Boys' Day? The Headmaster will continue the tradition of inviting a team to play cricket against the Old Boys' XI, starting at 11.00 a.m. Teas will be served in the marquee in the afternoon, and the swimming pool will be available for use. After the match there will be a barbecue, to which all Old Papplewickians and their families are invited. Do come and help make the day a success.

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Have you logged on to the School website yet? If not, please do so and you will find the latest news of Papplewick – including an Old Boys' site. Please help us to locate all the missing Old Boys, who are not on the database, otherwise they will not receive their news sheet!

What are you doing now? We want to know! Please send any news you may have for inclusion in the next news sheet to A.R.Sparshott, Hon. Sec. Stag Society, c/o Papplewick, Windsor Road, ASCOT, Berks SL5 7LH.

e-mail: sparsant@aol.com

I look forward to hearing from you.



Hard work at Thursday activities

ORCHID CANCER APPEAL

Have you read about Stuart Seymour's bike ride from Lands End to John O'Groats on page 7, and why he embarked on it?

As a result of his efforts, he has collected more than £11,000 for the Orchid Cancer Appeal. After reading about the trip, you may well feel you would like to make a donation to this Appeal. Stuart is in the process of moving house so he has no address to which you can send donations. But if you have queries about his cancer or the appeal, please either contact Stuart by e-mail at - stuartseymour@rbos.com – for more information, or send a donation to Tony Sparshott at Papplewick, for forwarding.