

# The Old Papplewickian

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## THE HEADMASTER WRITES

With Old Boys probably more conscious than most that it is now 70 years since Papplewick was founded in 1947, it is perhaps appropriate that we should be marking this milestone with a landmark development for the school, and one that is true to boarding having being at the heart of the school for the last seven decades. We are therefore planning to build a new boarding house for the boys in their final year, as well as new state of the art classrooms for boys in the middle part of the school.

Construction is due to commence in July 2017 assuming we are successful in our recently launched 70th Anniversary Appeal. With boys maturing at a faster and faster rate these days, we remain determined to prepare them as well as possible for life at the major senior schools that we feed. Only last year, ten out of our forty leavers went on to Eton, and only two other prep schools currently have more boys at Harrow than Papplewick. Our new boarding house will give these senior boys greater feelings of independence, maturity, and responsibility, while allowing them to experience a model of

boarding much closer to that which they will experience a year later at senior school.

Exciting times certainly lie ahead, but I have promised current parents that Papplewick will not suddenly become more about shiny buildings than sparky boys! No, we will continue to put the happiness of the boys first, not least because it remains such a successful formula - over the last twelve months alone, a further fourteen boys won awards, including a remarkable three music awards to Eton and four academic awards to Winchester, Eton, Hampton and Harrow respectively.

Please do feel free to visit Sallie and me at any time this year in a similar manner to those who visited last summer from the 1940s and 1950s. What a privilege it was to meet Old Boys going back to the founding of the school including Bernard Trim, whose name was registered for the first intake and Geoff Allen, who joined the following term. How appropriate it was that they should visit as we approached our 70th year, and I can vouch for the fact that a sparkier bunch of Old Boys it would have been hard to find!



*Seventeen Old Boys of the 40s and 50s with their wives and partners at the Papplewick reunion last year*

## SPEECH DAY 2016

The Headmaster began his speech by thanking Anna Friel for so kindly agreeing to come to Papplewick and give the prizes away last year.

He told the parents that the academic year had begun with a fillip from 'The Tatler Good Schools Guide', which had written "You can debate the pros and cons of co-ed versus single-sex education until you're blue in the face, but ask your average boy to define his perfect school and he'll come up with something very like Papplewick." The great pride the Headmaster naturally felt on receiving this compliment describing Papplewick as 'a perfect school', was moderated almost at once by a feeling of abject despondency, as from this point onwards the only way was down and by the following Speech Day the chances were that Papplewick would end the year as one of the country's leading imperfect schools. However, this anxiety was short-lived, for Tom Bunbury soon realised that this particular group of boys who were currently in the school were going to deliver the goods for him and he complimented the parents present for providing the School with sons who had made Papplewick what it had been this year - for him a year of inspiration. Expectations had been high, yet countless times the boys had gone far beyond these expectations. And 'inspiration' was to be the theme of his speech.



*Aladdin Junior*

The Headmaster said that this year he had been inspired by both the extraordinary and the ordinary, with some of the ordinary things being the most inspiring and often the bits that you don't see; bits that take place every single day. "These can start in chapel at 8.30 in the morning with 200 boys singing their hearts out - and it's not for show. It's because it feels good to join together to start the day by singing together - it goes to the heart and soul of the school. And then, later on in the day, it's inspirational to see thirteen-year-old boys allowing seven-year-old boys to take them on at square cricket, or handball, or to see boys of all ages sharing their crazy, eccentric love of snakes and reptiles in the Science lab. This mixing across age groups that is very characteristic of Papplewick is so important to the collegiate or family feel of the school; of little and big boys feeling "we're all in this together". And every day here finishes with life in the dorms, at the heart of which is quite simply 'fun with your friends', like any good sleepover."



*Boarders camping on the first week end of term*

Tom Bunbury said that what made all these ordinary things so inspiring was dependent on the boys' relationships with each other and in particular was dependent upon kindness. Games of football, life in dorms, banter at lower school lunch or at hot chocolate would be no fun at all if time was spent putting each other down. This was why the School continued to put such a huge emphasis on kindness to others. "Without kindness to each other, we've got nothing that's worth having.' This may be rather a trite saying, but I personally am pleased that it is gradually becoming more embedded in the heart of the School, and truly embedded in the reality rather than just in the rhetoric of school life. In the same way, it's easy to say "we put the happiness of the boys first" and yet much harder for us all to live and breathe that sentiment in everything we do. The theologian Albert Schweitzer said "Success is not the key to happiness - happiness is the key to success", and if we at Papplewick can put happiness first we can then build a self-perpetuating cycle of happy and kind boys long into the future."

But if ordinary, everyday things have been a source of inspiration so too have been the extraordinary. The Headmaster congratulated the fourteen boys who had been awarded scholarships and exhibitions to their public schools in disciplines across the board - academic, music, art, drama, sport and all-round ability. "One of the joys of Papplewick is that it's considered cool to be in the art scholars' programme; it's cool to be in our wonderful four-part 1st choir; it's cool to be part of the Bibliomaniacs who are now, rather extraordinarily, the youngest professional booksellers in the world; and, of course,



*Discussion and role play about kindness to others*



*Christmas Fair*

somewhere in amongst all this activity, it is even cool to be good at work. We have cause to be proud of Papplewick boys in so many ways but in particular because not only do they seem to celebrate each other's achievements, they also recognise that it's OK (or cool) for everyone to do his own thing. Even outside the School they have impressed those around them, as exemplified in the email I received from someone in St Lucia staying at the same hotel as our touring soccer team earlier in the year: 'I wanted to let you know how proud you should be of the boys attending the trip. They all behaved remarkably well, were very kind, and pleasant at all times. They were constantly aware of others around the hotel and were confident, and yet so very humble and polite.' "

So where did such confidence, humility and courtesy come from? Tom Bunbury was sure it had been the result of a team effort which began with the parents and the School singing from the same song sheet. "I'm very much a subscriber to the old Yoruba proverb that says "it takes a village to raise a child". I often think that Papplewick is rather like a village, complete with our own share of eccentric and colourful characters, which any good English village should have. The longer my wife Sallie and I have the privilege of leading this particular village, the more we value the amazing support team at Papplewick – secretarial, bursarial, housekeeping, gardening, catering, maintenance, administration, and, of course, academic - many individuals working in co-ordination to form a support team epitomising loyalty to the school and loyalty to the boys. We have them to thank for being 'villagers raising our children' over the last twelve months, together with the whole Board of Governors which promotes our philosophy of allowing boys to be boys and for their support for us and the school and for their wise guidance." And the Headmaster expressed his thanks to all parents for their contribution to village life, and especially to 'Parents of Papplewick', who had worked so hard over the past twelve months in putting together such events as the Macmillan Coffee Morning, the Christmas Fair, the Latin American Disco, the Hog Roast and the Summer Ball - events which were only made possible through their amazing contribution.

So, a year of inspiration and a year when Tom Bunbury said he had become more and more convinced of the fact that boarding life at Papplewick lay at the heart of the boys' ultimate success, because he believed, like Tony Little, recently retired Headmaster of Eton, that boarding done well is a unique and unmatched way to prepare young people to face the challenges of 21st century life. "And what skills will your sons need? In all

honesty, I don't think we know what the specific skills will be; it is perhaps for the senior schools to decide these, but however the world develops in the next 30, 40, or 50 years, I do know that the ability to work as a team, the ability to learn to work with all types, the ability to be open to try new things, and the ability to make up one's own mind will still be as important as they are now. And because we at Papplewick have the time, and because the boys live in close proximity to each other in a boarding environment, they cannot avoid developing these softer, intangible skills. Hopefully, they have great fun in boarding too – they certainly did at the Wild West Sleepover when 100 day boys came in to board for the night, something we'd like to develop next year. And I'd like to develop part-time boarding further too – even the one night a week option must have its attractions to any hard-working couple, if only to remind them what one used to do on a night out before one had children.

"Finally, I believe boarding helps boys to begin to choose their own way. As Viktor Frankl reflected after life in the concentration camps, 'Everything can be taken from a man or woman except one thing: the last of human freedoms - to choose one's own way.' I become more and more convinced that while parents must be there to support their boys and we must be there to inspire them, ultimately the boys must, and will, find their own way, but they'll only find it if we allow them to find their own internal fire. Rather surprisingly therefore, the last word this year falls to a football manager; 2016 was very much Leicester City's year, and I couldn't leave their manager Claudio Ranieri out, not least because I was very taken when he said, "I always tell my players to find the fire within themselves. Seek that fire, don't be ashamed of it. And they are not ashamed. If anything, they demand to dream". This year, as much as any other I can remember, many of our boys have dared to dream, have found the fire within themselves, and in so doing have made the last twelve months at Papplewick, for me at least, a truly inspirational year."



*Brind 1 receiving his prize in 1956*



*New Year 8 Boarding House*

## Highlights of 2016

**Drama:** The stage has once again produced many an inspiring moment, this time led by Baxter Westby who in July was currently performing in 'Richard III' in London alongside Ralph Fiennes and Vanessa Redgrave - and what a night of pride it was to see him in action at the Almeida Theatre over half-term.

**Music:** Pianist Harvey Lin entertained us wonderfully during his two years at Papplewick. He was an extraordinarily talented musician who reached the keyboard final of the BBC Young Musician of the Year competition in 2016.

**Art:** Still on the cultural side of life, the boys, have continued to produce, to quote this year's 'Tatler Good Schools Guide', "the best art we've seen in a prep school".

**Sport:** How good it's been to see so many teams enjoying success this year. It really was inspirational to witness the 1st XV in action on the rugby field, as well as the Colts A in action on the cricket field, the Under 7's in every sport they touched, and the 1st XI football team, not just in action here but also in St. Lucia where they enjoyed Papplewick's first ever unbeaten overseas tour and finally the unprecedented five athletes who qualified for the National Prep School Athletics Championships, including Ed Garuba's remarkable achievement in winning Gold in both the 100m and 200m.

## Many congratulations

to Mark and Katie Burley on the safe arrival of Leo in November, Jonathan and Charlotte Cooper on the birth of Christopher in January 2016, Tom and Kate Ferry on the birth of Daisy-Emily in October and to John and Hayley Nutter on the arrival of their son Cedric in November.



*Baxter Westby, with 'Charlie' – fellow actors in 'Casualty'*

## AWARDS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

|                               |                          |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Giles Baker                   | Sailing Scholarship      | Royal Hospital School, Ipswich |
| William Bovill                | Sports Scholarship       | Cranleigh                      |
| Freddie Garner                | Music Scholarship        | Shiplake                       |
| Kangwon Han                   | Music Scholarship        | Eton                           |
| Nick Hill                     | Music Exhibition         | Eton                           |
| Monty Johnstone McLaren-Clark | Drama Scholarship        | St Edward's, Witley            |
| Edward Kim                    | Academic Scholarship     | Harrow                         |
| Harvey Lin                    | King's Scholarship       | Eton                           |
| Harvey Lin                    | Music Scholarship        | Eton                           |
| Jacob Roskrow                 | Academic Scholarship     | Winchester                     |
| Sam Russell                   | All-rounders Scholarship | Marlborough                    |
| Raheem Sher                   | Sports Scholarship       | Cranleigh                      |
| Eashan Syal                   | Academic Scholarship     | Hampton.                       |
| Baxter Westby                 | Drama Scholarship        | Wellington                     |
| Weiming Xu                    | Art Scholarship          | Charterhouse                   |



*Art and Music Scholars*

### Art

Art continues to flourish at Papplewick and the Scholars' Show in June featured the work of twenty-two boys from Years Six to Eight - possibly the largest group to date. They produced a fabulous range of figurative and non-figurative paintings and were real role models to other pupils throughout the school.

Year 7 boys showed themselves to be a particularly talented group, dedicated and very hard working. The extensive range of subject matter and media are testament to their ambition to try new things.

The Art Department has also welcomed to the Scholars' group the boys from Year 6 who have started very well on their course with their abstract canvases and spectacular landscapes. We look forward to a new and exciting school year. 2016 will be a tough act to follow but we relish a challenge!

### First Choir

First Choir membership in the summer term grew to a total of 26 boys, as quite a few reached the end of their treble days and new singers were auditioned to join the front pews. Some former trebles joined the altos and others the tenors. The resulting sound from the full choir was splendid and as ever a great debt of gratitude was owed to the staff and parents who sang with the boys.

## Papplewick Concert

### 'Harvey Lin and Friends'

Piano maestro Harvey Lin performed in many a concert during his time at Papplewick. He was an extremely talented musician, who reached the keyboard final of the BBC Young Musician of the Year competition in 2016 and gaining a music scholarship (and subsequently a King's scholarship) to Eton. At the end of the academic year it was decided that a special concert in his final term showcasing his talents would be a fitting way to say thank you, congratulations and good luck for the future. But not just Harvey - three other boys had also gained music awards: Kangwon Han and Nicholas Hill (both principal cellists) and Freddie Garner (percussion). The resulting concert 'Harvey Lin and Friends' saw a School Hall packed with parents, pupils and staff, and the music was of the highest standard. Kangwon and Nicholas played cello solos and Harvey gave us a brilliant display of dazzling Chopin, Liszt and Rachmaninov pieces which earned him a standing ovation. And Freddie Garner on percussion joined the three other boys (Harvey on violin) to play a lively piece from South Africa, specially chosen by and featuring the Headmaster on the keyboard. The evening was a unique event which those lucky enough to have attended will never forget.



*Who likes Haggis?*



*Jo Magrath welcomes Bernard Trim to the reunion*



*Christopher Sharman-Crawford (Long) with Derek and Brenda Sisson*



*Marie-Claire Brind, Michael Manners, Maggie and Max Putnam*

## 2016 reunion of Old Boys

On Old Boys' Day last year – July 10th – a group consisting of seventeen Old Boys from the 1940s and 1950s returned to Papplewick, together with Tim Reynolds, a member of staff from the 50s, and Sue Prickett (née Cock) an assistant matron of the same decade. Some of them had not been back to the School for many years, if ever, and so it was not surprising that they all had a wonderful time, full of interest, laughter and happy memories.

A good number of these Old Boys were those who had written in from time to time over the preceding three or four years with contributions and reminiscences for the annual newsletter, so there was much to catch up on. Several of them had brought in photographs of their time in the School and these were passed around with great enjoyment.

The Headmaster was very pleased to have the opportunity to speak individually to so many Old Boys from the early years of the School's existence - including to Bernard Trim, one from the original group of boys enrolled for the very first term, in September 1947. He was closely followed by Geoff Allen, who joined



*Rachel Macdonald, Head of PE at Heathfield in 1949, with Geoff Allan, who played cricket there against the girls that year*



*Michael Brind and Marie-Claire Brind with Niven Prakash*



*Roger Smith and Sue Prickett (Assistant Matron, Miss Cock)*



*Richard Weil and Selma Bayhan*



*Ian Gray, Niven Prakash and David Sage*

## from the 1940s & 1950s

the following term. Two of those present, Nick Baum and Nevin Prakash, had come especially from abroad, from France and Portugal respectively, especially for the occasion, and Michael Manners, from Australia, fitted Old Boys' Day at Papplewick into his visit to the UK. It was also very good to see so many wives and partners who accompanied their menfolk and who clearly enjoyed their visit.

The School caterers laid on a splendid buffet lunch for all the Old Boys, cricketers, visitors, parents and wives, and this was one thing that the older Old Boys commented on. Food in the '40s and '50s, just after the war, was rationed and treats were not easy to come by, so sitting down to a slap-up meal in a marquee in the School grounds was considered a real treat and one not to be missed and the Old Boys were quick to express their gratitude to the Headmaster and the Caterers for their hospitality.

The whole scene was recorded on excellent group photos by Steve Elkington, to whom we are very grateful for giving up his time to join us and produce these mementoes of the occasion.



*Derek and Brenda Sisson with Brenda and Malcolm Smith*



*Geoff and Carol Allen, Simon Stracey and Bernard Trim*



*Michael and Josephine Manners*



*Patricia Barton and Ian Gray with Rosemary and Robert Goldstein*

## Obituary

**Mike Williams (1948-50)** Old Boys from the early years of the School will be sorry to hear of the death of Mike Williams, who died in 2011. He was a good rugby player when at Papplewick, winning his 1st XV colours. He went to sea in 1953, training as a hydrographer in the Royal Navy. He later became a Master Mariner in the Merchant Navy getting his first command in 1967. Most of his life was spent abroad and he ended his naval career with an appointment as Harbour Master of Dammam Port, Saudi Arabia, where he remained for fifteen years before his retirement in 2005.



*Michael Kidson (Staff 1958-64), whose death was reported last year*

**Ward Buckingham (1952-55)**, referring to the 1953 sports day picture on page 3 of last year's newsletter, identifies Tony Bearman winning the sprint with Ruck in 2nd place and Ward himself 3rd. He says Smith is 4th and Hugh-Jones 5th. As an aside he recalls the prior year (his first at Papplewick) when several boys were participating in flattening the surface of the recently cleared sports field (the one pictured in the photo). "Basically, we were the oxen assigned to pull an ancient-appearing roller. Somehow I got my feet caught under the outer edge of that heavy roller and those toes have never looked the same since!"

**Tony Bearman (1948-55)** writes in saying, "I don't recall the incident with the roller and Ward Buckingham's foot but then perhaps I was in another "chain gang" at the time! I do however recall that before the roller was put into use all the stones had to be removed by the "chain gangs". As teams we had to start on one side of the field and work our way over to the other side filling baskets with the stones!

"I was interested to see the photo of The Lodge in the last 'Old Papplewickian.' More memories came flooding back! Sharing a small dormitory upstairs with, among others, Ward Buckingham. Trevor Martin had a room next to our dormitory."

**Graham Holland (1954-60)**. After Papplewick he spent three years at Cranleigh and then emigrated to New Zealand with his parents in 1963. Once there he completed his secondary education and then qualified as a Chartered Accountant. He joined the New Zealand Civil Service in the Inland Revenue Department (having for several years wanted to work in tax administration) and eventually retired from there, as Chief Executive, in the year 2000. From then until 2014 he worked

with the International Monetary Fund, initially as a full time staff member based in Washington DC and latterly as a consultant for them, working out of New Zealand. He is now fully retired and lives near Wellington with his wife, Marilyn. They have three children and eight grandchildren, all also in New Zealand.

He says he has some good memories of Papplewick and was able to revisit it for the first time in 2012. "Of course much has changed in the way that education is delivered and 50 years has spawned some new and impressive buildings. But the core of the school, the innate respect of the pupils and the firm but caring attitude of the teachers were all similar enough to make it almost like a homecoming for a couple of hours.

"And the memories? In no particular order (and I hope not mere fantasies but true recollections): Mr Wragge, his rugby coaching and his purchase of ice creams for the boys at the racecourse during Royal Ascot Week; Latin with Mr Clough; Mr Roddy, hard but fair and supportive - who taught me a love of mathematics; Mr Knatchbull-Hugessen (whom I still can't refer to as Peter), his immense presence, impeccable dress sense and his lectures on "manners", "cleanliness and the three arches" and the "facts of life"; Mrs Gordon (it must have been her) and those glorious trips to the Old Vic to see 'Macbeth', 'Hamlet' and 'The Tempest' (a pilgrimage I still make whenever in London - but alas without the Shakespeare); 'HMS Pinafore', 'Trial by Jury' and 'The Pirates of Penzance'; the construction



*Ward Buckingham sixty years on*

and opening of the Chapel; conkers, cubs and scouts, matron Bevan and the sick room, roller skating, beating Haileybury at rugby in 1959 (?) and the alluring, but out of bounds, weeping willow tree and pond at the far side of the rugby field.

**Nevin Prakash (1955-59)** wrote in to add to the memories of Trevor Martin mentioned in the last Newsletter. "I have one personal memory of dear Trevor Martin: it was tea and I was late. When I walked in he shouted over the noise, "Why are you late, Prakash?" I can't recall my reply, but I do recall, vividly, his next question: "Is that an excuse or an explanation?" The problem was I did not know the difference. Luckily I appeared to choose the correct one and was not punished. To this day, some 60 years later, I still use it."

Nevin also had special memories of Miss Cock, the assistant matron. "I remember her so well. She was a lovely, kind person to a little lad thousands of miles from home and family.

She was there at the same time as another fab lady, Miss Willie. Both were wonderful people."

**Max Putnam (1951-56)** was very pleased to be able to attend the Old Boys' Day on the 10th July last year, accompanied by his wife. He was not sure of the date that he joined the school but he left at the end of the Christmas Term in 1956 – he thought! "In the years that I was there the school expanded comprehensively under Mrs Gordon and Peter Hugessen. Some memories have come flooding back reading 'The Old Papplewickian' and I think most of us will remember the Yemini, Mohamed Ibrahim. He was twice the size of the rest of us and three times as strong and when he was passed the ball on the rugby pitch, no one could catch him. Included amongst those were the old arch enemies from Lambrook and Caldicott. I was so sad to learn of the death of Trevor Martin, 'Martini' to those who were taught by him. He was a lovely man."

**John Parrott (1956-58)** has written to say that his father was in the armed forces stationed in Malaya during the time he was at Papplewick. After he had been at the School for two years he returned to Kuala Lumpur and finished his education attending the forces school there. Having completed his schooling he emigrated with his parents to Melbourne where he worked for a firm of stockbrokers before returning to the UK to join the Metropolitan Police. He says that after doing thirty years police



*Any ideas who any of these boys from 1957 are?*

service and fourteen years as a civil servant he is now enjoying his retirement in Bedfordshire and wondering, as many do, how he ever had time to go to work.

**Richard Smith (1952-56)** points out that the white area outside the window on the roof of the picture on the next page is the chute he mentions in the Fire drill report that he has sent in. He adds: "I note too in the photo that between the goal posts you can see a roller. This was an extremely heavy implement and you can see that it was intended to be horse drawn. When it was used, especially on the cricket square, it was moved by at least five or six boys, and with a good team could be made to go quite fast! What would 'health and safety' have to say about that nowadays?" (This of course is the roller referred to by Ward Buckingham and Tony Bearman above - ED).

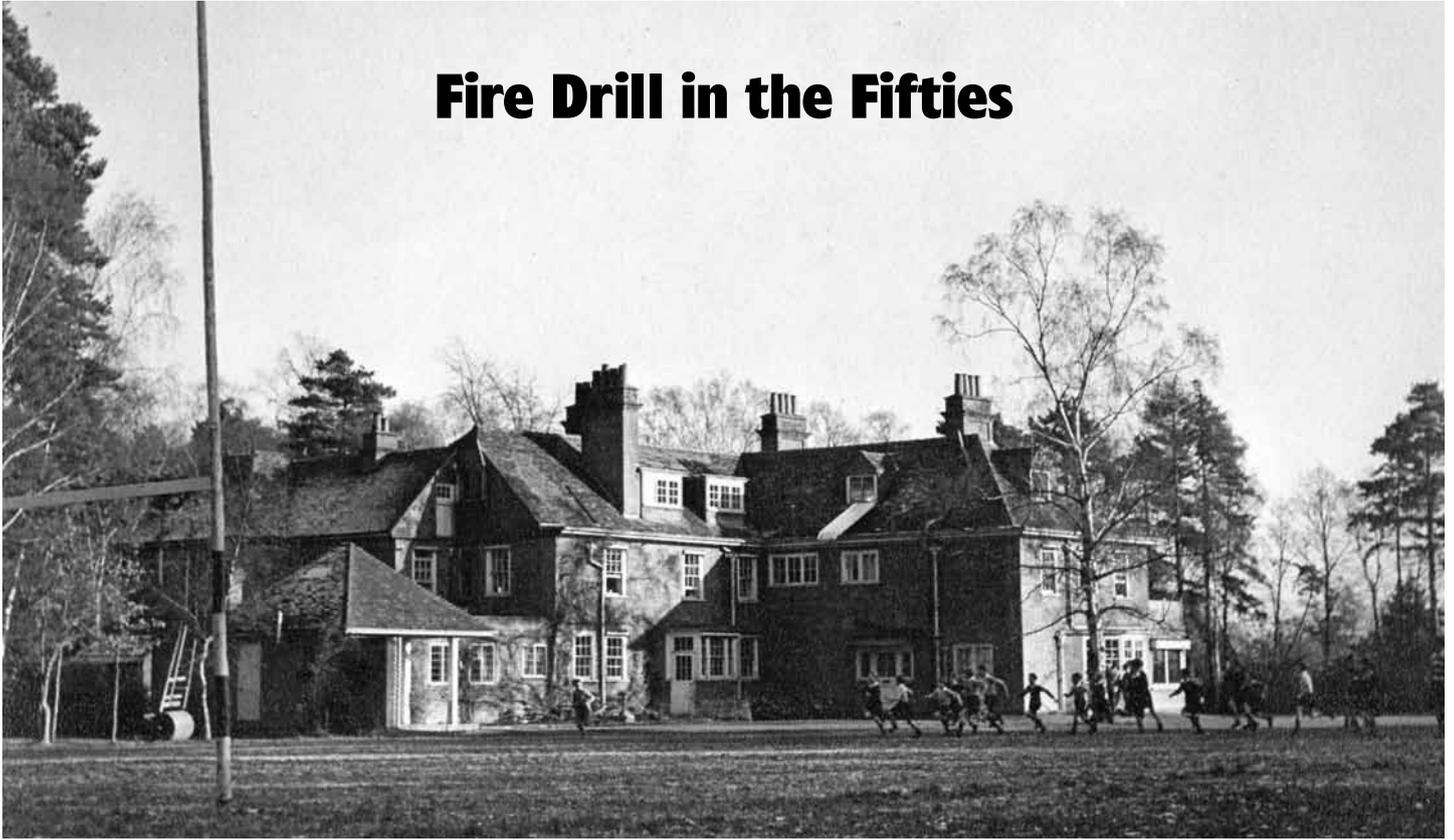
**David Stewart (50-56)** was unable to be present at the 1940s and 1950s reunion last year, but he mentions the 'Old Papplewickian' which arrived with the news of Trevor Martin's death. He recalls; "I believe he taught maths and was a pretty fair shot with a piece of chalk if your attention was lacking. I remember Mungee, Ibrahim, Kramet and others. My good friends were J.D.C. Cartwright (Carats) and Stevenson. Also Kelly II." David enjoys his work because it keeps him active. He and his wife travel when possible, most recently to Edinburgh, Mallorca, and Costa Rica, with a wonderful Greek Isles cruise last fall.

**Andrew Warren (1958-62)** unfortunately was unable to attend the 40s – 50s Old Boys' reunion last July, where he would have liked to have seen Nick Baum again. Andrew vividly remembers that Nick was the only one of the boys in the Cottage with access to a record player, and he (Andrew) still can hear neither 'Here Comes Summer' nor 'Who Could Be Bluer?' without remembering Nick – "as I do the generous lunch his mother provided for the First XV when we played Marlborough Under 14s - doubtless contributing to our subsequent heavy defeat!"

**Nick Baum (1956-60)** (Ref Andrew Warren's entry, above) writes in to say that he has been living in France for the last 40 years. He adds, "I remember the music sessions very well. I still have the LPs of Elvis, Duane Eddy, and the rest! And I also remember that lunch which Andrew mentions. Perhaps we did eat rather too much, just before a match!"



## Fire Drill in the Fifties



*Fire Chute and Roller (see pages 8 & 9)*

### **Richard Smith (1952-56) remembers:**

Like any school there were fire drills, at least termly. We stopped whatever we were doing and filed in an orderly manner out of the buildings and on to the hard play area where we formed up in lines in Form order.

The much less usual practice evacuation was from the upstairs dormitories. In the main building, on the top floor were two 'dorms', Wellington and Cromwell, with perhaps twenty boys in each. There was a smaller dorm called Haig on the first floor, for younger pupils and there was further dormitory accommodation in The Lodge and The Cottage. The exit procedure from Wellington and Cromwell was unusual to say the least. One of the dormer windows in Wellington, which faced towards the racecourse, had wooden steps up to the windowsill, and to one side was a metal hoop to which was attached a large roll of canvas. Outside the window, mounted on the roof tiles was a wooden chute about three feet wide. During fire practice the hoop was swung on hinges to be positioned over the open window, and the roll of canvas, which was in fact a long canvas tube, was unrolled down the chute to reach the ground many feet below. Two members of staff held the end of the tube away from the building thus lessening the angle from vertical at which the tube had dangled from the window.

The drill was this. One by one each pupil went up the steps to the window and entered the metal hoop. The canvas tube was being held open by this metal hoop. Once on the windowsill you had to turn to face into the dormitory to go feet first and on your tummy into the canvas tube. You can imagine on a warm day how stifling and claustrophobic the tube was, and the pungent smell of sacking from the canvas was overwhelming. Once inside the tube you then had to worm your way over the edge of the wooden chute, on which the upper portion of the tube was resting, before plunging downwards in the darkness. Luckily the staff members at the ground end of the tube always

held tightly and there were others to help you out. Many boys ended up with friction burns to their knees while the boys who had done the drill before pulled their long socks up over their knees to help prevent any such injury. The canvas tube was later replaced by a more conventional metal escape staircase.

I was reminded of this escape procedure later in life when I was a navigator on Vulcan V-bombers in the Royal Air Force. The V-bombers carried a crew of five. The two pilots sat on the flight deck in ejector seats while the three 'rear crew' sat in seats facing the rear of the aircraft with no ejection facility. Newspaper headlines at the time had straplines such as, 'Britain's flying coffins', referring to the vulnerability of the rear crew. The entrance door to the Vulcan's pressure cabin was underneath the aircraft. The emergency in-flight exit procedure was for the Navigator Radar and the Air Electronics Officer to swivel their seats towards the door in the floor of the cabin, use their assistor cushions (rather like an airbag in a car) to get them on their feet, and to then slide down the open door and out of the doomed aeroplane. The Navigator Plotter (that was me) sat between the other two rear crew members without the luxury of a swivelling seat. I had an assistor cushion but I must admit I always flew with the safety pin in place because all the assistor did was to firmly wedge you under the plotting table when it was operated! There was a further complication to this escape procedure in that if the undercarriage was down, the vast aluminium casting that formed the structure of the nose-wheel was right behind the entrance door, hence impeding the exit of the rear crew.

Of course we were thoroughly practised in the in-flight escape procedure from the Vulcan and I had every confidence that in an emergency I would be able to get out. I am sure that always in the back of my mind was the Papplewick dormitory fire drill and the feeling of assurance that if I was able to cope with that I would certainly be able to exit a Vulcan in an emergency with no problem at all.

## OTHER OLD BOYS' NEWS



*Reunion of the Year of 2006*

**Kristjan Byfield (1988-93)** His London estate agency won UK Gold at The ESTAS 2016 in April last year, recognising it as the best lettings office in the whole of the UK, and it picked up four more awards this year. From this Summer, he tells us, he will have a two bed widebeam canal boat in East London that will be available for short stays, cruising and weekend experiences.

**Kim Carter (1961-67)** has very fond memories of Papplewick. The boys were really a great bunch and he often wishes he had kept in contact with some of them.

His early career involved buying and managing a vertically integrated company, QRT Ltd. After expanding and developing various divisions within the company, he sold his business in 1989 and relocated to Bermuda. Since then, Kim has concentrated on running his own investment portfolio, whilst also engaging in a wide variety of entrepreneurial pursuits. In 2008 he became a Director of a company dedicated to producing clean renewable energy. Kim was Founder and Chair of the Kathmandu Kids Club (2006 – 2014), an organization raising funds solely for a registered Bermuda charity supporting children in serious need.

He is Co-Founder and a Director of Global Waste Management Ltd, a company formed in 2015 to help provide communities and businesses with solutions to freshwater and wastewater needs. Also in 2015 Kim launched The Abolish Foundation, a Canadian corporation formed to support initiatives intended to combat social problems of a global scale, such as modern day slavery, gender inequality, environmental destruction and human rights abuses.

Kim has been Chair and Co-Founder of several international squash tournaments: Bermuda Open 2004, PSA Masters 2005 and 2006, and the World Open 2007.

**Doug Cuming (1969-72)** returned to Australia after leaving Papplewick and finished his schooling at Melbourne College. He retired three years ago after spending most of his years

in telecommunications; he trained as an engineer originally, but migrated to sales, marketing and management. He has been keen on sailing since he was six years old, thanks to the enthusiasm of his parents, and then got into dinghy and yacht racing in Australia. He has been doing a lot of sailing recently, from Cherbourg to the Med, including Spain, Portugal, Sardinia, Sicily, Greece, Turkey and then back to Cherbourg via the French Canals, including going through Paris which was rather special (ref The Ballad of Lucy Jordan). He also went across the Atlantic this year in the ARC Rally on another boat.



*Paul Kaplanski back for Old Boys' Day, with his wife, Lisa, and photo-shy son, Jack*



*Jo Magrath with Ryan Parker, who returned to read a prayer in Chapel on Remembrance Day*

**Rod Dew (1972-75)** has lived in Sydney for twenty years now and he says he still has many of the same interests and pastimes that he developed in school. For the last six years he has been on the board of Manly Rugby Club with a proud history of producing some great Wallabies players. However, he thinks that rugby is really struggling in Australia at the moment. He says that he is still a great supporter of England and he went to see all three tests against Australia last June (so he will have seen James Haskell playing – see report, below, on this page - Ed.) Rod says that he still swims regularly in ocean races – in December he completed the Bondi to Bronte 2.4 km swim. He also completed an Iron Man 70.3 in November (2km swim, 90km bike, 21km run) and he went on a trek to Everest Base Camp earlier this year. So he keeps pretty fit between periods of work in software.

**Tom Elliott (1988-94)** has now finished his Masters Degree in prosthodontics and is on the UK's prestigious 'Specialist List'. He has received a huge job offer in Perth, Australia, where he is now working.

**Will Eversfield (2002-2007)** Having been playing rugby for Newcastle University in March and April last year he was selected to play for England Students against France and Ireland, winning the Irish match 52-31. Will was born in Hong Kong and moved to England with his family when he was three. Last November he was selected to represent Hong Kong in a full international rugby match against Papua New Guinea. He played in the second row for the full 80 minutes in a side which won 51-5.

**Max Guen (2003-05)** now heads up one of the world's most successful media companies and would very much like to maintain contact with the School. He says that when he left Papplewick he took his snake, Morpheus, with him and it has been through various quarantines over the past 11 years and is now in Amsterdam Zoo - with a wife!

**James Haskell (1992-98)** had a very good game last June in the first rugby match against Australia, where he was 'Man of the Match'. The Commentators of the game remarked on how he seemed to be everywhere on the pitch both preventing the opposition from breaking through and being ready to

break through himself, very nearly scoring on one occasion after a great run. Unfortunately he was injured at the time and was unable to play for the next few months, missing the early part of the new season. However, he was selected to play in the England squad for all the matches in the 6 Nations Tournament. In the quarter of an hour he played against France he brought some life to a rather moribund pack and in the next game against Wales he was brought on in the first half, contributing towards a very exciting game. He was considered fit enough to play for the entire, rather frustrating match against Italy though he enjoyed the thumping victory in the Calcutta Cup v Scotland a fortnight later, where, according to 'The Times', he was key to the fact that England did not concede a single penalty at the attacking breakdown. He would have been disappointed with the result against Ireland in the final match, where 'he was ferocious throughout, at the heart of England's defensive effort in the first half' before being substituted for the last twenty minutes of the game.

**Jon Hollis (1994-96)** went on to Tonbridge after leaving Papplewick and then to Exeter University. Since then he's been working in the House of Commons and for the Conservative Group at the London Assembly, as Senior Transport Researcher. He got married on November 5<sup>th</sup> 2011 and he says he's never yet failed to remember his anniversary!



*Will Eversfield in Hong Kong*

**Dominic Ivison (2003-08)** is in his final year at Edinburgh University studying Business and Management.

**Freddy Manduca (2001-08)** has one more year to go at Georgetown University in Washington DC and is majoring in Philosophy. He is still a very good golfer and is also DJ-ing in some of the top clubs in Washington a couple of times a week. It is likely that this music may become his career as it is going so well, but he will definitely finish his degree course first.

**Ryan Parker (2011)** was accepted as an officer in the Navy (Oct '16) and he is now at university in Hull with a training contract with the Navy. Last November he returned to Papplewick for the Remembrance Day Service, in uniform, and read a prayer. He has fond memories of being taught by Jo Magrath in the Lower School.

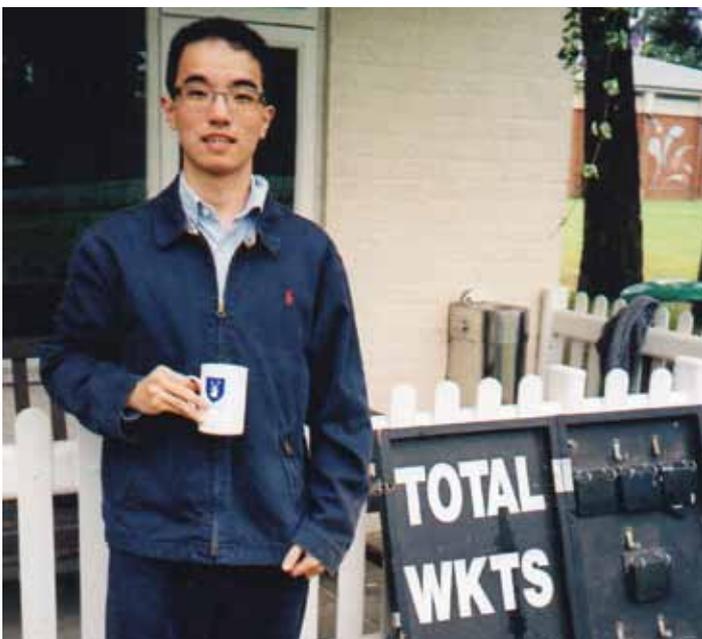


*Old Boy Cricketer Ollie Sharp, with Manvir and Sehaj Dhaliwal*

**Aarush Selvan (2001-07)** left Harrow in 2012, and graduated from Stanford University last year with degrees in Economics and Symbolic Systems (a joint program in Computer Science and Philosophy.) He decided to return to Stanford for another year to complete a masters in Symbolic Systems, focusing in the fields of artificial intelligence and cryptography. With his masters degree he will most likely be joining Morgan Stanley in New York, which is where he spent the summer of 2015.

**Yunus (2001-06) and Emre Sert (2009)** are sharing accommodation overlooking the Oval Cricket Ground which makes it very convenient to watch Test Matches! Yunus, having graduated from Durham, is with an architectural component company in a sales and marketing post. Emre is studying International Business at the London University School of Business and Management with another year to go. Yunus continues his cricket as a Playing Member of the MCC and both have regularly played soccer for the Old Harrovians Football Club 1st X1.

**Robert G Tyler (2005-08)** writes in once again, having last done so when he was still at Bradfield. From there he went to the University of Buckingham where he studied History and Politics. Whilst at Buckingham he served as Treasurer of



*Ga Kitada, scorer at the Old Boys' Cricket match v the HM's XI*

the Students' Union and he decided to try his hand at real politics, by working on the General Election campaigns of both the then Home Secretary, Theresa May, and the Speaker of the House, John Bercow. He did some work freelance as a blogger for several news services and was also elected President of the University Debating Society and to the committees of several other societies, including UNICEF and Amnesty International. Once he had graduated he decided to stay on at Buckingham to do a Masters Degree in Security and Intelligence Studies. This is a degree program focused on the operation of the intelligence services and looks at how intelligence is gathered and analysed for the security of the state. Whilst doing this degree he took an active role in the Leave Campaign during the EU Referendum and did a number of TV interviews for the BBC. He was elected Vice President of the Students' Union during the 40th Anniversary Celebrations of the University and has also acted as an ambassador for the University. In October last year he started



*Jon Hollis, back for Old Boys' Day, with his wife Alison and sons Jacob and Isaac (asleep)*

a job working as researcher for a Conservative MEP at the European Parliament, focusing the majority of his research on security and defence policy, as well as wider foreign policy. He moved to Brussels full time this January.

**Lorcan Treacy (2003-07)** graduated from Durham in 2015 where he studied History & Economics. He is now in his second year of law school at BPP and will start a training contract at the law firm RPC in London this September.

**Myles Treacy (2005-10)** is currently in his second year at Trinity College, Dublin where he is studying PPES, having obtained 3As and a B at A level in his final year at Wellington.

## NEWS FROM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**DULWICH** - **Kenza Wilkes** has been Head of School this year. In 2016 he captained the England team in the World Schools' Debating Championships at Stuttgart in which 58 nations competed. This involved 13 separate debates, 8 in the preliminary rounds, spread across 5 days. Winning 5 of these preliminary round debates gave England 17th place out of the 24 teams which reached the knock-out stages of the tournament. The English team won three of the four knock-out stage matches and beat Hong Kong in their semi final, which brought them to the final against Canada. Here England had to propose a motion about allowing states to pay other states to resettle refugees, and they managed to convince six of the nine judges that they were the winning team – winners of the World Debating Championships 2016.

**ETON** - **Alex Hall** is leading a full life at Eton and is thoroughly enjoying it. He did his GCSEs last year emerging with 7A\*s and As in English, Biology and French. His strengths really lie in maths and physics and now he is specialising for his A levels he is enjoying school life still more. He is doing double maths, physics, chemistry and divinity and is in the top set for all subjects. Outside the classroom he is involved in the CCF and has his own troop now. At the beginning of this year, because of his heavy academic timetable, he made up his mind to cut games to a minimum, sticking to house football, and in the Lent term he did some tutoring at the London academy which Eton sponsors and he is head of his house chess. For the future Alex is looking at either Cambridge or Imperial.



*Kenza Wilkes, Captain of the English Schools' Debating Team*

materials!) and the School Sports cup in Athletics. He's also been competing regionally and is the current Wiltshire Champion for the 800 metres. Academically he's predicted A\*s in most subjects.

**TONBRIDGE** - **Ebenewo Elombi** has now left the School and has moved on to Robinson College Cambridge, where he is reading Theology and Religious Studies, having scored straight As for his A Levels, with stars for Religious Studies.

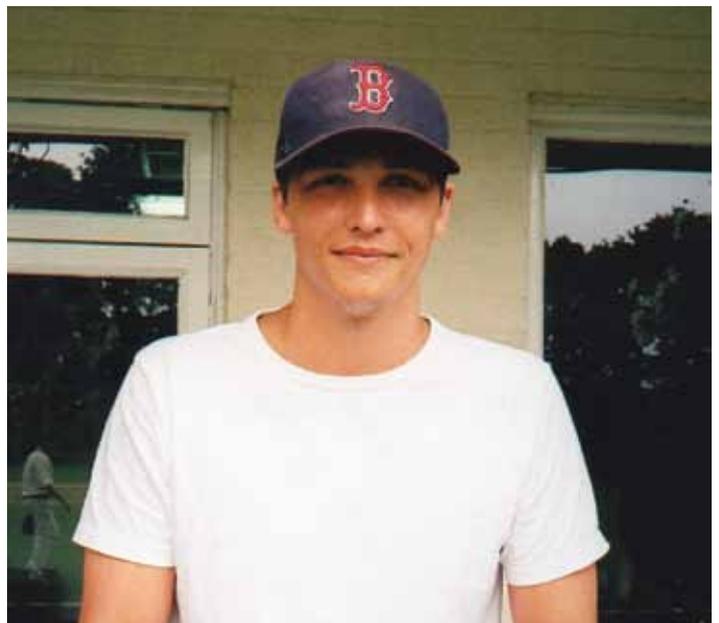
**UPPINGHAM** - **Alex Howard-Vyse** has been Captain of School at Uppingham. The year has been strange for him because he has had both a new housemaster and headmaster to deal with – quite a challenge! He is still doing lots of music at the school, being in the school choir, orchestra and big band, as well as having fun in his own band. He has also kept up with sports, particularly rugby, cricket and a spot of croquet from time to time!



*Max Melser, Alex Shishkarev, and Sehaj Dhaliwal, at Harrow*

**HARROW** - **Max Melser, Alex Shishkarev, and Sehaj Dhaliwal**, stalwarts of the Class of 2014, all played rugby in the Colts A team last season. **Ga Kitada** received Music and History prizes for the fourth year in a row on Speech Day in May 2016 and also the Harvard Book Prize, sponsored by Harvard University's alumni. During the past year he has been Deputy Head Boy (the first Japanese Deputy Head Boy in the history of the School), a member of the Guild and captain of the Music Society. In January he received a conditional offer from Balliol College, Oxford to read Medicine.

**MARLBOROUGH** - **Alexander James** has been very much enjoying Marlborough. He says it reminds him of Papplewick, it being a very happy and relaxed, creative place. He has won two school prizes so far – together with another Art prize (£1000 towards



*James Brooks was unable to play cricket last year, but he organised a splendid 'Reunion of '06'*

## MORE SCHOOL NEWS

### European Day of Languages

The interesting thing about the European Day of Languages is that Papplewick boys are presented with a totally different programme each year, with interesting and instructive workshops run by parents of the boys, who may come from anywhere in the world. This year there was an Italian workshop run by Mr Giuseppe Trerotoli, where the boys learned about the history of the Italian patron saints and the meaning of the various hand gestures in Italy. In the German workshop run by Mrs Julia Lewis there was an opportunity to sample some pretzels and to view a beer glass competition in celebration of Oktoberfest, currently taking place in the town of Munich. In the Russian workshop, Mrs Yulia Ivanov touched on numbers in Russian as well as geographical facts about the city of Moscow for our Year 8 boys. And in the Hungarian workshop, run by Mr Bernard Lázár, the boys were told about Attila the Hun and all the Hungarian inventions from the biro pen, the hologram, the Transformer and Watt Meter, to stripy toothpaste, invented in 1952 by George Lázár (grandfather of two boys in the School). Shortly after morning break, the boys enjoyed goulash and viewed a Hungarian concert by Agi, Rudolph and Agnes who formed the Hungarian band 'Kontraband'. It was a wonderful day for the boys.



*European Day of Languages*

### Papplewick's Got Talent 2016

Once again the talent was on full display as the finalists took to the stage competing to come away with the coveted title of 'Papplewick's Got Talent Winner 2016'. We were spoilt with the display of talent and the judges deliberated for a very long time before they came to a decision about who should win. The magicians wowed us with their incredible tricks, the dancers put on a fantastic show of energy and skill, the singers hit all the right notes and the swegway dancing was something



*Year 7 boys at the Olympic Park*

the audience had never seen before. Congratulations were due to all who took part, even those boys who narrowly missed out on getting to the final; the auditions were incredible and it must have been hard to pick just ten acts for the final.

### Olympic Park – Year 7 Geography trip

This was a trip with a difference for the Year Seven boys for their geography field trip. As part of the Common Entrance syllabus, the boys need to learn about redevelopment of a housing and facilities project. This was a perfect excuse for a trip to the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park where the boys looked at the sustainable development and environmentally sensitive planning of both the stadia and the affordable housing. The afternoon was very much sports focused. The boys tried out the Olympic velodrome, the mountain biking track and BMX circuit, followed by a swim in the 50m Olympic Pool. It was wonderful to be able to use these inspirational facilities, and Tom Daley even turned up to do some training on the high boards beside the pool. Hopefully seeing the Olympic park for themselves will ensure the boys can remember the case study for their exams.

### Year 7 Visit to France

In October the whole of Year 7 once again embarked on its 5-day French trip to Burgundy to improve their French, in preparation for their Scholarship and CE exams in Year 8. They had the chance to experience life in a rural French setting, speaking French by buying food in a local market and cooking and eating it in the evening. The days there provided a variety of activities which the boys found very stimulating – a mixture of work and play – which definitely improved their spoken language and their understanding of life in France.

### Bibliomaniacs 2015-16

During the past year the bibliomaniacs have developed considerably, becoming more than a small school book club. It is now a well recognised book selling company, part of a highly regarded Provincial Booksellers Fair Association. In consequence the Club was invited to The London International Premier Book Fair in Earls Court in May. Here we sold a considerable number of antiquarian books, including most from our highly successful Iris Murdoch catalogue which we were selling from a distinct private collection! Later that month at the Hog Roast the bibliomaniacs were again hard at work, selling most of its antique bookmark collection.



*Bibliomaniacs*

## Papplewick Arts Festival

### 'Cool Britannia'

This year the Arts Festival wowed with Red White and Blue: poems, debating, house music competitions and of course the house shout. The days were packed with music and poem heats, and the evenings were filled with music and song and the awards for the 'Best Female on Stage' was certainly tough competition! Every year on the Thursday, the whole school is involved in activities which are (loosely) based around the theme. This year was no different, with James Bond stage combat, the Great British Bake Off, Croquet and of course 'How to make the perfect cup of tea', to name but a few. The Grand Finale of the week was the Variety Performance, where we were in awe of the dazzling artistry, which ended the whole week, from Harvey Lin.

### School Musical – Aladdin Jr

A Disney classic, the boys did sterling justice to the original and entertained one and all with their take on songs and choruses that have stood the test of time. The entire cast, from our handsome hero to the beguiling Jasmine to the brooding villain, Jafar, to a humble harem girl and everyone in between, performed admirably and sang, danced and acted with bubbling enthusiasm and great aplomb.



*Drummers at work in the Arts Festival*

## Herpetology

This has been another very successful year with over a hundred boys being members of the club. Tuesdays are our busiest days with the Boarders' night Club Session where they watch videos, make obstacle courses, create caves using papier mache and weigh and measure their pets. They have been privileged to watch the beardies, chameleons and corn snakes hatching from their eggs – always exciting moments. Next year we plan to introduce a certificate and badge programme where successful candidates will receive their level one proficiency certificates.

## Ascot Day Centre

The experience of sharing reminiscences, stories and tales with the elderly ladies and gentlemen of the Ascot Day Centre every Thursday during term time is rewarding for us all. Over a cup of tea and biscuits, our lads chat away, sharing stories, swapping jokes and playing cards and scrabble with the residents. It is nice that every year the Chapel collection at the Papplewick Harvest Festival goes towards the Centre.

## Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

In 2016 the Year Six boys put on the production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The well-known story by Roald Dahl was brought to life by the boys and the play was a fantastic success, with all the actors really throwing themselves into their roles and providing great entertainment to the packed hall.



*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*

## Library

Author visits are always most enjoyable and last year the entire school was able to participate in an event, with the boys having the opportunity to meet the visiting speakers during book signing.

Tamsyn Murray came to speak to Years 2 and 3 boys, who listened intently as she told them stories before asking for volunteers to act out the action. The author Shane Hegarty wrote the popular Darkmouth series and he thrilled the boys with his descriptions of how he plots his novels.

A first for us this year was a number of boys from the Lower School entering the popular 500 Words competition organised by the Radio 2 breakfast presenter, Chris Evans. Unfortunately, none of the entrants proceeded to the short list but we were delighted to be able to take part in the competition.

## RUGBY

### First XV *Played 12, Won 9 Lost 3*

The Season began with real concerns about a lack of experience, a lack of real ball players among the backs and a lack of depth. At our inaugural meeting we discussed our objectives and looked at perceived strengths and the decision was taken at that point to base our game on high-tempo, high-risk, high-reward and high-enjoyment, even if that meant the results not always coming our way. Consequently, there was a concerted effort made to raise the basics of handling and tackling to the highest possible level and look to use the ball as best and as unexpectedly as possible.



*Rugby World Cup Dress Down Day*

Our first five matches, played at the end of the Michaelmas term, produced two defeats and three wins, with the boys showing heart and a willingness to keep plugging away, even when on the ropes. In the Lent term things really began to look up with the first match, against Elstree, which we won 50-5 with a really comprehensive display from the Papplewick team. Sadly the next match, versus Ludgrove, was cancelled, but the next two games saw impressive victories against Hall Grove, 45-10, and then arguably our best performance, away to Cothill, winning 51-10. In the following away match against Moulsoford in terrible conditions - wind, driving rain and on a bog of a pitch - we came up short 0-10.

Our ability to bounce back was then displayed with second wins against Horris Hill and Woodcote House. The final match, versus Cheam, was the perfect example of prep school rugby at its finest with both sides demonstrating a determination not to give up. In the end it was Papplewick who got over the line, with a 19-10 win. It was a great match to draw an extremely successful season to an end.

## FOOTBALL

### First XI *Played 21, Won 11 Drew 3 Lost 7*

The 2015 Football season was a very successful one overall, with the School team being strong in most departments of the game. 21 opposition teams were played in all (including

Triangulars and the Hall Grove competition) and Papplewick emerged victorious in most of these. Of the games won, six (including Ludgrove, Elstree and The Dolphin) showed Papplewick scoring five goals or more and most of our losses were by a single goal. The boys have played some outstanding football, working like beavers throughout the season, being sharp in attack and solid in defence and they can be pleased with the progress they have made.

### Football Tour to St Lucia

The football tour to St Lucia was an amazing experience. Six competitive matches were played, in which the conditions and humidity were tough, though these conditions certainly helped the Papplewick boys in performance and fitness levels. Of the six games played, two were drawn and four produced wins. To come away undefeated against some very strong sides is a real credit to the group of boys, who came on this tour on the back of a very good football season. In the final game, a rematch against VSCAD club, we found ourselves 4-0 down after 25 minutes. It felt devastating, but the second half summed up exactly what this group of boys is about: grit, determination, a desire to win and a team spirit that has been a delight to witness. 4-4 was the final score, a nail biting finish!

## Athletics

This was a glorious season for the athletes. From gun to tape, we enjoyed fabulous individual performances and some great team displays. The season began, as it always does, with the Caldicott meeting. We finished a very creditable third overall with a string of victories in all the age groups: a blistering U12 800m, an U14 shot putt registering 8 metres plus, two jaw-dropping wins in the U13 200m followed by the 300m, the U10 relay team taking victory and a fine U14 1500m.

From there we travelled to Guildford's Spectrum where we showed an improvement on performances, coming second out of six schools and breaking several meeting records and personal best performances on the way. We won the U13 200m and 300m races once again, produced another electric U12 800m, and came home victorious in the U14 800m and 1500m and in the U10 and U14 relay races.



*Rory Sullivan, Will Tull-Cowley, Lewis Sullivan, Duncan Thomson, Florian Caspers, and Jake Tempest back to play cricket or for the Reunion of 06*

The West Surrey Schools meeting followed, effectively the County Championships, and this was to be one of those great days for the squad, with some more excellent performances. We secured victories with an enormous triple jump, a fabulous high jump, a blinding performance in the U12 800m, a tough U14 1500m, an unexpected javelin win and amazing U13 100m and 200m events. Meeting records had been broken again - and five boys were off to Birmingham, having qualified in seven events - a school record.

To even qualify for these championships was fantastic; to perform at the level these five boys did in Birmingham was nothing short of exceptional. Sam Foulds gained an outstanding 4th place in the U13 triple jump and pride of place, with two Gold Medals, went to Ehiada Garuba in both the U13 100m and 200m sprints.



*Rain stopped play*

## CRICKET

### First XI

The 2016 cricket season was not as successful as was hoped for, with seven members of the previous season playing. Ultimately it came down to the simple fact that the Papplewick side did not score enough runs to win games. The boys struggled to accumulate singles, bringing pressure on themselves. When in the field, they often controlled the game for large parts of the other side's innings, but they invariably seemed to have a dodgy patch of five or six overs, where the opposition picked up 30-40 more runs than they should have, allowing their totals to creep higher. Our inability to sustain pressure and let the opposition off the hook cost us dearly. The talent was there, undoubtedly, but mental lapses just didn't allow that talent to shine.

### Fifth XI

*Played 6 games, won 2, lost 2 and tied 2*

Not every school boasts of having a 5th XI, but these Papplewick boys produced the most exciting cricket in the School last season and they had a lot of fun in the process, with two tied matches:



*Tuesday evening talk*

**Tie 1 - Eagle House 4ths** made 164 for 3 off their twenty overs. Every boy had a chance to bowl two overs and when fielding, Papplewick managed to concede seventy-two extras and also put down thirteen catches. When we were batting, at the end of the game, we needed five runs off the last over to win. One of our players was run out on the first ball, the following batsman missed the next three and then was bowled and for ball six our new batsman entered the fray and struck a 4 to tie the game.

**Tie 2 - Caldicott 5ths:** In this game we batted first and made 122 runs. When fielding, catching was much improved with four of our side taking good catches. The out fielding was good too with three run outs. The last over was tense, with Caldicott needing just five runs to win. The bowler of this over got a wicket off his first ball, followed by a dot ball. He followed this by bowling two wides for a score of 4 runs, which saw the game tied. He then bowled three dot balls. On the final ball the batsman called for a quick run and was run out by a brilliant throw from one of our fielders.

## Croquet

This year the season started off with the first round of croquet trials. It was great to see such an array of enthusiastic young Papplewickians, ranging from age 10-13, playing some pretty good croquet. A week later we had a second round, with fewer players reporting, before getting into a game and working our way around the course. Sadly our annual match against Ludgrove had to be cancelled so we had to be content with the house matches to look forward to.



*Ed Garuba, Harry Bunbury, Sam Foulds, Lucas Cohen and Bruno Pagano (front) qualifiers for the National Athletics Championships in Birmingham last Summer*



*House Cross Country start*

## Cross-country 2016

Our boys started the season well where they all ran with great determination at the Ludgrove cross-country relays. Leading off the A team on the first leg of the Junior race, the Papplewick runner pushed the pace along against a very highly rated competitor and then kicked away in the home straight to finish the opening leg in first place in a field of twenty teams. Similarly in the Senior race our first runner led the A team into a good lead with a strong run that saw him draw away from the field before handing over to the next man. With good starts the senior A and B teams finished in 6th and 7th positions respectively,

In our second fixture, on a grim, cold day on an exposed course, the highlight of the day was the performance of our first Senior team runner who vied for the lead with a Sunningdale boy right from the start and edged ahead as the course unwound, putting in a strong effort on the hills in order to draw away from his opponent. He managed to stay ahead right to the finish for a 30 metre victory over the 3.5km course. Our other runners came in 14th, 18th, 28th and 39th.

## Tennis

The under 13 tennis season was hit by bad weather and cancellations, all of which meant the boys struggled to get any real momentum. There were some good performances throughout the season though, none more so than from our top pair who beat the Bishopsgate top seeds, who had been unbeaten throughout the whole year.



*Jack Barlow, James Watson, Charlie Ramage-Johnson, Rory Sullivan, Peuk Vadanyakul and Alex Mackintosh, back for the Reunion of '06*

## American Football

The Papplewick Pythons have progressed well since their 2015 introduction to American Football and last season they played three matches against Maiden Erlegh, emerging victorious each time. The first game was a humdinger of a match where we started strongly, taking the lead to 19-7 early on. However, we soon found ourselves down in a 27-19 hole, but with more attacks and counter attacks we succeeded in getting ahead once again and we held the lead for the remaining minutes, winning by 35 points to 33.

The two schools locked horns twice more in the Summer term, the first game being another close affair which Papplewick won 46-44, thanks to some good passing by the reserve quarter back, which resulted in five separate touch downs.

After early struggles in the final game, the Pythons were up at half time, thanks to some good early touch downs. The defence was pretty solid all game, but the opposition still managed to squeak through on two occasions. However another good pass deep for a touch down nudged us further ahead and we scored with the last play of the game, making the final score 24-13, a comparatively easy win.



*William Hollis with his wife Kat, back for Old Boys' Day*

## Swimming

The summer season started with a four-way fixture at Caldicott along with Ludgrove and Horris Hill. As expected, it was a 'swim off' for 3rd place between ourselves and Horris Hill and we just managed to hold them off to secure 3rd place overall. The next week we hosted Horris Hill, for a rematch and once again we managed to beat them by 101 points to 89.

The third fixture was against Aldro and beating them was always going to be tough. That said, we had some individual flashes of brilliance, but in spite of this Aldro won the day by 101 points to 79. The season ended with a fixture against a new and inexperienced Hall Grove team. Here we only failed to win three races, which led to a decisive win for Papplewick, 78 points to 58.



The HM's XI with the Old Boys' team after a close match last year

## OLD BOYS' DAY 2016

The weather for the cricket match v the HM's XI on July 10th was overcast with a light mizzle for most of the morning session. The HM's XI batted first, getting off to a good start, with their opening batsman retiring on 50 – only to don his pads once more when needed at the end of the innings and to ensure a respectable total of 170 for the Old Boys to reach. Both Jack Mather and Yunus Sert bowled well for the Old Boys, taking three wickets each fairly cheaply, thus keeping the score down to an attainable level. The weather improved markedly from lunchtime onwards, producing almost continuous hot sunshine, and Will Tull-Cowley (21), George Tysoe (28) and Yusuf Perwaz (39) kept our hopes alive up to 123-9, when the cause looked desperate. But Lewis Sullivan, going in at number 9, rose to the occasion, scoring 50 runs while Duncan Thomson kept the other end going for over half an hour without getting off the mark while the score gradually rose to 159 – when sadly Duncan's defences were worn down when we were only 11 runs short. It turned out to be an extremely exciting game in the end, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

James Brooks must be congratulated on gathering together seventeen Old Boys who, like him, left the School in 2006, ten years ago, and who returned to celebrate their time at Papplewick. They added immensely to the atmosphere of what turned out to be a very successful day.

## NEWS UPDATE AND MISSING OLD BOYS

*We are always looking for news from Old Boys about what they have been doing over the years since they have left Papplewick, so do please email Tony Sparshott (sparsant@gmail.com) with any news or comments that you may have. May I also make my annual appeal to Old Boys to help locate missing former pupils? If you go to the Old Boys' page of the School web site (www.papplewick.org.uk) and click on About Papplewick and Old Boys, the 'Missing Old Boys' icon will let you know the names of those with whom we have lost contact.*

## OLD BOYS' DAY 2017

### Sunday July 9th

Please make a note of this date in your diary, when once again we shall be having our customary cricket match against the Headmaster's XI. Having lost last year, in a close match, we are looking to get revenge this time. The game will start at 11.00 a.m., lunch for teams and visitors will be at 1.00 o'clock in the marquee, and tea will be in the pavilion at 4.00 p.m. The tennis courts will be available for families and friends, and at 6 o'clock there will be end-of-match drinks to conclude the day's activities. We shall be delighted to see you there.

Old Boys who left Papplewick in 2007, ten years ago, are particularly invited to Old Boys' Day this year 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 for lunch at 1.00 o'clock. It will be good to meet up with your contemporaries, watch some cricket and have a look around the School once again.

We shall be posting last minute details on the morning of July 9th, 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 all activities may have to be cancelled at the last minute as they were, sadly, five years ago.



Cricket Captain, George Tysoe, and Duncan Thomson ready for action