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Tatler's Award for Best Headmaster of a Public School 2006

In October Stowe's Headmaster was awarded Tatler's 'Best Headmaster of a Public School, 2006' at their annual awards reception held at Claridges, London.

Tatler's Editor, Geordie Greig, said that the awards came largely from nominations submitted by parents, based on their feedback and school visits. In an arena where parent relationships are so important, this makes the award significant for any school.

In accepting the award, Dr Anthony Wallersteiner said *"I am delighted to receive the award which reflects the hard work and success of the entire School community. A Head embodies, shapes and reflects the values and ethos of the School and it is wonderful that the successes of Stowe in recent years have been recognised by a national publication which is read by many of our pupils and parents."*

Tatler's Schools Guide 2007 edition, which reviews the top prep and public schools in the UK, says: "Stowe



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provides a sterling all-round education. The School has some very bright pupils."

New Housemistress for New Girls' Boarding House

As many in the Stowe Community will all ready know, Stowe is clearly demonstrating its commitment to full co-education, which began in earnest in September 2005, with the building of two new girls' boarding Houses, the first of which will open in September 2007. As the picture shows the building programme is well underway and it is on schedule.



In addition, we are now pleased to be able to announce that the new Housemistress has been appointed to join us next year for the new House. A name not unfamiliar to Stowe: Mrs Jane Hamblett-Jahn.

From Jane herself:

"I am delighted to be returning to Stowe as Housemistress of the new girls' boarding House after a 6 year absence during which time I have had 2 children – Katarina 4 and Alexander nearly 2. Micha and I spent 10 happy years living in Nugent, Grenville and Lyttelton, where I was Housemistress from 1996-2001 when it was a 6th Form girls' House. We met at Stowe when I first joined the staff as a teacher of Economics and Politics and Micha was the German Assistant and Under-Housemaster of Temple."



During my time at Stowe I was Head of the Economics, Politics and Business Studies Department, a 6th Form Tutor and the adviser on entrance to US universities. I was involved in a number of the plethora of activities on offer – netball, swimming, drama, D of E, CCF and lucky enough to accompany Stoics to such far flung destinations as Romania, Russia, Nepal, South America, USA and Holland.

Micha is now a project manager for a financial software house in the City. Whilst the toddler challenge has kept me busy and fulfilled for the last few years I am excited by the prospect of returning to the classroom to discuss the intricacies of supply and demand, to the sidelines to cheer on Stowe teams and to the Roxburgh Hall and Music Room to watch and listen in awe as Stoics perform. But, primarily I am looking forward to welcoming and getting to know the new 3rd Form and Lower 6th girls in September 2007 – together we will build the new House's character, culture and traditions."

Progress of the building can be followed on the School's website at: www.stowe.co.uk/life/girls_boarding_news.html where monthly updates are given and artist impressions of the final building shown.

The Campaign for Stowe – an update

This is an exciting and opportune time to be providing a report on progress with the Campaign for Stowe.

As members of the current Stowe Community will know, the Campaign exists for the benefit of both the House and the School. Its aims are appropriately ambitious – to complete the restoration of the House and to create new opportunities for excellence in the School, both through the improvement of facilities, and the provision of further vital funding for Scholarships and Bursaries.

We must start by expressing our enormous gratitude to everyone who has seen a way to support the Campaign during 2006 – some of whom have renewed previous donations, many of whom are entirely new to the cause. Your help is of such importance to Stowe, in providing opportunities for Stoics now and in the future, and in securing the preservation of Stowe House.

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Introducing Stowe's Head Girl and Head Boy, 2006/2007



Mukami Wangai (Lyttelton House)

I started Stowe in September 2005, from St Andrew's School, Turi, in Kenya. Coming to school in England for the first time, I knew little of what to expect. Fortunately, the hospitable atmosphere here at Stowe has enabled me to settle in smoothly and quickly become fully involved in life at the School. My time here has further prepared me for university through the supportive advice from teachers and careers staff.

I am currently studying Economics, Geography and History for my A2 levels. I am aiming to achieve the best possible results I can in these subjects and to go on to do Economics and Law at university.

Stowe has enabled me to develop my interest in sport and

I have been able to continue my participation in team sports such as hockey, tennis and netball as well as taking up swimming once again. In continuing with my home routine I have also been able to make use of the golf course. Beyond sport I have spent my activity time doing Community Service, which I feel has certainly helped me recognise my reach beyond the School.

Working in conjunction with the Head Boy and the rest of the Prefect body, I would like to encourage self-motivation and dedication to bettering one self and to stress that no-one should settle for mediocrity. I hope to do my best to represent the pupils, particularly the younger ones who may need encouragement to express their views while they gain their confidence. I aim to

promote an excellent attitude to work and good standards of behaviour. Last but not least I hope to be a part of the ongoing development at Stowe.

I am incredibly grateful for the opportunities that have been presented to me here and I am sure there is much more to come as my time here draws to a close.

Rory Brabant (Bruce House)

A year ago I could not have dreamt that a year on, I would be sitting here introducing myself as Head Boy of Stowe. It is an honour to be able to represent the Stoics who made me feel so welcome when I joined the Sixth Form. I see this as an opportunity to repay them.

I hope that as Head Boy, I will be able to act as a role model to Stoics and use my influence to guide and encourage people to strive to fulfil their potential. I want to encourage others to have the drive and determination to take things to the next level.

In the short time I have been here, I have been lucky enough to be involved in the full range of activities Stowe has to offer. From the experience of being part of the cast of 'Les Mis', as well as assisting with Junior Congreve, to being part of rugby, football and athletics teams and

representing the School. I have also represented my House in the Coldstream Cup team and the House Singing competition. The opportunities have never ceased.

As part of my role, I have met many visitors, current and prospective parents who have been impressed by the ethos of the School and the positive development of Stowe in all respects.

Stowe has introduced a four day Arts Festival, which has given all Stoics the chance to join in workshops and experience a variety of creative activities. We are also looking forward to the opening of the new girls' House in 2007. To swell the number of girls in every year will undoubtedly bring benefits to our studies and social environment.

Stowe will be hosting a major charity event in the spring organised by Stoics, which I hope some people will be able to attend. A team of Stoics are currently negotiating with fashion designers, models and celebrities to support an event in aid of Diabetes charities. I hope with your support this will become another successful dimension of Stowe's Calendar.

Academic Successes – clean sweep of As and A*s

36 Stoics achieved straight A grades in their A level exams this summer, with significant improvements at both A2 and AS level. At A2 level, 21 Stoics gained straight As, including 3 who now have places at Oxford University. At AS level 15 gained 4 or more As and a further 19 Stoics achieved 3 A grades each. At GCSE level, 32% of all exams sat were graded at A or A* with 5 Stoics achieving all As or A*s.

We are delighted to report that Jessica Read (Nugent) was amongst the top 10 in the country for her Design & Technology result at AS level and out of the 43,000 candidates who took GCSE Mathematics this summer, Nicholas Johnston (Chandos) was also amongst the top 10. Both have been congratulated by the Examination Boards for their outstanding performance.



Photo: Roy Ottaway

Art Exhibition at Stowe

The Hughie O'Donoghue exhibition 'A decade of printmaking' was a huge success. We were delighted to collaborate with the Purdy Hicks Gallery to achieve this very significant event in which O'Donoghue's work, together with the very professional, elegant quality of display and the grandeur of the Marble Saloon complemented each other to such magnificent effect.

The quality, scale and ambition of this exhibition was quite breathtaking. O'Donoghue's prints

and paintings have enormous power and complexity which will repay the viewer by returning to them again and again. He is an artist who has a great sensitivity to the manner in which he exploits materials and processes, so that his works retain a depth and mystery that is thoroughly profound and spiritually moving. We were indebted to Hughie for providing such a clear and erudite talk on 'Painting and the painterly print' in which he stressed that technical effects should never be developed for their own effect, but

be harnessed to serve a larger sense of purpose and intention.

His work created an enormous impact on a number of levels. The vast Crucifixion triptych certainly had a very arresting quality that held its own in the central area of the Marble Saloon, in a manner that was indeed quite sublime. It made us think longingly of the possibility of these works being purchased for permanent installation in the School Chapel. It was fascinating to hear Hughie talking of the inspiration that he gained from the discovery of his father's wartime letters to his mother and to learn how these later informed many aspects of his work. 'The Wrestlers' is an example of his preoccupation with the theme of war and universal sacrifice, drawing upon reference to both an image of an allied soldier at Anzio wrestling a howitzer out of the mud and a photograph of an ancient sculpture of wrestlers in the Uffizi. His work as a whole is steeped in the themes of History, Myth and Memory. It seemed completely at home in the

setting of the Marble Saloon at Stowe.

The educational benefit for all Stoics, being able to gain this experience at first hand through the combination of seeing his prints and painting, together with the artist's talk was truly extraordinary. We are immensely proud of this exhibition, creating a magnificent temporary gallery facility that will serve us again in the future. We would like to sincerely thank Hughie O'Donoghue, the Purdy Hicks Gallery and the Exhibition Curator Diana Ewer for helping us to achieve this. It will remain long in our memory.

Brian Johnson, Director of Art at Stowe



2nd Arts Festival at Stowe

Held in October, this began with a very successful 'House Singing Competition' in which all Houses attained a high standard in both the Unison and Part Song. There was no better way in which to begin the Festival than this with the whole School involved. There were some very impressive Part Songs, which in many cases had been arranged and rehearsed by Sixth Formers. At the end of a very enjoyable evening our adjudicator, Christopher Scott, Director of Music of Sussex House gave us his thoughts on each song. Congratulations go to Grafton House for being the overall winner, winning the Unison Song and coming second in the Part Song. Everyone agreed that every House was a winner as the standard was so high and there was so much commitment from everyone in the School.

The participatory workshops were a success with Stoics able to work first hand with our visiting professionals. Stomp, the wonderful troupe who are currently enjoying worldwide fame with their own unique take on the 'rhythm of life', were superb as they encouraged and

demonstrated their skills and talents. The Pretty Good Girl Dance Theatre Group worked for two days with a group of Stoics culminating in a presentation on the Sunday evening in the Roxburgh Hall. Trading Faces, a theatre group who specialise in masks, came for a two day visit with their piece 'The Living Gallery' and created a most imaginative work incorporating famous artworks which our student actors 'stepped' into to become part of the painting.

A vocal masterclass by the renowned Bass Dr Christopher Keyte, a former choral scholar of King's College Cambridge, who for many years sang at the Royal Opera House, enabled singers to work with this eminent musician. His experience of teaching singing at the Royal Academy of Music was very much in evidence and we all gained much from his insight into the pieces and vocal technique.

A percussion duo Maraca2 gave a masterclass and concert working with our own percussionists and produced an excellent composition which explored all the different

timbres of these instruments. The concert highlight was when we had a real tour de force as the two professionals demonstrated their virtuoso skills.

The Festival ended triumphantly with a stunning performance from some of our talented musicians and singers with their own 'Unplugged' showcase. This event was the last of over 20 which had been held in and around the School over 4 days. A real eclectic mix of theatre, stand up comedy, magic, illusion, dance, singing, art lectures and exhibitions have been on offer to the Stoics.

There has been tremendous energy and enthusiasm shown by all Stoics who have made an effort to access the wide variety of workshops and performances and the overwhelming comment which kept coming out was 'that was awesome!'

Nick Bayley, Director of Drama and Festival Coordinator
John Green, Director of Music

(A wider selection of pictures is available on the School's website).

Stowe Economists enter the Bank of England's Interest Rate Challenge

Target Two Point Zero – the Bank of England/Times Interest Rate Challenge is the Bank of England's annual competition for schools. For the first time Stowe entered a team of 4 Upper Sixth Economics pupils to compete in an event attracting more than 280 schools and colleges from across the United Kingdom.

Like the Bank of England's own Monetary Policy Committee, teams must consider the factors affecting the UK's economic and inflation outlook and then have to decide what interest rate should be set to meet the Government's 2.0% inflation target. After outlining the main economic issues and giving their decision, the team is then questioned by a judging panel of Bank representatives from London and the regions.

Stowe's team of Tom Stanton (Bruce), Mukami Wangai (Lyttelton), Mia Hulla (Nugent) and Stavros Criticos (Walpole) gave a dynamic and comprehensive presentation, advising that the Bank maintain rates at 5%. Although the team was disappointed not to get through to the next round in their first year of entering, the Stoics were impressive and commended for their question answering.

The team and Miss Francine Smith, would like to take the opportunity to say a particular thanks to Mr Russell Tillson who contributed so much time and energy to helping them. The Stoics thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of applying their economics knowledge in a practical way and the experience of questioning from the Bank's representatives.

Olympic Medallist explains the secrets of his success



Nick Rogers, Olympic Silver Medallist in Athens for the 470 Sailing Class generously gave his time to field questions from the Lower Sixth Form Sports Science class after their exams earlier this year. Nick is not a large physical athlete as one might expect an Olympic medallist to be, but as he explained the attributes he believes that are necessary to make it at the top level in sport, it became clear that in him lay a very deep competitive drive and strong belief in his abilities, which

he explained had been the most important factors in enabling him to reach the top. Nick described many examples of the psychology of Elite Athletes which were very relevant to the work covered in the course the Stoics will be studying in their final year of A level. These included self-efficacy, anxiety management, goal setting, achievement motivation, and attribution theory.

Nick explained his daily training routine, based at Weymouth, the support and funding he gets from Sport England, and his hopes for success at the Beijing Olympics. He is currently ranked number 1 in the world, so we look forward to following his progress in the build up to Beijing.

The Stoics very much appreciated his friendly and open manner and will be able to reflect on his words as they learn the topics in more detail.

R C Sutton, Head of PE

Stowe Staff take on the Ironman



Chandos Housemaster Barney Durrant and I picked up the Triathlon bug this year and having completed a couple of sprint events at Blenheim and Milton Keynes, entered ourselves into the Ironman 70.3 race in Exmoor in June. Having swum, cycled and run many, many miles in training we ventured down to the South West to take on the challenge of swimming 1.2 miles (= 76 lengths of the Stowe pool), cycle 56 miles and run a half marathon without a break.

We both lined up for the starting hooter at 6.00am on a Sunday and set off into Wimbleball lake for what was to become a testing, very hilly, and ultimately very satisfying endurance event.

The swim was straightforward enough, taking between 30 and 40 minutes for us to negotiate and then it was out on the bike to take on the hills we had heard so much about. The slope after the Oxford Bridge on the way into Stowe is as much of a hill as we could find to train on around our flat part of the world, so when we were faced with 52 hills on

this course, with 4 of them being 1 in 8 and 2 of them 1 in 6, we realised what this was something even tougher than we had expected! The bike section took about 3 hours to complete and then it was out for the 13.1 mile run.

There is a saying in these races that the swim is all about the arms, the bike is all about the legs and the run is all about the heart! This is not far off the mark as the race clock had passed the 4 hour mark before we even started the last discipline. We had both studied the nutritional requirements of such a race carefully and found that our knowledge was paying off as we managed to slowly tick off the miles on our way around an apparently picturesque course!

We were both thrilled to finish with my time just dipping under the 6 hour mark and Mr Durrant arriving in 6.34 hours. A great sense of achievement and a bit of fatigue followed us home. We will do another one and always welcome any new training partners!

R C Sutton, Head of PE



Literary Society

The first speaker of the year was Dave Smith, a comedy writer. His talk was very entertaining, filled with stories of his exploits as a stand-up comedian (meeting such celebrities as Matt Lucas and Lee Evans), as well as descriptions of his current activities as a

scriptwriter and contributor to magazines. He read out one of his witty articles, which provoked an amused reaction from the audience. He also offered very helpful advice for those wishing to make their writing more interesting and entertaining, such as using

arresting figures of speech or invented words to add extra effect to the piece. The result was a talk that was welcomed as a very entertaining, informative and relaxed start to the Literary Society's year.

Jonathan Elfer (Grafton), Secretary



Honduras Expedition 2006

In July 8 Stoics and the Akam family arrived in San Pedro Sula eager for 'serious jungle' experiences and close encounters with fabled creatures such as the Fer-de-Lance (death within 4 hours), Scaly-Throated Leaf-tosser and Spiny Pocket Mouse. After a comfortable night we were transported by Simpsons-style school bus and, finally, 4WD pick-up to base camp in the Casuco National Park. Here we formed part of the Operation Wallacea research effort and throughout the week assisted scientists with small mammal trapping and identification, herpetological surveys, bird monitoring and ringing, insect trapping and vegetation analysis. We spent one night in tents in base camp and then trekked for 4 hours over mountainous terrain (with mountainous rucksacks!) to the Cantiles satellite camp in the core zone of the forest.

Here, working with scientists from British and American universities, we were able to experience the primary forest and

its wildlife at first hand. The density of the foliage and the height of the canopy ensure that considerable patience and perseverance is needed to observe animals, but the use of traps and nets allows closer inspection and several species of small mammals and birds were seen 'in the hand'. Sightings included Tarantulas, Godman's Viper, Resplendent Quetzal and cloud forest endemics such as Black-headed Nightingale Thrush. Living conditions at Cantiles were fairly primitive and we were fortunate that there was no significant rainfall as the 200 metres downhill trek to the executive toilet trench was pretty muddy as it was. Our diet was almost exclusively vegetarian apart from a distant relative of 'Spam' that appeared once or twice and this absence of meat, combined with large amounts of exercise and no snacks amounted to a regime akin to 'detox'!

The last two days of our forest week were spent in the mountain village of Buenos Aires where we

continued the scientific survey work, but stayed in local houses and were able to socialise with the villagers, practise speaking Spanish and play football against the local team (unsuccessfully!). Most of the Stoics participated in an evening in the canopy; climbing aloft on ropes with the team that ensures David Attenborough can broadcast from the Howler Monkeys' realm without breaking his neck. Accounts of watching sunset from 30 metres up varied from the inevitable 'awesome' to 'pretty scary', but everyone considered it an amazing experience.

For the second week we transferred (by 'crazy bus') to the island of Utila in the Caribbean off the Honduran coast and were engaged in diving, dive training, snorkelling and a reef ecology course. The hotel and dive centre was run by a Utilan family and it seemed positively luxurious after the rigours of the forest. Beds, air conditioning and a bar perched on stilts above the sea were all most welcome, as was the warm

sea and white sand. The Stoics were generally up at 6 am to collect gear and board the dive boats, diving up to three times a day as they strove to complete open water and advanced qualifications. Those already dive-qualified participated in a combined diving and reef ecology course and are now in a position to be part of a reef survey team in future – possibly as a component of a university dissertation. Barracuda, Spotted Eagle Ray and Hawksbill Turtle were all seen, together with a host of brilliantly coloured reef fish and invertebrates.

All too soon we were bound for the mainland and on to London. As often seems the case on such expeditions, much of the wildlife remained elusive and we found no trace of Jaguars or Tapirs - or Leaf-tossers for that matter! The experiences we had, however, the people we met and the animals we did see will live long in the memory.

R R Akam, Head of Biology

From the Chairman

These are exciting times for the Old Stoic Society, as you will see from the review of recent events and the expanded events programme for next year, enclosed with this issue.

The Pineapple Ball last July was a wonderful event with the special atmosphere that Stowe offers, and we are looking forward to the Society Annual Dinner on the 10th May, to be held for the first time at the British Academy of Film and Television Arts in Piccadilly, London.

The Society is keen to encourage Old Stoics to network through business. As an example, the OS Property Club has been running for many years ably organised by Bill Edgerley (Chandos 80). Tragically, Bill died recently, however, his friend Michel Henri (Grafton 79), Bill's Personal Assistant Lou May and Hannah Durden (Nugent 01 and Member of the OS Committee) have offered to continue Bill's good work. Old Stoics working in any branch of property are invited to contact Michel at michel.henri@ravenbourne.co.uk or Hannah at hdurden@farebrother.net

Julian Walker (Lyttelton 82 and Vice Chairman of the OS Committee) is also setting up an OS Communications Group. Anyone in this field who is interested please contact Julian at jw@gainsboroughcomms.com

The Society would be pleased to hear from other Old Stoics interested in setting up an OS business network for their own profession - please contact John Bridgwood in the OS Office at oldstoic@stowe.co.uk

John Arkwright (Cobham 69)



Life after Stowe

by Wayne Carpendale, (Cobham 95)

Stowe played a very large part in the shaping of my life. There I grew up, found my best friend (who eight years after leaving Stowe was still sharing an apartment with me) and took my first steps as an actor. While playing Joseph in Cobham's House musical 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat', I felt for the first time the same way I still feel today when working with a creative team on a production of a film or a show: the passion for my chosen vocation, the adrenalin, and the joy of entertaining people for a few hours while putting aside the normalities of everyday life.

After coming back to Germany in 1995 and knowing that I wanted to work behind the

camera in the entertainment industry, I started Business Studies. Then, in 2000, I was offered a role in a TV-series. I had to make a decision similar to the one I had made eight years before - my life was on track, my surroundings familiar and nevertheless I decided to take a new road. As a 15 year old, I had chosen Stowe, even though it meant everything was new to me; at 23 I chose to become an actor - two moments that would change my life.

The profession of acting is one of the most challenging and colourful I can imagine. You never know what will happen next, but that is part of the adventure. During the past six years I have played many different characters in TV-series and movies in many different countries (I visited Stowe while filming in England last summer). I rode horses in front of a total of 290,000 people in 72 shows at a beautiful outside theatre venue, and this year (believe it or not!) I won Germany's version of 'Strictly Come Dancing'. Currently I am acting in two series and hosting our version of ITV's 'Dancing on Ice'. My life is very colourful, but every day starts with the same feeling - the one I had back then in the Dobinson Theatre - and for that I will always be grateful to Stowe.

The Pineapple Flourishes

The all new, purpose built Stowe 'Pineapple Club' was officially opened by HRH the Earl of Wessex at a special ceremony in London for club members and officials, local residents and councillors on 17 July 2006. Situated on the same Harrow Road site where the club has been located since 1966, the new £4 million building features its own radio station, recording studio, sports hall, computer room, dance studios and recreation rooms. The royal event featured dancers, clothes designers and a boxing demonstration organised by Tom & Shaun Martin, who have been voluntarily running the Stowe boxing group for over 50 years. Old Stoics present at the event included Dicky McDougall (Chatham 35), a past Chairman and Trustee of the Stowe Club charity, who has been personally involved with the Club for over 70 years. Also in



HRH the Earl of Wessex with Dicky McDougall

attendance were Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Westminster, Sir Michael Craig-Cooper (Temple 54), Vice Lord Lieutenant for Greater London and current trustees Simon Shneerson (Temple 72) and Julian Walker (Lyttelton 82). An open day for Old Stoics interested in seeing the new club is being arranged early next year and anyone interested in finding out more should contact Julian Walker on stoweclub@hotmail.co.uk

Old Chandosian Dinner

As reported in the last issue, a dinner is being organised for Old Chandosians of the Dobinson era (1980-1995). It will be held in the President's Room in the Pavilion at Queen's Club in West Kensington on Thursday, 1 February, 2007. The cost will be between £50 and £60 depending on numbers and will include wine with dinner. There has been commitment from a good number of those who left Stowe in all the years between 1982 and 1992 as well as from as far back as 1979 and as recently as 1995. John and Jill Dobinson will be there. If you would like to reserve your place, please contact Richard Hopkinson-Woolley (Chandos 87) by email - hoppo@blplaw.com

Rupert Alexander (formerly Rupert Atkinson, Chatham 93) – A Royal Portrait Painter

Since entering Stowe on an art scholarship in 1988, Rupert has become a distinguished portrait painter. His career was launched in 1996 following the award of the Queen Elizabeth Scholarship (sponsored by the Royal Warrant Holders Association) to study at the Florence Academy of Art. There he developed his skills in the naturalistic painting style, eventually rising to become Professor of Painting in 2001-02. His portraits of The Duke of Edinburgh and The Prince of Wales have been widely acclaimed and he has now been commissioned to paint the Queen's portrait next year. Through his

exhibitions in London, Italy and Germany and appearances on television, Rupert's reputation as one of the country's foremost portrait painters is now firmly established.

Rupert has kindly offered to make a donation to the Campaign for Stowe for every commission resulting from the publication of this article. If you are interested in commissioning him, he can be contacted at his South London studio on 07733 304020 or by email to rupertalexander@gmail.com More information is available on his website www.rupertalexander.com

Old Stoic Events

The past few months have seen several exciting new events, some of which are reviewed here. The programme for next year is printed on the back page of this issue, and you will also find enclosed a separate card to remind you of the key dates.

The highlight is the annual Society Dinner on 10th May, which will be held at the glamorous British Academy of Film and Television Arts, 195 Piccadilly. Please ensure that you reserve your place early for this event.

10th Anniversary Party, 28th October



Jeremy Pemberton, Katie Mallett, Will Kemble-Clarkson

A moment of spontaneity in late August led the Old Stoic leavers from 1996 to pull together a quick re-union in a private room above the Atlas Pub in West London.

The evening was a great success with around sixty to seventy of the year making it with Special Effort Awards going to Ranjan Bhalla and Katie

Mallett who flew in from Switzerland and Portugal. Lots of stories were told, jokes exchanged (mainly relating to weight, hair-loss and size of engagement ring) and toasts made for the duration of the night.

For those of us who wished to push on into the early hours Tara Kennedy obliged with a hearty night-cap session at her new champagne bar Amuse Bouche in Fulham (Thanks Tara).

The year of 1996 social committee (currently one member) is looking forward to the next reunion... which will probably have more of Stowe school dinners theme!

Will Kemble-Clarkson (Bruce 96)

OS Reunion Day, 30th September

About 100 Old Stoics from pre-1955, along with about 80 other guests, came to Stowe for the annual reunion day. The guests enjoyed a

chapel service, a drinks reception with the Headmaster before lunch, followed by guided tours of Stowe House and the Landscaped Gardens.

25th Anniversary Dinner, 16th September

From as far afield as Canada (Peter van Engelen) and Kenya (Peter Dredge), over 40 leavers from 1981, some with partners, plus several former members of staff, gathered to celebrate their 25th anniversary of leaving Stowe. It was a glorious late summer evening and even some of the brave partners who attended had to agree that Stowe was looking at its best. Many of the assembled had not visited the School for a very long time and admitted to having lost contact with friends over the years. As Sonya Martin (nee Nightingale) commented, 'It was great to see everyone and realise just how little some things change!'

Needless to say, there were a few surprises in store as memorabilia posted in the Marble Saloon raised a few eyebrows. Amongst programs and photographs from the Congreve production of 'The Merchant of Venice', Stowe Drama Club's 'The Last Remake of Cinderella' and Walpole's House play 'Whose Life is it

Anyway?', were copies of 'Middle Voice', the Upper School Dance rules and Steve Bakewell's letter of expulsion. Not even Chris Haslam's fabulous luminous jacket could detract from the identity of two girls caught on camera in Stanhope (circa 1979), dressed in nothing but their underwear.... which even bought a smile to Miss Nixon's face.

An afternoon of House and Garden tours was followed by champagne on the South Front steps and dinner in the Music Room. As the laughter and chatter moved on to last orders at the Queen's Head, Gabi Kennedy (nee Zoghbi) summed up, 'It was lovely to meet up with everyone again (we were mostly recognisable), remembering those carefree days of cycling from Chackmore with book bag, in a blizzard, to make it in time for Chapel! We had good fun at Stowe, and that was obvious even 25 years later!'

There were some murmurings that generally the girls seem to have weathered better than some

The Pineapple Ball, 22nd July

240 guests, a congenial mixture of Old Stoics, parents and staff, enjoyed the long-overdue revival of this popular event in aid of the Stowe Club of London (the 'Pineapple Club').

There was a great deal of Old Stoic involvement in the evening. Music was provided by 'The Milestones', a jazz quartet of young Old Stoics Harry Arkwright, Jack Hawkes, Ben Holland and Harry Thuillier; after



dinner Oliver Croom-Johnson led 'The Rough Diamonds', alternating with the discotheque of Andrew Chance's 'Chance Organisation'. Nick James of Pol Roger supplied the champagne and wines, and Dale Saunders-Winterton photographed the event. It is intended that the next Pineapple Ball will take place in 2008.

Cheshire Reunion, 26th July

Bolesworth Castle, the home of the Barbour family for many generations and overlooking the Cheshire plain, provided the perfect setting for a reunion of 80 or so Cheshire Old Stoics, from 1970 or earlier.

Memories were tested, and faces proved nearly impossible to recognise, but mere mention of a first name evoked a full set of initials, House, and sporting interests, and there was certainly no shortage of reminiscences.

The highlight of the evening was the chance to meet the Headmaster, Dr Anthony Wallersteiner, and to hear first hand of current developments at the School. He was very

impressive and left us in no doubt that he had a clear vision for the future, with plans to match. It was reassuring to hear that the School is full, with even a waiting list, though perhaps a little disconcerting to hear that lacrosse is now our most successful game!

So, what did we get out of it? A reawakened sense of identity and of our debt to Stowe, a lot of confidence for the future, and, not least, the memory of a happy evening in lovely surroundings. Many thanks to our hosts, Anthony Barbour (Chandos 56) and his wife Diana, for so generously inviting us to their wonderful home.

Richard de Zouche (Grafton 50)



of the boys, but for others the event bought upon the inevitable mid-life crisis....'Where did those 25 years go?'

In the flurry of emails that circulated after the event, many echoed the sentiments of Kate Measham (nee Cunningham) who said, 'Well done for prompting, encouraging and organising the evening. I am so glad I made the effort.... some people still look 18 (just). I was sorry not to have been able to stay longer at the pub and sorry not to have talked to lots of people for longer.' So get your 25th anniversary reunion date (Saturday, 9th June, 2007) in the diary, all you 1982 leavers!

Elizabeth Browne, nee Bird (Stanhope 81)

News

Many thanks to all those Old Stoics who submitted news items. Please accept the Editor's apologies that, due to the overwhelming response and obvious space constraints, it has been necessary to edit some entries and to omit many photographs.

Please keep sending your entries for the next issue, keeping in mind that this section aims mainly to record news from the previous six months.

P E M Holmes (Bruce 29)

Patrick, who lives in Cheltenham, was surprised to learn there are still Old Stoics older than him – he will be 96 in March. He was even more surprised that one of them, Kenneth Harington (Bruce/Chatham 29) – a direct contemporary – also lives in Cheltenham.

Prof M H Bullock (Cobham 36)

Michael is a professor emeritus of creative writing at the University of British Columbia and the author of 50 books of his own work as well as 200 translations of books and plays from German, French and Italian. A bilingual version of his poem 'Butterflies' was chosen by the British Council (China), along with a poem each by Blake and Wordsworth, to represent British poetry on the Shanghai Metro, where it is currently displayed.

C D B Howell (Temple 38)

Doug lives in Massachusetts, where he works as a volunteer for an agency which finds employment for troubled youth in the Boston area.

P M Ward (Temple 41)

Peter retired in March after 19 years as Chairman of The David Brown Pension Trustee Board.

Sir Peregrine Worsthorne (Grafton 42)

Peregrine has recently gone 'on line' and writes an opinion piece every week in 'The First Post'. Old Stoics are welcome to log on to www.thefirstpost.co.uk

J Kenally-Smith (Grafton 43)

Just after celebrating his 80th birthday, James was in the final for the over 65's national handicap real tennis doubles.

J V Bartlett (Temple 45)

John donated the core of the collection for The Bartlett Library at the new National Maritime Museum in Falmouth, www.nmmc.co.uk

G P Lloyd (Bruce 45)

Peter played croquet in the US National Championships in October, a month after celebrating his 80th birthday.

D A Illingworth (Grafton 46)

Following his retirement in 1986, Arnold has recently achieved his ambition to see at least 450 species of birds on the British List, as well as every resident species of dragonfly and butterfly. His next trip overseas will bring his World List of birds to over 3000 species.

D R S Kingan OBE (Temple 46)

David has been promoted to Bailiff Grand Cross in the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. In 2003 he was made a Grand Officer on Merit in the Sovereign Order of Malta.

P J R Hubert (Grafton 49)

Peter has published his autobiography, 'A Farmer's Life in Zimbabwe'. His two Australian grandsons, Peter and Sean, have both been gap year assistants at Stowe.

R J Roberts (Cobham 49)

Robert's latest book, 'Under the Hammer', a narrative poem in four parts, has been published by Pikestaff Press.

D S Duckworth (Grafton 50)

David has emigrated to Christchurch, New Zealand.

I H Marshall (Chandos 51)

Ian is Vice President of the American Society of Marine Artists.

Major M L Henderson (Walpole 52)

Malcolm's book 'Don't Kill The Cow Too Quick', relating his first 6 years living in a remote corner of Panama, has been well reviewed on amazon.com

G W A Kent (Cobham 52)



George's small charity, Children's Homes in India Trust (CHIT), is up and running with 250 destitute children being cared for and educated. The small body of trustees includes Rev'd Christopher Turner and Pauline Stanton-Saringer. More details are available from www.chitonline.co.uk or 01225 863124. The photo shows George accepting a hibiscus from the smallest child in the CHIT home at Bapatla on the East Coast of Andhra Pradesh.

R H Lloyd (Cobham 53)

Roger's book on American history, 'Osage County; A Tribe and American Culture 1600-1934', was published in April by iUniverse.

R A Nicholson (Cobham 53)

Richard retired as a Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon in 1995. He now likes to occupy his time with hunting, shooting, choral singing, wine tasting and following his wife's event horse.

R A P Blandy (Temple 54)



Adam hosted a Temple reunion in Madeira to celebrate passing 70 – from left to right are Adam, Michael Corbett and Mike Ferrier.

Captain R P Yeoward (Chatham 54)



Richard is Commodore of the Royal Dee Yacht Club and he recently received from the Princess Royal, on behalf of the Royal Yachting Association, an award in recognition of a lifetime's dedication to the sport of yachting.

P England (Temple 55)

Peter is now retired and lives with his wife in France. Peter is interested in mountaineering and has been on many expeditions to the Andes and the Himalayas.

The Rt Hon the Lord Rowe-Beattie (Chandos 55)

David was one of 7 new non-party-political peers appointed to the House of Lords in June. He has been Chairman of the Wales Millennium Centre since 2001; previously he was Chairman of the Welsh Development Agency from 1993-2001. He is a Director of a number of companies, President of the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, and Chairman of the Representative Body of the Church in Wales.

W Shand Kydd (Cobham 55)



Bill completed the Great North 'Push' again this year in a time 17 minutes faster than last year and raised about £23,000 for the charity Spinal Research (www.spinal-research.org). He was pushed by his son Caspar (Walpole 85).

Dr C H Cheetham (Grafton 56)

Kim is a retired Paediatrician who visits Bosnia to represent a charity which helps children's hospitals/ services which have been disadvantaged by war or disaster. He would be pleased to hear from any Old Stoic wanting to share experiences of Bosnia, or to give practical or financial support.

C L Dawes (Bruce 56)

Charles works with joint ventures – satellite propulsion systems, dredging, electrical, domestic, medical and other innovations. His consortium assists inventors and typically small companies to commercialise their concepts.

D A O'Brien (Chandos 57)

Donough has published his third book, 'Banana Skins, the secrets of the slips and screw-ups that brought the famous down to earth'. It features the 3rd Duke of Buckingham and his attempt to build his carriage drive all the way to London. Donough recently came to Stowe to give a talk based on his book to the History Society.

A C W Bone (Bruce 59)

After a career in agricultural engineering, Andy has eschewed retirement and has been appointed Managing Director of the Nethergate Brewery in Suffolk, which he is also buying.

T A Galyean (Bruce 60)

Tag's company, TAG Studio, is doing the Master Design for the renovation of the historic Jerome Hotel in Aspen, Colorado, to open in Dec 2007.

B G S Macoun (Grafton 60)

Brian still owns and manages Site Logistics Ltd in Kenya – mining, heavy industry, infrastructure, aid and relief projects. He and his wife, Sarah, are Kenyan citizens.

N R Arden (Cobham 61)

Nick has started a new business in Vancouver, finding part-time income for the 450 post-graduate students in computer science at the two major universities.

R W K Beckett (Bruce 61)

Robert emigrated to South Africa in 1967 and now lives in Johannesburg with his wife, Sarah. In 1969 he attained the world civilian altitude sky diving record of 32,500 ft; this is recorded in the Guinness Book of World Records.

D P Bentall (Chatham 61)

David has been resident in Pembrokeshire since 2004 when he took early retirement from Bentalls Plc following the take over by Fenwick Ltd in 2001. He now runs 3 holiday homes in the area and is Director of a large holiday complex.

Dr M H Waring (Chandos 61)

Marcus lives on a farm in Brazil and works as an exploration and mining geologist.

Lt Col R E P Spencer (Grafton 62)

Richard is Munroist 3129 (meaning that he has climbed all 284 Scottish mountains over 3,000ft), and since then has been involved with the Executive of the

Mountaineering Council of Scotland, and has recently been elected to the Managing Committee of the Mountain Bothies Association.

C I Hutchinson (Bruce 63)

Charles' financial career began in 1973 as a trainee investment manager with Richard Thornton. He now lives in Spain with his wife, where Richard is an independent financial advisor serving the large expatriate community.

Major R C Clifford (Grafton 64)

Richard has departed the UK on a sailing circumnavigation of the world; by 2006 he has reached Australia via the Panama Canal.

I B Whitecourt (Walpole 64)

Ian is Vice Chairman of the American Chamber of Commerce in Luxembourg.

Dr C V P Lawford (Bruce 65)

Piers is a senior consultant physician (chest medicine) at the University Hospital, Coventry. He is a keen cyclist and time trialler.

Dr I W McDowell (Grenville 65)

Ian produced the third edition of his book 'Measuring Health' (Oxford U Press) in 2006 and continues to teach medical students and MSc and PhD students in epidemiology at Ottawa University, Ontario.

D F Hill (Bruce 66)

David is the proprietor of Echelon Publishing, one of whose directors is Hugh Garai (Cobham 68). Over the last couple of years David has combined this role with the Deputy Chairmanship of Warwick Racecourse.

D R Rubin (Chandos 66)

Daniel is the majority shareholder of fashion footwear retailer, Dune, which has 40 stores across the UK and Ireland. In July Dune opened a new flagship store in Covent Garden, London.

Admiral Sir James Burnell-Nugent, KCB, CBE, ADC (Grafton 67)



James hosted an Old Stoic dinner party at Admiralty House, Northwood, in May, on the evening before he spoke at Stowe School Speech Day. The photo shows in the back row, from left to right: William Dudley, Jonny Howarth, Piers Winton, Ambrose Dudley; front row: Anthony Burnell-Nugent, Simon Dudley, James Burnell-Nugent, Rupert Burnell-Nugent.

Dr D G Lugg (Walpole 67)

David works as a Senior Agricultural Officer for the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations, based in Rome. He is responsible for the design and supervision of World Bank agricultural investment.

J G Cahill (Grafton 68)

John's practice (BH&M Architects) has just completed Phase 1 of the redevelopment of White Lodge (a Grade 1 Listed Building), the Royal Ballet School, in the centre of Richmond Park with three new boarding houses.

C R S Manson (Cobham 68)



A few Old Stoics got together in Monpazier, South West France on August 12th. Present were, from the left, Peter England, Simon Walker, Tim Smith, Oliver Taylor and Chris Manson. All now live permanently in

South West France except Simon Walker who was on holiday from London. Any non-teetotal Old Stoics living or holidaying in France are very welcome indeed to join us for another event – email christophermanson@yahoo.com

N P Milne (Chandos 68)

Nigel was the originator and associate producer of the film 'The Foolish Things', which had a royal gala performance in the presence of HRH The Duchess of Cornwall in March 2006.

P A Rosdol (Walpole 68)

Paul is negotiating with a large fund of funds to create VALCo, an aviation hedge fund of \$500 million.

R E K Thornley (Chatham 68)

Richard had his 9th book published by Authorhouse in 2006, entitled 'Feeding off Genuine'.

S A D Morse (Grenville 70)

Simon led the management buy out as CEO of Inchcape Shipping Services, backed by Electra Partners in 1999. The group was sold to the Dubai Government in January this year and Simon left the company to plan new activities in 2007, again backed by private equity.

The Revd T C Kinahan (Temple 71)

Timothy is Rector of Helen's Bay, Co. Down. His latest book, 'A Deep but Dazzling Darkness: a Christian Theology in an Inter-faith Perspective', was published in 2005 by The Columbia Press.

D F McDonough (Cobham 71)

David continues to run a busy public relations consultancy – The McDonough Partnership – in St James's, London. In his charity work, David focuses on three causes – as a Diamond Ambassador for MENCAP (celebrating its 60th year); as a member of the Executive Committee of The Chelsea Pensioners' Appeal; and as a Trustee of Cancerbackup.

S A McNair (Grenville 71)

Stewart continues to build his Financial Services Recruitment business, The McNair Partnership, with the opening of an office in the Dubai International Finance Centre and an office in the new financial district of Mumbai.

N M Davidson (Cobham 72)

Neil married Deborah Carlton on 28 May 06. He founded the Wellbeing Network community internet site (www.wellbeingnetwork.com) in 2005 and has joined the professional speaking circuit as a motivational and keynote speaker to companies and prospective entrepreneurs.

A R Pears (Grafton 72)

After 18 years successfully running his own construction company Andrew changed course and set up an unique environmental project called the Cafe Van ([see www.cafevan.org](http://www.cafevan.org)), which has been short-listed for a Sustainability Innovation of the Year award.

Dr J K H Wales (Temple 72)

Jerry is an active medical researcher specialising in paediatric growth and gland disorders. He has been asked to be a 'National Champion' by the Department of Health for the transition of adolescents with chronic illnesses from paediatric to adult medical care.

J M A de Borman (Chatham 73)



John is a cinematographer who has been working in the industry for the last 25 years and has shot films like 'The Full Monty', 'Hideous Kinky', 'Hamlet' and 'Shall We Dance' – altogether 28 movies. His latest project is 'Tsunami – The Aftermath' for HBO, a two part mini-series which has recently been shown on the BBC.

P A Natar (Lyttelton 73)

Paris's company, Gardman Ltd, won the GCA/GIMA supplier of the year award from 2002 until 2005. Paris married Minda in 2005.

J P H Spencer Cooper (Temple 73)

Jeremy is the Sales Director of Watermills Ltd, providing alternative drinking water supplies to events such as the F1 GP Ball held at Stowe in the summer.

P W Burke (Grenville 74)

Patrick is the Owner and Managing Director of The Atlantic Hotel in Jersey and has been elected Chairman of the International Board of Small Luxury Hotels of the World (SLH). SLH is an exclusive collection of over 400 of the world's best independent luxury hotels situated in some of the finest locations in more than 65 countries around the globe.

D de B Kinahan (Temple 75)

Danny was elected to Antrim Borough Council in May 2005 as an Ulster Unionist Councillor. He is a freelance art consultant (valuer) after 17 years at Christies and runs an art gallery (www.castleuptongallery.com). Danny and his wife Anna also organise weddings and events in the Castle.

J S Shepherd-Barron (Walpole 75)

Recently awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Public Health by the Government of Albania, James is currently advising the UN's World Health Organization on how to improve worldwide operational performance through enhanced coordination and information management services.

C P J Wightman (Chatham 76)

Chris is Chairman of PuriCore plc, which listed on the full list of the London Stock Exchange in June 2006.

Dr J A Barratt (Temple 77)

Jim is a GP in the Royal Army Medical Corps and currently the Senior Medical Officer at Warminster Garrison. He married Jody in 2003 and has 4 children.

Mrs R A Carnegie (nee Alexander, Stanhope 77)

Maria's first book, 'Fusillade from a Rifleman: The Story of John Kincaid', will be published by Spellmount in spring 2007. It is the biography of the famous peninsular war soldier, turned author.

S D N Foster (Cobham 77)

Simon has been living in Italy for 19 years, where he renovates Tuscan farmhouses for American and British clients.

D M Joyce (Chandos 77)

David has been Business Head at the London Stock Exchange since 2003.

N G M Salour (Cobham 77)



Nader is CEO of Abacoa Inc, a property development company in Florida, which has carried out several substantial prestigious schemes such as Ballen Isles at Jupiter and the nearby Abacoa Park. The photo shows Greg Bell and his son who recently visited Nader.

L A Bowles (Grenville 78)

Larry lives in Spain and teaches English to blind or visually impaired children.

J M Zoghbi (Grafton 78)

Mikael's civil partnership with David Swarbrick was registered on 1 Sep 06. In attendance were Marwan Al-Turki, Patrick O'Brien and Sofia Kennedy (nee Zoghbi).

News cont...

M Hope (Cobham 79)

Marc is Rights Marketing Director of Fast Track, the UK's largest independent sports marketing agency. Marc and his team have just broken the record raised for National Partners for The European Athletics Indoor Championships being staged in Birmingham on March 2-4 2007. Marc will also be heading up sponsorship for the Fina World Swimming Championships being staged in Manchester in March 2008 as well as all the UK athletics television events and initiatives.

D R Lindgren (Bruce 79)

David and Frances' daughter Freya was born on 25 Apr 06.

J J Lineham (Bruce 79)

Jem and Kate's daughter Emma Mei Ke was born in Chongqing, China, on 13 Aug 06.

R P A S Mitchell (Walpole 79)



Richard has given up the corporate life to become an electrician. After two years of night school he now runs his own commercial and electrical 'one man band'.

P M Neufeld (Chandos 79)

Peter and Victoria's twin daughters, Olivia Kate and Sophie Hannah, were born on 16 Feb 06.

M F Broom Smith (Cobham 80)

Michael's son Maximilian Alexander was born on 1 Jul 06.

C J Powles (Grafton 80)

Christopher is a venture capitalist and has just launched an online ethical fashion business, www.adili.com

P M B Smith-Cresswell (Grafton 80)

Piers married Dr Diana Jolliffe on 30 Jun 06.

C A Wadsworth (Lyttelton 80) and

J R Wadsworth (Lyttelton 76)

Charlie is Commercial Director and James is Managing Director of The Light Projects Group. They have just returned from the Big Five Exhibition in Dubai where they promoted the company's products and activities in the Middle East region. Recent UK projects have included lighting galleries in the Victoria and Albert Museum and Royal Academy of Arts.

P G St G Kelton (Walpole 81)

Philip and his wife Sandra have recently been welcoming WWOOF (organic farming) travellers at their vineyard in South West France and would invite any Stoics, past or present, to stay and participate – contact chateaulatourblanc@wanadoo.fr

Dr P J W Meacher (Chandos 81)

Peter is an HIV Specialist and the Medical Director of a non-profit community health centre in the South Bronx. He has lived in Manhattan with his partner since 1995 when he moved from Australia.

T Marriott (Chandos 81)

Tom plays in the real tennis national league, representing Newmarket. His company HMM Golf and Leisure brokers golf clubs.

J G Wheaton (Grenville 81)



In March 2006, following a trip to do first ascents in Eastern Greenland in 2004, James was a member of

the nine-person team that completed the first successful winter ascent of Gunnbjornsfjeld, the highest mountain in the Arctic Circle.

R M E Adam (Grenville 82)

After 15 years in IT Rob took a sabbatical to New Zealand, and then returned to a change of career. He is now Landlord of a large country pub, The Swan at Marbury, situated in the prettiest village in South Cheshire. All Old Stoics welcome!

C G Collis (Walpole 82)

Chris and Sylvia's daughter Katie Rose was born on 10 Oct 06, a sister for Ben and Emma.

T F McPhillips (Bruce 82)

Tim has been working with troubled adolescents in a therapeutic environment for the last ten years, as a counsellor in the wilderness and running a residential therapeutic boarding school. Tim lives in Clayton, Georgia, where he started his own company Origin Outdoors in 2004 manufacturing backpacking gear and clothing.

Mrs C D E Kirby (nee Burke, Stanhope 83)

Catherine and Will's daughter Emma was born on 06 Jul 06.

A J S Renwick (Grafton 83)

Andrew recently completed the repairs and conservation of the wrought iron gates to the Corinthian Arch at Stowe, for architects Peter Inskip and Peter Jenkins. Andrew and Carolyn's daughter Harriet Verity Elizabeth was born on 22 Feb 06, a sister for James.

A A Lockwood (Grafton 84)

After 10 years in Argentina, Andrew, his wife Maria and their two children moved to Washington DC, where he works for Microsoft as a senior consultant. After his mis-spent youth in London, he has gone back to university and is working on an MBA.

R B Carruthers (Grenville 84)

Richard established a record label in May, 'Music Chamber', which specialises in contemporary chamber music. A launch concert was held at Leighton House in London and the first CD release of Eastern piano music can be downloaded from the website www.music-chamber.com

H Gibbs (Chandos 84)

Harry and Mercy's daughter Natasha Mphatso Edith was born this year. They live in Lilongwe, Malawi, where Harry runs the Imperial Hotel.

R H Mallinson (Temple 84)

Rob lives in Auckland, New Zealand with Liz, his Kiwi wife, and their four sons. In 2003 he founded a renewable energy company, specialising in woody biomass.

N O Pottinger (Grafton 84)

Neil and Alison's son Oliver Robert was born on 10 Apr 06, a brother for Charlotte.

J R W Young (Lyttelton 84)

John's civil partnership with Henry Macaulay was registered on 19 Aug 06.

J P E Anderson (Cobham 85)

Justin and Richard Saville (Chandos 85) have launched a new enterprise software company together, Flexeye (www.flexeyetech.com), that has established a worldwide license with Symantec (the world's 4th largest software company) to take Flexeye's management system to market.

Mrs J M H Buxton (nee Jay, Stanhope 85)

Julia's son Rafe was born on 4 Sep 06.

I D Castro (Temple 85)

Ian and Jennifer's son Christopher Ian was born on 3 Feb 06.

P S Keith (Chandos 85)

Phil co-authored the 'Price Guide to Tribal Art', which was published by Judith Miller and Dorling Kindersley. He is currently Head of Bonham's Auctioneers in South Wales.

S C M Billington (Chandos 86)

Simon married Clare Fiona Sellars on 23 Sep 06.

A R Cobb (Lyttelton 86)

Alec and Joanne's son Reuben was born on 28 Aug 06.

Mrs S M Fraser (nee Struthers, Stanhope 86)

Stephanie is Head of Development for Scottish Ballet, married with 3 daughters, and is the Conservative candidate for Strathkelvin and Bearsden for the Scottish Parliamentary elections in May 2007.

A M Parker (Grenville 86)

Angus and Araceli's son Alvaro George was born on 23 Apr 06.

J M J Phillips (Chandos 86)

Justin and Lisa's daughter Freya Hannah was born on 20 Sep 06, a sister for Becci.

R W Searby (Cobham 86)

Richard is Head of English at Mill Hill School.

P W Garton (Temple 87)



Patrick is a qualified horticulturist and manages the family quinta in Madeira, specialising in growing orchids, which he also paints in watercolour.

Miss A J Goldsmith (Stanhope 87)

Alex left 118118 in May and is now Director of Marketing for Sky Networks.

O C Hathaway (Cobham 87)

Oscar has been working as a senior design coordinator for a construction company that successfully tendered for a phase one contract for the London Olympics.

M Jenkyn-Jones (Chatham 87)

Mark married Amanda Harney on 4 Aug 06. Will Redfern was best man. Also in attendance were Bruce Jenkyn-Jones, Bill Jenkyn-Jones and Alex Goldsmith.

S M Montgomery (Walpole 87)

Simon married Kirsten Lawrence on 21 May 05. Their son Edward was born on 5 Mar 06.

Mrs A K Ransom (nee Wyatt, Stanhope 87)

Amanda married Julian Ransom on 10 Dec 05 in Stowe Church. Their daughter Thea Isobel was born on 23 Aug 06. Amanda has been an Associate at Knight Frank estate agents since 2005 and manages the Oxford City Sales Department.

N M Salha (Temple 87)

Najib and Fiona's daughter Samya Elizabeth was born on 10 Jul 06, a sister for Orson.

R A E S Simpson (Walpole 87)

Richard married Harriet Mallaby on 17 Sep 05.

J N L Arlon (Walpole 86)

Jamie left Sanctuary Music Publishing in the summer, where he had been director of A and R for 5 years, to set up his own music publishing company, Arlon Music, and record label, Tall Tale Records. He continues to work with his brother Tim. Jamie lives in London with his wife Penelope and their two year old son Tom.

T W Bailey (Grafton 88)

Tim and Joanna's daughter Eleanor Margaret was born 27 Sep 06, a sister for Isabella.

A J G David (Grenville 88)

Sandy married Amanda Tibbett on 3 Jun 06. Christopher Woodford was the best man and Huw

Burford-Taylor, Faye Wadsworth and Adam Bennett also attended.

Mrs J R M Lazzeri, nee Baker (Stanhope 88)
Jane and Alessandro's daughter Beatrice Stella Carlotta was born on 12 Apr 05.

N Schuitemaker, formerly M A Manning (Chandos 88)
Noah has been promoted to Finance Director of Conran Holdings, having joined the company in 2001 as Group Financial Controller.

B I De Wynter (Grenville 88)
Ben is Associate Director of 'Guys and Dolls' at the Piccadilly Theatre, London.

G C Hooper (Grafton 88)
Guy captained the Chilean cricket team in an officially recognised ICC tournament.

M G Reed (Cobham 88)
Mark and Kerry's daughter Isla was born 1 Nov 06.

T E Thorogood (Chandos 88)
Tom and Juliet's son Kit was born on 1 Nov 06.

P E R White (Grafton 88)
Edward married Sophie Helliwell on 17 Jul 04. Their daughter Agatha was born on 19 Nov 05.

L C Winham (Grenville 88) and Mrs C J Winham, nee Bartlett (Stanhope 93)
Luke and Charlotte's daughter Fleur was born on 11 Mar 06. Luke works as a property developer and Charlotte runs a nursery 'Home from Home' in Parsons Green.

T W Baker (Bruce 89)
Toby and Lizzie's daughter Rose Florence was born on 21 Oct 05, a sister for William.

T D Gauvain (Temple 89)
Toby now works for Banco Santander Group. He was appointed their Managing Director for Global Business Development in their alternative investment arm, Optimal Investment Services.

W T Fraser-Allen (Grafton 89)



Will married Fabienne Eymard on 4 Nov 06. 11 Old Stoics attended, from L to R they are: Thomas Sermon, Christopher Harrison, Alex Rutter (Best Man), Simon Fraser-Allen, John Arkell, Frederick Rutter, Fabienne Fraser-Allen, Will Fraser-Allen, Mark Stiebel (Best Man), Robert Fraser-Allen, Guy Stranuel and Michael Fraser-Allen. Will is a Director of Close Ventures, the venture capital arm of Close Brothers Group, the English merchant bank.

Mrs L F Hodges, nee Roy (Nugent 89)
Laura married John Hodges on 22 Apr 06. Old Stoics in attendance included Anthea Roy, Leysa Noble (nee Kay), Ben Whitfield, Jonathan Shillington, Toby Gauvain, Mycroft Croisdale-Appleby, Jaspar Shand-Kydd and Alex Roads. The photographer was OS Chris Allerton.

M B Johnstone (Lyttelton 89)
Miles and Alexandra's son Oscar was born on 25 Apr 06.

J P Marshall (Chandos 89)
Pax lives in the USA and is a member of the Bar in New York and Florida.

Mrs M Maughan (nee Palethorpe, Stanhope 89)
Michala and Simon's daughter Henrietta Lucy was born on 10 Jun 06.

Mrs L D Rogers (nee Carey, Nugent 89)
Laura participated in the Great American Seafood Cookoff in New Orleans in August, a national

competition of 20 chefs from around the States. She runs her own catering business, 'Cuisine Chez Vous', based in Denver, Colorado.

Mrs C E L Wallis, nee Muir (Stanhope 89)
Catherine married James Wallis on 11 Nov 06. Old Stoics in attendance were Alistair Muir, Helena Cutts (nee Bailey), Justin King and George Miller.

T D L Arlon (Walpole 90)
Tim Arlon has launched a single in the UK under his stage name 'T D Lind'. More details on his website www.tdlind.com

M C G Atkinson (Chatham 90)
Marcus is one of the founders of Hagerty International, the UK's only dedicated classic car insurance broker and the insurance partner for the Masters Racing Series (run by OS and Stowe governor Christopher Tate), the Silverstone Classic (the circuit's largest classic festival) and the London to Brighton Veteran Car Run. Being based at Silverstone, Marcus has used Stowe for a number of classic car events. Marcus can be contacted on 08700 420 220 or www.hagertyinsurance.co.uk

R L Dorich (Grafton 90)
Roberto and Seana's son Ian Luis Thomas was born on 27 Apr 06. Roberto lives in Boston, Massachusetts, and completed his MBA last year. He works in the IT industry, managing global teams to implement software products.

J M A Hill (Walpole 90)
Jonathan recently launched Catalyst (www.catalystcoaching.info) as a consultancy for individual and team performance and leadership development.

J H Hütter (Lyttelton 90)



Jurgen is Director of Pricing, Europe, for GE Money, part of General Electric. As part of their annual mountaineering trip to the Alps, Sebastian Russell-Smith (Lyttelton 85) and Jurgen climbed Allalinhorn via the Northwest ridge among other mountains in the area. The photo shows Seb on right, Jurgen centre, guide on left. Jurgen and Susan's daughter Malley was born on 3 Oct 04.

J M Piggott (Temple 90)
Jon married Kathryn on 11 Nov 06 in Sydney.

Ms A E M Saunt (Stanhope 90)
Anna and Jonathan's son Samuel Alexander was born on 18 Apr 06.

M S Baldini (Temple 91)
Marco married Anouschka Meredith on 22 Jul 06 in Valpiana, Italy. Edward Shillington (Temple 91) was one of the best men; also present were Nicholas Bolton (Grafton 91) and Mark Robertson (Lyttelton 92).

M J C Flower (Chatham 91)



Mark married Joanna on 14 Jan 06. Present were Anna-Lisa Moon, Ryan Green, Angela Christodoulou (nee Klat), James Bernard, Alex McEwen, Ben Flower, Sally Flower, Luc Ferrand, Tim Scarff and Simon Smith.

Mrs K S M Lane, nee Stewart (Stanhope 91)
Kirsty married Captain James Lane on 09 Aug 03. In attendance were Malcolm Stewart, Caroline Roberts,

Philippa Mair and Zoe Beale. Their son Henry John was born on 04 Nov 05.

H W J Cahusac (Cobham 92)
Bill was ordained in July 2006 at St. Paul's Cathedral by the Bishop of London. He is currently working in London as a Pioneer Missioner for schools. Bill and Nici's son Jonah Patrick was born in Apr 05.

M V Cronan (Grenville 92)
Marcus is the Senior Account Director at Publicis in Frankfurt, Germany, currently leading all advertising for Renault in Europe.

Miss E K L Deeks (Nugent 92)
After spending six years working in features on consumer magazines such as Heat, Bliss, OK and More, Emma has just begun a graduate medicine course at St George's Hospital in London. If any Old Stoics who have already qualified as doctors have any spare text books she would be extremely grateful to receive them – please contact Emma via the OS Office.

H G Pearl (Temple 92)
Harry has set up an online social network for golfers called the Global Golf Network, more details at www.theggn.com

J H S Pratt (Grafton 92)
Jonathan works for Unilever as an export country manager. His daughter Willow was born in 2005.

Mrs E A Ritchie, nee Beckerleg (Nugent 92)
Emily lives in Montreal with her two daughters. They spend many mornings with Anabel Soutar (Nugent 90) and her two daughters. Emily would love to hear from any Old Stoic friends; her email address is emilyritchie@sympatico.ca

W J Schuitemaker, formerly Manning (Chandos 92).
Wouter and Akiko's daughter Anna Mathilda was born on 21 Oct 06, a sister for Tai.

S P Shahani (Lyttelton 92)
Shyam married Rajkumari Kevalramani on 16 Apr 06 in Karachi, Pakistan. Shyam is Vice President of Citibank in Karachi.

Mrs V E Walker, nee Straker (Nugent 92)
Vicky lives in Dorset where she runs bed and breakfast and has recently started a homemade chocolate company.

M G Bell (Cobham 93)
Matt and Victoria's son Edward was born on the 16 Feb 06.

E B Burrows (Grenville 93)
Brocas married Fiona Shakerley on 22 May 04. In attendance were Mark Alexion, Dan Westinghouse, Chuck Noton, Jeremy Cottingham, Dave Lewis, Ed Walker, Tim Arlon, Sam Pelly and Tommy Sopwith. Their son Noah was born on 01 Mar 06.

J M Crawford (Grenville 93)
Jonathan married Costanza Rossi in May 06.

S R Mehr (Walpole 93)
Sujit and Sonal's son Manav was born on 21 Sep 06.

Mrs C S Naude, nee Drummond-Hay (Nugent 93)
Caroline has moved from South Africa to Zanzibar, to take up the post of Programme Manager for Save the Children UK.

Mrs C J Winham (nee Bartlett, Stanhope 93)
Charlotte and Luke's daughter Fleur was born in 06.

A E Bates (Bruce 94)
Andrew works in the family business, Bates Tavner Resources, a recruitment advertising agency based in St. Katharine's Docks, London. He is Men's Tennis Captain of Moor Park LTC.

A Carling (Grafton 94)
Adam works as a solicitor for the City law firm Charles Russell, in the corporate finance group. Earlier this year, he completed a secondment at the London office of the Canadian investment bank, Canaccord Adams.

News cont...

G T Edwards (Chatham 94)

Guy moved from the British Council's Hungary office in September 2006 to take up a new post in the Kuwait office as Teaching Centre Manager.

A G Nairn (Bruce 94)

Alex married Tara Hay (Stanhope/Lyttelton 94) on 30 Sep 06.

T M Tillyard (Chatham 94)

Tom married Charlotte Fraser on 20 May 06.

N B Tissot (Chatham 94)

Nick and Harriet's daughter Tatiana Molly was born in Nov 05.

R B Calvocoressi (Chatham 95)

In July, Rupert, Mark Williams (Bruce 95) and Dan Willis (Temple 95) completed a 100km trek across the South Downs in 22 hours and 56 minutes. 203 teams competed and Rupert's team came 51st. They raised about £4,000 for Oxfam and The Gurkha Welfare Trust.

Miss J J Childs (Lyttelton 95)

Jesse married James Fletcher on 15 Jul 06. Her first book, 'Henry VIII's Last Victim: The Life and Times of Henry Howard, Earl of Surrey', was published by Jonathan Cape in October 06.

N M Dadlani (Temple 95)



Nikilesh married Aruni Buxani on 22 Jan 06 in Bali. The photo shows, from left to right, Simon Gardner, the bride, Nikilesh, Ed Morgan and Hamish Mackay. Also in attendance were Ritesh Dadlani and Vishal Daryanani.

Mrs K A Ivanov, nee Buckenmaier (Nugent 95)

Katrin has moved to London from New York and is now Director of Business Development at Warner Music International.

J D Mullineux (Walpole 95)

James and Carol's son Joshua was born on 10 Jul 06.

Mrs D Patterson, nee MacIntosh (Nugent 95)

Deanne married James Patterson on 4 Feb 06.

A Bodikian (Grafton 96)

Alex married Jackie Sasa on 20 May 06 in Chicago. The best man was James Dewar-Durie and ushers were Chris Harrington, Hugh Carling, Oliver Gregson, Crispin Marsland-Roberts and Joe Stewart. The boys went on a week long stag do in Miami before heading off to Chicago. Also present were Max Mlinaric, Ben Styche, Will Kemble-Clarkson, Charlie Stevenson, Chris Dixey, Alisdair Johnson, Angus Havers, Stuart Mungavin, Alex Finch-Knightley, Jasmin Westinghouse, Charlotte Jones, Jenny Addison, Vicci Casewell-Lunn, Leila Brahimi and Claudia Bodikian – a grand total of 22 Old Stoics!

A Campbell (Cobham 96)

Angus works as Head of UK Sales for foreign exchange, CFDs and spread betting at City Index.

B J Corbishley (Chatham 96)

Ben recently completed his PGCE and now teaches science at St. Richard's Catholic College in Hastings.

A Cunningham (Bruce 96)

Alec married Priscila in Mar 06. He has been working as a trader for Brazilian Bank ITAU and has just been transferred to New York.

W R Kemble-Clarkson (Bruce 96)

Will travels to Borneo at the end of February 2007 for a five day race (cycling, running, rafting, kayaking and climbing) to raise £12,000 for Raleigh International. Anyone wishing to sponsor him can do so at www.justgiving/jwtkinabalu

A C H McCarey (Chatham 96)

Angus married Jemma Dean on 21 Oct 06. OS brothers Daniel and Ben were present at the ceremony in Bath, as were former members of staff Peter Farquhar and James Henderson.

A E Pearce (Walpole 96)



Andrew is Senior Art Director for web design company DNA. His clients have included Gordon Ramsay and the NSPCC.

Mrs E K Aird, nee Pritchard-Gordon (Nugent 97)

Emily married Rory Aird on 25 Mar 06.

Mrs E Z Cosby, nee Williams (Lyttelton 97)

Emily married Captain Alexander Cosby, the Adjutant of the 1st Battalion of Irish Guards, on 12 Aug 06. Old Stoics in attendance included her brother Charles Williams, Simon Murray and Peter Mackay-Lewis. Emily works for Goldman Sachs International as part of the Business Continuity Planning Team for the European, Middle East and African offices.

Mrs S J Lethbridge, nee Rasch (Nugent 97)

Suzy married Edward Lethbridge on 23 Sep 06.

G Lewis (Temple 97)

George graduated from his MBA course in June 2006 and now works as the Sales Manager of a software company in London, Skillstream Ltd.

M P Rader (Temple 97)

Matt has started a new job managing a business improvement district in East Passyunk Avenue, a neighbourhood high street in South Philadelphia's Italian section. He would love to show any Old Stoics visiting Philadelphia around the neighbourhood – contact Matt at mattprader@gmail.com

Miss C J F Rollo-Walker (Nugent 97)

Charlie lives in Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon), Vietnam, where she has her own textile and fashion company called 'A Right Charlie.' More details at www.arightcharlie.com

T R Stables (Walpole 97)

Tom married Lee Preston Coleman from Virginia, USA, at City Hall, New York on 4 Aug 06. After 2 years in New York as head menswear designer at DKNY, Tom is returning to London to take up a new appointment as senior designer for J Lindeberg.

Miss I E E Wittmann (Lyttelton 97)

Isabelle is living and working in Munich. She is the Art Director for the fashion magazine 'Instyle', which is also available in London.

M S Abdulhadi (Walpole 98)

Mahmoud is an Associate Director at UBS Investment Bank working in the Middle East Coverage Team, and will be moving to Dubai as part of the Bank's new Middle East office in the Dubai International Financial Centre.

Miss A E Arbuthnott (Nugent 98)



On 26 Apr 06 at 10.15pm, Arabella succeeded in reaching the North Geomagnetic Pole after an unsupported 214 mile walk hauling a 85kg pulk (sled) as part of a team of 11. This was the only successful leg of a British 4 Poles Expedition, which raised awareness for Cancer Research as well as collecting snow and ice data for NASA, Environment Canada and the University of Seattle.

Mrs C A C Borton Berry, nee Oliver (Lyttelton 98)

Charlotte married Jo Borton Berry in Jun 06.

M O Bowman (Cobham 98)

Mark ran the 2006 London Marathon on behalf of Action for Blind People and completed it in 3 hours 44 minutes. He is currently training for a bike ride on behalf of the RSPCA from Canada to Mexico, in 2007.

Mrs E C Buckley, nee Dixey (Nugent 98)

Emma and Donnagh's son Benjamin was born on 16 Sep 06.

H C Gordon-Lennox (Cobham 98)

Hamish is the manager of the Peligoni Club on the island of Zakynthos, Greece.

A M Lockhart Smith (Chatham 98)

Alistair works in London for the Learning and Skills Network (LSN). He works with learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities in Further Education (FE), Adult Community Learning (ACL) and Work Based Learning providers. He is training for the 2007 Flora London Marathon.

Miss S J Parker (Nugent 98)

Sarah graduated in English from Worcester College, Oxford, and is now studying for a degree in Medicine.

Miss N Talalla (Nugent 98)

Nadine is currently completing a Masters in Arts Management from the University of Melbourne.

Miss A J Alexander (Lyttelton 99)

Alexa has completed a PGCE at the University of London and has started teaching in a London primary school.

G P Ashworth (Walpole 99)

Gideon is qualified in horticulture and runs a gardening business on the north Cornish coast, www.gideonsgardens.com

Mrs N S Ferlei-Brown, nee Mullinger (Nugent 99) and L Mullinger (Bruce 01)

Nicola and Luke are acting together at the English theatre in Rome, with Nicola as Ophelia and Luke as Hamlet in the European premiere of a new play by writer and director Dustin Wills.

Miss L E A Macdonald (Lyttelton 99)

Louise married Benjamin Chandler on 24 Jun 06. In attendance were Bella Lloyd Owen, Louisa Jones, Stewart Boyd, Charlie Howard, Charlie Duffin, Robin Jones, Holly Anstey and Gemma Coles.

Miss M K Katto (Lyttelton 99)

Melissa is employed on the NHS graduate training scheme, specialising in HR management.

Miss A R J Lloyd Owen (Nugent 99)

Bella owns a business called Independent Luxury Chalets, organising luxury self-catered ski holidays to Chalet Julien, outside Morzine. More details from www.independentluxurytravel.co.uk

D A McCarey (Chatham 99)

Daniel married Eve in Washington DC in July 2004. He has a first class degree from SOAS and works as a journalist and for a charity in Khartoum.

J D Starkey (Chandos 99)

Jerome left The Sun in October and is now working as a journalist for NATO in Kabul, Afghanistan.

H E Wood (Bruce 99)



Henry has been working for American International Group (AIG) in the city for 2 years. He is a regular member of the Lloyd's of London rugby club, with whom he toured South America in March 2006.

Dr J Pegrum (Chatham 00)

James has qualified as a doctor after 6 years at UCL and Royal Free Medical Schools, where he captained both the squash and hockey teams, winning university sports personality of the year in 2006.

H J A S Wilson (Grenville 00)

Hugo has been painting portraits successfully around the world and will have his first solo show next February at a new gallery called 'Scream' in Bruton Street, London.

Miss A M N Annfield (Nugent 01)

Amelia graduated in Fine Art from Newcastle University and now works for Meltons, an interior design company in London.

C C G Carter (Grafton 01)

Charles graduated from the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester after completing a 4 year degree course in Rural Land Management. He held the Mastership of the RAC Beagles for 2 seasons and has now moved to Norfolk to take up the position of Master and Huntsman of the West Norfolk Hunt.

H W D Cavill (Grafton 01)

Henry plays the role of Humphrey in 'Stardust', Matthew Vaughn's new movie that is due for release next spring. Look out for the scenes filmed in the Marble Saloon and on the North Front at Stowe!

P O Craven (Bruce 01)

Piers works on the Bosnia desk at the FCO. He will soon start Arabic language training, in preparation for an overseas posting to Khartoum.

J R Elwes (Chandos 01)

James has a first class degree from Newcastle University and is teaching at a charitable school in Calcutta.

Miss K A Harries (Lyttelton 01)

Kim graduated from the University of Plymouth with a 2:1 in Theatre and the Performing Arts. She is now Stage Manager of the Playhouse Theatre in Cheltenham.

D J Hyslop (Bruce 01)

David graduated from St. Catherine's College, Oxford, in Metallurgy and is now studying for a Ph.D. at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge.

A C A Kirkwood (Bruce 01)

Alexander has a degree in Philosophy from KCL and is currently completing an M.A. in Conflict Resolution Management.

A J Rogers (Walpole 01)

Alex graduated from Royal Holloway with a first in English.

A W Stormont (Walpole 01)

Anthony graduated from Bristol University with a first in MEng (Master of Engineering).

I W Winsley (Grenville 01)

Ian graduated in land management from Reading University, has completed a diploma in urban planning and now works for a property development company, Space Station.

G D Cushing (Cobham 02)

Greg has been working as a Christian youth-worker amongst large independent schools, including Stowe. In January he will take nine gap year students to The Gambia for a short term mission, teaching in schools.

Miss A M Galvin (Nugent 02)

Allegra graduated from Peterhouse College, Cambridge, with a History of Art degree and has since completed a Directorial course at RADA. She has been Assistant Director of a play at the National Theatre, and directed a play at the Edinburgh Festival during summer 2006.

D A S Gordon (Bruce 02)

Dominic graduated from Leeds Metropolitan University with a first in International Business. He ran the 2006 London Marathon and abseiled off his University building in aid of cancer research.

P G Rossiter (Grenville 02)

Peter has completed his qualification in making guitars and is currently trying to earn his living as a musician in London. Together with Ramsay Fanous and another friend, Peter has brought out a CD comprising 7 songs, 'Arch Stanton'.

Miss G R Alexander (Lyttelton 03)

Gabriella completed the Erasmus-Socrates programme in Bologna and returned to Edinburgh University for the final year of her classics degree.

C J L Roe (Walpole 03)

Christian graduated from Bristol University in History of Art and has just started at LAMDA.

H A Darby (Temple 04)

Harry is currently studying for a BA in Film at the London College of Printing. He has exhibited his film work at the Hayward Gallery and completed a 16mm short film for the Buxton Fringe Festival.

H S Kimbell (Chandos 04)

Henry spent part of his second gap year travelling throughout North America, Fiji, New Zealand, Australia and Hong Kong. The highlight of his trip was a bungy jump in Cairns. Henry is now studying Business Management at Exeter and hopes to do some voluntary work over Christmas for an organ transplant charity.

C S Mullinger (Cobham 04)

Charlie has passed the film certificate at the London Film Academy with merit.

M A Nelson (Bruce 05) and G G White (Bruce 05)

Mark and Graeme played well in the England U19 cricket test series against India last summer. The highlight was Mark's undefeated century in the second innings of the first test, coming in at number eight and helping England to secure a draw after a large first innings deficit.

M A Stormont (Temple 06)

Mark is involved in many musical activities at Durham University, including the musical production of 'The Pirates of Penzance' and the Tavistock Chester-le-Street Riverside Brass Band.

Former Staff

D S Barr

David married Louise in May 2006. Peter Farquhar, Steven Thompson and Charles Johnson attended the reception. David teaches English at Magdalen College School, Oxford.

Mrs J L Hamblett-Jahn

Jane will return to Stowe in autumn 2007 to become Housemistress of the new girls' boarding House.

C H Johnson

Charles has been appointed Headmaster of the Duke of York Royal Military School near Dover.

A G Meredith and P D Harris

Tony and Paul have been combining on several musical initiatives. In 2004 their biography of Malcolm Arnold was launched at a London Philharmonic concert at the Festival Hall. On 21 Nov 06 their biography of Malcolm Williamson was launched at another LPO concert, this time at the Wigmore Hall.

Deaths

Lt Col A H Roosmalecocq, MC, OBE (Chatham 30) on 22 Oct 06.

P G Agnew, MBE (Chandos 32) on 7 Oct 06.

I M C Braby (Chatham 32) on 8 Aug 06.

G C Callender (Chatham 32) on 16 Apr 06.

Major J J Barclay, MC, MBE (Chandos 33) on 19 Mar 06.

Sqdn Ldr A H Piper, DFC (Bruce 34) on 9 Dec 05.

His Grace the Duke of Valderano (Chandos 35) on 16 Oct 05.

Captain K F E Woods, FRICS (Grenville 36) on 12 Oct 06.

J R Genth (Temple 37) on 28 Sep 06.

L U Borenus (Grafton 38) on 27 Jul 06.

C M O'Rorke (Chatham 38) on 10 Mar 06.

A R Motion, TD (Bruce 39) on 28 Apr 06.

Col D E M Earle, OBE (Bruce 40) on 4 Dec 05.

A V Farnell-Watson (Walpole 40) on 27 Oct 06.

A K Higham (Temple 40) on 28 Apr 06.

J B C Fountaine (Chandos 41) on 2 Apr 06.

R P Bourdon Smith (Grafton 43) on 23 Sep 06.

G W Hawkings-Byass (Cobham 43) in Aug 06.

A G Henderson (Bruce 43) in Feb 06.

A D Maclean (Temple 43) on 26 Sep 06.

Dr R I Maitland, MB, BS (Cobham 43) on 7 Mar 06.

C A L Circuitt (Walpole 44) in Sep 04.

Major T D O Codner (Grenville 44) in Nov 05.

G F Colville (Grenville 45) in May 06.

P I Douglass (Walpole 45) on 3 May 06.

C H Corfield-Moore (Temple 47) on 6 Oct 06.

P G Powers (Chatham 48) on 31 Oct 06.

A P Riddell (Grafton 49) on 4 Sep 06.

P M Horley (Bruce 50) on 25 Jun 06.

C F Mc Cox (Bruce 53) on 12 May 06.

N Tetley (Cobham 56) in 06

S M Turner (Grenville 59) in May 06.

C M S Anderson (Chandos 61) on 1 Jun 06.

A J L Imrie (Bruce 68) on 10 Jul 05.

J C Hershman (Bruce 72) on 6 Jul 06.

R S Nelson (Temple 79) on 9 Aug 06.

J C Downer (Chandos 80) on 5 Sep 06.

W J N Ederley (Chandos 80) on 11 Sep 06.

Cricket – Templars 2006 Season

The season disappointingly saw us exit in the first round of the Cricketer Cup against Charterhouse Friars, who we have met the last 4 years, after our very impressive 2005 campaign! We have drawn them again in 2007 with the first round at Stowe on 10th June but confidence is high with some talented and exciting new Old Stoics upholding the 'never say die' attitude shown in the close fought encounter last year. The team is becoming more balanced with a core of players who have played the last few years meaning the atmosphere and team morale is brilliant, as you would expect from Old Stoics.

The great atmosphere and friendliness has transferred from the Templars Sunday friendly games to the Cricketer Cup and vice versa with the Cricket Week in mid July being the ultimate example of that with practical jokes, exciting games of cricket and general banter in the evening over a pint in the Queen's Head. The recent leavers, as well as the usual crowd, who played in the Week last year have already signed up for next year proving the Cricket Week's popularity with the nail biting finishes becoming more frequent and the usual 'run fest' that the North Front brings. Will Dudley top scored in the Week last year with a massive 183 and ended up only winning by a few runs!

The Cricket Week is the highlight of the year for the Templars reminding us all how lucky we were to have gone to school in such incredible surroundings and provides memories of its own. We look forward to seeing some new faces in 2007.

Any recent, or even not so recent, leavers wanting to get involved in Old Stoic cricket should contact the Club Captain, Nick Oldridge, on 07788 758 067 or nickoldridge@hotmail.com. Please also see our NEW website www.stowetemplars.co.uk for updates on news, matches and Cricket Week.

Cross-Country

The annual race for former pupils of independent schools was held on Saturday, 9th December, on Wimbledon Common. The OS race at Stowe against the School takes place on Saturday, 3rd March, at 2.45pm. Please contact Simon Gardner on 07974 710792 or oldstoics.crosscountry@googlemail.com for more details.

Fives

Jurgen Hutter advises that there is a new website for Fives where any players can register and then assign themselves to the Old Stoics Fives Club. Visit www.fivesonline.co.uk/registration_school.php to register – the first time password needed is 'buttress5'. Contact Jurgen on 07766 421 338 or jurgenhutter@hotmail.com for more details of the OS Fives Club.

Soccer

On Sunday 1st October, 15 Old Stoics returned to the School to play football against the School's 1st XI. The OS team was made up from leavers from years 1998 to 2001. The final result was 2-2 after a hard fought encounter on a blustery day on the Bourbon. The Old Stoics were unlucky not to come away with a win, with Alan Bowman missing a second-half penalty. Contact Will Dudley at william.waddell-dudley@aig.com for more details of OS soccer.



Old Stoic Golfing Society – 2006 Season

This year the Halford Hewitt team had a very exciting route through to the last eight of the competition. This was the first time for 15 years that the team has got this far and we recorded our first ever win against Harrow along the way.

The first round was against Stonyhurst at Royal St. George's and the team won a close-fought tie by 3-2. The following day we came across Harrow, a team Stowe had never beaten. Having lost the first two matches, it was looking like Harrow would be extending their winning run to six. However we won the next game with a birdie three at the 19th and the fourth was won on the 17th. It all came down to the final game and the final hole. The pressure was getting

to both sides, but Stowe held out for a memorable victory.

The Saturday morning play switched to Royal Cinque Ports and a match against Clifton. As with both of the previous rounds, this came down to the last game. All square after 19, Stowe won with a birdie three at the 20th hole and we moved into the last eight.

Having won the first three rounds by the closest of margins, Stowe failed by the same score to beat a strong Watson's team. Despite losing the deciding game on the last green, Stowe's progress in the competition has signalled resurgence in the team's fortunes.

In the other major competition, The Grafton

Morrish, we qualified comfortably with 91 Stableford points, the highest we have got for six years. In September at Hunstanton Golf Club, we beat Oakham by 3-0 in the first round but lost to Coventry by 2-1 at Royal West Norfolk Golf Club the following day.

Finally, the Society was very saddened by the untimely death in September of Bill Ederley. Bill was an extremely popular member of the Society and had played in the Halford Hewitt for the past three years, remaining unbeaten in the 2006 competition. All our thoughts are with his family and it is very fitting that his younger brother Tony is the new Society Captain.

Peter Jarvis (Walpole 83)



Sailing

For the 4th year running Stowe competed in the Arrow Trophy series of races in the Solent on 14/15th October 2006. This year they managed to provide 2 full crews of 8 people each, only one of 2 schools to enter more than one boat; not bad for a school that has no great sailing tradition. The event consists of a total of 7 races over two days in the Solent

with a dinner at the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club in Cowes - the home of UK sailing. Once again, however, bad luck dogged Stowe 1 with a rope caught round the propeller on the first day (eventually freed by a professional diver after valiant, but unsuccessful, efforts by Robin Hunter-Coddington - the OS Commodore - and James Rossiter); and then, on the second day, a broken forestay put paid to any chances of repeating their success of the previous year. Stowe 1, skippered by Jeremy Spencer-Cooper and with more or less the same crew as in previous years, finished in 15th place closely followed by Stowe 2 in 18th place with

Charlie Close-Smith at the helm. A great time was had by all and it was suggested that an official OS Sailing Club should be established with a view to organising a number of events during the year as well as encouraging other former sailors and 'leavers' to join. For details go to the Stowe website or contact Robin Hunter-Coddington at robinhc@zetnet.co.uk. Crews included: Geoff Brown; Charlie Close-Smith; Andy and Ian Keith; Andrew Kennon; George Percy; Cameron Ross; Bill, James, Mike and Nigel Rossiter; Stephen Spencer; Jeremy Spencer-Cooper; Pippa Thompson; Bill Tyser; Ed West.

Rugby and Hockey Season

Photo: Roy Ottaway



The 1st XV have had a successful season so far with outstanding results against Oundle and John Cleveland winning 30-0 and 13-8 respectively. Apart from where injuries took their toll and led to a disappointing defeat at St Edwards, and two narrow defeats, all other matches have been won in our fixture list. The team made it through to the second round in the Daily Mail Cup when they were drawn away in a match which was eventually lost. The side has played some entertaining free flowing rugby with both wingers benefiting with 8 tries each. If they win their last three matches this would be the most successful side in recent times.

To have a good 1st team you need a strong squad and this has been

typified by the outstanding season the 2nd XV have had. They are undefeated at the moment and sit at the top of the South West Schools merit table, to go undefeated all season would be an indication of the strength in depth the School now has. Another indication of how well rugby is developing is the fact that for the first time we have fielded five senior sides on several Saturdays.

The Colts have had a mixed set of results for such a strong squad. They have been without two of their influential forwards for most of the season but with the calibre of player in this year group they have been on the wrong end of some close fought games.

Our Under 15's have been progressively getting better and have taken some notable scalps in Abingdon, Oundle and St Edwards. They were having a very good run in the Daily Mail Vase but eventually came unstuck at John Hampden.

Development Hockey

Once again the boys have been progressing over the course of the term. With a recent County Cup victory over RGS High Wycombe which went to penalty flicks at the end and then a marvellous display away to Solihull winning 2-0, the players and coaches are looking forward to finding out who their Semi-Final opponents will be.

Alan Hughes, Head of Boys' Games

Excellent Swimming Results – 5 school records broken

Swimming continues to be enjoyed by both girls and boys at Stowe; we produce teams at Junior, Intermediate and Senior level and have had an excellent start to the season with five school records broken already.

At the Inter-Schools Swimming Gala at Berkhamsted in October, Stowe had a terrific series of results, coming home clear winners in 4 age groups: Senior Boys team, Intermediate Boys, Junior Boys, Junior Girls, all with school records having been broken.

Junior Boys 100m Individual Medley:	Harry Hawkes 10 year old record
Junior Boys 25m Butterfly:	James Blackham
Junior Girls 100m Individual Medley:	Francesca Hutt
Junior Girls 25m Butterfly:	Francesca Hutt
Junior Girls 50m Freestyle:	Francesca Hutt 4 seconds faster than old record

In recent years a number of Old Stoics have contributed to a range of Cups and Shields for swimming at Stowe. The Stoic swimmers and coach (Stewart Cowie) would like to express their appreciation for this support.



Girls' Games – great success and expansion

Photo: Roy Ottaway

With the introduction of Junior Girls in September 2005, the sports fields have taken on a new look. With our new recruits in the first 3 years we are delighted to have been able to select a Junior hockey team and two lacrosse teams who play regularly and compete extremely well against all the larger schools.

This season our Junior girls' hockey has suffered only one defeat albeit at the hands of a much older Bloxham side (1-2) and our Junior girls' lacrosse have only recorded losses in tournament games. Two of our 3rd years (Jose Brake and Zara Nicholls) receive extra coaching from the Welsh hockey international Zak Jones on a Monday night. Nine of our Juniors have been put forward for Regional coaching in lacrosse and are waiting to hear if they have been given places.

Elite Tennis has been a new addition to the sports calendar this year and two younger girls, Lucy Beaty and Emma Duckett went out to Majorca in October to train at Nadal's Tennis Academy. The tennis players now have the opportunity to play

on Friday and Sunday afternoons throughout the winter terms.

Our Senior girls go from strength to strength as we are now playing two terms of hockey and lacrosse. We field three Senior lacrosse teams and two hockey, with regular home and away fixtures. Three 6th Form girls were selected for Buckinghamshire A in lacrosse (Katie Kosciuczyk, Clare Jackson and Sophie Loyd). Katie was also given the honour of co-captaining the side and has also been selected for the Regional Squad. Our 1st team started the season with a trophy at the Berkhamsted 8's and lost in the final of the Abbot's Hill Tournament to St Albans 2-3. We look forward to Small Schools and Nationals next term.

Our girls' hockey are going on tour to Berlin in February and our girls' lacrosse to California in March. Both groups are working hard to fundraise and the atmosphere amongst the girls exudes confidence and enthusiasm as they realise that Stowe is an exciting place to be!

Jayne Duckett, Head of Girls' Games



Photo: Alex Eve

The Campaign for Stowe – an update

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We have been delighted to accept a number of particularly substantial donations during the year, from both Old Stoics and parents, current and former. These gifts are especially important to us, and the leadership provided by our major benefactors has generated real momentum for the Campaign and its specific fundraising projects.

It has been a very busy last few months. During the term, we have written to nearly every member of the Stowe Community asking them to support our plans, at whatever level they are able to. The Headmaster, Trustees and I are thrilled with the response so far, both in terms of donations and responses to our Receptions in January. If for any reason, you did not hear from us (we did have some problems with the Royal Mail) please let me know, and I will be delighted to write personally to you. At the end of this academic year, we will be publishing the first annual report for the Campaign, detailing all the progress that has been made, and thanking our donors more publicly. In the meantime, it is a great pleasure to report that as a result we are well on our way to delivering the immediate sum needed for the new all-weather pitch, as well as the funds necessary for the creation of 6 new classrooms, and the equipping of existing classrooms with new IT facilities – three of our most immediate priorities. There is a long way to go, though – both for the House and the School!

There have been some further initiatives that we have pursued during the course of the year: the Roxburgh Society has seen its membership double in the last 12 months, with over 60 individuals now having left a legacy to Stowe in their wills; the American Friends of Stowe is now a flourishing organisation for members of the Stowe Community in the US; and we were delighted recently to welcome back to Stowe the World Monuments Fund Trustees whose very considerable generosity was instrumental in the restoration of the Marble Saloon.

Stowe is, of course, a relatively young School, without the large endowment fund that other major public schools benefit from. We do indeed rely on the support of members of our community to realise our ambitions. Please do get in touch with me if you would like to lend your own support – I would be delighted to provide further guidance on how you might make a gift, and how it would provide a very tangible benefit.

In the meantime, thank you again to all those who, over the last 12 months, have so generously helped make such a difference to the future of Stowe.

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Stowe Harvard Dinner 2006

American Friends of Stowe makes its first contribution to the Campaign for Stowe.

The largest-ever contingent flew from the United States to Stowe for the 15th Annual Stowe-Harvard Dinner. An enticing programme of events was put on this year to include a full weekend of activities, including a magical picnic in the Temple of Venus, a guided tour of the newly completed renovations on the House as well as a private tour of nearby Claydon House as guests of Sir Edmund and Lady Verney. There was a lively interchange of views when a group of AFS visitors also took an active part in a Sixth Form politics class.

The dinner is a black-tie banquet honouring the Stowe-Harvard Fellow, who spends a year teaching at Stowe after graduation from Harvard. This year's Fellow was Stephanie Sherman and we were delighted that, in all, four Stowe Harvard Fellows were in attendance.

Other AFS Activities:

The Headmaster paid his second visit to an AFS event in New York in October. He was welcomed by more than 50 friends of Stowe at an elegant cocktail reception at The Union League Club. At the reception and in private meetings with Old Stoics, the Headmaster discussed exciting developments at the School and progress with the Campaign for Stowe.

An earlier spring cocktail reception was kindly hosted by Vanya Desai, one of the first Stowe-Harvard Fellows and a new member of the AFS Board of Directors.

American Friends of Stowe's member list has now grown to well over 300 names.

Events diary:

We provide a selection of dates of interest to members of the Stowe Community, who are welcome to attend these and other events held at Stowe. Contacts for obtaining further information are given below.

27 January 2007	Open Morning (13+ entry) (Sorry, but this Open Morning is now full)
9 February 2007	Charity Fashion Show at Stowe
3 March 2007	Open Morning (13+ entry) (Sorry, but this Open Morning is now full)
28 April 2007	Open Morning (Lower 6th entry)
28 April 2007	40th Anniversary Dinner at Stowe for Old Stoics who left in 1967
10 May 2007	Old Stoic Society Dinner at BAFTA
19 May 2007	Open Morning (13+ entry)
26 May 2007	Stowe School Speech Day
9 June 2007	25th Anniversary Dinner at Stowe for Old Stoics who left in 1982
4 July 2007	East Anglia Reunion
12 September 2007	50th Anniversary Lunch at Stowe for Old Stoics who left in 1957
29 September 2007	Old Stoic Reunion Day for Old Stoics who left between 1966 and 1975

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Charity Fashion Show at Stowe

The Stowe Sixth Form is pleased to announce the Model Student fundraising spectacular on the evening of Friday, 9th February, 2007. The grand setting of Stowe House will be the venue for a glittering evening featuring a fashion show with top designers Allegra Hicks and Jack Wills, and the jeweller, Theo Fennell, amongst others. Guests will enjoy a four-course meal with quality wines and a spectacular after show party with a live band.

Money raised will go to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. If you would like to make a donation to the charity because you are unable to attend, please send all cheques to The Bursary (made payable to Stowe School). Gift Aid forms are also available.

On behalf of Stowe Sixth Form we would be delighted if you would join us for a dazzling and star-studded occasion. Further information is available from eboyd@stowe.co.uk

Rory Brabant (Head Boy), Mukami Wangai (Head Girl) and Ned Boyd (event co-ordinator)

Anthony Bolton visits Stowe



Old Stoics don't come much more celebrated in their professional field than Anthony Bolton (Chatham 67). Since starting the Special Situations Fund at Fidelity 27 years ago, and having masterminded its extraordinary performance since then, Anthony has risen to become the best-known and most highly-regarded fund manager in the UK. He returned in November to give a talk to 6th Form Economics and Business Studies students about his life in the City. It was a fascinating insight into what he has learnt during his career, and the invaluable advice he would give to private investors-to-be. During his time as a Stoic, Anthony was a pianist and organist, and developed a keen interest in musical composition – a passion he wants to devote more time to as he steps down from day-to-day management at Fidelity.

Stowe-doku Winners

Thank you for the many entries to the second Stowe doku competition and congratulations to the first five correct entries from the draw, who each win a pack of Stowe Christmas cards:

Derek Birch (Chatham 50), Catherine Dickson (Lyttelton 96), Charles Gurney (former parent), David Julius (Chatham 72), Arabella and Imogen Midwood (Stoics).

Old Stoic Email List

Are you missing out? Would you like to be the first to know when the new Stowe website is launched? The OS Office has nearly 3000 OS email addresses, but wants more! If you would like to receive occasional news flashes about the Old Stoic Society and Stowe School, please send your email address to oldstoic@stowe.co.uk with 'prize draw' as the subject.

All new email addresses received by 31st March 2007 will be entered into a prize draw to win a ticket to the Society Dinner at BAFTA.