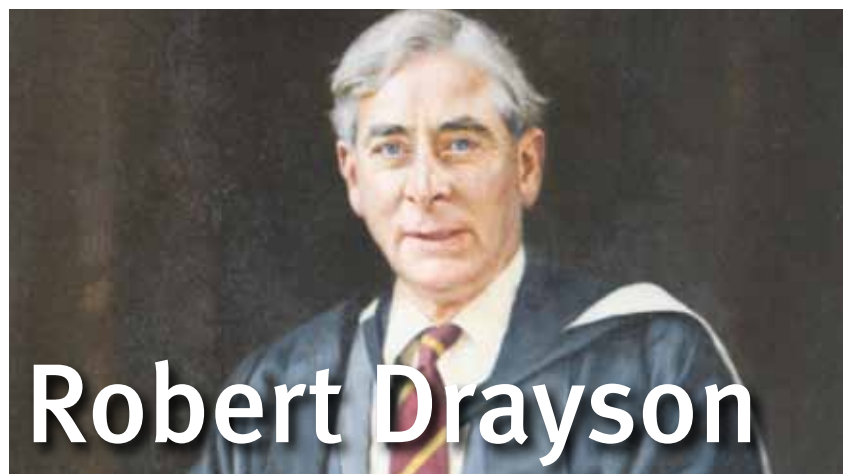


THE Column

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Robert Drayson

Headmaster of Stowe whose muscular Christianity and tireless persistence revived the School's fortunes.

Bob Drayson, who died on October 15 aged 89, was headmaster of Stowe from 1964 to 1979 and was credited with giving the school a new lease of life; earlier, as a naval officer in motor torpedo boats during the Second World War, he had distinguished himself in a famous action in the English Channel.

In the years following the retirement of its founder, JF Roxburgh in 1949, Stowe did not enjoy the most glittering of reputations. Drayson arrived determined to avoid turning out what he called "public school types" – one of his favourite injunctions was: "Dare to be different."

His study door was always open, and he worked hard to break down barriers and to discover what made people tick.

Under his leadership the school flourished, both academically and on the sports field. Drayson introduced girls into the sixth form and a requirement that all boys should perform some voluntary service in the local community.

He also developed a close relationship with the National Trust that has since led to the splendid restoration of the buildings in the Stowe Landscape Gardens.

When he left Stowe after 15 years as headmaster a colleague praised Drayson for his "firmness, fairness and tact...unfailing energy, tireless persistence on the pursuit of any good cause [and] vigorous sense of humour."

Robert Quested Drayson was born at Ramsgate on June 5 1919 (throughout his life he was to take pride in being a "man of Kent"). He was educated locally at Chatham House school and then at St Lawrence College, Ramsgate, where he became a committed Christian and first developed his lifelong passion for sport, excelling at hockey, cricket and middle-distance running.

In 1938 Drayson went up to Downing College, Cambridge, to read Modern Languages.

When the war intervened he joined the Navy as a rating before taking a course for officers at HMS King Alfred at Hove, Sussex. He then volunteered for coastal forces, serving in motor torpedo boats until 1946. He became First Lieutenant of MTB 236 and assumed command of it just in time for what was to become a well-known action.

This concerned the German auxiliary cruiser Komet, one of several heavily-armed, disguised merchant ships which had wreaked havoc on lone

Allied merchant shipping, particularly in distant waters outside the ambit of escorted convoys.

The British discovered that Komet was attempting to slip through the Channel; she had already completed one successful raid into the Indian Ocean, and her captain was hoping to repeat this.

Komet, escorted by both ships and aircraft, had already beaten off one attack when her consorts ran into a freshly-laid British minefield. After a delay to reinforce the escort, she continued her attempted break-out accompanied by a strong force of minesweepers and E-boats. But the British had the benefit of Ultra (the intelligence gleaned from decrypted German radio communications) and – despite the risk of revealing that the German codes had been cracked – a trap was set, involving four Hunt-class destroyers and eight MTBs, including MTB 236, commanded by Acting Sub-Lieutenant Drayson.

Shortly after midnight on October 14 1942, off Barfleur, Komet was lit by flares dropped by a Fleet Air Arm Swordfish. In the ensuing battle several of the raider's escorts were damaged by their own fire.

Drayson launched two torpedoes at close range at Komet, starting a huge fire; the flames spread quickly and were followed by a massive explosion which sent a ball of flame hundreds of feet into the night sky. Komet sank, taking her 251-man crew with her.

The ship's destruction marked the end of this phase of raider warfare against the Allies, and Drayson was awarded a DSC for his "great skill and bravery." He finished the war in command of MTB 701.

In 1943 he had married Rachel Jenkyns, who was serving in the WRNS, and at the end of the war he returned to Cambridge, where he switched to History. He won a Blue for hockey and had a trial for the England team; he was to captain the Kent hockey XI from 1947 to 1956.

Bob Drayson is survived by his wife and by his son and two daughters, one of whom is Dame Gillian Pugh, chairman of the National Children's Bureau.

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There will be a service of thanksgiving for Robert Drayson in Stowe Chapel at 2.30pm on Saturday 17th January. All are welcome. If you would like to attend please email cwhitlock@stowe.co.uk

The Daily Telegraph



Peer Support – a new initiative

The start of something new is always exciting – awaiting the unexpected, fulfilling the potential. Inspired by the sheer determination, skill and performance of the British athletes this summer, we as a school, have set ourselves high targets for the academic year ahead.

It is the beginning of a new era for Stowe, one where we can find both boys and girls throughout our community, and with the forthcoming opening of Stanhope House this transition continues. The girls seem to have settled in well and it is great to see them perform outstandingly and set the pace for this new era in competitions such as the Coldstream Cup and Inter-House Singing. As the community is growing, our school talent can be seen in all aspects of Stowe life. From international hockey players and domination of Stowe sports, to rock stars and classical musicians; it has certainly been a truly inspiring start to the term.

This personal interest in individuals is the key to enhancing our strong community and the basis for a new initiative called the 'Peer Support Group' (PSG), set up by Stoics to give others practical and emotional help in times of need.

The Peer Support Group is in response to the stated needs of students throughout the school. Students of all ages talk to their peers about a range of issues and research shows that they often seek out their peers first when they need to discuss both minor and major problems. This support group is run by members of our own community, to help pupils deal with issues such as bullying, stress, or other problems that they may come across while at school. The team consists of trained volunteers who are there to lend support to those who need it. Contact can be made via email or directly to one of the Group's members.

To date, the PSG has been very successful and as we continue to sprint on toward the end of term, it is becoming clear that Stoics feel a pride in their school and a positive self-determination to succeed and help others.

Laura Grossick (Head Girl) and
Felix Stevenson (Head Boy)



Jane Collins

Jane came to Stowe from a business environment to develop a new marketing strategy for Stowe to go with the development of full co-education and the other initiatives of the

Headmaster. During her 4 years at Stowe, Jane orchestrated the re-design of the prospectus and the website, as well as morphing The Bulletin into the popular Column. But inevitably, her range of contributions was far greater than these pinnacles to her accomplishments, and her influence touched many (and sometimes unexpected) areas of school life.

Jane leaves Stowe to head the marketing for the Said Business School in Oxford.

David Fletcher, Registrar



Stowe Festival

Now in its fourth year (and growing all the time), the 2008 Stowe Festival ended on the night of Tuesday October 14th with a fantastically well-received concert from the Adriano Adewale Group in the Chapel in front of the entire school. Mixing jazz, rock, folk and latin rhythms Adriano and his three-piece band were on top form.

This was the last event from over thirty different workshops, masterclasses and performances which took place in venues all over the school from Friday October 10th to Tuesday 14th. There was the usual eclectic mix of theatre, music, magic, illusion, dance, singing, lectures, talks and hands on demonstrations. Stoics had so much to choose from this year!

There were some new initiatives as well. On the Saturday night we had two contrasting, but equally effective events going on, with a good, old-fashioned Variety style show in the Roxy for the lower school and a 1950's themed dance in the mansion for the sixth form.

The Variety show, hosted by yours truly, featured two Stowe rock bands, Artbeats and the Crystal Balls as well as the dynamic Milton Keynes based Hip Hop dance outfit, Frantic UK. The show went down a storm with the younger Stoics and it was great to witness such a superb atmosphere in the packed Roxy.

The 50's themed dance in the mansion was really well supported by the older students and there were some imaginative outfits on show! The sixteen piece big band, Swing's the Thing, provided the live music for the night and it was great to see so many Stoics attempting some fancy jitterbug and jive moves!

On Sunday afternoon and evening we saw the 'Unplugged' concerts happening once again and I am always in awe of the blistering talent that is on show. Stowe is blessed with some very talented singers/musicians and they did not disappoint this year! Gus Perkins Ray deserves a special mention for his help with the organisation of this event.

Monday and Tuesday had so much going on that one could easily have mistaken Stowe for the Royal Mile in Edinburgh on a warm August, festival day! We really did have a school fully

involved and committed to making the most of all that was on offer.

Nick Bayley, Director of Drama

Music from the Top

Attending my first festival at Stowe was for me a fantastic experience. I attended and watched the Guitar Workshop, the Composer's Workshop with Martin Suckling, the student organised 'Unplugged' event in the Roxy, the Vocal Workshop run by Sheridan Coldstream and Daniel Green's Piano recital, as well as introducing the Anthony Bolton Composition Competition.

It was simply a stunning few days. The Guitar Workshop saw seasoned professionals develop and help many student guitarists and drummers to feel more comfortable and at ease exploring simple, but effective ways of improvising: as done against a background of informed and explicit playing and performing. The atmosphere was electric in every sense!

The same atmosphere was evident at Sheridan Coldstream's witty, informative and above all activating workshop on the voice. Students were captivated by his style and manner, and sang some really beautiful close harmony music, which they themselves created.

On the Saturday morning the music department welcomed the Oxford University Lecturer and high flying Scottish composer Martin Suckling (Husband of our Head of Keyboard and Resident Accompanist, Hilary Suckling). About 16 students had studied two elements of Stravinsky's Soldier's Tale, and had then written a short study for Violin, Clarinet and Piano, performed at the Festival by Hilary Suckling (Piano), Jennifer Nelson (Clarinet) and Julian Tear (Violin), using the elements that Stravinsky had used for his original composition. The Trio began by playing Stravinsky's work, and then played all the student pieces, while Martin Suckling provided commentary, informed criticism and delightful anecdotes, and useful pointers to improve their works. But the highlight of this morning was Martin's ability to focus on the students' individual gifts and compositional flair.



Having survived through my career endless battles of the bands, student-run rock events and simply scary talent nights, I arrived at 'Unplugged' ready for anything. I was utterly blown away by the standard of the performances and the utter abject enjoyment that the performers gave to the audience. The two concerts had a flavour of 60's optimism and enjoyment which I have not heard since I was myself listening to music in that decade.

Craig Greene gave a sublime recital in the State Music Room on the Monday evening. His programme included Mozart, Schumann and a new work called Byzantium by Geoffrey Allan Taylor, who is a local composer. All three pieces were well conceived: Byzantium was a revelation of sonorities and texture. Craig was a music scholar here at Stowe in Chandos, and is now studying music at Christ Church, Oxford and studying the Piano at the Royal Academy. The performance was very uplifting and brought to a fitting end my first experience of the Stowe Festival.

Simon Dearsley, Director of Music

The Inaugural Anthony Bolton Composition Competition

On Monday 13 October 2008 the first ever Anthony Bolton Composition Competition took place as part of the Stowe Festival. For years, Stowe has held various annual music performing competitions, but the idea to extend this concept to composition came about after a very successful composition concert in January of this year, as part of our weekly Wednesday recital series.

Anthony Bolton, founder and adjudicator, came forward and the plans for the competition started to gather momentum. Mr Bolton, an Old Stoic (Chatham 67), is probably best known as a highly successful fund manager in the City. As he steps down from his long reign at Fidelity Investments, where he has been a manager of a number of funds over the years, he hopes to spend more time pursuing his passion of composition, which started when he was a pupil at Stowe.

The rules stated that Stoics could enter up to two pieces into the competition – one vocal and one

instrumental. Of the many entries received, only the best five in each category made it to the final.

The vocal category was won by lower sixth student Florence Hopewell, with a delightful, reflective ballad entitled 'Why me?' Second place was awarded to co-songwriters Orlando Sheppard, Harry Burke and Elliot Barnes, with third place going to James Bevington.

The instrumental category was won by lower sixth student and keen composer Balthazar Mattar, who also won the overall prize. Balthazar wrote a work entitled 'Rothko Suite' especially for this competition, which is comprised of three movements and is designed to mimic in the listener the same emotions felt by someone viewing Mark Rothko's paintings. Second place in the instrumental category was awarded to Emma-Claire Bailey, with third place going to Charlotte Matthews.

Overall, the competition made for an incredibly enjoyable afternoon, which was well-attended by Stoics, staff, and parents alike. We should express our sincere thanks to Anthony Bolton, who not only adjudicated over an extremely diverse range of entries (from modernist classical to hip hop!), but gave each composer some very positive and constructive feedback.

Huw Jones, Assistant Director of Music

Adriano Adewale Group

Adriano Adewale's Quartet blending jazz, African and Brazilian elements amazed the Stoic audience, as the final event in the Stowe Festival.

The live hour long performance offered a tantalising glimpse into the band's debut album, 'Sementes'.

Atmospheric and restorative, the music evoked natural sounds such as the rattling of snakes and the trickling of rain. As the front man, Adewale gave an extraordinary performance. Fanatical about music, he sang and handled his instruments with rapture. He demonstrated how he had made instruments from recycled materials himself and wandered through the Chapel giving a demonstration of call and response from the exuberant audience. Earlier in the day, Adewale had given a master-class to some of Stowe's

instrumentalists. They worked at building up a percussion band, using simple instruments in an imaginative way and also talked about his life as a musician, composer and percussionist. He inspired all of us there with his integrity and commitment.

Jennifer Nelson, Head of Woodwind

Trinity Saxophone Quartet

A visit from the Trinity Saxophone Quartet was a real source of inspiration for Stowe's saxophone players during the Festival. They were put through their paces by Melanie Henry, professor of saxophone at Trinity College, London and were treated to some fantastic performances by members of the quartet who demonstrated amazing virtuosity. Talented music scholar, Harry Cockbill, performed from memory in the master-class section of the day and impressed the quartet with his natural musicianship and flexible approach. The Stoics left the Music Room that afternoon with a new resolve to emulate the Trinity performers with their own Stowe Saxophone Quartet.

Jennifer Nelson, Head of Woodwind

Ivan Green's Art Exhibition

We were delighted to host an art exhibition 'An Aesop's Fable and Other Works' by Ivan Green for the duration of the Festival in the North Hall. Consisting of eighteen finely wrought, highly controlled photographic Giclée prints, the exhibition created a great deal of interest within the student body and the school community as a whole.

Ivan displayed a beautiful, highly personal set of images that hold a fascination for evocative historic environments; interiors and landscapes that have a distinct spirit of place. The atmosphere within these images was developed from a fascination with visible degradation created by time upon peeling surfaces, crumbling buildings and ruins reclaimed by nature. Ivan's use of layered negatives produced prints that had a remarkably dense, dark texture redolent of engravings together with techniques involving digital layering and manipulation.

Brian Johnson, Head of Art

Science at the Stowe Festival

Professor David Righton (brother of our own Michael Righton) kicked off proceedings with a fascinating talk, to a packed audience of some fifty A-level biologists, about his work at the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science in Lowestoft. David's current research concerns 'CODYSSEY' (Cod spatial dynamics and implications for fisheries' management) which is an EU-funded project into the movements and behaviour of cod in the North East Atlantic. This is essential work if we are to attempt to understand and remedy the population crash that cod have suffered in recent years and David illustrated the current situation with some impressive data from the tagging scheme, proving that cod are indeed amazing – with or without chips!

Old Stoic Dr Alex Mustard (Grafton 93) astonished a packed Dobinson Theatre with a lecture about his career as a marine biologist and underwater photographer. Alex studied at Southampton University before becoming a post – doctorate researcher there. He is now one of the world's leaders in the field of underwater photography and he showed a multitude of images of

incredible beauty and impressive composition, often captured with the aid of devices and techniques that Alex has developed himself. The talk gave the Stoics a real insight into what can be achieved when someone has a real passion for a subject and is prepared to commit themselves fully to it. The many questions asked and the numbers of Stoics who stayed behind to talk to Alex bore testimony to the levels of interest his excellent presentation generated.

The now regular genetic engineering day run by the ever enthusiastic and entertaining John Scholar from NCBE (National Centre for Biotechnology Education) in Reading allowed 20 A-level biologists to extract, amplify, identify and sequence chloroplast DNA from a variety of common salad plants. The techniques used are directly relevant to the AS and A2 syllabuses and would be difficult to carry out in the Stowe Science Centre without John's expertise and equipment. As ever, feedback from the Stoics was entirely positive and the experience will no doubt kindle some thoughts of degree courses in related fields.

Rory Akam, Head of Science

The New Servery

The start of the Michaelmas Term saw the opening of the new and improved servery to Stoics. With easier flow, increased choice and quality of food, modern presentation and enhanced comfort in the dining rooms, this really was a welcome development.

The catering department produces over 2000 meals a day during term time and with a system and equipment that hadn't been upgraded for 20 years it was time to modernise things.

In 2006, plans were drawn up to improve the servery and overall catering provision, particularly with the planned increase in pupil

numbers. When these were approved in January 08, work began immediately. The Garter Room and old servery were closed, the floor coverings were replaced and the new, state of the art equipment installed.

Visitors to meal times now have a brand new dining experience, with a vastly increased choice of food, free flowing queues and more space. There are three hot choices, a soup cauldron, an extensive salad bar, a new pasta bar, and both hot and cold desserts available. The queuing system has been cleverly re-designed to minimise crossover and has been quickly adopted by the community.

The old servery, now affectionately known as 'the snug' has a number of smaller, more intimate tables to sit at whilst dining continues into the State Room and on into the Temple Room. The long tables remain, but the benches have been replaced with chairs which offer more comfort and flexibility.

Geoff Higgins, the Catering Manager, has received some very positive feedback from staff, pupils and even parents!



Rotary Design Competition

Back in March the Design Department entered the 2008 Design & Technology Tournament held at Aylesbury College. Twelve schools were represented across three categories (basic, intermediate and advanced). Stowe entered four teams of four students (three A-Level and one 3rd year group). There was stiff competition and all teams worked very hard.

Stowe did very well, winning first and second place overall in the advanced class. The second placed team overall in the advanced class also received the award for best Design portfolio.

A big 'thank you' to Alex Eve for organising the event.

Overall Winners: Emma-Claire Bailey, Luke Davison, Henry Longton, Joshua Low

2nd Overall (and best Design Portfolio): James Hale, Rowley Barclay, Natalie McDaid, George Beaty

Stowe Designers Reach Top Ten in the Country

The Design Department is delighted to have heard from Edexcel that two Stoics achieved outstanding performances in their Design and Technology examinations, being amongst the highest scoring candidates in the country this summer:

Mark Goodenough (Bruce) was in the top ten out of 3,355 candidates in his AS Design and Technology: Product Design exam.

Sam Hunter (Bruce House, Head Boy last year) was in the top ten out of 2,796 candidates in his A2 Design and Technology: Product Design exam.

This is a great achievement and a wonderful result for all the hard work put in by the Stoics and staff in the Design Centre throughout the year. Many congratulations to both boys.

Fitchett & Woollacott Student Design Competition 2008

The Design Department is extremely pleased to announce that it has achieved another success in a national design competition this year. James Hale (U6 Chatham) came third overall in the A-Level category with his desk design in oak. There were over two hundred entries and James should be congratulated on this wonderful achievement. Well done to James and his teachers (Mr Wellington and Mr Grimble).

David Ardley, Head of Design





Branson Scholars

We are nearly one full term into the inaugural year of the Branson Scholars scheme, through which five children from Johannesburg are given the experience of a year's education at Stowe.

As the feature article in the Daily Telegraph described in mid October, this is a journey that is exciting not just for the five students, but for their fellow pupils and staff at Stowe. The Headmaster confirms the pioneering nature of the scheme: *"Other English public schools have had exchanges, but not to my knowledge on this scale, and not where each pupil has been fully funded."*

The five pupils were chosen following a selection process that was both rigorous as well as sensitive to the demands that would be placed on the fortunate pupils. During his trip to Dominican Convent School in Johannesburg, the Headmaster chose 2 boys and 3 girls that he believed would be sufficiently robust, adaptable and deserved to be given the opportunity of benefiting from the scheme.

We are indebted to Mike Parsons, who is providing the funding for 4 of the 5 students: his motivation for initiating the scheme is described in this year's Campaign for Stowe Report. We are very grateful, too, to Richard Branson for his personal endorsement and to Virgin Unite – and particularly to the sets of guardian parents who answered the call for help in looking after the children during exeat, half-terms and the Easter holiday.

The scholars themselves seem to be relishing their time at Stowe:

"Coming to Stowe for the first time was an unforgettable experience. Life here over the last two and a half months has been amazing. I must say seeing snow for the first time has just put the icing on the cake!" (Khamuka Moloji)

"My time here at Stowe has been, and always will be the most memorable experience in my life. Since I set foot in this place I have been learning new things – every day feels like the first because of the hospitality that I have received from all the Stoics." (Vusi Nyhila)

2008 Academic report

This summer's A Level results saw Stoics achieving an excellent 63% AB grades at A Level. Those of you with copies of 2007's results (or super memories) will recall that while 2007 remains Stowe's 'best ever' year, 2008's results maintain the gradual rise in AB grades seen in the past few years and we are delighted with the achievements of Stoics and hard-working staff. Congratulations to the two Stoics, Anna Jackson and Gabi Fidanova, who each achieved 4 A Grades, and also to a further 13 Stoics who each achieved three A grades at A Level: Conor Curtis; Ell Horrocks; Sam Hunter; Nick Johnston; Grace Lavelle who also achieved an A in AS Further Maths; Nella O'Brien; Pat Ramsey; Eloise Ramage Hayes; Lucy Rankin; Jess Waddington; Gus Wiseman; Humphrey Wood.

At AS Level, Stoics gained 55% AB grades with over eighty units with 100% marks. Harry Burke and Elena-Manja Kasche each got five; Lucy Brooks got four; Luke Porritt and Harriet Nicholls, three each. We are particularly proud of the following current U6 Stoics: Thea Dorenberg achieved 1 A grade A level and 5 A grade AS levels; Laura Grossick achieved 1 A grade A-level and 4 A grade AS Levels; Lucy Brooks achieved a Distinction at AEA level as well as 4 A grades at AS level; Peter Chong, Charlotte Everitt, Will Hunter, Olivia Johnston, Elena-Manja Kasche, Natalie McDaid, Luke Porritt and Max Porter all achieved 4 A grades at AS Level. These are outstanding foundations for even greater successes at A Level in 2009.

Outstanding A*/A grades at GCSE were achieved by James Elliott with 11; Balthazar Mattar with 10; and

Cully Curwen, Henry Raikes, John Goldingham, Lucy Milburn, Jarvis Prestidge and Alexander Lindsay with 8. A number of the new L6 Stoics also achieved excellent GCSE grades which bodes well for the new AS exams next summer. Overall, however, GCSE results were disappointing with only 34% A*/A grades though we anticipate and expect higher grades next summer.

This year, in line with other leading public schools also protesting at the tyranny of Government League Tables, we did not publish our exam results in the press. It is interesting to note that only one complaint about this was received by the Headmaster which suggests that many of our parents have also come to regard the League Tables as somewhat irrelevant to education. We are, however, statutorily obliged to publish our results in Government Statistics in November each year and although we await a few re-marks still, the above statistics will be sent to the DCSF by the time you read this. It should also be reassuring to the wider Stowe community that, although we do not currently have an official means of measuring our Value Added, some of our A Level successes this summer of Stoics who entered Stowe in 2003 with comparatively low C.E. marks have achieved good A level grades. We are proud that Stowe continues to support and encourage individual Stoics to achieve their best, to whatever level.

Crispin Robinson,
Deputy Head (Academic)

Anacreon Society

The Anacreon Society was originally formed back in the 1970's at Stowe. Anacreon (570 BC- 488 BC) was a Greek lyric poet, notable for his drinking songs and hymns. The Society was conceived as a 'fine dining' society where good food, good wine and good company combined to make the perfect evening. The Society consisted of a brace of staff members plus 8 to 10 Stoics from the sixth form. Each meal was cooked by a pair of the members and was hosted at a different venue each time somewhere within the Stowe estate.

Philip Pitcher (U6 Chatham) and David Ardley (Head of Design) have joined forces to reinstate

the Anacreon Society for 2008 following an absence of almost 20 years.

The inaugural meeting was held on the 4th October and was hosted by Judie Gracie (Housemistress Lyttleton) with Crispin Robinson (Deputy Head) as the first guest of honour. Mr Ardley and Phil Pitcher prepared and cooked the inaugural meal and a wonderfully enjoyable time was had by all the members.

David Ardley and Phil Pitcher



From the Chairman



As we approach the end of another active year for the Society it is, perhaps, for those of us who were at Stowe in the 1960s and 1970s, a time to reflect on the sad news of Robert Drayson's recent death. We remember and admire him

for his strong leadership and direction during an extraordinary time of change in society and the school.

Our year has, again, been full of activities and I have pleasure in mentioning a few of the highlights:- the 50th anniversary lunch with 80 attendees, the Old Stoic reunion day (1975-1985) in September which attracted over 300 people, the 25th anniversary dinner with 76 in attendance and a reunion for Old Stoics in Australia. The hugely successful Roger Hodgson (Grenville 68) concert at Stowe in July attracted over 2,500 people with many Old Stoics returning to Stowe, some for the first time in many years. Our thanks go to Andrew Chance (Chandos 71) and the school for arranging such a memorable evening. It is very heartening to see more and more Old Stoics reconnecting with the School and our thanks go to Tim Scarff and the Old Stoic office for all their hard work in making this possible.

We look forward to another full programme of events in 2009. The Old Stoic Dinner will be held at Inner Temple on Thursday 7th May 2009. Ticket prices will be £55 per head to include a Champagne Reception and wine with dinner. It is a new venue and we very much look forward to seeing you there, so please book early. Following on from this year's successful event at the House of Lords for Old Stoics in Law, we are also planning a similar event in London for Old Stoics in Property.

As the Society becomes busier with more events appearing in the calendar, we welcome any support from Old Stoics who would like to contribute, either organising events or becoming involved in the planning and future of the Society. If you feel you would like to be involved please do not hesitate to contact Tim Scarff or me.

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year,

John Arkwright (Cobham 69)
(john.arkwright@jarkwright.co.uk)

Ronnie Adams (Walpole 37) Stowe Master 1948-78



Died, aged 89, at his home in Bedfordshire on 13 March 2008.

Ronnie was born on the day before Armistice in 1918. He entered Walpole in 1932 and rose to become Head of House. He went straight on to Trinity College, Cambridge in 1937 to read modern languages. But, his student career was interrupted when war was declared at the end of his second year. He was drafted into the REME and reached the rank of Captain before returning to Cambridge in 1945 to complete his

degree course. He was invited by Roxburgh to return to Stowe to teach French. Ronnie's approach to teaching was anything but conventional. His lessons were said to be interesting, fun, noisy and unpredictable! But he got results. The same was the case in his relationships with Stoics, especially those who came under his charge when he returned to Walpole as Housemaster in 1960. When he was elevated to Second Master by Bob Drayson in 1974, his individualism and sense of humour endeared him to the rest of the School as well. His popularity seemed to come to a climax in the final chapel service of the summer term of 1978 when a massive banner appeared across the nave, 30 feet above the congregation, on which was simply inscribed – "GOODBYE RONNIE and THANK YOU".

Chapel Quiet Space



It was once a dumping ground for the random detritus that any unused space inevitably attracts. It is the area immediately to the left as you enter the Chapel, and I wanted it to be a useful space. An Old Stoic, John Wates (Bruce 60), had a few years ago offered to mark his ordination by making a gift to the Chapel and it was exciting when he agreed that this space should be his gift. I contacted the artist, Mark Cazalet (Grenville 82), about the idea of engraving a glass screen that would demarcate the space and received an enthusiastic response. Mark had found faith during his time at Stowe, and this was a project he very much wanted to work on, not least because it was providing precisely the kind of quiet haven that

he would have loved to have had access to when he had been a Stoic. Neither of us wanted the space to be a Chapel, and crucially for us, it is not in the Chapel itself and in Old Testament parlance, it might be seen as a Court of the Gentiles. My particular desire is that those who use it will contemplate their lives as they lie ahead of them. Stowe is an excellent preparation for life, but what will that life be? My favourite Psalm is the 32nd. Verse 9 says "Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by the bit and bridle or they will not come to you." To me, this encapsulates all I think a school ought to aspire to in its education – pupils leave equipped and ready to tackle the world without the hands on guidance required of children.

Mark, for the engraving, chose the preceding verse from Psalm 32: "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you."

BUT, a glass screen on its own would be of little use, and so more Old Stoics were roped in. Mary-Kate Edwards (née Lyell, Lyttelton 97) drew up how she thought the seating ought to be arranged, and Jeremy Walker (Temple 03) created some technical plans and suggested how the lighting ought to look.

Simon Saunders (Temple 74) then constructed the seating itself, and Sally Drummond-Hay, stalwart of Stowe Parish Church and mother of two Stoics (Simon and Caroline), sorted the upholstery, and that, as they say, was that.

Our collective prayer is that this quiet space might in some way be used by God so that all who come here will also, in due course, discover this reality for themselves.

The Revd Robert Jackson, Stowe Chaplain

Old Stoic Sailing 2008



The Old Stoic Sailing Association was out in force at the Arrow Trophy in October. The weather was glorious and sunny but a little short of wind. The able crew under helmsman Bill Tyser (Walpole 75 and racing helm virgin) sailed the boat through all the races without retirement, mishap or breakage. Endless consumption of pies and beer was interrupted on occasions to hoist the spinnaker, trim sails, shout at Radley etc. We were so busy enjoying ourselves that we were only mildly surprised to find that we finished last out of 23 boats racing. We'd love to hear from any Old Stoics who might be interested in taking part in the Arrow Trophy or other sailing trips. If interested please email: geoff_m_brown@btinternet.com

Geoff Brown (Grafton 74)

Old Stoic email list

We are very pleased now to be in contact with over 3,500 of our members by email – providing timely bulletins about School and Society news and events. It is a service enjoyed and welcomed by many. If we do not yet have your email address, we would be delighted to add you to the list (you can unsubscribe at any time) – please email us at oldstoic@stowe.co.uk



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I owe a lot to Stowe School; it guided me on my path to my lifelong goal of adventure seeking and travel. Since leaving in 1996 I tell you I have LIVED!

I've explored 17 countries in Europe and Eastern Europe in a 27 year old Bedford Camper Van. Covered the beautiful South American continent, walked with lions in Africa and lived in South East Asia, Australia and the USA. I have been to five of the seven continents. I've been shot at; robbed, hassled, hustled and stranded. I know how to fly a plane and I am a professional diver – diving with man-eating Bull Sharks and whale sharks before breakfast beats the hell out of a coffee. I have climbed mountains and met countless characters along the way....and I'm not even thirty!

Fuelled by talks from adventurers visiting Stowe, my interest in travel and seeing new cultures started at the age of 17 back in 1995, when thanks to the McElwee award, I was sent off with a fellow Stoic Mark

Wates (Walpole 96) to explore Russia: 'Following the last footsteps of the Tsars.'

I have learnt much about the world, its people and cultures on my way, and I owe it all to travel, but I have always had one travel philosophy. There must be a purpose. A goal to work towards: so you can demonstrate achievement. Any one can buy a plane ticket and sit getting drunk on a beach, but after the tan fades and the hangover has gone you have nothing. Spend time somewhere, integrate with the local community: but have a reason for being there. Come back with more than you set out with (because it certainly will not be the case financially).

This year, drawing inspiration from this and my previous travel experiences, I decided to launch a GAP year company – www.Xtreme-gap.com spotting a gap (no pun intended) in the market, Xtreme Gap focuses on adventure sports in exotic locations: purposeful

and fun travel. I want people to travel, broaden their horizons yet come home with experiences and qualifications they can use. Invest in themselves if you will.

Examples include learning to fly in South Africa and achieve your Private Pilot's Licence. You can train and stay at a resort neighbouring the Kruger National Park – run by Henrietta Atkinson (née Bolland, Lyttelton 96) – surrounded by hippos and crocodiles in the African Bush.

Or become a Dive Master on a tropical island in Thailand. After the 3 month training schedule you'll be a fully confident diver able to lead dives down to 30 metres, equipped with the knowledge and ability to rescue other divers and earning money in a professional diving capacity.

The net result is you will have made a difference in your year off. You'll have a qualification and will have spent time getting to know the local culture, made new friends, had heart stopping moments and had the adventure of your life.

So if you are considering taking a gap year – do your research, question your goals (and cue the shameless plugging): pop by our website.

Oliver Bray (Walpole 96)

A classic setting for classic cars

Bright sunshine sparkled off polished chrome as competitors on the HERO Summer Reliability Trial parked up around the North Front on the morning of Thursday, 24th July. For most, it was their first visit to Stowe and judging from their reactions, the wonderful setting and magnificent buildings worked their accustomed magic! The sight and sound of a Templars' cricket match underway added to the atmosphere of the typical English summer's day.

Crews had about half an hour here before setting off for lunch at the



Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon, with an afternoon route taking them through the picturesque villages of The Guitings and surrounding countryside, returning for the night to Malvern before a further two days of rallying.

The Historic Endurance Rallying Organisation (www.hero.org.uk) runs a number of events for classic

and historic cars, including the infamous LE JOG – Land's End to John o'Groats – which takes place each year at the beginning of December. The routes for all HERO's UK events are planned by John Wood (Grenville 58); John is already planning next year's Summer Trial and hopes to make a return visit to Stowe with perhaps more time for crews to see the house.

Seeds for Sid

Rod Woodruff, Stowe parent and film maker, is working towards funding and shooting his own feature film in part at Stowe. The screenplay 'Seeds for Sid' is a rights of passage story between a retired Battle of Britain pilot and his unique relationship with a young boy; Charlie. Rod intends to involve pupil, parents and staff in the movie at a later date and is currently

seeking private investors. Both Director and Producers intend the film to be the first project shooting in the summer of 2009. They are confident of the film's success and have several other films to their slate. Interested parties should contact Rod for details of the investment package – RWTMP@aol.com

Great OS Families

Of all Stoic producing families, the Haywards, headed by Sir Jack, have recently become one of the most prolific: Sir Jack himself (Grafton 41); his son Jonathan (Grafton 76), and seven grandchildren – Alexander [Heath] (Grafton 97); Rupert (Chatham 98); Giles (Grafton 98); Francesca 'Munchie' (Nugent 00); Nicholas [Heath] (Grafton 01); Jack 'Bertie' (Grafton 13); Rosie (Queen's 11).

A Stoic Effort at the Olympics

It is a quite an achievement for one school to have three former pupils and one former member of staff in the ranks of Team GB and even more so for the overall Chef de Mission to be an Old Stoic – Simon Clegg OBE (Chatham 78) at his third summer Olympics in this role.

Meanwhile Mike Rossiter (Cobham 85) was at his first in his role as team doctor to the men's and women's hockey team and Marilyn Okoro (Lyttelton 02) at her first Olympics competing in the 800m and the 4 x 400m relay. Dave Collins, former member of staff at Stowe, was also there as head of UK Athletics. As everyone knows, Team GB achieved their best medal total for a century but also teams and individuals exceeded their expectations despite not managing to get on the podium. Marilyn finished a very credible 7th in the 800m (just narrowly missing out of the final) and helped the women's 4 x 400m team to 5th place in the final. The men's hockey team finished 5th overall, despite being ranked 9th for the competition and the women finished 6th having had a ranking of 10th. Both teams are good prospects for medals in 2012.

"It was great to meet up with all the Old Stoics and even though none of us were at the school at the same time (except Dave Collins) we all had a common bond and were all keen to get a 'team OS' photo! The overall experience was fantastic at what was probably the biggest and best organised modern Games. All sports within Team GB were very supportive of each other and it was great to share the celebrations of all the medal winners. The Hockey team was in the same apartment as the almost unbeatable Cycling team. Their achievements only provided positive encouragement for everyone else. The venues were excellent and very well supported and who can forget the spectacular Opening and Closing ceremonies at the very impressive Birds' nest stadium. Bring on London in 2012!!"

Mike Rossiter (Cobham 85)



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.

Email your entries to oldstoic@stowe.co.uk or post them to Old Stoic Office, Stowe School, Buckingham, MK18 5EH.

Mr Lance Burra-Robinson (Bruce 35) Lance was elected to Honorary Life Membership of the False Bay Yacht Club, Simon's Town, of which he has been Commodore. He writes that his life is best typified by a cartoon in which a man is lying on a beach; His friend says, "What are you doing?" Man, "Nothing." Friend, "But you did that yesterday." Man, "I hadn't finished."

Mr Doug Howell (Temple 38) Doug attended a reunion in June and marvelled at the renovations, the breadth of the academic curriculum, the high standards expected from students, and the leadership of the Headmaster. He congratulates the founders of Stowe and its wonderful teachers past and present!

Mr Gordon Darling (Grafton 39) For 16 years Gordon and his wife, Marilyn, have been involved in the creation of the National Portrait Gallery in Canberra. Marilyn has been Chair for the last eight years and he is the Founder Patron. The new stand-alone National Portrait Gallery building will be opened by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd on 3 December 2008.

Mr Edward Nettlefold (Bruce 40) Edward and Angela celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on 2 June 2008. He is grandfather to Harry Nettlefold (Temple 02).

Dr John Kessler (Bruce 44) The two foundations which help with the training of religious leaders, especially in the Third World keep him busy. During the summer he helped translate a children's Bible into Spanish for use in the Caribbean.

Mr Stuart Perry (Cobham 44) Stuart enjoying retirement on top of Pen-y-Fan (Breconshire Beacons).



Mr David Elliot (Cobham 47) David is to attend the annual luncheon and AGM of the High Sheriff's Association at the Drapers Hall in London. He was the High Sheriff of Staffordshire in 2000/1 and will be eighty next June.

Mr Richard Cox (Temple 48) Richard has resigned from the Alderney States (Parliament) this year in order to become what may be the oldest Stoic postgraduate student. In April he enrolled at King's College, London to pursue a Doctorate on his great, great grandfather, William's, role in Australia's very early development. He remains a member of the Council of Patrons of CARE International UK.

Mr Derek Nightingale (Chatham 49) Derek is an organist and choirmaster, now in two churches. On November 9 he will have played for an expanded village choir in a performance of the Fauré Requiem, interspersed with readings appropriate for Remembrance Sunday.

Col Geoffrey Norton (Chatham 49) Geoffrey organised a trip to France for people who had relatives in the York and Lancaster Regiment who took part in the battle to relieve the village of Haspres on 13 October 1918. The party included Rear Admiral R G Melly (Cobham 71) – grandson of the Adjutant of 1/5 Y&L.

Mr David Shepherd (Chatham 49) David Shepherd's wildlife foundation, judged in a poll as being one of the most successful and popular wildlife charities in the UK, has just passed the £4m mark, concentrating its funding on education and fighting the illegal trade in body-parts of endangered mammals such as the tiger, the rhino and the elephant. David continues to do a round of fundraising events all over the continent and further, and this year particularly supports the Prince's Trust/Status Quo auction at Bonham's in November. He was awarded the CBE for his services to wildlife conservation in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

Mr David Ash (Grafton 50) David left the Money Market in Sydney and bought a Pub in Canberra. He then had a shot at local politics and was part of the team that won the ACT for the Liberals for the first time.

Mr Colin Campion (Chandos 51) Colin lives in South Africa and has various business interests. He writes poetry (doggerel) and enjoys the grape hugely.

Mr Richard Meredith (Grenville 53) Richard has a property five miles from Saumur in the Loire valley. A warm welcome awaits all Old Stoics – www.lechapy.com

Mr Adam Blandy (Temple 54) Adam continues to be active in Madeira on the family estate playing golf and recently inaugurated the 'Palheiro Village' situated on land below the Palheiro Golf course. The Village is the latest development in the Palheiro Estate which includes a country house hotel, orchid culture, and the well known Palheiro gardens. In 2011 the family firm marks 200 years in business on the island.

Sir Michael Craig-Cooper (Temple 54) Sir Michael has been elected to the Council of the Imperial Society of Knights Bachelors. He is also President of the recently launched charity, The Friends of the Royal Hospital Chelsea, Home of the Chelsea Pensioners www.chelsea-pensioners.co.uk

Mr Clive Muncaster (Grenville 54) Clive conducted The Muncaster Music Makers for the US Premiere of his composition: Benjamin Franklin Frankly, performed in Philadelphia, PA, USA on 8 June, 2008.

Mr Colin Maher (Chatham 55) Colin still teaches English part-time in Zelenograd. The other part of his time is spent holidaying in countries where he can get his Russian visa renewed.

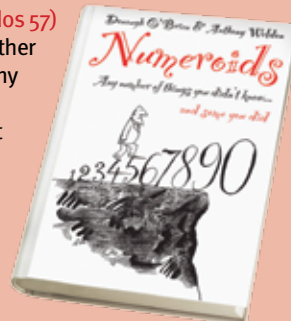
Mr Nick Clayton (Grafton 56) Nick has retired as editor of The Boneshaker, Journal of the Veteran-Cycle Club, after 21 years. He continues to oversee the annual International Cycling History Conference which will have its 20th meeting in New Jersey in 2009.

Mr Simon Ruscoe (Bruce 56) Simon has been resident in South Africa for the last thirty-seven years, he has lost contact with all but one of his Stowe contemporaries.

Mr Lorne Williamson (Temple 56) Lorne married Canadian, Sharon Collins. He is still interested in photography and manages to play Real Tennis and golf – winning the scratch cup at the Old Stoics' summer meeting, some 50 years after first doing so!

Mr Colin McIntosh (Temple 57) Colin is currently in Delhi. He spends much of his time wandering around India with sorties into the jungles of Burma after birds.

Mr Donough O'Brien (Chandos 57) Donough has produced another book called 'NUMEROIDS, any number of things you didn't know...and some you did'. It covers a multitude of fascinating numbers from history, science, culture, warfare, music, show business and sport. It also includes the incredibly low mark he got in Advanced Mathematics! Copies are available to Old Stoics at donough@springobrien.com for £7 plus postage.



Mr Jeremy Cater (Chatham 58) Jeremy edited for publication by Yale University Press (June 2008) a book left in manuscript by the celebrated historian Hugh Trevor-Roper (Lord Dacre of Glanton, who died in 2003), entitled The Invention of Scotland: Myth and History.

Mr Martin Copley (Bruce 58) Martin lives in Australia where he is founder and Chair of Australian Wildlife Conservancy. He is involved in other environmental and sustainability issues including concentrator photo voltaic technology. His two daughters and son are also resident in Australia.

Mr Alastair Hodges-Nugent (Temple 58) Alastair started a wholesale wine shipping business, Alastair Nugent (Vintner) Ltd in 1977. He and his wife, Madeleine, then bought Church Farm, South Harting, which they farmed themselves until 2002. They now employ a contractor to run the farm so they can concentrate on their hobbies and interests.

Mr Mark Gilbert (Temple 58) Mark retired from a career in advertising in 93. He took up art again after a 35 year gap from painting at Stowe. He had an exhibition in London in June of work from his visits to India – www.markgilbertartist.com. He is married to Lois, lives near Chichester and on the Isle of Skye. Has two married children and five grandchildren.



Mr Colin Hughes-Adams (Temple 60) Colin has been resident in Toronto, Canada since 1965, where he went to University. He was subsequently a lecturer in social anthropology for 17 years, followed by mid-life career change and is now a partner in a law firm (Hicks, Block, Adams) specialising in criminal trial and appeal work.

Mr Bob McKenzie (Grenville 60) Bob has now retired and is living in South West France where he rears sheep and enjoys his hobbies of fishing and photography.

Mr Piers Bentall (Chatham 61) Piers is Vice Chairman/ Secretary of St.Florence Village Association, Director of Ivy Tower Village Management in St.Florence (a family holiday complex) and Company Secretary/Director of Islands View (Management) Penally Ltd. – a holiday complex in Pembrokeshire, West Wales – www.pembsholidaylets.com

Dr Marcus Waring (Chandos 61) Marcus continues to look for minerals which is becoming progressively more difficult with advances in indirect methods. He finishes saying "There is no substitute for fieldwork" and fortunately, due to a world shortage of geologists, he has managed to stay in the business long after normal retirement age.

Air Commodore Miles Williamson-Noble (Temple 61) Miles has retired from his second career with the Farriers Registration Council, but is maintaining his links with the horse industry as Registrar of the European Federation of Farrier Associations, and as Convenor and Treasurer of the National Equine Forum.

Dr Michael Spira (Chandos 62) Michael has been appointed Medical Director of Harley Street Advanced Medical Institute, an international group of clinics that specialise in men's health. He is also the author of several best selling books on weight loss.

Mr Christopher Wintle (Chatham 62) Christopher is taking early retirement from his full-time position in the Music Department at King's College, London in September 2009, but will continue there as an emeritus teacher and honorary Senior Research Fellow. He is also Director of a small academic press, Plumbago Books and Arts, for which he recently edited 'Staking Out the Territory' (2008), a collection of writings by the British composer, Hugh Wood.

Mr Rod Sorrell (Grenville 63) Rod now lives in the town of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, USA. His home, with his wife Amy, is on the Rio Grande river where they have their own therapeutic hot mineral spa. Amy and Rod are the authors of 'The Tao Te Ching made Easy' and 'The I Ching Made Easy'. Currently they run a retreat centre, 'Riverside Retreat' and are therapists at the counselling centre in the local hospital.

Mr Richard Davison (Grafton 65) Richard is a Solicitor specialising in the international acquisition and development of inventions, and worldwide patent licensing. He is currently doing IP consultancy work and is a member of the London Medico-Legal Society, and a Liveryman of the City of London Worshipful Company of TinPlate Workers. He still plays squash and tennis at the Wimbledon Club and enjoys organ playing and organ construction.

Mr David Lees-Jones (Grenville 65) David governs Bilton Grange and St Aubyns Preparatory Schools; is a registered Mentor for IAPS; won 'The Best Pre-War Motor-Car' with his Phantom 11 Continental at the recent RREC gathering at Eton, where over 400 Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars were present.

Sir Guy Mackenzie (Cobham 65) Sir Guy has a collection of old, rare and unusual electric guitars which can be seen at www.theguitarcollection.org.uk Also included on his website are the autographs and a photograph of the Beatles when they performed at Stowe in 1963.



Mr David Remington (Grenville 65) David is due to retire in December. He is Bursar of Ripley Court School. His plan is to play more real tennis and have time to enjoy the finer things of life. He and his wife, Jackie, celebrate their Ruby Wedding Anniversary in December.

Mr Michael Earle (Grafton 66) Michael left New Zealand four years ago to take up the position of General Secretary for the Irish Council of Churches, based in Belfast.

Mr Peter Rapelye (Bruce 66) Peter is beginning his fourth year as Headmaster of the Princeton Junior School.

Mr Roderick Swanston (Bruce 66) Roderick was elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Music in 1994, retired from the Royal College in 2004 and was elected President of the Incorporated Society of Musicians for 2008-9. He remains a part-time Lecturer in Humanities at Imperial



College and is a frequent broadcaster, writer and travelling lecturer on many musical subjects.

Mr Charles Freaan (Cobham 67) Charles is restoring damaged photographs for Operation Photo Rescue, whose mission is to repair photographs damaged by unforeseen circumstances such as house fires and natural disasters at no cost to the people who own them.

Mr Jess Miller (Cobham 67) Jess has relocated to SW France near Villeneuve-sur-Lot to complete his self-help book series on major life problems.



Mr Peter Schneider (Lyttelton 68) 'Pete the Beat' is in the music business. He has a studio in Lima where every week he records a music show called 'TOP LATINO'. A chart show similar to the UK Top 40 – www.toplatino.net

Mr John Naumann (Cobham 70) John has left Brasilia and is now in Islamabad.



Mr Richard Westlake (Bruce 70) Richard is the Chairman of Standards New Zealand and has recently been invited by the Chief of the Royal

New Zealand Air Force to join his Air Force Leadership Board, as their independent civilian member.

Mr David McDonough (Cobham 71) On the 1st of May 2008 David became a Commissioner of The Royal Hospital Chelsea, appointed by HM The Queen.

Mr Michael Platt (Chatham 71) Michael is enjoying a sabbatical after selling his firm, Solicitors Own Software (SOS), a business he founded 20 years ago, to his fellow directors via an MBO.

Mr James Sutcliffe (Chandos 71) James Sutcliffe's successful development of the \$200 million private container terminal at DCT Gdansk in Poland last year has led to another venture in the Baltic. Oslo Marine Group, a St Petersburg investment group has just appointed James to redevelop the old Port of Vyborg near St Petersburg into a feeder container terminal with an ro/ro facility. The Group anticipate over \$500M being invested in their new port facilities around St Petersburg.

Mr Christopher Tate (Walpole 71) Christopher continues to direct the Masters Racing Series in motor sport across Europe, when not being kept busy as a Stowe Governor, or as a Sky Sports commentator and pundit.

Mr John Staib (Temple 72) John lives in Somerset and has two children. John Staib Associates, is a management and life coaching consultancy. John's hobby of portrait painting has also developed, having completed 200 portraits in the last 5 years – www.staib.co.uk

Mr Andrew Tucker (Lyttelton 72) Andrew recently moved 'back' to New York after five and a half years in London. He works for Brown Brothers Harriman & Co, a private partnership bank where he is one of 40 partners.

Mr Anthony Ussher (Lyttelton 72) After four years as CEO of the Standard Chartered Bank in Lebanon, Anthony has moved to the bank's Middle East regional office in Dubai where he is Head of Audit for the Middle East, Africa and Pakistan.

Mr Andrew Kennon (Grenville 73) Andrew is now Clerk of the Journals, a senior procedural post in the House of Commons.

Mr Andrew Mackay (Temple 74) Andrew is a director of International Insights and is currently advising the Department of Civil Service, Abu Dhabi, on corporate communications.

Mr David Scowsill (Temple 74) Following executive roles with British Airways, Hilton, Minit Group and Opodo, David has built an extensive network in Private Equity and Venture Capital, working on specific deals from seed capital stage to €4.5m buyouts. He provides strategic consulting to travel clients and is currently Chairman of Yuuguu.com and Director of On the Beach Holidays.

Mr Mark Samuelson (Chatham 74) Mark recently appeared on Mastermind, taking as his specialist subject the life of Thomas Cochrane – the role model for Captain Hornblower.

Mr Christopher Drake (Walpole 75) Christopher is busy as a volunteer in the non-profit/charity field and has recently completed a paper that was presented at a UNESCO meeting of experts on education and cultural diversity. He also runs a few professional development workshops for teachers on values-based education in Indonesia and China.

Dr Simon Green (Grenville 75) Simon is a GP in Solihull (Senior Partner in a 6 partner practice) and also doing aeromedical repatriations from all over the globe – accompanying patients taken ill abroad who need a medical escort to get home.

Mr Thomas Outerbridge (Chatham 75) Thomas is still not healed after breaking his neck on Father's Day, 1984. But with positive thinking, meditation, faith and thanks for your prayers, he hopes to walk again soon.

Major General William Cubitt (Temple 76) William is General Officer Commanding London District and Major General commanding the Household Division, based at Horse Guards.

Mr Andrew Clarke (Bruce 77) Andrew is currently based in the UK working for Esso Petroleum as General Counsel. His work has mainly focused on major transactions; however, he is more involved in management and arbitration at present and has recently been appointed as a Director and member of the Court of the London Court of International Arbitration.

Mr Lance Dalzell-Piper (Chatham 77) Lance is Senior Vice President at Edgewood Partners Insurance Centre in San Francisco. He is married with three children.



Mr Frank Egerton (Temple 77) Frank continues to teach, write and run an Oxford library. He became Chair of Writers in Oxford in May 2008.

Mr Philip Graves (Grafton 77) Philip has been working in the financial sector since 1987 for a firm called Resolution which, in November will be renamed Ignis Asset Management. He is an Investment Manager on the UK desk.

Mr Angus Green (Grenville 77) Angus lives in Darwin, Australia. He got an honours degree in Canberra, Australia and then a PhD in Anthropology, and is currently working in Sarawak, Borneo with the Rio Tinto mining company.

Mr David Horlock (Walpole 77) David is a Director at Marshall Warburton, a financial services Headhunting firm in the City, specialising in the Equities markets for investment banks and brokers.

Mr Dominic Samuelson (Lyttelton 77) Dominic is pleased to be renewing his acquaintance with Stowe now that his son, Charlie, has just started in Chatham.

Mr Christopher Harris (Bruce 78) Christopher has two companies, Material Connection Ltd which is Anglo-Chinese and sources the production of various products in the Far East for the European markets. The second business is The Listed Building Consultancy Ltd, specialising in all aspects of historic building conservation from planning law, through liaison with local authorities to full project management.

Mr John Lawrence (Temple 78) John was invited to present his paper 'Assessing several tropical pasture species for use as leys within cropping systems in southern Queensland' at the 14th Australian Society of Agronomy Conference in Adelaide last September. As a consequence, he was invited to their next conference in NZ in 2011.

Dr Charles Montgomery (Chandos 78) Charles is working as Consultant Psychiatrist for Devon Partnership Trust in the Specialist team for early psychosis. He is also a medical member of the Mental Health Review Tribunal which hears the appeals from patients who are detained in hospitals. He runs a small holding with a herd of red Devon cows.

Mr George Phillips (Grafton 78) George lives in Hampton Court with wife, Charlotte, 3 children plus dog, cat and a Mark 2 Ford Cortina 1600E. He now runs Enco Products Ltd – Europe's largest manufacturer, importer and distributor of Caribbean Food and Drink.

Mr Michael Bell (Cobham 79) Michael set up as a Racehorse Trainer in 1989 and has now trained over 900



winners, including MOTIVATOR (2005 Epsom Derby). Married to Georgina and has three children.

Mr Mark Berger (Grafton 79) Mark is Director of Alfagates Group, a reconstruction and oilfield services business. Resident in Iraq. Home in Goodwood, West Sussex.

Mr Jonathan Carroll (Temple 79) Jonathan has been Headmaster at St Piran's Preparatory School in Maidenhead for 7 years. A few pupils have moved on to Stowe and a few Old Stoics have sent their children to St Piran's. His two daughters, Annabel and Georgina, are now 15 and 11.

Mr Tony Kelly (Bruce 79) Tony beat journalists from 20 countries to win the Golden Pen, awarded annually by the Croatian National Tourist Office for the best foreign article about Croatia. He received his award from the minister of tourism at a ceremony in the Croatian town of Opatija in June. Tony continues to write about travel for The Times and has recently completed guidebooks to Croatia, Menorca and Istanbul.

Sir Richard Kleinwort (Grenville 79) Stowe can claim to have not one but two of their own on High Sheriff duty this year. Sir Richard Kleinwort, Bt., DL is currently HS of West Sussex while Peter Thorogood (is HS of Stowe's very own home patch of Buckinghamshire. Both were Governors at the same time too.

Major Jim McComas (Grenville 79) Jim is currently the Director of Operations at the 186 Fighter Squadron, Montana Air National Guard, Great Falls, Montana, still flying F-15C's.

Mr Charles Peacock (Lyttelton 79) Charles is running in the New York Marathon for Fairbridge. Based in 15 of the most disadvantaged areas in the UK, Fairbridge supports young people aged 13-25 who are not in education, employment or training – giving them the motivation, confidence and skills they need to change their lives.



Mrs Carolyn Rosso (née Smith, Stanhope 79) Carolyn has spent the last 22 years in Turin, Italy. Last year she moved to Lugano, Switzerland and is in the hotel business, mostly in East Africa and the Indian Ocean. She regularly travels back to Kenya where she grew up.

Mr Charlie Clarke (Cobham 80) Charlie currently has a son in Grafton and a daughter in Nugent and is enjoying the frequent visits to give support on the touch line.

Mr Philip Richards (Temple 80) Phil lives and works in Malta as Head of Microbusiness for Blevins Franks Chartered Accountants.

Mr Christopher Mersey (Chatham 81) Chris is currently a Managing Director of Dresdner Kleinwort in Frankfurt and is married to Cheri, his wife of 12 years.

Mr Charles Hopkinson-Woolley (Temple 82) Charles works for Deephaven Capital Management, a hedge fund with offices in London, Minneapolis and Hong Kong. He has lived in Oxfordshire for the last ten years and is married with three children.

Mr Marcel Ivison (Grenville 82) Since 2001 Marcel has worked for Standard Chartered Bank as Managing Director, Project & Export Finance Asia/Pacific, Corporate Finance Division.

Mr William Marsden-Smedley (Walpole 82) William works for Prime Purchase which is a subsidiary of Savills. He specialises in acquiring prime residential property in both London and the country on behalf of retained clients. His daughter Rosie has just started at Stowe in Lyttelton and his son Alfie is due in Walpole in 2011.



Mr Mark Verrall (Grenville 82) Mark was married to Michela in 1998. They are about to celebrate their 10th anniversary. They have 3 girls who were all born in Dubai, UAE where Mark has been the Middle East MD for a group of Italian companies specialising in luxury interior decoration.

Mr Charles Birtles (Temple 83) Charles, who lives in Hampshire with his wife Liza and their two boys, is an independent Residential Property Search agent – www.cbpropertysearch.co.uk



Mr Christian Castell (Grenville 83) A photo of Charles Birtles, Toby Priestly, Christian Castell and Jonathan Portman enjoying the sun and walks around the grounds at the 1983 Reunion Day. Good time had by all.

Mr Jonathan Portman (Chatham 83) Jonathan trains racehorses on the Berkshire Downs, near Newbury. He has been successful with both flat and jumping horses and in the money at Royal Ascot, Cheltenham festival and internationally – www.jonathanportman.co.uk

Mrs Catherine Trotman (née Trustram Eve, Stanhope 83) Catherine has been living for the past five years in New Delhi, India with her husband, Glenn and three children. Catherine has a Delhi based export business, Inside Trading Ltd (www.insidetradng.com), which specialises in home furnishings and fashion. She also has three lifestyle shops named INSIDE in Hong Kong.

Mr Bobby Verdon-Roe (Bruce 83) Bobby recently won the RAC Tourist Trophy at the Goodwood Revival in a Ferrari 330 LMB. The team were delighted because they have



been trying to win this race for 10 years. The TT is the feature race at Goodwood, and is a 2 driver, 1 hour race.

Mr Rory Alexander (Grenville 84) Rory is based in New Zealand working for the country's biggest construction company near Queenstown.

Mr Valentine Beresford (Bruce 84) Valentine's career has been in commercial property, primarily with Pillar Property Plc where he sat on the main board until it was taken over by British Land Plc in 2006 which is where he now currently works heading up the European side of the business.

Mr Nigel Browner (Chandos 84) Nigel has recently moved from London to Barton Stacey, Winchester. He is a director of a niche house builder called Octagon Developments Ltd and is in the process of setting up a new division to expand the operation acquiring new opportunities in the south.

Mr Richard Carruthers (Grenville 84) Richard has started a series of Thursday evening classical piano concerts at the Notting Hill Community Church and released an album of works by British composer Ian Stewart on his label www.music-chamber.com

Miss Jo da Silva (Stanhope 84) Jo has been nominated a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering. Last year she was made a Director of Arup and leads a team which specialises in sustainable development in developing countries addressing the key challenges of urbanisation, poverty and environmental hazards including climate change impacts.

Mr Nicholas Dalton (Grenville 84) Nicholas founded his own firm in Paris in 2005 and has 2 young children, Alexander and Julia. His brother, James (Temple 86), sadly died suddenly in April 2007 at the age of 39 following a minor operation and is deeply mourned and missed by his family and many friends. Following his departure from Stowe (and an unforgettable mimicry of various masters before the entire school at the annual revue performance) James went on to become a pharmacist and lived and worked in London close to his family and friends.

Mr Will Lund (Walpole 84) Will, his wife and their 2 children live in Kent and enjoy country life, including tennis, golf, football and dog walking. He is a coach on his son's under 7's rugby team.

Mr Neil Pottinger (Grafton 84) Neil is head of sales and marketing for Starkey Laboratories in the UK and Ireland. Starkey is a global hearing aid manufacturer based in the UK in Cheshire where he lives with his wife Allie and two children.

Mr Hugh Taylor (Cobham 84) Hugh runs an integrated marketing agency in London called Grasshopper.



Miss Sonya Winner (Stanhope 84) Sonya lives in NW London with her two daughters aged 9 and 12, 2 chickens and a chocolate neapolitan mastiff. Sonya set up modernphotography.net in 2002 specialising in photographing children and families. She also has a bespoke rug design business sonyawinner.com – one of her rug designs was recently short-listed for an award from Elle Decoration.

Mr Martin Doble (Grenville 85) Martin has been awarded a PhD at Southampton University in the field of Geophysics. He works for the Scott Polar Research Institute at Cambridge University and is on detachment in France.

Dr Rod Fuerst (Cobham 85) Rod is a Business Manager for Roche Applied Science, based in Bangkok with responsibility for DNA Sequencing and Micro Array products throughout Asia Pacific.

Mr Simon Kyte (Chatham 85) Simon works for GLA Economics at City Hall and has moved from Sevenoaks to Tunbridge Wells.

Miss Laura Louthan (Stanhope 85) Laura is Director of IT for Consumer Credit Counselling Services of Greater Atlanta which serves people in financial distress in all 50 states.

Dr Simon Rosselli (Temple 85) Simon weaving his magic in the Music Room at the Roger Hodgson concert. www.amigosmagic.co.uk



Mr Naresh Asnani (Grenville 86) Naresh runs his own business (Trading & Manufacturing) in Nigeria. He shuttles between Nigeria and London where his wife and three children reside.

Mr Guy Harvey (Cobham 86) Guy qualified as an Accountant and then moved into the food and restaurant industry. He worked first for Burger King and then for Conran Restaurants as Finance Director. He is currently Managing Director of EAT, lives in Maidenhead with wife and 4 year old daughter.

Mr Richard Dundas (Grafton 86) Richard has recently had a baby boy called Victor Charles born on 15 August. He lives in Henfield, Sussex and has retired from the Territorial Army after 13 years of service.

Mr Colin Boardman (Grenville 87) Colin is currently based in Milan painting and teaching.

Mr Edward Heard (Bruce 87) Edward is married to Alexandra and has three children. He lives in Bremhill, Wiltshire and works for Jupiter Adria Limited, based in London and Dubrovnik – Developing High Quality Hotel and Tourism business in Croatia.

Mr Richard Hopkinson-Woolley (Chandos 87) Richard has enjoyed another year as Master of the Stowe Lodge, having first done the job in 1997. He became a full equity partner in Berwin Leighton Paisner in May 2007, specialising in commercial real estate law.

Mr Mark Jenkyn-Jones (Chatham 87) Mark is a partner in the law firm Robin Simon LLP specialising in the defence of claims against other lawyers. He has been in Manchester for 12 years and was married to Amanda, two years ago.

Miss Kate Reardon (Nugent 87) Her book, Top Tips for Girls, from the website of the same name has become a bestseller, and at £8.99 is a great stocking filler! It has also become a weekly item on GMTV.

Mrs Louisa Vass (née Morgan, Stanhope 87) Sadly Louisa's father Nigel Morgan (Walpole 57) passed away on July 10 2008. She writes "He was an amazing philanthropist and worked on many local, national and international boards and committees."

Miss Helen Corner (Stanhope 88) Helen, Director of Cornerstones Literary consultancy, is off to Patagonia in January to fulfil a life-time ambition of being a cowgirl. She'll be living in a hut with 50 gauchos, learning how to shoot her food with pistols from the saddle, make fires without matches and sleep under the stars with only a saddle for shelter.

Mr Giles Martin (Lyttelton 88) Giles got married in Ireland in 2006 to Melanie. Michael Appleby (Lyttelton 87) was best man and Huw Thomas (Cobham 87) was head usher. They have a daughter, Eva who has just turned 1. He works as a record producer and music director in London and in February this year won two Grammy Awards for his work.

Mr Osman Asghar Khan (Walpole 89) Osman moved back to Karachi, Pakistan in September of last year to take on the challenge of opening EMC's operations in Pakistan and Afghanistan. He has been with the company twelve years, moving from CFO of Northern Europe to his new sales role.

Mr Charlie Davies-Gilbert (Grenville 89) Charlie was runner up in the Farmers Weekly Diversification Farmer of the Year. 1300 people attended the awards ceremony at the Grosvenor House Hotel. Equally good was his Beachy Head 'Legless Rambler' Ale winning Micro brewery Beer of the Year at this year's Eastbourne Beer Festival.

The Hon Paul Joynson-Hicks (Lyttelton 89) Paul has a one year old baby called Molly and is working as a photographer in Dar es Salaam, Chairman of a charity called Wonder Workshop – www.wonderworkshop.org

Mr Simon Montford (Temple 89) Simon is an entrepreneur in residence at Edinburgh University (within the Artificial Intelligence Applications Institute of the Informatics School) and is working on a web 2.0 auction start-up venture.

Mrs Sarah Faure (née Pollard, Stanhope 90) From left to right – top row: Milly Benyon, Sarah Pollard, Emma Roberts, Belinda Roberts, Lucy Nutley, Nicky Turnbull. Bottom row: Pippa Thompson, Anna Saunt, Antoinette

Hadida, Chloe Walker, Katrina Archibald. Stanhope (90) had a reunion at Stowe in September to mark 20 years since they first arrived at Stanhope. The weekend included a trip to the School and a dinner. Messages were sent from Housemistress Fiona Lockton and Art Master Guy Scott. Their year have remained very close



and are all godparents to each other's children. The only absent member was Jenny Holland who was unable to travel from the US but they have great hopes for the official 20 year reunion in 2 years' time!



Mr Hugh Beattie (Chandos 91) Hugh has just unveiled a painting of Baroness Thatcher. He painted it for the Duke of York's (Royal Military) School.

Mrs Clare Cadman (née Roper, Stanhope 91) Clare and her family moved to Repton this summer after her husband, Mark, was offered the position of Assistant Director of Music at Repton School.

Mr Jason de la Peña (Bruce 91) Jason spent ten years playing professional cricket followed by a brief stint in television advertising. Journalism beckoned and after year long tours of duty in Moscow and Paris, he can now be seen on Sky News as an anchor. He is married to Amrita and a baby is due in January.

Mrs Camilla Field (née White, Nugent 91) Camilla married Jason in May 97, she has 3 children – Connor (10), Bryony (8) and Max (3). She works full time as Marketing Director for Wakefield Grammar School Foundation (QEGS and WGHS).

Mr Mark Flower (Chatham 91) Calling all Old Stoics in Japan – Mark is the Regional Sales Director for Intercontinental and would like to organise a dinner at the ANA InterContinental Hotel, Tokyo on Friday 23rd January at 7pm. Please get in touch via mark.flower@ihganahotels.com if you can make it.

Miss Alison Howard (Nugent 91) Alison is engaged to Keith Arnott, who she met indirectly through Old Stoics – Nicola Morrison and Charlotte Wilson (both Nugent 91).

Mr Nayal Khan (Grenville 91) Nayal lives in Dubai and is responsible for the Middle East equities sales and trading business for Citigroup Global Markets – he was recently married.

Mr James Snyder (Bruce 91) James is currently involved in computer programming, System Administration, defending Open Source, playing musical instruments well, and composing music. In his spare time he has trained in the martial arts of Capoeira, Judo, Kung Fu, and Tai Chi. He also practises shooting, Zen meditation discipline and is fluent in five languages.

Mr Angus Watson (Chandos 91) Angus is a freelance journalist, writing mainly for the Financial Times and Daily Telegraph. He lives and works by the Thames in Fulham, London – www.guswatson.com

Mr Harry Pearl (Temple 92) Harry was married to Caroline Salisbury 2 years ago and is currently running the London office for an American Investment Bank called Rodman & Renshaw.

Mr Gautam Punj (Chatham 92) Gautam graduated from the London School of Economics with an LLB (Bachelor of Laws). He is currently a Director in his family firm Lloyd Insulations Ltd, based in New Delhi, India.



Mrs Emily Ritchie (née Beckerleg, Nugent 92) Emily is a 'stay-at-home' mother of 3 – Abigail Cameron (5), Sarah Campbell (3) and Catherine Michele (4 months). She lives in Montreal with husband, Jamie.

Miss Anthea Roy (Nugent 92) Anthea works as a freelance project manager, currently producing an art installation for Carsten Holler in association with Fondazione Prada, opening London Nov 08 and the MTV Europe Music Awards in Liverpool.

Miss Virginia Holmes (Stanhope 93) Virginia co-designed the Make-up and Hair on Danny Boyle's latest film



'Slumdog Millionaire' shot in India at the end of 2007. Slumdog Millionaire has just won the 'People's Choice Award' at the Toronto Film Festival.

Miss Anna Huckvale (Stanhope 93) Anna lives in Bucaramanga, Colombia, and is currently setting up an import/export company with her partner Nelson.

Mr Alex MacDonald-Vitale (Bruce 93) Alex is the Political & Public Affairs Officer to the British Embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Mr Rory Magee (Chandos 93) Rory is currently working for a business jets company that provides both managed aircraft, fraction ownership and jet cards for business professionals.

Mr Christian Mahood (Grenville 93) Christian was married to Sarah-Jane in December 2005 and in December 2007, had a baby boy Toby Maximilian. Having spent years as a City lawyer he is now working in global legal recruitment.

Mr Nicholas Strunck (Lyttelton 93) After several years working for various investment banks in Paris, and the last 3 years working for Dexia Asset Management in Brussels & Paris, Nicholas is now starting a new role at Lazard Asset Management in London.

Mr James Whitehead (Bruce 93) James has packed in his job in the City to become an Ambulance Technician.

Mr Seton Daunt (Cobham 94) Seton is lead guitar in a rather successful band called Fictionplane touring in the US with Snoop Dogg – www.myspace.com/fictionplane

The Viscount Hereford (Chatham 94) A gathering in London to celebrate Tony Meredith's 70th Birthday. Old Chathamites met at Chez Gerard on Dover Street on the 9 October. From left to right in the photo they were: Robert



Margossian, Robin Hereford, Mike Foster, Guy Weller-Poley, Charlie Clare, Max Konig, Nick Janson, Tristan Hoare, Tony Meredith, Nick Tissot, David Laffan, Anna Meredith, Rupert Maxwell-Brown, Heather Meredith, Rupert Calvocoressi, Justin Shasha, Giles Smith-Walker, Richard Wethered. The evening was a great success, the perfect opportunity for Tony to catch up with our news and us his.

Annual Dinner & AGM 2009

Thursday 7th May, The Inner Temple Hall, London.

Champagne Reception from 7.00pm in the Parliament Chamber followed by a three course meal in the Main Hall

Tickets: £55 each

Incorporating the Champagne Reception, Three Course Meal *and* Wine.

Old Stoics are welcome to take whole tables of 10 or we will happily seat you with those from around your time at Stowe, if you are attending alone.

For tickets and enquiries contact: oldstoic@stowe.co.uk

Book early to avoid disappointment. There will be a separate wine list and a cash bar available during the evening. The AGM will be held at 6pm.



Mr Tom Harper (Cobham 94) Tom was married in March to Ruth Grey. He is involved in a film with Kevin Spacey called Telstar to be released early next year.

Mr Matt Mahoney (Walpole 94) Matt is an ultra-athlete and has competed in the Night Day Marathon, Tring2Town, 50 Mile Challenge and Tooting Bec 24hr Marathon. He hopes to run in Marathon des Sables and the Gobi March next year.

Mr Daniel Scott (Chandos 94) Daniel is an artist and tutor working in Barcelona – www.danielscottart.com

Mr Matt Newnham (Temple 95) Matt lives in Norwich and works for a law firm called Birketts LLP, practising employment law.

Mr Chris Harrington (Walpole 96) Chris runs his own landscape gardening business in London. They are in their sixth year and currently have a design being considered for the Chelsea Flower Show!

Miss Virginie Paessler (Nugent 96) Virginie has relocated to Phuket in Thailand and is the Marketing Manager for SEA Properties International, Phuket's top real estate company.

Mr Louis Aslett (Temple 97) In 2005 Louis sold the business he founded and ran for 7 years in order to pursue his real love of Mathematics. He returned to Trinity College, Dublin to finish his undergraduate studies in the subject. This year he graduated with first class honours and was awarded a postgraduate scholarship by the Irish Research Council to pursue a PhD in Statistics also at Trinity College, Dublin.

Mr Pierre Fel (Chandos 97) Pierre works for a global executive search firm called CTPartners. He is a headhunter specialising in senior appointments in the insurance sector with a particular focus on bringing talent to and from AsiaPac.

Captain Matthew Nicoll (Temple 97) Matthew is the Operations Officer for the Household Cavalry Regiment based in Windsor. He has served in Kosovo, Iraq and more recently in Afghanistan.

Miss Charlie Rollo-Walker (Nugent 97) Charlie will be returning from Vietnam in December to live in London

where she will run her business – www.arightcharlie.com

Mr Christopher Vane-Tempest (Chatham 97) Christopher and his girlfriend climbed Kilimanjaro to raise money for Cancer Research.

Mr Henry Craik-White (Chandos 98) Henry is currently working in London for Blue Mountain Capital having left RBS in November 07. He was recently engaged to Katy Macdonald and is due to marry in August 09 in Cheshire.



Mr Tom Sleater (Chatham 98) The second annual Stowe Templars' Hertzza Garillos Golf Tour successfully toured Portugal this year. The following Stoics were in attendance Tom Sleater (Chatham 98), Charles Saunders (Cobham 98), James Lane (Walpole 95), Nick Oldridge (Grafton 01), Matthew Bazeley (Chandos 92) and Ed Clark (Cobham 01). For further details email NickOldridge@hotmail.com

Mr Hugo Chance (Grafton 99) Hugo has recently moved from Knight Frank to help set up a new company called Botiga. Known as a luxury retreats club, it offers members shared ownership of luxury fully staffed properties in some of the world's most exciting locations.

Miss Sarah Dalby (Lyttelton 99) Sarah lives in Doncaster and is an Advanced Skills Teacher for Secondary Science, working for the Emmanuel Schools Foundation.

Miss Laura McMaster (Nugent 99) Laura has recently qualified as a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries. She is working in the General Insurance field at Lane Clark & Peacock, a consultancy based in Mayfair.

Mr Rob Mills (Grenville 99) Rob has been living in Denmark for the past 2 years and currently works for IBM providing support for the financial sector.

Miss Vicky Bell (Nugent 00) Vicky was engaged in March whilst wingwalking. Serrol Osman (Grenville 96) proposed



using a 10x5m sign on the airfield below. The wedding is planned for September 09 with many OSs in attendance.

Miss Samia Brahim (Nugent 00) Samia was promoted from Police Officer to Detective in the NYPD. She joined the Police in July 2006.

Dr James Pegrum (Chatham 00) James completed a medical degree at Royal Free and University College Hospitals in 2006 and is now training to be an Orthopaedic Surgeon. He is also studying a Masters in Sports and Exercise Medicine and the club doctor for Brentford Football Team.

Miss Philippa Newman (Lyttelton 00) Philippa is based in Dubai and works for Caparo Plc., developing the Gulf for their construction, steel, trading and interiors businesses. She did an MA at Durham in Intl. Rels in the Middle East.

Mr Andy Comber (Grenville 01) Andy works for Edgerley Simpson Howe & Partners, a firm of Chartered Surveyors specialising in out of town retail warehousing. He is based in the Asset Management team where he is involved with acquisitions, development, lettings, rent review and asset management.

Miss Hannah Durden (Nugent 01) Hannah is a Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and works for Farebrother in London advising commercial landlords and tenants.

Mr Ed Hackett-Jones (Temple 01) Ed Spent two months in New Zealand making wine and has returned to the UK to take up a new role with Seckford Fine Wines – a broking and storage company. He is in the Private Clients Reserves' department.



Mr Gene Kindell (Cobham 01) Gene is a freelance member of Norrlands Operan (on violin) and in November will tour the UK with ITV's stage show 'A Night At The Opera' starring Jonathan Ansell (from G4).

Mr Amir Amirsadeghi (Cobham 02) Amir is in investment banking and has been for the past two years.

Mr Alex Dietz (Chatham 02) Alex works in London for Barclays Global Investors.

Mr Malcolm Riley (Bruce 02) Malcolm works for a church in Oxford – helping people who want to find out about Jesus Christ.

Mr Ben Sanchez (Chandos 02) Ben graduated with a BSc in Chemistry from Exeter and then took his MSc in Chemical Research at UCL. He is joining BP in the new year.

Mr Alex Tate (Temple 02) Alex has returned from working in the US, and has taken a job in fund management at Cazenoves, which he enjoys, and describes as "an interesting time to join the markets."

Mr Ed West (Grafton 02) Ed graduated with a BA in Architectural Technology from Southampton Solent University. He works for Knight Frank's Rural Building Consultancy in Hungerford as an Architectural Technician.

Mr Merlin Hanbury-Tenison (Temple 03) Merlin is back out in Afghanistan, in Helmand Province, on his second tour of duty in as many years. He is a Forward Air Controller and no longer a tank commander.

Mr Christian Roe (Walpole 03) Christian is an actor. Having graduated from LAMDA in July he went to Sweden to film an episode of 'Wallander', playing Jonas Landahl opposite Kenneth Branagh. He has recently finished a BBC4 Film drama 'Walter's War' playing the part of William Cooper.

Miss Julia Wolfe (Lyttelton 03) Julia was awarded a first from Newcastle in Architecture in 07.

Miss Laura Gaze (Nugent 03) Laura graduated from Northumbria University in central Newcastle with a first



class BA honours degree in Contemporary Photographic Practice.

Miss Caroline de Peyrecave (Nugent 04) Caroline has just returned from three years at Charles H. Cecil Studios, Florence and is setting up as a portrait artist – www.carolinedepeyrecave.co.uk

Mr Charlie Sanchez (Chandos 04) Charlie graduated with a BA in English/Spanish from Exeter and has just started with Zed Media, an advertising agency in central London.

Mr Matthew Dalton (Bruce 05) Matthew, graduated from Nottingham University with a degree in Management with Asian Studies, and has now taken up a Business Development role at BAE Systems.

Miss Hayhurst-France (Lyttelton 05) Laura was awarded a first from UCL in History of Art.

Mr Edmund A T Jones (Grafton 06) Edmund studied English at Worcester College, Oxford and was awarded a

distinction and 17th in the Year. He is Worcester College's only current triple scholar (instrumental, choral and academic).

Mr Hugh Viney (Grenville 06) Hugh is in his second year at UCL studying Classics. He is directing 'Frogs' by Aristophanes at the Bloomsbury Theatre in Bloomsbury with six performances over three days in February next year.

Mr Edward Colville (Grafton 07) Edward is at Newcastle University studying English, Philosophy and Management.

Births

Mr Gratian Yatsevitch (Chatham 67) Gratian and Monica



had a boy, Gratian Michael Alexander Yatsevitch IV in Fairfax, Virginia.

Mr Mark Dudley (Lyttelton 83) To Mark and Aude Dudley, Mathilde Josie Alessandra born on 5 September 2008; a little sister for Juliette and Charlotte.

The Revd Edward Coombs (Chandos 84) To Edward and Annabelle Coombs, Flora Neve Coombs, born on 31 May 2008, a sister for William and Lizzie. Flora's Godfather is Julian Hobday (Chandos 84).

Mrs Jane Waddell (née Miller, Stanhope 84) Spike James Waddell was born on 27 July 2007 to Jane and Adam, a brother for Buster.

Mr Richard Searby (Cobham 86) To Richard and Helen, a daughter, Lucy Anna, on 28 March 2008, a sister for Alex.

Mr Huw Burford-Taylor (Grenville 88) Huw and Anna are pleased to announce the arrival of their daughter, Verity Tallis, born 26 May 2008.

Mr Bryn Hesketh (Temple 88) Bryn and Ailsa had a baby daughter on 29 April 2008, Emilia Katherine Grace.

Mr John Ffooks (Chatham 89) Charlotte Elizabeth Tihary Ffooks was born on 1 September 2008.

Mr Will Fraser-Allen (Grafton 89) Will and his wife Fabienne – the arrival of two sons Pierre Michael Fraser-Allen born on 14 October 2007 and Jacques Thomas Fraser-Allen born on 16 September 2008.

Mrs Selina Noton (née Flynn, Nugent 89) Selina and Stuart are proud parents of Tabitha Imogen Jemima, born on 18 April 2008.

Mrs Lucy Stapleton (née Cooper, Nugent 89) Lucy and Martin are pleased to announce the birth of their third daughter – Skye Lily on 23rd April 2008 – a sister for Molly and Darcey.

Mr Ben Whitfield (Grenville 89) Ben and Heidi had a baby boy born on 10 October 2008, Charlie Benjamin, a brother to Willow.

Mr Jon Piggott (Temple 90) Jon and his wife Kathryn are pleased to announce the arrival of their first child, Liam Ernest was born 10 July 2008 in Sydney.

Mr Alexander Thomson (Cobham 91) Our daughter, Clementine Shields Thomson was born on 17 June 2008.

Mrs Nanette Spence (née Rasch, Stanhope 92) John and Nanette are delighted to announce the birth of

Columbus John Spence on 30 September 2008, born in Perth, Western Australia, a brother for Amelia.

Mr Jack Utley (Chandos 93) Jack and Emily had a baby boy, William Alexander Richard Utley, born on Saturday 6 September 2008.

Mrs Rachel Bruins (née Beer, Stanhope/Lyttelton 94) Rachel and Jonathan had a baby girl, Isabella Emily, on 10 August 2008 weighing 9lb 7oz. Sister for Abigail.



Mr Rupert Calvocoressi (Chatham 95) Rupert and Alix Calvocoressi (née Stuart-Bruges, Nugent 95) had a son, Theodore Ion Douglas Calvocoressi 16 January 2008.

Miss Sophia Chambré (née Calvert, Lyttelton 95) Sophia and Tom (Grafton 95) had a baby boy, Jonathan on 2 May 2008.

Mr Mark Williams (Bruce 95) Mark's son, Percy was born



on 13 April 2008.

Miss Leila Chaves (née Brahimi, Nugent 96) Leila had a baby girl on the 15 September. Soraya Brahimi Chaves.



Mrs Alice Salt (née Macfarlane, Lyttelton 97) Alice and Tom had a son, Jack born on 11 May 2008. Jack's Godmother is Jane Collingwood (Lyttelton 97).

Miss Sabrina Wolfe (Lyttelton 97) Sabrina had a baby boy, Max.

Deaths

Mr Robert Q Drayson DSC Former Headmaster on 15 October 2008.

Mr Cholmeley Cholmeley-Harrison (Chatham 27) on 18 July 2008.

Mr Peter Coke (Chatham 31) on 30 July 2008.

Dr William Moore (Grenville 31) on 1 September 2007.

Mr George O'Farrell (Chatham 35) in 2008.

Mr Cyril Croft (Temple 36) on 22 July 2007.

Dr Meyrick Emrys-Roberts (Cobham 36) on 29 July 2007.

Mr Ronald Erhardt (Cobham 39) on 15 July 2008.

Mr Richard Carr-Gomm (Cobham 40) on 27 October 2008.

Mr Michael Sandwith (Walpole 40) on 20 August 2008.

Brother Francis Barker (Chandos 41) in July 2008.

Mr John Rofé (Grenville 43) on 25 June 2008.

Mr Hilary Eve (Grenville 45) on 5 September 2008.

Mr Ronald Taylor (Cobham 45) in September 2008.

Mr Kenneth Farrar (Grafton 46) on 6 June 2008.

Mr Arnold Illingworth (Grafton 46) on 22 September 2008.

Mr Derek Irlam (Walpole 48) on 22 September 2008.

Mr Keith Bolton (Chatham 49) on 23 September 2008.

Mr Julian Carnegie (Grenville 50) on 14 February 2007.

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Mr Tim Hammond (Chandos 50) on April 18 2008.



Mr John Melvin (Cobham 51) on 4 August 2008.

Mr Sean Fenwick (Chandos 52) in 2008.

Mr John Harding (Chatham 52) on 4 October 2008.

Air Vice-Marshal Richard Allerton (Grenville 53) on 28 October 2008.

Mr Nigel Eddy (Grenville 57) on 11 April 2008.

Mr Nigel Morgan (Walpole 57) on 10 July 2008.

Mr Stuart Furber (Walpole 60) on 30 August 2007.

Mr Peter Gibson (Grenville 61) on 23 April 2008.

The Hon James Jocelyn (Bruce 62) on 22 February 2008.

Mr Philip Scouller (Chatham 63) on 27 August 2008.

Mr Roly Drower (Grafton 72) on 12 May 2008.

Mr John Fairfax-Ross (Grafton 74) on 16 June 2008.

Mr Hugh Coni (Chandos 85) on 12 August 2008.

Mr Jim Dalton (Temple 86) in April 2007.

Marriages

Mr Chris Manson (Cobham 68) Chris was married to Countess Fiona Sanecka on 17 May 2008 in south west France. Old Stoics in attendance were Chris Walker



(Walpole 67), William White (Grafton 84), Tim Smith (Cobham 84), Simon Walker (Chandos 84) and Peter England (Chandos 54).

Mr John Attlee (Chatham 75) On Saturday 27 September this year John married Ms Teresa Ahern at the Palace of Westminster. He is currently an Opposition Front Bench Spokesman for Maritime and Shipping.



Mr Marc Hope (Cobham 79) Marc and Maggie De La Poer Beresford were married on 14 June at Chelsea Registry Office with the reception at the RAC Club Pall Mall. 7 other Old Stoics attended the day – Sir Colin Hope (Cobham 51), Vincent Hope (Cobham 81), Richard Weston (Chatham 65), Chris Hutber (Chandos 87), Oliver Colville (Bruce 77), John Beck (Grafton 80) and Peter Wolstenholme (Grenville 79).

Mr Rob Adam (Grenville 82) Rob Adam and Miss Clarissa



Edge were married on Saturday 16 August, at St Michael & All Angel's Church in Marbury, Cheshire.



Mrs Dale Timewell Davis (née Saunders, Stanhope 84) On 22nd August 2008 Dale married Brigadier Alister Timewell Davis MBE on board HMS Warrior in Portsmouth. They live in Hampshire with their two sons, Henry 15 and Robert 14.

Miss Pippa Heggie (née Thompson, Stanhope 90) Pippa Thompson married Richard Heggie at Blenheim Palace on Sunday 27 July, other Old Stoics in attendance were



Nicola Sadler (née Turnbull, Stanhope 90), Vicky Nice (née Thompson, Stanhope 92) and Patrick Marshall (Lyttelton 90).

Mr Christopher Pelham-Reid (Grafton 91) Christopher married Maria Aviles Santillana in Madrid, Spain in the summer of 2008. Chris lives in London and works for Lloyds TSB in their head office as business hospitality manager.

Miss Deborah Webster (Stanhope 93) Deborah married Michael Blud on 4 October 2008 in Carmona, Seville, Spain. The bride's brother, James Webster (Walpole 96) and Dan Westinghouse (Grenville 92) were ushers. Also in attendance were Luke Smith (Bruce 95) and Rebecca Hughes (née Smith, Stanhope 93) who was the Matron of Honour.

Mr Rory Vere Nicoll (Chatham 97) Rory and Nix Vere Nicoll (née Frost, Nugent 93) were married on the 7 June. Best man was Rupert Jupp (Chandos 97) and ushers included Toby Dixon (Chatham 97), Tom Lloyd-Owen (Grafton 97), Gary Randall (Temple 97), Tony Randall (Temple 94), Alex De Meyer (Temple 97), Ben Janson (Chatham 97) and Tom Honeyman-Brown (Grafton 97). Siona Tomlinson (née Thompson, Nugent 93) gave the reading.

Mrs Laura Marshall (née Humber, Lyttelton 98) Laura married Robert Marshall on 28 June 2008 at St Mary's East Claydon. Present were Rowena Birkett-Jones (Lyttelton 98), Camilla Clark (Lyttelton 98), Helen Shephard (Stanhope 80), and Richard Prentice (Temple 98).

Miss Olivia Brass (née Armitage, Lyttelton 99) Olivia married Simon Brass on 28 June in Dorset. Present were Harry Girardot (Grafton 99), Charlie Duffin (Cobham 99), Adam Cottrell (Bruce 99) and Rory Scott (Bruce 99).



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Blue & Gold for England

Abby Webb was selected to represent England in the U18 hockey team at the UK School Games. This is a multi-sport event for the UK's elite young athletes of school age. Nine sports are combined into a four-day Games environment designed to replicate the feel of a major event such as the Olympic Games.

Abby scored in England's opening game as England defeated Wales 8-0 and on the second day England notched up a 3-0 win over Ulster. Abby then provided the pass that led to the only goal of game as England beat Scotland 1-0 in the last game of the tournament and secured Abby and England a Gold Medal.



Boys going from strength to strength

Rugby got off to a flying start this term with all but one of our teams recording successes against local rivals Bloxham and achieving a similar feat against Mill Hill. The 2nd XV go from strength to strength and although they have had some nail biting finishes they are still undefeated and sit 4th in the National Schools Rugby merit table. Freddie Forrester leads the side with Hugo Empson leading the try scoring tally.

Although the 1st team have still to find a consistency of form they are still in the Daily Mail Cup and if they get through the next round match against Bloxham it looks likely that they will have a home tie against current Daily Mail School Champions, Wellington College. This would certainly provide a litmus test as to how much progress has been made this year. Northampton Saints Academy player Ronnie Speakman recently represented Bucks U18s with Will Richardson, Will Anthony and Toby Dunipace being included in the County squad.

As Yearlings, the current Junior Colts team struggled to get results as teams were often significantly bigger in physique. This season they

have only lost 3 of their 10 fixtures thus far and like the 1st XV are still in the Daily Mail Cup, drawing Warwick School at home in the 4th round. Captain Cameron Roberts is the leading try scorer in the school with 11. Several Yearlings have also joined the Daily Mail Cup U15 squad and have made valuable appearances, notably, Oscar Page, George Jones, Jake Olley, Tristan Phipps, Will O'Callen Smith and Angus Morton.

The Colts, too, have made a promising start to their season. They are catching up many of their counterparts from other schools. Having lost comprehensively to Oakham and St. Edward's in previous seasons they went down to a solitary score against Oakham and drew with St. Edward's recently, frustrated only in the sense that they felt they ought to have won both matches. Ben Roe recently stepped up to play for the 1st XV and Gus Hopewell has been selected in the East Midlands U16 squad for their County Championship campaign.

The Yearlings have made a bright start to their Hockey term beating RGS High Wycombe, Loughborough Grammar School and Mill Hill.

They also drew with The Leys who are notoriously strong in this sport. The year group looks to be one of the strongest for a while and judging by the names already mentioned, several are making contributions across a variety of sports.

In swimming, 5th former Sam Strutt goes from strength to strength and has already broken two school records in the free style and butterfly. He narrowly missed out on the National time trials but it is hoped he might get a second crack of the whip later in the year. The swimming team has enjoyed victories over Mill Hill, Berkhamstead and in the Intermediates, Cheltenham and Bradfield.

Mr Johnson reports that the junior squash team looks very strong in training this term and he hopes that this will translate into some very positive results when the competitive term starts after Christmas. The arrival of twins Casper and Josh Dickinson has strengthened the Cross Country squad. Both 3rd formers have already represented the school this term.

Alan Hughes, Head of Boys' Games

Girls winning record

Girls' sport at Stowe has risen to a higher echelon to the one I inherited on my arrival in September 2005. The dedication, enthusiasm, commitment and talent of all the coaches who are constantly working hard to improve the standards and inspire the girls to go on to achieve bigger and better things, deserve to be proud about the latest Stowe Hall of Fame:

We have come a long way in a short period of time. September 2005 saw the first group of girls enter the school as juniors and 3 of those original 13 are now representing their county sides at U17 and U19 level. Special mention must also go to a 4th member of that year group, Francesca Hutt, who narrowly missed out on being selected for the U19 county lacrosse team. Francesca also happens to be our top swimmer despite only being 15 and has strengthened our intermediate squad this term with her decision to compete in her own age group. She is busy preparing to challenge for one of the top swimming scholarships offered by Millfield School, Somerset. As much as we would hate to lose her, we are keeping our fingers crossed that she has a successful scholarship day at one of the top swimming academies in the country.

Our senior hockey teams have started the term well, with the 1st team having scored victories over Princethorpe (5-1) and even more impressively against Royal Latin (8-1) in the semi final of the county cup. At the other end, our U14s have a winning record so far with defeats against Pangbourne (6-0), Akeley (1-0), Wellingborough (4-1) and St. Edward's (3-0).

Our lacrosse teams started slowly, but brilliant performances by the senior teams at the Midland Schools left both of them narrowly losing by one goal in the semi finals. Our 1st and 2nd teams were the only teams on the day to draw with the winners, Wycombe Abbey. Our U14s have won their only match of the season so far and our U15s have their first trophy winning their division at the Berkhamsted 8s.

Jayne Duckett, Head of Girls' Games

U18 England Hockey:	Abby Webb	(Nugent U6)
U17 N.Ireland Netball:	Louisa Dobbs	(Queen's L6)
U17 Bucks County Hockey:	Romy Skinner Zara Nicholls	(Nugent L6) (Lyttelton 4th)
U15 Bucks County Hockey:	Loch Trevor Laura Welford	(Lyttelton 4th) (Queen's 3rd)
U14 Bucks County Hockey:	Georgie Leech	(Queen's 3rd)
U19 Bucks County Lacrosse:	Henny Gladdle	(Queen's U6)
	Vicky Elliott	(Nugent U6) <i>Co Captain</i>
	Becky Elliott	(Nugent U6)
	Georgia Lowther	(Nugent U6)
	Georgie Saunders	(Nugent L6)
	Jose Brake Rebecca Elliott	(Lyttelton 5th) (Lyttelton 5th)
U19 Midlands 1st Team:	Vicky Elliott Jose Brake	(Nugent U6) <i>Captain</i> (Lyttelton 5th)
U19 Midlands 1st Team:	Henny Gladdle Georgie Saunders	(Queen's U6) (Nugent L6)



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Roger Hodgson Takes The Long Way Home...

Roger Hodgson, the Old Stoic who went on to become the legendary voice of Supertramp and composer of the band's greatest hits, returned to Stowe after forty years to give a remarkable performance that will be remembered for a very long time. Two and a half thousand people including parents, Old Stoics and their families – from as far as Australia, America, the Middle East, and all over the British Isles – gathered on the South Front on the final evening of the summer term to celebrate the occasion.

After a very strong performance by Stoic band Artbeats, Roger came on stage to a prolonged and thunderous reception, looking genuinely moved by the whole occasion. During the two hours that followed, he played all the songs that had made Supertramp so famous, including 'It's Raining Again', 'Breakfast in America', 'Dreamer' and 'The Logical Song' (written about his time at Stowe). He spoke movingly about his long awaited return to the School and how much the



event meant to him. After several encores he finished with another classic version of 'Give a Little Bit' which received a prolonged standing ovation.

The concert was produced by Chance Organisation, led by Andrew Chance (Chandos 70) pictured above, who had played drums for Roger in his final year at Stowe. We are extremely grateful to Andrew for inspiring Roger to return to Stowe, and to all those Old Stoics and parents (led by Chris and Emma Wightman) whose sponsorship of the evening made the whole event possible.

A share of the profits has been donated to the Campaign for Stowe.

40th Anniversary Reunion, Saturday 19th April 2008 at Stowe

"Many thanks for giving us such an excellent and enjoyable afternoon and dinner to celebrate 40 years on. We much enjoyed the professional tours of the Grounds and House and exchanging reminiscences with some old friends."

Paul Hall (Temple 68)



50th Anniversary Reunion, Wednesday 17th September 2008 at Stowe

"What an excellent idea it is to invite the 'boys' who left 50 years go, so that we can revisit the School, old friends and special places from all those years ago. I must say I am most impressed with what has been done at Stowe – the renovations to the House, the amazing transformation of the grounds by the National Trust and the vibrant atmosphere of the place. The visit awoke many happy memories."

Alastair Hodges-Nugent (Temple 58)



Old Stoic Reunion Day (1975-1985), Saturday 27th September 2008

"In my days at Stowe, we were reminded of J F Roxburgh's assertion that any boy who had been to Stowe would be imbued with a permanent appreciation of beauty. He was, of course, quite right. It is heartening to see that, in spite of the fundamental changes which have taken place in the intervening years since my generation left, the ethos of Stowe and its core modus vivendi are robustly in effect. My sincere thanks for a quite wonderful day."

James Burton-Stewart (Bruce 77)



25th Anniversary Dinner, Saturday 4th October 2008 at Stowe

"It was good to see Stowe in such good shape. The years rolled back in the company of some delightful reprobates of '83."

Roger Potter (Former Housemaster, Grenville 79-88)



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.

17 January 09	Open Morning – Lower School (13+ entry)	07 May 09	Old Stoic Annual Dinner & AGM
17 January 09	Robert Quedsted Drayson DSC MA Service of Thanksgiving	16 May 09	Open Morning – Lower School (13+ entry)
26 January 09	Music Scholarship – Assessment & audition	23 May 09	Speech Day
1-3 February 09	Roxburgh (An 'All Rounder' award) Scholarship assessment	13 June 09	Old Stoic Open Golf Tournament
2 February 09	Sport Scholarship Assessment Day	7 July 09	Roxburgh Society Lunch (Stowe)
4 February 09	Art Scholarship – Portfolio & practical test	18 – 26 July 09	Templars' Cricket Week
23-25 February 09	ISEB Common Academic Scholarships	19 September 09	Open Morning – Upper School (16+ entry)
23 February 09	Academic (Stephan) Scholarship Assessment Day	19 September 09	Old Stoic 25th Anniversary Reunion Dinner (Year group of 1984)
14 March 09	Open Morning – Lower School (13+ entry)	23 September 09	Old Stoic 50th Anniversary Reunion Lunch (Year group of 1959)
22 March 09	Old Stoic Cross Country Run	03 October 09	Old Stoic Reunion Day (Year groups 1986-1996)
18 April 09	Old Stoic Regional Reunion Dinner	10 October 09	Old Stoic 10th Anniversary Party (Year group of 1999)
25 April 09	Open Morning – Upper School (16+ entry)	TBC	Old Stoics in Property
25 April 09	Old Stoic 40th Anniversary Reunion Dinner (Year group of 1969)		