

# THE Column

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Painting: Pieter Brueghel the Younger, Summer. Exhibitor: Johnny Van Haeften;

## Celebrating Stowe: The Grosvenor House Art & Antiques Fair, 14-20 June 2007

The architectural wonders of Stowe have been the inspiration behind the epic transformation of The Grosvenor House Art & Antiques Fair, Britain's most prestigious art and antiques fair, which this year will undergo a spectacular redesign from leading UK interior designer, David Bentheim. The idea is to create a totally modern and minimalist environment to complement the fantastic diversity of works of art on display by taking a different country house or historic building each year as the 'brand' for the Fair.

Shades of Robert Adam, Vanbrugh, Gibbs, Kent and Soane will be evoked throughout the Fair, from the entrance on Park Lane to the superb elliptical ceiling in the Marble Saloon which will be produced as one huge ceiling within the Great Room. This massive screen-printed ceiling will be clearly visible from the aisles creating an intimacy as well as grandeur and clarifying the space.

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## Launching Stowe's New Website



As some of you will have already seen, our new website is now up and running. While the site still has all the familiar sections, you will see that it has an entirely new look and feel, and the majority of content has also been rewritten and re-organised. You will find new information and functionality in many of the areas – for parents, Old Stoics, Campaign supporters and House visitors.

Please do visit the site and let us know what you think. This is the first phase of the website's development, once this has settled and we have assessed the initial feedback we will be working on further enhancements to the site.

Happy searching!

## Farewell to our Chairman

Stowe's Speech Day (26 May) was a day of mixed emotions as we said farewell to the Chairman of Governors, the Right Honourable the Lord Lyell of Markyate (Grafton 57), and welcomed Christopher Honeyman Brown (Grenville 66) as his successor. After Stowe and Christ Church, Oxford, Lord Lyell was called to the Bar in 1965 and elected MP for Hemel Hempstead in 1979 and then mid-Bedfordshire in 1983. He served as Solicitor General and Attorney General under Lady Thatcher and then John Major, winning the respect of all parties for his judicious and impartial advice. He has been a

Governor of Stowe since 1991 and Chairman of the Governors since 2001. It would not be an exaggeration to say that Lord Lyell has presided over a period of greater change at Stowe than at any time since JF was Headmaster. He has championed the partnership with Stowe House Preservation Trust and the National Trust and supported the drive to raise academic standards while extending co-education across the whole School. The Headmaster paid a personal tribute to Lord Lyell's indefatigable efforts and wise counsel and wished Lord and Lady Lyell great happiness in retirement.

## Hepworth to Hockney to Hirst

From the beginning of the Summer term we have been delighted to host a major exhibition of Art in the Marble Saloon by 30 highly renowned British artists, entitled 'Hepworth, to Hockney to Hirst'. The exhibition has been curated by Caroline Wiseman Modern and Contemporary Art and we are enormously grateful to her for the opportunity to display works of such stature in this magnificent setting. This represents a very significant educational venture to enable Stoics to see such a range of artworks at first hand, until the exhibition closed on May 26, making a vibrant contribution not only to those studying Art at Stowe but to the cultural enrichment of the School as a whole. It is a very significant achievement for a school to be able to display these works in such a professional manner and the whole community has felt the excitement of enjoying these works at Stowe. It is, without doubt, the most important group exhibition of artists' work to be displayed at the School since it was founded.

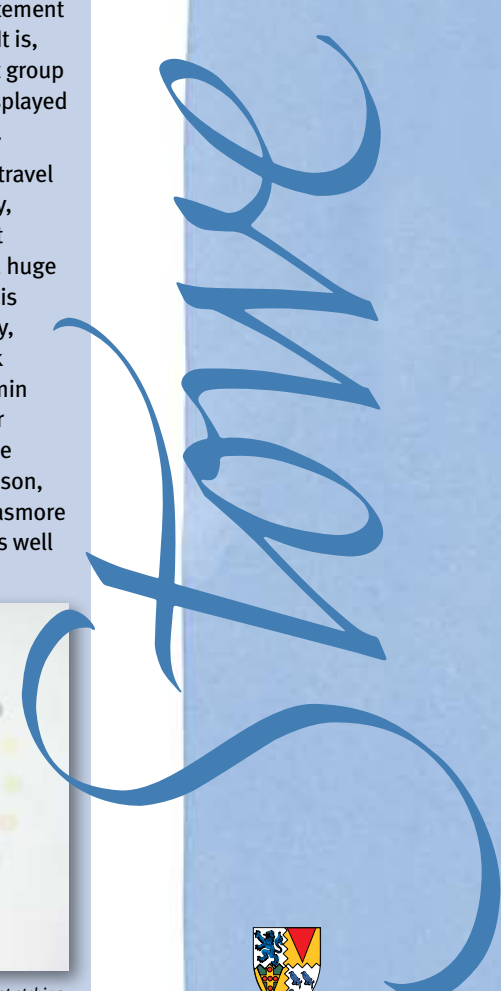
During the year the exhibition will travel to other venues around the country, including the Aldeburgh Festival. It features the same 30 artists with a huge range of visual interest, from Francis Bacon, Lucian Freud, Grayson Perry, Henry Moore, Bridget Riley, Patrick Heron, John Hoyland and Tracey Emin to name but a few. A work by Victor Pasmore was also exhibited and we were especially pleased to see his son, professional photographer John Pasmore (Chatham 60) at the private view as well as the many others who attended.



Above: Damian Hirst; Ciclopirox Olamine 2005. Spot etching with 61 different colours on each of the 61 spots

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Painting: Raoul Dufy, Le Casino de Nice aux deux Vasques. Exhibitor: E&R Cyger

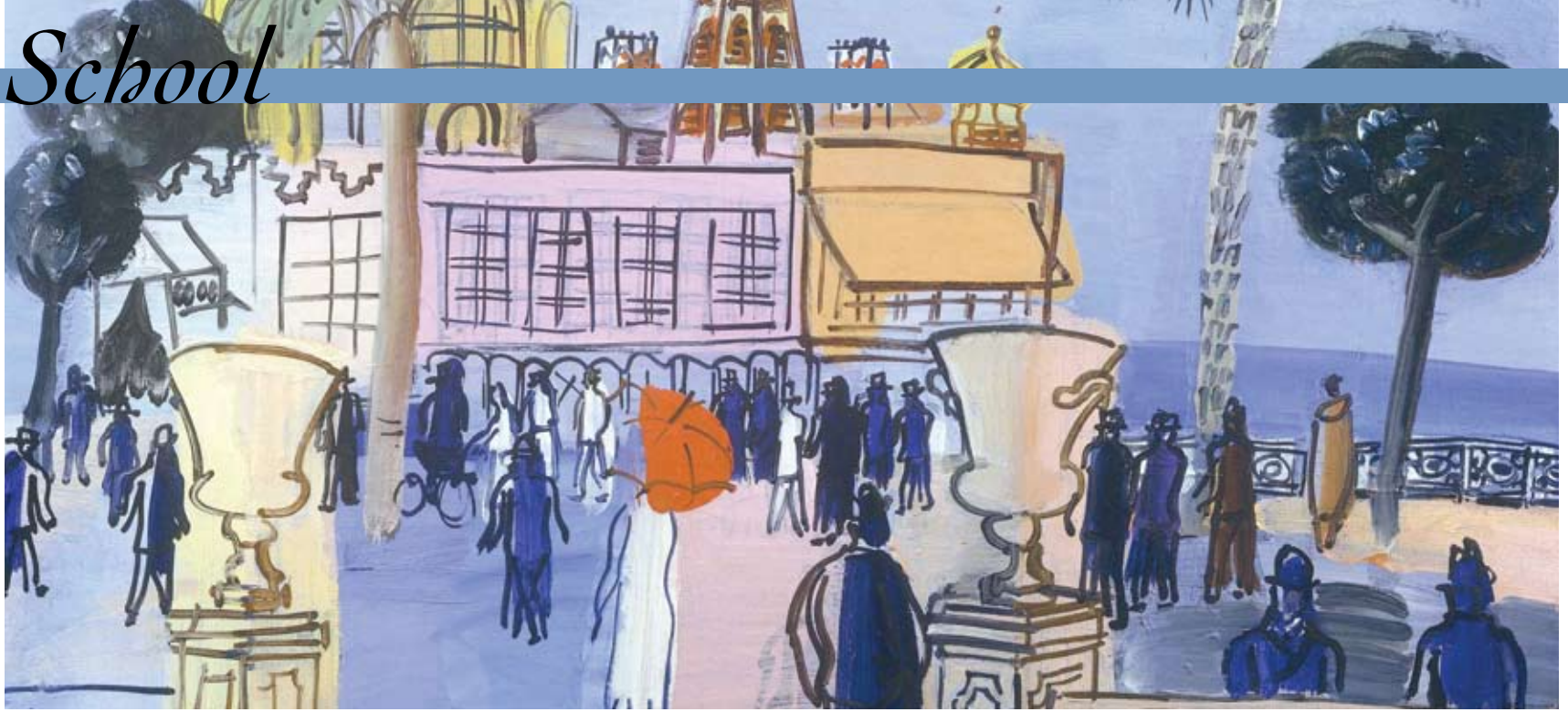


Photo: George I, Walnut chair back settee. Exhibitor: Hotspur Ltd



Photo: Japanese Cloissonne vases. Exhibitor: Kevin Page Oriental Art



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Different photographic images from Stowe will be used in other areas throughout the Fair thus providing those who know Stowe with the opportunity to see the wonders of this magnificent building and its gardens reproduced in a completely new and unique setting. For instance a panoramic curve of images will lead visitors into the Fair, while translucent printed voiles of the fabulous panelling in the State Music Room at Stowe will be hung at intervals around the Balcony, creating impact and mystique.

At this year's Fair, which takes place from 14 to 20 June at Grosvenor House on London's Park Lane, 88 leading dealers will offer for sale a stunning array of jewellery, furniture, paintings, silver, textiles, glass, modern art, books and antiquities worth an estimated total of £500 million. Although some works of art cost millions of pounds, other pieces are on sale for as little as £200 and collectors, shoppers and those wanting to furnish their homes stylishly can all find something at this most celebrated art and antiques fair.

Another highlight of the Fair is the Charity Gala Evening, which will take place on Thursday 14 June. The benefiting charity this year is Coram, which has been working with deprived and disadvantaged children since 1739. The Grosvenor House Art & Antiques Fair, which has always attracted well-heeled visitors, has equally always been aware of the need to help those who are less privileged.

Grosvenor House has always been associated with great works of art. The building that once stood on the site of the present hotel in Park Lane, Mayfair was home to the Earls of Grosvenor from 1806 and their art collection, including Thomas Gainsborough's famous Blue Boy, hung in a specially constructed gallery. After the First World War the family sold the house and in the late 1920s it was replaced by what remains one of Britain's most iconic hotels.

In 1934, just five years after the hotel opened its doors with a glamorous party that would set the standard for years to come, the first Grosvenor House Art & Antiques Fair was held and to this day continues to attract leading collectors and buyers from around the globe. This year the Fair celebrates 70 years of royal patronage, since it was first granted by Queen Mary, a keen collector, in 1937. Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra became the Fair's Patron in 2003, following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

Combining tradition with modernisation is a skilful task, particularly when dealing with an institution as revered and loved as The Grosvenor House Art & Antiques Fair. The glorious backdrop of the richness of Stowe's architecture will perfectly set off the new minimalist stand design, blending the past with the future and offering something very special to all who are associated with and know Stowe.

**In light of this exciting association with Stowe, the Organisers of the Fair are offering Stowe Column readers the following ticket offers:**

**Private Preview:**

Wednesday 13 June, 11am-9pm

The Private Preview is the most exclusive day of the Fair. It is largely by invitation only and is held the day before the Fair opens to the public. Some 2,000 of the world's top private collectors, museum directors and curators and interior designers will be present. The Fair Organisers are delighted to offer a discount on Private Preview invitations reduced to £50 per person, from £65. These must be purchased in advance by calling the Fair Office on 020 7399 8100 and quoting 'Stowe Private Preview Offer'.

**General Admissions:**

14-20 June, 11am-6pm daily  
(15 & 18 June 11am-8pm)

If you are not able to attend the Private Preview on Wednesday 13 June, the Fair is open to the public from 14-20 June. The Fair Organisers are also delighted to offer a discount on General Admission tickets reduced to £12 per person, from £16 representing a 25% saving. These can be purchased either in advance by calling the Fair Office on 020 7399 8100 and quoting 'Stowe General Admission Offer' or are available at the Fair upon presentation of this article.

The Private Preview invitations and General Admission tickets each include one copy of the Fair's Handbook which will feature a specially commissioned article on Stowe. Should you wish to purchase a copy of the Handbook in advance of your visit to the Fair, please contact the Fair Organisers. Advance copies of the Handbook are available from early May and cost from £20 including post and packaging.

## What PSHE is all about

At Stowe we take the welfare of our Stoics extremely seriously and as a complement to the excellent House-based pastoral care, there is a well-established and expanding programme of PSHE. For those unfamiliar with educational jargon, PSHE stands for Personal, Social and Health Education. Our programme at Stowe, organised by Peter Last who combines PSHE with his role as Head of Geography, is wide-ranging and information is delivered to Stoics using a very simple model. Every term each Year Group will consider a range of topics. Wherever possible, an expert in a particular field is invited to Stowe to deliver a presentation to Stoics. The following week, individual Tutors then pick up on the issues raised by the speaker using resources provided on the School's intranet.

Some of the topics that Stoics have considered during the Spring term include: the 3rd Form heard about the dangers of binge-drinking from a recovered alcoholic;

the 4th Form had a presentation on the importance of self-examination to identify testicular and breast cancers; the 5th Form received a visit from a representative of the organisation 'QUIT' who spoke about the dangers of smoking and the 6th Form had a presentation about the perils of sexual harassment.

The exact content of the programme is constantly updated by Mr Last and Tutors are always provided with sufficient information to enable them to follow-up on discussions in an informed manner.

As Stowe develops as a fully co-educational school, the issues tackled in PSHE will be very important in helping to establish an atmosphere in the School whereby important and sensitive issues can be addressed and discussed in a safe and supportive environment, thus enabling Stoics to make well-informed choices about how they live their lives whilst at School and beyond.

## Business Studies team reach the Finals

In the prestigious national CIMA Management Competition our AS Business Studies team were pitted against some very strong competition and successfully beat hundreds of schools to make the finals. The team undertook extensive research on the national digital market and generated some innovative ideas for 'Butterfly Radio' their fictitious digital radio company. Taking on the role of consultants they investigated finance, marketing, external factors and human resources to make specific recommendations and explain their strategy for success. The final, consisting of four schools making their final pitch, will take place at the Heritage Motor Centre in Warwickshire on 29 June. Our team members are: Edmund Lee, Hugo Wiseman and Azu Nsirim.



## Chess Challenge Success

The British Land UK Chess Challenge has around 2,150 competing schools. It is, however, an individual competition, not a team event. The first round is the School's own club competition and follows tournament rules. Our two qualifiers for the regional event, this year as last, were Natalie McDaid and Thea Dorenberg, currently in the Fifth Form (Natalie was one of the first two Lower School girls to enter Stowe). Our area Megafinal was held at Wycombe High School on Sunday 29 April. Six rounds of 40 minutes, with clocks, were played during the day.

Natalie won the tournament outright and Thea was runner-up, which means that they qualify for the next phase: the southern Gigafinal at Wellington College on the weekend of 7 July. Success in this tournament qualifies for entry to the Terafinal, which will produce the overall winner.

The girls have a track record of chess success for Stowe, and last year led Lyttelton House to a historic victory in the annual Inter-House Chess Tournament.

Steven Thompson, Master in Charge

## Exam Success: Stoics achieve 100% in their A level modules

We are delighted to report these outstanding results:

### Upper Sixth

Nicholas Allen

Design & Technology, Product Design (RM)

Emma Christie-Miller

Geography

Chloe Dorrington – *in two subjects*

Geography and Business Studies

James Elkington

Design & Technology, Product Design (RM)

Patrick Hall

Design & Technology, Product Design (RM)

Hamish Hardie

Government & Politics

Mia Hulla – *in two subjects*

Government & Politics and Religious Studies

Siobhan Keeley

Business Studies

Natalie Scott-Gray

Business Studies

Thomas Stanton

Biology

Charles Thuillier

Business Studies

Joshua Wheeler

Business Studies

Rupert Wynne

Biology

### Lower Sixth

Hope Capurro

Spanish

Winston Reynolds

French

## Carbon Neutral Challenge

The Stern report, the recent publication in Paris by the Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change, news coverage and detailed documentaries about global warming all seem to be pointing to one conclusion: human activity, in particular the burning of fossil fuels and the generation of methane are now causing irrevocable damage to the earth's atmosphere.



This was the background for a timely visit to Stowe by Mr Mike Mason, who works for an organisation called Climate Care ([www.climatecare.org](http://www.climatecare.org)). Climate Care is one of the world's leading carbon retailers. A visit to their website allows you to very quickly and easily calculate your carbon emissions and then, if you choose, to offset these emissions by making a payment to Climate Care. This money is then used to invest in a wide range of carbon-neutralising projects around the world.



Photo: Climate Care

One such project is using offset contributions to provide efficient wood-burning stoves in many LEDCs such as Lesotho. Each stove, because it is designed to burn wood more efficiently, saves 1.5 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per year and also reduces the amount of wood used in the stove by 50%, thus reducing the pressure on forestry resources.

Mike gave a very interesting and well-informed talk to all of our 6th Form geographers and members of the Geographical Society and was not slow to make the link between our individual lifestyle choices and the global problem of climate change. For example, leaving a TV or stereo on standby overnight because you are too lazy to get up and turn it off properly releases an amount of CO<sub>2</sub> that would fill 29 party balloons each and every day. Even boiling a kettle releases 3 balloons worth of CO<sub>2</sub>.

Mike's conclusion was an interesting one because he said that we are currently the wealthiest generation ever to have lived on the earth, we will be the wealthiest generation ever and the future will be determined by the decisions we make today. What car will we choose to drive? How many electrical gadgets will we choose to surround ourselves with? How energy efficient will we make our home and our school?

Clearly, these are challenging questions but the sense of urgency with which we must tackle them was very clearly expressed by Mike in his talk. The challenge is for each of us as individuals, for every household and even for Stowe. Hampton School, London has recently become the UK's first 'carbon neutral' school. Clearly, the nature of Stowe, with the huge mansion and ancient energy systems makes this a difficult challenge for the School, but don't we owe it to future generations of Stoics to at least give becoming carbon-neutral a very good shot?

Peter Last, Head of Geography

## Stowe's Environmental Campaign

Reducing wastage is the prime aim of the Stowe Environmental Campaign. An establishment the size of Stowe uses a huge amount of power and water to say nothing of the teaching, feeding and residential resources. Inevitably there is wastage and we are urging all people connected with Stowe to be vigilant and proactive when it comes to reducing wastage.

Some simple things can be done by us all:

- Turn off the tap when you are brushing your teeth (taps run at approximately 5 litres per minute).
- Turn off music systems and computers off at the wall when they are not being used (some appliances still use nearly 50% of power when on standby mode).
- Get into recycling. Paper, plastic, glass and cans can all be recycled.
- Try and reduce the amount of paper used in printers and photocopies by only printing when absolutely necessary and trying to photocopy things on two sides where possible.

Stowe will be aiming to provide facilities and information for all these suggestions over the coming weeks but we need the support of all the people who use Stowe to help make our campaign successful.

The Staff and Stoics have been collecting mobile phones to be recycled. For each phone collected a tree will be planted as well as the phone either being sent to a less developed country or being disposed of safely. If you have an old mobile phone which you would like to get rid of please leave it at Reception c/o Dominic Mochan. At the time of going to press, after just one week, over 70 phones have been collected from staff and just two Houses.

This is one of a number of schemes which we hope will help reduce wastage in and around Stowe whilst also contributing towards a better environment.

If you would like any further information please contact Dominic Mochan: [dmochan@stowe.co.uk](mailto:dmochan@stowe.co.uk)

## Respecting difference, promoting understanding

On Commonwealth Day, celebrated this year on March 12, Stowe was represented by Adam Charlesworth, Balthazar Mattar, Mark Ioannou and Luke Rust accompanied by Mr Longworth. The Commonwealth is home to nearly a third of the world's population and is made up of 53 member countries, all being represented in the celebration held in Westminster Abbey. The theme this year was 'Respecting difference, promoting understanding', highlighting how the shared values, the principles and practices of everyday life in all the member countries have contributed to the success of the Commonwealth

in spite of conflict and disaster. There were personal testimonies showing how each had been able to contribute to a better and safer society within the area in which they live. Working together had developed a sense of fairness, a real understanding of others' needs and aspirations and a willingness to give of oneself even in the face of real difficulties. The celebration included steel bands, choirs from around the world, traditional singers and dance groups. The day's schedule also included a flight on the London Eye. It was a beautiful day and it was great fun seeing so much of what London has

to offer from a bird's eye view. The memorable trip ended with a visit to Pizza Express where the day came to a very satisfying conclusion.



## Stowe Unblocks the Drains at Rotary Club Design and Technology Tournament 2007



Stowe again took part in the Rotary Club Annual Schools Design and Technology Tournament in Aylesbury College on 27 February. The Tournament is like a mini version of Scrapheap Challenge, or the Great Egg Race. You have to design and make something to a brief given on the day, using materials provided, and then compete with other schools in a final public testing session. It tests skills in graphics, making and technology, as well as inventiveness. It is great fun. About 12 other schools from the



area normally take part. The prize money is split between the school and the members of the winning team. There are generous prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in basic (yrs 7, 8 & 9), intermediate (yrs 10 and 11) or advanced (yrs 12 & 13) teams. This year's challenge was to design and build a means to clear stones from a length of PVC piping, using an electric motor, pulleys, small pieces of jelutong, rubber bands, drinking straws, card, paper and glue, using only simple hand tools. This was difficult because great precision was needed to minimise friction in the bearings and pulley systems.

Stowe's four teams of four put up a strong showing against the other schools. Pictured above, James Bell (Walpole), Ben Paton (Bruce), Elliot Matthews (Cobham) and Mark Goodenough (Bruce), won Second Prize for their skillfully made pipe runner in the intermediate section, each received a £15 gift voucher.



## Prep School Art Exhibition

Open from 14 to 22 March, in many ways it was one of the most successful that we have put on during the last seven years that I have been at Stowe. The overall feel of the exhibition was superb, with a very consistent quality of work from all of the schools that participated. As ever, it was wonderful to see the sheer range and impressive quality of the artwork complement the marvellous setting of the Marble Saloon. I was delighted to see so many of the participating artists at the opening reception of the exhibition with their parents and, in some cases, grandparents too. We were also fortunate to have a gloriously sunny day. A number of the enthusiastic young artists took the opportunity to do some sketches of the grounds and monuments seen from the South Front portico.



Exhibitor from Milton Keynes Prep School

Brian Johnson, Head of Art



## Art goes to New York

New York is home to some of the best art museums in the world, and is now a regular feature in the calendar for Sixth Form art at Stowe. The Metropolitan Museum of Art was first on our list. This is known as one of the biggest and most comprehensive galleries in America, true to its reputation it contains items ranging from the Middle Ages to works examining Freudian psychology. One of the very interesting exhibitions held here was a series of German Portraits from the 1920's, entitled 'Glitter and Doom' which highlighted the changes of society in a post-war Germany. Our next museum was the Whitney Museum of American Art which contains one of the most contemporary collections in New York, a mixture of abstract impressionism and studies on the figure. Next came the Guggenheim, this building consists of a spiral from top to bottom, down which you walk to see the art on display. This unusual design looked amazing from inside and allowed us to easily view the works on display. The main exhibition was entitled 'Spanish painting: El Greco to Picasso', this included old age Vanitas and work from the Spanish civil war. It provided an interesting view into the traditional Spanish culture mixed in with more recent work. The Museum of Modern Art was the last museum we visited. Like the Whitney it contained an extremely contemporary catalogue of art. This included abstract films made by Bill Voila and works by Jackson Pollock, who is so highly praised by the Art Department.

Of course, you can't go to New York without shopping, and so at the end of our first day we ventured to 5th Avenue, whilst the last day was spent in SoHo enjoying all things American.

Dining out each night, we were treated to traditional tacos in a Mexican restaurant which also offered fried cactus (nicer than you'd expect). Japanese was next and although not everyone was pleased the candyfloss machine was a hit. Last but not least was the pizza restaurant which has not changed since the 50's, it served delicious stone baked pizzas.

Whilst working hard relating the visits to our studies, we did have a lot of fun. On behalf of all the Stoics involved we would like to say a big thank you to all the teachers who gave us this opportunity: Mr Johnson, Miss Campbell, Mr Young and extra help from Mr Williams and his wife.

Hope Capurro, Nugent House

## McElwee Trust – supporting travel scholarships

The Trustees of the McElwee Trust which annually awards travel scholarships to L6 Stoics are pleased to announce this year's winners:

**£1,200** to Sam Scott and Harry Farnsworth to study the Olympic sites in Greece.

**£1,400** to Nellie English and Beth Georgiou to study Dutch paintings in Amsterdam and The Hague.

**£1,100** to Daisy Page and Laura Henderson to study paintings in Rome and Florence.

The McElwee Travelling Scholarship was established in 1979 in memory of Bill and Patience McElwee. Bill had been History Tutor at Stowe for many years, but both had given much of their time, energy and attention to several generations of Stoics who were fortunate enough to benefit greatly as a result. Travelling Scholarships are awarded to two or more Stoics in their final year at Stowe, which enables them to travel anywhere in Europe during the summer holidays to study some aspect of European culture or history.

Since it was established 27 years ago, 155 Stoics have set off in the summer to many varied destinations and experiences that they will never forget. The purpose and destination chosen should have a strong emphasis on culture and/or history within greater Europe (including Russia) or the Mediterranean Littoral. Some good examples of successful and interesting journeys made over the past twenty years are: Florence and the Renaissance, the Chateaux of the Loire, Santiago da Compostella, Minoan Crete, the Battlefields of the First World War, the Journey of Garibaldi, the Romans in Tunisia, William Kent and the Grand Tour, the Holocaust, Moorish Spain, and the European Guggenheim Museums.

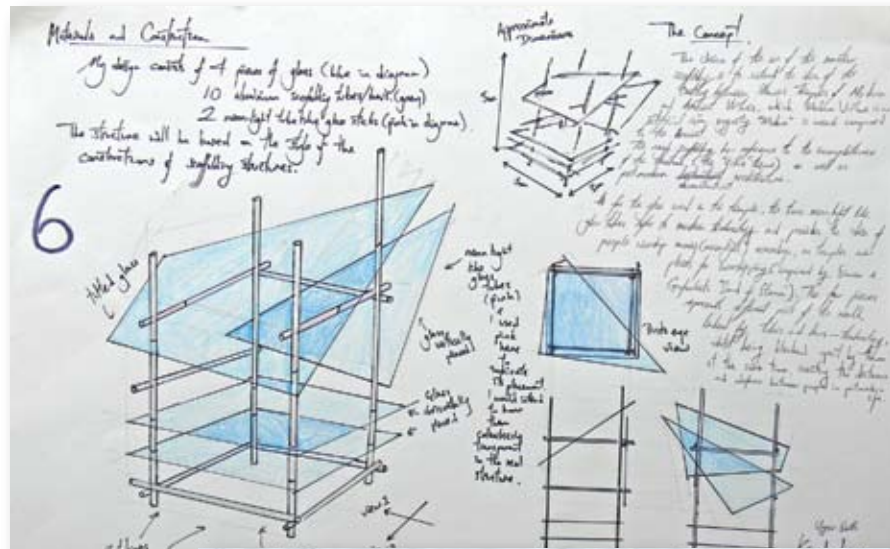
Centenary celebrations of the birth of Bill McElwee are to be held at Brooks's, St James's, London on Thursday 13 September. A reception will be hosted by David Part (Old Stoic and Chairman of the McElwee Trustees) to honour the contributions of both Bill and Patience to the lives of so many Stoics.

Congratulations to this year's winners who will present their accounts of their visits to the Trustees and the School in late September.

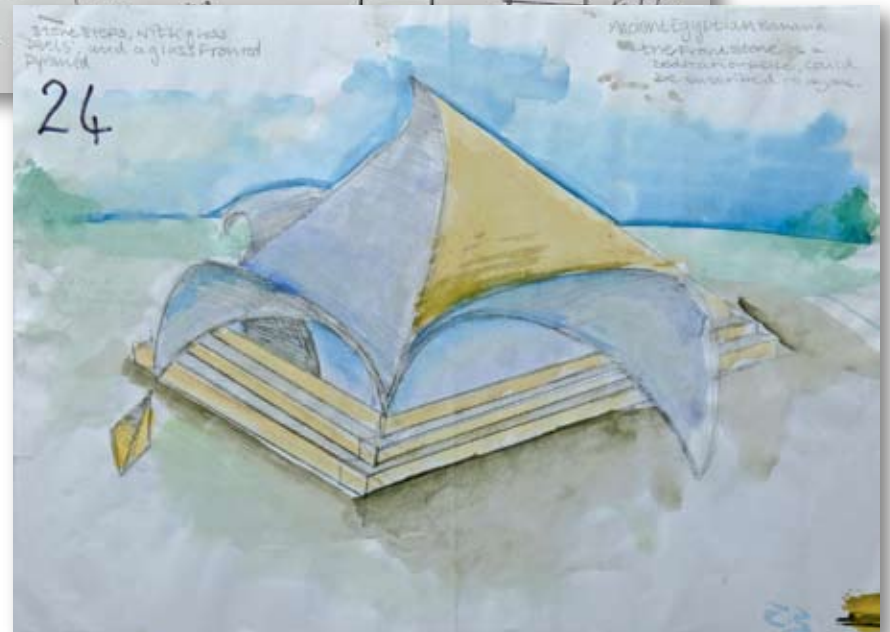


Painting by: Edmund Neville-Rolfe (OS Bruce) of Bill McElwee in Cathedral Square, Coutances, Normandy on Stowe Tour of France (April, 1938). (Bill is 3rd from right, Edmund is 2nd from right)

## Temple Design Competition 2007



Winner: King-ho Leung



Winner: Elliot Barnes

The distinguished board of judges, led by the American architect Rick Mather and Gerard Morgan-Grenville – one of the descendants of the original Stowe family – were much encouraged to note the wide range of designs which were submitted.

Although several entrants remained wedded to classical forms, a few broke away to develop an evolution of these or even to explore entirely new ideas. These last were of particular interest to the judges. There were interesting ideas expressed, some of which embraced the concept of symbolism, much employed with many of the Stowe temples. Some good models added greatly to the impact of the designs.

It would be a serendipitous event if a design from this Stowe competition were to be commissioned. Such is possible and those who intend to enter a subsequent competition would be well advised in the meanwhile to observe

contemporary architectural forms and materials so that when the next opportunity occurs a well-considered idea may be presented.

Overall, it was a very worthwhile exercise, benefiting the Stoics who took part and made them look at the landscape and the temples with fresh eyes. The judges found it hard to choose the winners as there were many entries with merit. Stoics should not feel discouraged if they were not amongst the winners – there's always next time as this competition will be repeated.

The Prize Fund has been solely financed by the sale of 'No Ordinary Tourist,' a recently published account of the 1st Duke of Buckingham and Chandos' remarkable mediterranean travels 180 years ago. £5 for each copy sold was donated to the Prize Fund. A copy of the book is being sent to the winners and the runners-up.

### Senior section:

Winner: King-ho Leung (Walpole)

Runner-up: Vincent Yuen (Bruce)

### Junior section:

Winner: Elliot Barnes (Chandos)

Runners-up: Euan Welsh (Chandos); Teddy Kealey (Temple)

## Unsung Hero Award



The prestigious Ceremonial Council Meeting of Buckinghamshire County Council's Unsung Heroes of Buckinghamshire Presentation was held on Thursday 18 January, at the beautiful Statley House and Estate of Royal Air Force Halton HQ.

As Matron of Chandos House, I was immensely proud to attend this event to represent the School as 'one of my boys,' Craig Greene, was to be presented with the Unsung Hero Award. Upon arrival Craig, Mrs Greene and I were greeted by an impressive group of dignitaries which included the High Sheriff of Buckingham and HM Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire. It was a very moving ceremony.

How proud I felt as I watched Craig receive his award. Stowe has been fortunate to have Craig as a pupil. He is an extraordinarily talented musician and an outstanding ambassador for the School. Following the ceremony we enjoyed drinks prior to luncheon. Craig chatted for some time with the High Sheriff of Buckingham, Mr Alexander Boswell, about his hopes and aspirations which include becoming a professional conductor in an Opera House. Craig has accepted a place at Christ Church College, Oxford and will also be studying part time with Dmitri Alexeev at the Royal College of Music. I look forward to following his future achievements.

Claire Hill Hall, Matron, Chandos House

## Piano Trio win Ensembles Trophy

Congratulations to Stowe's Piano Trio, who won the Ensembles Trophy at the 2007 Banbury Young Musician of the Year Competition. Ten groups participated in the first round, and the trio of Augustus Perkins Ray (piano), Balthazar Mattar (violin) and Jacob Dennison (cello), were one of three groups invited to the final. The judges praised the winning Stowe Trio for their mature and lyrical interpretation of the slow movement of Mendelssohn's Piano Trio in D minor. The Piano Trio have been playing together

since they joined Stowe as 3rd Form Music Scholars in September 2005, and are coached by Hilary Ford, Head of Keyboard. As Balthazar Mattar, violinist of the trio said, "It's really good we're all friends in the same year, as we can play together and get better as a trio." It has been a busy term for the Trio, as they and Stowe's Wind Quintet also participated in the South East Schools' Chamber Music Festival, held at Wycombe Abbey School. We look forward to the Trio's future concerts and successes.



## New release: Stowe's Organ Music

Now out on CD – popular organ music played by Jonathan Kingston on the very fine and recently restored 4 manual organ in Stowe Chapel. Produced by Stowe and Priory Records, it is hoped that the varied programme including Toccatas, Fantasias and Popular Marches will appeal to all who have a connection with Stowe. There is over 70 minutes of playing time on the CD.



If you wish to purchase this CD, please send a cheque made payable to Stowe School, for £10.00 (which includes all postage & packing). Orders may be placed by post direct to Emma Allen, Music Department Secretary, Stowe School, or you can contact Emma by email: eallen@stowe.co.uk or by telephone on +44(0)1280 818000. We regret that we are unable to process credit or debit card transactions. Orders will be dispatched on a weekly basis and sent by First Class post.

*Jonathan Kingston:*

Jonathan is Chapel Organist and Assistant Director of Music at Stowe. He is a BMus graduate of Huddersfield University, at the

same time holding the position of Organ Scholar and, latterly, Sub-Organist at Bradford Cathedral. He won the Hollingworth prize in his final year for an outstanding finals performance.

He has since performed at a wide range of venues throughout the country, including Salisbury Cathedral, St Paul's London, Westminster Abbey, Christ Church Priory, York Minster, Bath Abbey, Lincoln Cathedral and Windsor Castle. He has also played for public and private recordings, in addition to broadcasting live on BBC Radio 3, Radio 4, various regional stations and BBC1 TV. Jonathan was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts in 2005.

## A2 Drama – Mountain Language

Mountain Language was a cold, stark and challenging piece of theatre. This short but deeply harrowing Harold Pinter play was presented by six A2 Drama and Theatre Studies pupils. This was no easy ride and audiences were left in no doubt of the play's message: torture is obscene, the domination of human beings by other human beings is obscene, and cruelty is obscene.



Cressida Bonas was utterly convincing as the young woman. Alina Nixdorf, as the elderly woman, had very little dialogue but her reactions and portrayal of the traumatised woman was quite superb. Stuart Stevens was nasty, brutal and totally believable as the Sergeant. Rory Brabant portrayed the Commanding Officer with a seriously warped and deranged mind. George Coote as the Guard was threatening, intimidating and very scary! Nas Imam, the lifeless

and damaged victim, gave a stunning performance and his intimate scene with Cressida when they are reunited was one of the highlights of the production. Technical support was given by King Ho Leung and Phil Pitcher, both regular stalwarts of the Theatre crew. Great credit must go to all those involved. Cruel theatre? Angry theatre? No, it was just great theatre!

Nick Bayley,  
Head of Drama & Theatre Studies

## From the Chairman

Since the last Column, we have now held the OS Society annual dinner on 10th May, for the first time at the British Academy of Film and Television Arts in London. The dinner was very well attended and it was particularly encouraging to see Old Stoics from the Roxburgh era to today's leavers attending in such numbers. Old Stoics were also well represented at Speech Day with OS teams playing the School at cricket, golf, tennis and clay pigeon shooting.

Forthcoming events for this year include a dinner for Old Stoics based in East Anglia to be held on

4th July at Magdalene College, Cambridge, and a reunion day at Stowe on 29th September concentrating on leavers from the years 1966 to 1975, albeit all Old Stoics will be welcome.

As you know, we are keen to expand business and other special interest groups of Old Stoics and I am delighted to confirm that OS Society committee member Simon Shneerson (Temple 72) has agreed to coordinate an OS Education Group, open to all Old Stoics who are involved with schools or universities in the UK or overseas. Whether you are on the academic

side, in management and support, or a governor, we hope that you will join in. Please email John Bridgwood at the Old Stoic Office ([oldstoic@stowe.co.uk](mailto:oldstoic@stowe.co.uk)) if you are interested.

Finally, many of you will be saddened to read on this page that Peter Rossiter recently passed away. Peter was a great supporter of Stowe for many years, as a Governor, Chairman and President of the OS Society, and Stowe parent of 4 sons. He will be greatly missed by the Stowe community.

John Arkwright (Cobham 69)

## Peter Michael Rossiter (Cobham 50) 19 June 1932 – 10 March 2007



Peter was not easy to see in a crowded room but if you wanted to find him you just headed for the group laughing the most. Early on he was disruptive at school and aged 6 had a psychology

report which read: 'Difficult child, easily distracted, but obviously bright'. Peter came to Stowe in 1945 – starting a 62 year love affair. He went into Cobham under the infamous DIB and Stowe under JF Roxburgh. He ended as Head of House, Second Prefect and Senior Under Officer in the CCF. He was beaten by DIB for keeping silk worms in the Temple of Concorde and Victory. His association with Stowe lasted until his death. He was twice Old Stoic Society Chairman, Old Stoic Society President, a Governor for 20 years, Chairman of Stowe House restoration appeal, and only stopped playing OS rugby when fed up of his own team mates calling him 'Sir'. He was a founder member of Stowe Lodge. His 4 sons were put down for Stowe before birth and followed him to Cobham (Nigel 1976-81, Bill 1978-83, Mike 1980-85, James 1982-87). He told his prospective wife, Barbara that: "If you marry me, you marry Stowe".

After Stowe, he won a scholarship to Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge – where studying modern and medieval languages he gained a double first. He went up in 1952, after National Service – following which he joined the TA for another 16 years.

His claim to fame at university being that he captained the unofficial Cambridge varsity

punting team and was awarded 'a green' as it was not an official blues sport.

On coming down from Cambridge he started work in Birmingham with Dunlop – with whom he stayed working for 30 years. He greatly valued loyalty.

Peter and Barbara met in Birmingham. He put her to the test in a muddy rugby club car park - making her change into a bouffant dress for an evening party. As she did not complain he proposed and they married in September 1962. They had 4 sons and subsequently to his great delight he then gained 4 daughters-in-law, 11 grandsons (with his sons a full rugby team) and a granddaughter at either end. All the family, many friends and colleagues, called upon his colossal knowledge, organisational ability, reliability and loyalty. In 1976 the family moved to Arkley Lodge which remains the focal point for all.

On leaving Dunlop in 1986 and starting a new chapter in his life he acquired the majority share of a small engineering firm. This was a one man and his dog operation and after a high flying career in Dunlop he did everything in this company. From book-keeping to selling but also manufacturing – which he loved – until he was thrown off shop floor for quality control reasons. He formally handed over to his son, Bill, some time ago but was always there for him. The firm now has operations in UK and USA with over 60 employees between the two and won the Queen's Award for Industry in 2003.

In 1987 he suffered a massive heart attack, which would have killed most people. His wife, Barbara, constantly got at him to cut back his commitments

– so successful was she at this that at his death he was down to a mere 19. On top of all this he became a magistrate. In this he came into his own. He was just. It was with some surprise that anyone ever got sentenced because it seems that most of his time was spent writing limericks for his fellow members on the bench.

Peter was a Freemason almost all his adult life and very actively involved. In Alcedo and Stowe Lodge he held every office in each, many times more than once, and could always be relied upon to 'stand in' to any role. He was invited to join Grand Lodge some time ago. Freemasonry provided for him – and him to it – ritual, order, an upright and just life and, of course, philanthropy. He was heavily involved with the synagogue, the Leo Baeck College, and, the Jewish Lads & Girls Brigade. He was also very active in keeping Barnet Hospital from going to Edgware and then getting it re-built – he must have known the use he would make of it in years to come.

All of these were done with the full support of Barbara without whom he would never have been able to achieve half. He was a connoisseur of plonk and the master of joke delivery - even when he knew he was dying he was joking with Barnet hospital staff in the lift up to the operating theatres right at the end. He died from a ruptured aortic aneurysm suddenly and unexpectedly.

The Rossiter family is holding a gathering for family and friends to celebrate Peter's life and long connection with Stowe. All Stowe friends are welcome to come with a picnic to the Queen's Temple, Stowe, on Saturday 23rd June between 12.00 and 5.00pm.

## Lt. Col. Gordon Bowie (Temple 25) 29 April 1907 – 22 February 2007

Gordon Bowie was the final surviving member of the 'First 99', those founding Stoics who arrived at Stowe in May 1923 to be greeted by the first headmaster, JF Roxburgh. He came as a prefect to help JF run the School and his name is commemorated above the fireplace in the Temple Room as one of the first prefects.

On leaving Stowe Gordon Bowie went up to Magdalene College, Cambridge, to read mechanical science and engineering, before joining the Army to serve with the Gordon Highlanders. He was granted a regular

commission in 1929 and posted to the 2nd Gurkhas (1st Bn). During a varied and distinguished Army career he saw active service in Imphal, Java and Burma, and was mentioned in despatches in 1944.

After the war, Gordon Bowie held a number of Army administrative posts before his retirement in 1956, following which he was employed by ICI in Billingham, Co Durham.

Colonel Bowie and his wife Nancy had three daughters and one of his grandsons, Andrew Hardie (Chandos 85), is an Old Stoic.



## Old Stoic Cross Country versus the School BAFTA HQ provides fresh new surroundings for the OS Society Annual Dinner



closely followed by the OS Captain Simon Gardner (Temple 95). The overall result was a victory to the OS team by 34 points to 45, after which a nourishing match tea was enjoyed by runners and guests. Any Old Stoics (of all abilities and either sex!) who would like to run for the OS team can contact Simon on 07974 710792 or [oldstoics.crosscountry@googlemail.com](mailto:oldstoics.crosscountry@googlemail.com)

The team photo shows from left to right, back row: Paul Richardson, Chris Hutber, Luke Smith, Richard Weston, Richard Montgomery, Jonnie Kaldor, Nigel Downing and Simon Gardner. Front row: Roberta Collier-Wright, Charlotte Wilson and Mark Henderson.

An excellent turn out of 11 Old Stoics (including, for the first time, 2 OS girls) on 17th March meant a competitive match against the Stowe team that also fielded 2 girls. The first runner home was Chris Hutber (Chandos 87), who posted the impressive time of 24:06 over the 5-mile course,

## BAFTA HQ provides fresh new surroundings for the OS Society Annual Dinner

The weather tried hard to put us off, but the annual OS Society Dinner held at the new and exciting BAFTA Headquarters on Piccadilly attracted a capacity crowd. A large number of gentlemen turned out, perhaps lured by the pull of some long blonde Texan leg (Jerry Hall was due to be guest of honour), and were a little disappointed to see the replacement (if not quite the legs, probably a better speech), but this did not put a damper on what was an entertaining evening.

The new venue provided much more modern but intimate surroundings, along with good food and drink and an atmosphere to savour. The large flat screens around the dining room displayed images of Stowe looking as splendid as ever, and the many guests marvelled at the improvements that have been made. One thing that struck me this year was the many different age groups who had organised tables, from those who have left since the new millennium to those who had left midway through the last century, as well as the Old Stoic Property Club. There was definitely a larger proportion of the younger generations present and hopefully this will continue to be more the case in the coming years – it is a great excuse to catch up with old friends.

The speeches kept everyone entertained, with the Headmaster providing some amusing quotes from exam papers (not from Stoics, we hope) and the Guest Speaker, Lord Lyell, some interesting gynaecological advice. The only complaint I received was about having to stand outside in the rain to smoke, but with the new smoking ban in July perhaps this was good practice! The wine flowed and I know for a fact that there were some sore heads the next day - all in all it was a really excellent evening that I know the OS Society Committee will build on next year.

Hannah Durden (Nugent 01)

## 50th Anniversary Lunch

Stowe has always been hospitable towards Old Stoics. In recent times the combined efforts of the School, Old Stoic Society and the Headmaster have been particularly ingenious in finding new ways to entertain us.

Last December it was the turn of those who had left Stowe 50 years ago to be invited back for lunch. Fortunately, there are still quite a good number of us around and on the day over 60 guests (including wives) met for drinks in the Marble Saloon.

There was enough time to wander round and look enquiringly at a face not seen for half a century and ask - could it be possibly? - and find that sure enough it was Old Deuteronomy.

There is not space to mention individual names, except perhaps for that of James Corbett, who, with his wife Pamela, had flown in all the way from Argentina. Although most had been back to Stowe over the years, one of whom had not especially enjoyed his time there was making his first visit since he had left. Happily to report, he felt completely reconciled by the end of the afternoon.

No masters of our vintage attended, but Mrs Biddy Stephan (formerly Mrs Walker) and Mrs Liz Zettl kindly came to recall our past triumphs and misdemeanours.

An excellent lunch followed in the Music Room. The Headmaster brought everyone up to date on

Stowe's impressive progress: both as a school and as a brilliantly restored historic building. Dr. Wallersteiner is an impressive man and clearly won the respect of his audience. This was in no way diminished by the rather sobering reflection that we had all packed our trunks for the last time before he was born.

A tour of the State Rooms followed, although commentary on the restoration tended to be interrupted by spontaneous reminiscences. A visit to the Library illustrated the urgent nature of the need for progress on the next stage: a green wire mesh hung beneath the handsome ceiling to catch debris falling from it.

Although no direct appeal for funds was made during the day (several of those present having already given generously), a number attending either added to their previous pledges or became donors for the first time. Despite the almost unbelievable achievements to date, a very great deal remains to be done. The increasing diversion of lottery funds to the Olympics means that the next phases are going to have to be funded primarily by private donors.

We all had a very pleasant and informative day, and the future of Stowe is clearly in excellent hands.

Sir Michael Ridley (Cobham 56)

## Old Chandosian Dinner

On 1st February, a group of 30 Old Chandosians from the leaving years between 1979 and 1992, years during which John Dobinson was Housemaster, got together for dinner at Queen's Club in West Kensington. Jill Dobinson and Ian Small were also in attendance. It was a relatively informal and lively gathering and is likely to be repeated every few years, provided someone is willing to organise it. There was a good deal of friendly banter and leg-pulling and Richard Hopkinson-Woolley even got rewarded his house colours, at long last, for organising the event. John and Jill brought the full set of house photos and other bits and pieces from their days in



Chandos. John spoke fondly of the years he had spent in Chandos and read a poem that Richard Green had composed for one of the House's Christmas parties. It mentioned every boy in the house by name.

Richard Hopkinson-Woolley (Chandos 87)

## Old Stoic Email List

Are you missing out? Would you like to receive the latest event updates? The OS Office has nearly 3000 OS email addresses, but wants more! If you would like to receive occasional news flashes about the Old Stoic Society and Stowe School, please send your email address to [oldstoic@stowe.co.uk](mailto:oldstoic@stowe.co.uk)

## News

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

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

Email your entries to [oldstoic@stowe.co.uk](mailto:oldstoic@stowe.co.uk) or post them to Old Stoic Office, Stowe School, Buckingham, MK18 5EH.

**P C Holden (Bruce 42)** Patrick finally retired a second time in 2006 after 37 years as an executive for Alcan Aluminium in the UK, Canada and the USA and then 20 years running a volunteer organisation in Hudson, Ohio; during that period he assisted some 2400 middle-management local residents to secure new jobs.

**Sir Alistair Horne (Chandos 44)** Sir Alistair's latest book is 'A Savage War of Peace', as read and commended by President G W Bush! He is currently working on an authorised biography of Henry Kissinger in 1973, plus the second volume of his own memoirs.

**Dr J B A Kessler (Bruce 44)** John has been living in a Christian commune near Steenwijk in the north-east of the Netherlands. He is a board member of 2 foundations, the Urco Foundation in the Netherlands and the Ulting Overseas Trust in Great Britain; both have invested capital and use the income to support the training of Christian leaders throughout the world.

**Dr P D Rossdale (Temple 46)** Peter has completed his 27th year as editor of Equine Veterinary Journal, having retired from practice in 2004. He is due to go to Australia in October to receive an honorary degree (Dr.hc) from the University of Sydney.

**J L T Smith (Cobham 47)** John has had a 3 page article on the early history of the Staffordshire Otterhound Beagles (formed in 1929) published in Hounds magazine. The article, together with pictures, highlights the sport during the 1950's when John was joint Master and Huntsman.

**R H F Cox (Temple 48)** Once again, this year Richard has been re-elected to the Guernsey States, as an Alderney Representative. He is also a member of the Advisory Council of CARE International UK.

**P M Dempster (Bruce 48)** Peter retired some years ago from his salmon-fishing operation on the Cork Blackwater River in Ireland. In their last season before retirement, Peter and his wife, Sheila, produced over 600 salmon for their clients.

**J F Walker (Chatham 48)** Julian continues to work for The British Development Group and has been spending time in the United Arab Emirates and Qatar renewing old contacts to enable the reconstruction of Kurdish Northern Iraq to take place.

**D Nightingale (Chatham 49)** Derek is organist and choirmaster at 2 of the churches in the Wallingford Team. He recently joined a rota of organists who demonstrate the organs in the chapel and library at Blenheim Palace at noon on Fridays. He is also giving a recital on the recently restored pipe organ in St. Leonard's church, Wallingford, at 8.00pm on 17 June.

**Col I G Norton (Chatham 49)** Geoffrey has been appointed President of SSAFA Forces Help for South Yorkshire, in succession to the Countess of Scarborough.

**Col O B Warman (Chandos 50)** Oliver continues to participate in battlefield tours and Regimental charities as well as lecturing in the USA on 1870 – 1945. His involvement in Art also continues and Oliver is a senior member of both the RBA and ROI, plus he has been made a Life Member of the Armed Forces Art Society.

**Dr W M Patterson (Bruce 51)** William retired in 1995 as a Consultant Gynaecologist at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital.

**R A P Blandy (Temple 54)** The Blandys will soon be celebrating the 200th anniversary of the family firm in Madeira. They started as wine shippers and today are also involved in hotels and tourism on the island. Adam qualified as a C.A. after leaving Stowe and then returned to the island where he married Christina from Sweden, who was working as a travel guide. He left the firm in 1985 and developed the family estate of Palheiro which today includes a championship golf course, real estate villas and country house hotel.

**M C Ferrier (Temple 54)** Michael and his wife, Diana, live in Monaco where Michael is a Professor of Marketing and Gross Cultural Negotiation at the International University of Monaco. He runs seminars on marketing after gaining 40 years experience running advertising agencies all over the world.

**Dr P A Andrews (Chatham 55)** Peter and his wife Mugul have returned to England after 25 years academic exile in Germany, where Peter has worked for the universities of Cologne, Tuebingen, Heidelberg, Bonn and Bamberg. He will continue work on publishing his research here ([www.andrewspeter.info](http://www.andrewspeter.info)).

**C J A Binnie (Bruce 56)** Chris was President of the Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management in its centenary year and head of water consultancy at Atkins plc for about 15 years. Chris became a Director of Atkins plc and helped float the company. He is now an independent consultant in water resources and recently gave evidence at the Thames Water desalination plant inquiry.

**M D Miall (Bruce 56)** Michael lives in Australia and is the Managing Director of Cabron Wines Pty. Ltd, who export wine all over the world and supply airlines such as SAS, Emirates and Air Pacific.

**R B Skepper (Temple 56)** Robert's book 'Munich 1938: The price of appeasement' will be published in July by Serendipity.

**Dr J M E Anderson (Cobham 57)** Mike received 'Photographer of the Year' award from National Geographic magazine in the Wild Life category. He went on the Senior Golfer's Society tour of Kenya in party containing two other Old Stoics – Peter Cooper and Edwin Silver.

**P J S Griggs (Bruce 57)** Patrick is Chairman of Opera Rara which recovers, restores and records lesser known operas of the early 19th century, such as Rossini and Donizetti.

**F N Rushton (Grafton 57)** Neil joined and studied at Price Waterhouse Coopers (PWC) from 1957, played cricket and became one of the MCC captains. Then he settled in Lima, Peru, since 1963. He is now successfully retired as partner. He has 6 grandchildren and is enjoying, with Gabriela his wife, the life of leisure, culture and fun of Latin America.

**D H Manzi-Fe (Cobham 59)** David has managed to reach retirement age, after a wonderful life in publishing, fund raising and PR. In 2002 he retrained at the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School and set out for a life as a theatre director, forming his own company touring small scale theatre in SW England with thought-provoking productions.

**D Ridley (Cobham 59)** David (father of Ben and Simon, brother of Michael) became a Swiss resident in late



2006. His main base is Zurich, in the centre of the Old Town. He doesn't ski so spends most of the winter in the Grenadines, noted for sailing. He doesn't sail either but would be pleased to welcome Old Stoics in either venue! James Kerr Muir (Chandos 59, father of

Edward) stayed with him in February 2007. They are seen holding a photograph of themselves and fellow prefects around George in 1959. The other prefects were Bridgeland, Ivory ma., Easton, Matusch, Gauvain ma., Hancox, Evans, Atkinson, Beatty and Dobell.

**D J Rimmer (Chandos 59)** David graduated in January 2007 from Exeter University with an MA in Ethics, Religion and Society. At 65 he believes that he must be one of the oldest Stoics ever to graduate!

**C H Clucas (Walpole 60)** Kit has succeeded in getting his local council to provide running water to the



village allotments in Bollington, Cheshire, after 6 long years of perseverance. Kit has 2 allotments where he grows fruit and vegetables organically for home consumption and for show, where he has had some success in recent years.

**J C V Hunt (Walpole 60)** Jonathan retired last year from Wake Smith Solicitors of Sheffield where he had been a Partner for 40 years and the last 18 of these as a Senior Partner. He was appointed High Sheriff of South Yorkshire in April for one year.

**J H E Pasmore (Chatham 60)** John's next photographic exhibition will take place at Marlborough Fine Art, 6



Albemarle St, London W1, during August and September – all Old Stoics welcome.

**E H Bacon (Walpole 61)** Ed had lived in Barcelona for 20 years, where he runs a business organising abnormal load transports for projects all over Spain.

**J S Jackson (Chatham 61)** John, Robin Thomas (Bruce 59) and Euan Kennedy (Chatham 59) attend Scottish Dancing at The Hurlingham Club in Fulham, from October to April every fortnight on Monday evenings. Any Old Stoics interested in joining in should roll up – they would be delighted to see you.

**G F Arbib (Temple 62)** Gordon is currently Chairman of Ultralife Ltd, ([www.ultralife.uk.com](http://www.ultralife.uk.com)), headquartered at its plant in Aylesbury. Ultralife develops, manufactures and sells nutrition and health food products through supermarkets, pharmacies and fitness clubs in UK and overseas. He is also a director of Dawmed Systems Plc, an AIM listed company, ([www.dawmed.com](http://www.dawmed.com)) that develops, manufactures, sells and services washer-disinfector-dryers that are used in hospitals and clinics.

**C P Warner (Walpole 62)** Chris has moved from Cornwall, where he was Director of Cornwall Youth Music Action Zone, to Norfolk as Director of Suffolk Artlink (an arts inclusion agency working with excluded and at risk young people, people with learning difficulties and the elderly, including those with dementia).

**D R Lees-Jones (Grenville 65)** David will retire in July after 20 years of Prep School Headship – 8 years at Marlborough House and 12 years at Lockers Park.

**D G Remington (Grenville 65)** David is the Bursar at Ripley Court School near Wisley Gardens in Surrey.

**J H M Robin (Temple 65)** Jonathan is Former Secretary General of the Internet Society's European Chapters. He organised and chaired the International Internet Forum for MENSA's 50th anniversary and initiated ISOC's UNESCO NGO status. Jonathan is currently preparing an anthology of Parody and Humour in English poetry ([www.poemhunter.com/jonathan-robin](http://www.poemhunter.com/jonathan-robin)).

**J R A Nisbet (Temple 66)** Robert is the part-time Premises Manager at the National Trust's Polesden Lacey, near Dorking in Surrey.

**J B Wintle (Chatham 66)** Justin's latest book 'Perfect Hostage' was published in April by Hutchinson and Random House and is a biography of the Burmese Nobel Peace Prize winner Aung San Suu Kyi.

**I M Anderson (Lyttelton 67)** Ian has continued his Consultancy work advising governments on irrigation, drainage and water resources in developing countries. Over the last 6 months he has completed a number of assignments for the World Bank in Eritrea, Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan. He continues to be a Trustee of Afghanaid, an Anglo-Afghan NGO employing nearly 500 staff. A former Master of the Ashford Valley foxhounds, Ian contributes quarterly to *Covertside*, the American Master of Foxhounds Association magazine, and with his wife Lynne attended the Centennial celebrations of the US MFHA in New York in January this year. In spite of the ban on hunting, both he and his wife continue to hunt regularly with the East Kent Hunt.

**C V A Bailey (Grenville 67)** Clive's civil partnership with Siyoung Chang was registered on 27 Jan 07.

**D M Cohen (Grafton 67)** David chairs a property investment and development company in India. The company focuses on projects in different parts of the sub-continent. David and his wife, Smadar, have been married for 30 years and have 3 children.

**N C Ollivant (Walpole 67)** Nicolas is Director of Strategy and Business Intelligence at Cushman and Wakefield Stiles and Riabokobylko in Moscow.

**P S M Abbott (Grafton 68)** Paul has his own architectural practice, A Squared Architects, based in Norwich. Previously he was Head of Architecture in Savills' Norwich office.

**Lt Col C J G Thwaites (Bruce 68)** Charles is the Executive Director of the Forest Stewardship Council in the UK, having left the Army in 1992. He lives in Herefordshire with his wife and 2 children.

**N T Wallace (Chandos 68)** Neil lives in Williamsburg, Virginia, where they fight the British daily in Colonial Williamsburg! He is building a new golf course nearby that will open this autumn. He is also an adjunct professor at a local college. Any former classmates are welcome to visit.

**C N Rainer (Lyttelton 69)** Nigel has been happily settled in East London (South Africa) for the last 26 years, currently managing the solid waste disposal sites for the local municipality. His wife, Sue, manages the 4-star B&B 'The Loerie Hide' ([www.loeriehide.co.za](http://www.loeriehide.co.za)), and they would love to host any Old Stoics who are travelling in that part of the world.

**N H Harvey (Grenville 70)** Neil has been married to Marie-Paule since 1979 and they have 3 children, Hugh, Clementine and Charles. He is a Partner in the corporate department of law firm, Clifford Chance LLP.

**K J Saunders (Lyttelton 71)** In closing a 30 year law career, Kevin has left Atlanta and is now based in the Dordogne region of France with a new business at Chateau de Villars, providing full board holidays for coeliacs, sponsored by Juvela, as well as B&B and themed 'Relax and Learn' holidays ([www.chateaudevillars.com](http://www.chateaudevillars.com)). Kevin's photography career continues to expand, following his successful exhibit of 40 images of Myanmar at the Atlanta International Airport.

**C J Tate (Walpole 71)** Christopher maintains close connections with the School through his position as a Governor, and keeps his son Alexander (Temple 01, now

working in the USA) informed. Christopher continues to work in the motor sport industry, building a pan-European 'circus' of historic motor sport, from 1970's Grand Prix cars to 1950's racing saloons, called The Masters Series ([www.themastersseries.com](http://www.themastersseries.com)). He also continues to broadcast regularly on motor sport for SkySports and live right through the night from the Le Mans 24 Hours.

**R A Brydon (Bruce 72)** Alex and Sophie's second son Arthur Casper James was born on 13 Apr 07, a brother to Henry.

**J J McKelvie (Walpole 72)** Jeremy and his wife Sherry have been living in Uganda for the past 17 years, where he owns and runs a flying school and air charter business out of Kampala (KAFTC). They would welcome contact from any Old Stoics visiting Uganda.

**S P J Potter (Cobham 72)** Salvador has been appointed as CEO of the Processors and Growers Research Organisation (PGRO). It is an agricultural charity begun in 1944, based near Peterborough, responsible for the development of peas, beans and other vegetables in the UK ([www.pgro.org](http://www.pgro.org)).

**A J C Ussher (Lyttelton 72)** Anthony is now Chief Executive Officer of Standard Chartered Bank, Beirut, Lebanon, where he has lived for 6 years.

**M J Harper (Lyttelton 73)** Mark has been in the Dorset Police for some 32 years, currently as a Crime Reduction Advisor, Security Advisor, and Crime Reduction Design Advisor for the eastern half of Dorset. He also sits on the committee for the Airport Crime Reduction Group.

**S M Fields (Grenville 74)** Simon has recently produced 2 films: 'El Cantante' starring Jennifer Lopez and Marc Antony, and 'Bordertown' starring Antonio Banderas. He is now producing a television show for Showtime called 'Ayuda' and will soon begin production on 'The Pale Flower', a mini series for Univision.

**J R Shingles (Grenville 74)** Justin set up his own company in 2000 specialising in leasehold reform negotiations. He acts for tenants in negotiations with large central London landed estates.

**J W H Fitzherbert (Bruce 76)** Julian works in software development as a Research/Engineering Geophysicist for Schlumberger WesternGeco. He is also taking a Bishop's Certificate which leads on to being a lay reader

**T P H Stephens (Lyttelton 76)** Tim runs the Humberts Norwich Office, specialising in the sale of residential and leisure properties, as well as undertaking professional valuations.

**M B A Cliff Hodges (Walpole 77)** Marcus is Head of the Boys' School at Forest School in North East London.

**F D Egerton (Temple 77)** Frank has completed his second novel, 'Invisible', and has been appointed tutor on the Oxford University Diploma in Creative Writing course ([www.frankegerton.com](http://www.frankegerton.com)).

**R A Hamilton (Chatham 77)** Roddy continues to work for Premier Automotive Group as the Jaguar / Land Rover External Events Manager. This role involves the global launch of all the latest new models to both the international press and dealer networks from around the world.

**R L Law (Bruce 77)** Robert won the 'Farmers Weekly' 2006 Farmer of the Year award. Commenting on his achievement, the magazine's editor said: "He's truly a determined farmer who combines a thriving business with a passion for the countryside and promoting farming to the public".

**R D F Penrose (Temple 77)** After 23 years of running his own furniture and interior design business, Jason has sold up and moved, with his wife and 2 sons, to Hamilton in New Zealand, where he is currently a house-husband!

**A G C Rossdale (Lyttelton 77)** Anthony is head of administration, finance and compliance at

Dimensional Fund Advisors Ltd., a US-based fund management company which has recently launched in Europe.

**N J Benthall (Grafton 78)** Nigel has moved from Dubai to Houston, where he is the Global Director for Training and Technical Development for Landmark Graphics, part of Halliburton Corporation.

**A S B Hayward (Grenville 78)** Simon has retired, hurt, from his itinerant life in advertising to restore an old Portuguese house in Goa. It is now a hotel ([www.vivendagoa.com](http://www.vivendagoa.com)) and he would welcome Old Stoics with open bottles.

**R M Horrocks (Grafton 78)** Robert recently transferred from Minneapolis to Maryland and now runs a district of corporate dining accounts for Sodexo USA in the Washington DC area.

**J R H Lawrence (Temple 78)** John works for the CSIRO (Commonwealth Science and Industrial Research Organisation), based in Queensland, and recently received a 'Supporting Science Award' from their Sustainable Ecosystems Division for his work on pasture improvement with tropical legumes. He is most grateful to Antony Lloyd who taught him Biology at Stowe and encouraged his interest in the natural world. John and Rosemary's son Samuel William Hervey was born on 24 Dec 06.

**G C C Quinney (Cobham 78)** Gavin has been appointed the Bordeaux critic for Wine and Spirit magazine, selecting the Top 100 wines for each vintage. He lives at Chateau Bauduc, where for the past 8 years he has been making the house white for Gordon Ramsay and Rick Stein.

**P F Burditt (Temple 79)** Paul is Master of the Dummer Beagles in Gloucestershire.

**P Salariya (Temple 79)** Paul is a Director at Citigroup London, a corporate banking company.

**Dr S M Carroll (Temple 80)** Simon became a Fellow of the Royal College of General Practitioners in Nov 06, and continues to practice as a GP in rural Norfolk.

**C J Powles (Grafton 80)** Christopher continues his work in the venture capital sector, notably with [www.adili.com](http://www.adili.com) (an ethical fashion internet retailer) in which another Old Stoic who is a successful organic farmer has recently also invested.

**D E Callow (Grenville 81)** Dan and Clare had a daughter, Eleni Anne Louise, on 20 Aug 06.

**J B D Henderson (Chatham 81)** Duncan is married to Sarah and they have two sons, Sam and Luke. Duncan is the sole practitioner of legal firm, Inverness Legal Services specialising in Criminal Law in Inverness.

**A M G Pelissier (Walpole 81)** Joe runs his own media and communications consultancy, Pod Communications. The company produces online courseware, video and audio and in January published PRORIM, a pan-European risk management course for AIRMIC, the Association of Insurance Risk Managers.

**N D Rossiter (Cobham 81)** Nigel is now Chairman of AO UK and Ireland Principles Trauma Education (the trauma education group for all [orthopaedic] surgeons in training in UK and Ireland). He is also heading a project to twin the communities of Basingstoke and Hoima in NW Uganda.

**M C Streeton (Grafton 81)** Matthew left Zimbabwe in 2006 and moved to Singapore to join TCP Group as a Head Hunter. He plays cricket for Singapore Cricket Club.

**Dr J F Mills (Grafton 82)** John is living in Melbourne, Australia with his wife Helen and 2 children Charlotte (7 years) and Eliza (5 years). He works as a Neonatal Paediatrician at the Royal Children's Hospital. In 2004 he was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy for his thesis titled 'Optimising mean airway pressure during high frequency oscillatory ventilation'. John would be pleased to hear from other Old Stoics who are residing in Australia ([john.mills@mac.com](mailto:john.mills@mac.com)).

## News cont...

**J C H Walker (Lyttelton 82)** Julian was appointed a director of The Hogarth Partnership ([www.hogarthpr.co.uk](http://www.hogarthpr.co.uk)), the strategic financial PR and corporate reputation advisory firm, in Mar 07.

**R J C Wicks (Lyttelton 82)** Robert is the founder and Managing Director of the Westerham Brewery Company in Kent.

**M D Dew (Chandos 83)** Martin lives and works in California. He is a Director of Sales in the Digital Cinema Division with the NEC Corporation of America. In his spare time he is a member of the Screen Actors Guild and has starred in 'The Empire Strikes Back', 'Half Empty' and 'War of the Worlds'.

**P H M Swire (Chatham 83)** Apart from continuing with raising private equity and hedge funds, Philip is also a director of a project for mobile desalination plants placed on tankers and barges. This is for commercial and humanitarian purposes and is done in such a way as to be fully environmentally friendly, which could make a huge impact across the world.

**D M W Thomas (Chatham 83)** Dan recently spent 2 weeks in North Korea filming UNICEF projects for children. He was one of the first foreign filmmakers to be given access to film in many cities, towns and communes outside the capital Pyongyang. Dan became Senior Producer for UNICEF in their New York headquarters in 2000 after a 14-year career in journalism with the Western Mail, Reuters and BBC News. He is married and living in Westchester, New York.

**M D Downer (Chandos 84)** Martyn's new book 'The Queen's Knight' has been published by Bantam Press. It is an account of life inside the court of Queen Victoria as experienced by her children's governor (and Martyn's great great grandfather-in-law) Sir Howard Elphinstone V.C. The Literary Review has described the book as an "important story revealing much that is new about the intrigue that went on behind the scenes in the apparently demure and dowdy court of Queen Victoria...[Downer] wears his learning lightly. Fluently written and cleverly constructed, this book is a hugely enjoyable read."

**R P Dutton (Grenville 84)** Paul left the Army in July 2005 and is now working as the Training Director of MABway Ltd, a training company intent on bringing the military ethos to the civilian market. Paul married Lucie in 2001 and they have 3 children under the age of 5.

**A V C Guthrie (Bruce 84)** Arlo's second daughter, Isabelle, sister to Emily, was born on 9 Jan 07. He runs 2 professional community websites, [www.vetsurgeon.org](http://www.vetsurgeon.org) and [www.vetnurse.co.uk](http://www.vetnurse.co.uk)

**A F Hinds (Temple 84)** Andrew and Sarah's second child Charlie, was born on 20 Mar 07.

**Mrs E A Hunt (nee Thorogood, Stanhope 84)** Liz has recently moved to Surrey and joined Knight Frank in Esher as an Associate. She ran the London Marathon this year for the first time (and probably last!) and raised over £3,500 for Whizz-Kidz.

**Mrs B L McCrea (nee Evison, Stanhope 84)** Belinda is married to Colin and they live in Suffolk with their 2 sons, Harry and Max. Belinda is the Deputy Head at Culford School in Bury St Edmunds.

**D W S Roques (Chatham 84)** David and Louise's son William was born on 8 Nov 06.

**J M Gumpel (Chandos 85)** Jon is a director of Brooks Macdonald where he has just been ranked Number 8 in the Spears Wealth Management Power Index of the 50 most significant Asset Managers for the Super Affluent.

**Miss K N Khurody (Stanhope 85)** Khurshed hosted Harvard's first alumni dinner in Bombay for the newly appointed Vice Provost of Harvard University, Mr. Jorge Dominguez, who made his first trip to India in March 2007. Harvard currently does not have an alumni chapter in Bombay, so she hopes to have one set up by the year end. Khurshed will be playing a classical piano recital at the Taj Mahal Hotel, Bombay, on 18 Nov, which will be accompanied by a series of short film clips on music which she is scripting and directing.

**Miss L Louthan (Stanhope 85)** Laura has moved to Atlanta, Georgia, to take a position as Director of Information Technology at the Consumer Credit Counseling Service. She is experiencing the joys of in town living with 2 crack houses on her street and consequently has become busy with her Neighbourhood organisation!

**Mrs K L Rowton-Lee (nee Samuel, Stanhope 85)** Katrina works part-time to raise money from the City for Garsington Opera. Katrina and Philippa Aylmer (nee Hansard) have re-established their Stowe friendship and they now take family holidays together. She is also godmother to Charles Hopkinson-Woolley's son.

**J M J Phillips (Chandos 86)** Justin is the Commercial Director of The Opex Group and has just completed the acquisition of a major competitor, making it the largest UK exhibitions contractor in the UK. Justin and Lisa have had a second daughter, Freya Hannah, a sister for Becci.

**Miss E J H Stranack (Nugent 86)** Emma works as a Senior Strategic Communications Adviser at the Department for Constitutional Affairs. She also sits as a Magistrate in Westminster.

**R M Biffa (Chandos 87)** Matt and Rosie's son Jake was born on 29 Jan 07. Matt has recently completed music supervision of 'Magicians', starring Mitchell and Webb from 'Peepshow', 'I Am an American Soldier', an upcoming documentary on the Iraq War directed by legendary Vietnam War correspondent Jack Laurence, and Irvine Welsh's 'Wedding Belles', which aired on Channel 4.

**S L Clarke (Temple 87)** Steve has been appointed Marketing Director of Rachel's Organic, a leading organic dairy producer.

**E H J Hamilton-Russell (Chandos 87)** Edward has joined BNP Paribas to head up Asset Manager Sales.

**Miss K G Reardon (Nugent 87)** Kate is still a contributing editor at Vanity Fair magazine but in December she resigned from her column on The Times. She has recently set up a community website [www.toptipsforgirls.com](http://www.toptipsforgirls.com) and would like everyone to check it out!

**Mrs L M Vass (nee Morgan, Stanhope 87)** Louisa and John's son Rupert William was born on 1 Mar 07 in Melbourne, Australia.

**G P J Wordsworth (Walpole 87)** Giles is married to Emma and they have 2 daughters, Charlotte and Isabel. Giles is a Partner at Cluttons LLP and runs the Rural Asset Management and Farm Agency Division from Winchester and Oxford.

**Mrs R E Allen (nee Tew, Nugent 88)** Rosalind and James's daughter Georgina Poppy was born on 13 Nov 06, a sister to Olivia and Lucy.

**Miss H G G Corner (Stanhope 88)** Helen is founder and director of Cornerstones and Kids' Corner literary consultancy. Her book 'How to Write a Blockbuster' was published by Hodder in 2006. Her OS brothers, Alex and Andrew, respectively work as brokers in New York and Hong Kong. Ben, her third OS brother, is at Oxford Brookes.

**Miss M C J Harris (Stanhope 88)** Melanie continues to live in Edinburgh and has set up her own business, The Training Tree Ltd, an agency for train and coach companies working with social enterprises. She has also been elected as the Deputy National President for Junior Chamber International Scotland.

**J W Hogbin (Bruce 88)** Justin is working for Rolex as Communications Manager in charge of all UK advertising. He recently moved from London to Petworth in West Sussex with his wife Joanna and 2 daughters.

**Mrs J R M Lazzeri (nee Baker, Stanhope 88)** Jane is living in the Pisa area of Italy with her Italian husband and their daughter. She plans to start photographic commissions again soon.

**Miss A J Seymour (Nugent 88)** Amanda won a bursary with Honeycomb Animation to produce her first short animation, which will be screened at Animated Exeter early next year.

**P E R White (Grafton 88)** Edward and Sophie's son Samuel George Ruddick was born on 5 May 07.

**The Revd A C N Bewes (Chandos 89)** Anthony and Nicola's son Edward was born on 14 Apr 07, a brother for Eloise.

**M C St J Croisdale-Appleby (Bruce 89)** After postings in Dubai, Libya and the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mycroft is currently General Manager for British American Tobacco responsible for West Africa, living in Dakar, Senegal. If any Old Stoics are passing through West Africa he would be delighted to hear from them. Mycroft married Penelope Anglias on 18 Sep 05, in Hydra, Greece.

**C B Davies-Gilbert (Grenville 89)** Charlie runs the Beachyhead farm estate in East Sussex. He was the Farmers Weekly 2005 Young Farmer of the Year Runner-Up.

**J W Francis (Chandos 89)** Julian has moved from London to Sydney to pursue an MBA at the Australian Graduate School of Management (AGSM).

**Mrs L F Hodges (nee Roy, Nugent 89)** Lorne and John's daughter Imogen Rose was born on 10 Feb 07.

**J P Humbert (Cobham 89)** Jonathan is Managing Director and Auctioneer at J.P.Humbert Auctioneers Ltd, Towcester. He has 8000 sq ft premises at Towcester and recently bought Harp Auctions of Northampton. The acquisition makes his company the largest auction house in the Midlands. He can be contacted via his website at [www.jphumbertauctioneers.com](http://www.jphumbertauctioneers.com) and will be pleased to offer a reduced vendors' commission rate to Old Stoics, staff and parents. Jonathan is also filming with David Dickinson for a new daytime television show on 2008.

**S E Montford (Temple 89)** Simon and Crispin Clay (Bruce 89) drove 2 Land Rovers all the way to Libya



and back last October. An article was published in the FT about their expedition.

**S McG G Smith (Cobham 89)** Simon married Nykki Klap on 18 Feb 05 in Christchurch, New Zealand. In



attendance were Guy Holdsworth-Hunt, Jean Berthoin, Nick Laurence, Mark Smith, Matthew Smith (all back row); Justin Tew and Niko Airikkala (front row). Their son Charlie Phillip Gibson was born on 7 Sep 06.

**Mrs L E Stapleton (nee Cooper, Nugent 89)** Lucy is married to Martin and they have 2 daughters, Molly (2) and Darcey (9 months). Lucy is a partner in Transaction Services at PwC.

**G C Balmer (Cobham 90)** Chris and Deborah's son Harrison George William was born on 12 May 07.

**Mrs L C Goaman (nee Nutley, Stanhope 90)** Lucy and Simon's second daughter, Lulu, was born on 30 Jan 07, a sister for Poppy.

**Mrs J E Kerr (Nugent 90)** Julia took Australian citizenship during 2006, where she lives with her husband, Justin, and two sons, Alexander and Jamie. She is a Senior Tutor at Pymble Ladies' College in Sydney where she teaches both Modern and Ancient History. Julia would love to hear from any Old Stoic in her year group who is planning to visit Australia.

**P-A J-C Marshall (Lyttelton 90)** Patrick married Alexandra Day on 17 Mar 07. Old Stoics in attendance were Ben Tuttle, who was an usher, as well as Lucy Goaman (nee Nutley), Emma McCallum (nee Roberts), Sarah Faure (nee Pollard) and Belinda Paul (nee Roberts) and Helen Cox.

**T D McEwen (Chatham 90)** Tristan is the Managing Director for the Maypole Group plc which consists of 4 hotels and a large pub/restaurant, mainly based in Norfolk, the latter two which he took over last month. He would welcome any Old Stoics with special room rates ([www.maypolehotels.com](http://www.maypolehotels.com)).

**J C Steel (Grenville 90)** JoJo and his wife, Emma, continue to live in New Zealand and have 2 children, Benjamin and Lucy. JoJo is a self-employed children's entertainer, known as 'Johnny Magic'. He and Emma have started breeding Event horses.

**C R Wright (Temple 90)** Charlie lives in London with his Jazz singer/actress wife, Liz Cass. He is the Chief Executive of BPM Media Group, a property media company.

**M S Baldini (Temple 91)** Marco was voted a 'rising star' in the European capital markets by 'Financial News' in Dec 06. After 12 years with Barclays Capital he has joined Merrill Lynch as director of its corporate bond syndicate.

**Mrs C N Cadman (nee Roper, Stanhope 91)** Clare and Mark's son Reuben Issac was born on 9 May 07, a brother to Zachary and Josiah.

**P D de Marez Oyens (Grafton 91)** Pieter and Karine's son Timothy was born on 16 May 07. In Oct 06 Pieter was appointed Head of Fund Linked Derivatives, Marketing and Structuring in Asia Pacific for ABN AMRO Bank, based in Hong Kong.

**Dr E C Hornby (Stanhope 91)** In Feb 07 Emma began a permanent lectureship in music at Bristol University.

**J R H Murray (Walpole 91)** Justin lives in Wandsworth with his wife, Rhiannon and works in sports marketing/consultancy for Fast Track. He was part of the winning London 2012 Olympic bid in 2005.

**N G B Reuttner (Temple 91)** Nicolas has joined RBS to do corporate development for Retail Markets. He was also appointed Deputy Hospitalier of the British Association of the Order of Malta, with responsibility for the Foreign Aid Service ([www.orderofmaltafas.org](http://www.orderofmaltafas.org)).

**G C E Underwood (Grenville 91)** Giles is a professional opera singer and a member of 'I Fagiolini', an ensemble specialising in Renaissance and contemporary music. One of his projects this year is filming 'The Full Monteverdi', based on Monteverdi's fourth book of madrigals.

**T A D Crawford (Grenville 92)** Tristan now works for Alcan on aerospace structures research and development. He is based in Grenoble, France. He has qualified for his private pilot's licence with aerobatics training.

**B R Lambourne (Grafton 92)** Ben and another Old Stoic, Oliver Dury (Grenville 91), have just launched a golf event management company with 2008 European Ryder Cup Captain, Nick Faldo. Faldo Events will act as a bridge between the corporate sector and the golf industry, offering a range of innovative concepts for bespoke events ([www.nickfaldo.com](http://www.nickfaldo.com)).

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

**Mrs A C Tingle (nee Moon, Stanhope 92)** Anna-Lisa married Daniel Tingle on 27 May 06. James Bernard was best man and ushers included Edward Moon and

Charlie Wright. Wedding guests included Clare Cox and one of the bridesmaids, Amber Davies is the daughter of an OS (Ben Davies) and Anna-Lisa's godchild.

**J E Cottingham (Grenville 93)** Jeremy and his younger brother James recently competed in the Piper series in



South Africa with their newly acquired 1968 Chevron B8, finishing third overall in a long distance race.

**A E David (Chatham 93)** Arvind, who is now CEO of Slingshot an independent film company based in London's Ealing Studios, has made his first two feature films as producer. 'Sugarhouse', starring Andy Serkis (Gollum from Lord of the Rings) is an urban thriller which will open in cinemas across the UK in August; and 'French Film', a romantic comedy starring Hugh Bonneville, Anne-Marie Duff and former football star Eric Cantona. In a singularly Stoic twist, Arvind's play 'Dirk' (written with fellow OS James Goss), which began life as a Chatham House play in 1992, this year won 4 prizes at the LA Weekly Theatre Awards, including best adaptation, best comic director and best ensemble.

**J S Edmiston (Lyttelton 93)** Jamie is Director of Edmiston and Company, an international yacht brokerage.

**Miss V H Holmes (Stanhope 93)** Virginia is based in Mumbai and is Creative Partner and founder of make-up company fat mu ([www.fat-mu.com](http://www.fat-mu.com)), which offers professional make-up services for Bollywood and international films. She would love to meet any Old Stoics passing through Mumbai.

**G J Pike (Lyttelton 93)** Graham and Victoria's daughter, Joanna Emily, was born on 18 Mar 07.

**Mrs R M Bruins (nee Beer, Lyttelton 94)** Rachel and Jonathan's daughter Abigail was born on 22 Mar 07.

**The Hon Mrs S K M Burgess (nee Bruce, Nugent 94)** Sarah married Nicholas Burgess on 17 Dec 05. Their first child was born in Mar 07.

**J E Frazier (Chatham 94)** Since January Jeremy has been employed at the Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane as a specialist Registrar in Renal medicine. Jeremy married Carol Rooney on 15 Oct 06.

**R B S Gooch (Temple 94)** Rob is currently a stage manager/understudy on the National tour of African Snow which is at theatres around the country until the end of June ([www.africansnow.com](http://www.africansnow.com)).

**Mrs E J L Martin (nee Clark, Nugent 94)** Leonora married Thomas Martin on 6 Jan 07. She is currently working as a paintings curator for The Royal Collection.

**A J Paravicini (Bruce 94)** James is currently working for NatWest Private Banking in London. Each June, he organises a charity cricket match in Wandsworth to raise funds for Cystic Fibrosis and The Royal Brompton Hospital. Several Old Stoics from Bruce House play in the match: Andrew Bates, James Stewart and Mark Williams. They raise approximately £15,000 each year.

**H G Preston (Walpole 94)** Following a 4-year posting with Jardine Motors as General Manager of Mercedes-Benz in Macao, Haslam has now relocated to Hong Kong as Executive Assistant to the Managing Director (Taipan) of Jardine Matheson and Co.

**D B Scott (Chandos 94)** Daniel has opened up his own Art Gallery in Barcelona, called 'Artists Love Barcelona'. He also teaches students for week-long art courses.

**W Carpendale (Cobham 95)** Wayne is an 'Ambassador of the German's Children's prize', a prize given out by the charity Worldvision for projects supporting children in Germany and all over the world. He went to Vietnam for 5 days last month to experience a Worldvision project. In June and July he will be shooting a TV-Movie in Canada, near Calgary.

**Mrs A Roelz (nee Muller, Lyttelton 95)** Annette married Peter Roelz on 23 Sep 06.



**A E Pearce (Walpole 96)** Andrew married Kim Rice on 14 Oct 06. Old Stoics in attendance were Oliver Bray, Ariane Von Boch, Tim Pearce and Nick Pearce. They now live in Melbourne, Australia, and would like to hear from old friends.

**Miss B J Ryden (Lyttelton 96)** Beth moved to Queenstown, New Zealand nearly 4 years ago and currently owns an engraving business and consults for a lawyer practice.

**Mrs T J Samartin (nee Abecasis, Nugent 96)** Tamsin married Paul Samartin on 10 Dec 06.



**R J Smith (Bruce 96)** Richard is Associate Director for Hudson's Finance and Accountancy London division. In March, he competed in the Princes Trust Costa Rica challenge, spent 8 days hiking and cycling across the country, and with his team mates raised £34,000.

**R B F Jupp (Chandos 97)** After 5 years with Imprint Plc Executive Search, including the last 2 and half years setting up new divisions for the company in Hong Kong and Tokyo, Rupert has returned to London to continue his career in recruiting senior Finance and Strategy mandates across the commerce sector.

**Mrs J R Thackeray (nee Larsen, Nugent 97)** Jacqueline married James Thackeray in Sydney on 1 Dec 06.

**M O Bowman (Cobham 98)** Mark is secretary to the Stowe Templars CC, having taken over from Nigel Grice (who is now treasurer). Anyone wishing to play for the Templars should e-mail him at [mob@ffw.com](mailto:mob@ffw.com) or call on 0207 861 4043. He is cycling the TransAmerica trail this summer (4200 miles from Oregon to Virginia) to raise money for the Parkinson's Disease Society. If any Old Stoics would like to sponsor him they should get in touch via the above details.

**A M Lockhart Smith (Chatham 98)** Alistair ran the 2007 Flora London Marathon for the charity, 'Skill: National Bureau for Students with Disabilities' and raised just over £2,000.

**J Saifullah-Khan (Walpole 98)** After graduating from the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, USA with a degree in Economics, Jehangir returned to Pakistan to join the family business that is based in Islamabad. He is now the Chief Operating Officer of Saif Energy Limited, the group's Oil and Gas Exploration Company. He was previously involved in installing Pakistan's first undersea fibre optic cable system (1200 km long). It connects Karachi in Pakistan with Fujjariah in UAE and Muscat, Oman.



## News cont...

**Miss V Scott (Nugent 98)** Verity, who works as a freelance Film Director, has recently Art Directed her first period docu-drama, 'Nowhere left to Hide'. It is a celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Lord Montagu's famous London court case which de-criminalised homosexuality in the 1950's. It will be shown on Channel 4 in the 2nd week of July at 9pm.

**R A White (Cobham 98)** Rob played for Northants CC 1st XI in the LV County Championship match against Derbyshire in May.

**A M Sorokin (Walpole 99)** Alexei and Natalia's second son, Valentin, was born on 27 April 07. Alexei has completed his MBA at Harvard Business School and will shortly return to work in investment banking for Morgan Stanley's office in Moscow.

**R J H Burchett (Grafton 00)** Rupert has been awarded a Training Contract with Clifford Chance LLP (Law), starting in September.

**C K Keswani (Walpole 00)** Chirag spent 3 years with the Mumbai office of the French Consultancy, Capgemini,



before returning home to Nigeria last year to further his career with the family business in general manufacturing. During his time in India he participated in four Mumbai Marathons, raising the equivalent of over £9,000 for 3 diverse children's charities.

**T Koka (Cobham 00)** Taro graduated in MSc. Manufacturing Systems Engineering from University of Warwick and now works for Aisin Europe Manufacturing UK Ltd, a large multinational Japanese automotive parts manufacturer. He is an assistant instructor for University of Warwick Tae Kwon Do club.

**T C C Oliver (Bruce 00)** Tom lives and works in Northamptonshire as a Chartered Surveyor. He had a phrase book published in early 2007.

**Miss J A A Althoff (Nugent 01)** Juliane completed an MA in TV Journalism in London in Nov 06 and now works as a writer for a legal publication.

**Miss H C Durden (Nugent 01)** Hannah completed the London marathon in April in 4 hrs 36 minutes and 22 long seconds.

**J R Elwes (Chatham 01)** James has just started a job as an International Manager with HSBC and will be posted to Hong Kong soon.

**Miss S C Flower (Nugent 01)** Sally works for a public relations company and has recently launched Bijou Flower Jewellery ([www.bijouflower.co.uk](http://www.bijouflower.co.uk)).

**E A Hackett-Jones (Temple 01)** Ed is selling his events business to start a new career in the wine trade. During the hand-over stage with the business he is also working as a support-worker to a friend who is recovering from a coma.

**G V Kindell (Cobham 01)** Gene is teaching violin at Hill House School. He also teaches privately and freelances as a violinist, performing around the UK and London in one-off concerts and tours. He recently played with Dame Shirley Bassey on tour.

**Miss H L Tozer (Lyttelton 01)** Hannah is working for National Geographic Television International in London.

**L N Buckworth (Bruce 02)** Louis is the manager of the Firehouse nightclub, bar and restaurant in South Kensington.

**R J Mckinnon (Temple 02)** Rob works as an Assistant Manager in Catering for Bentalls in Kingston Upon Thames. He is also one of the lead oboes with the Thames Philharmonia Orchestra.

**D Wai (Temple 02)** Duncan is currently studying for his Masters degree at Durham University, where in 2006 he completed his BA degree in Business Finance.

**Miss S L Board (Lyttelton 03)** Samantha is currently taking a Primary PGCE at Newcastle University, after completing a degree in Political Science at Birmingham University.

**Miss D L Goodger (Lyttelton 03)** Danielle has been appointed to teach Mathematics at Marlborough College, starting next September.

**J Roberts (Bruce 04)** Jonathan graduated from Les Roches Swiss Hotel Management School in December and is currently working as the Food and Beverage Manager's assistant trainee at The Sheraton Saigon Hotel and Towers in Vietnam.

**Miss K E J Elliott (Nugent 05)** Kathryn has completed a charity challenge trekking through the Thai jungle for a week with Harry Bowden (Cobham 05), each raising over £2,000 for the Parkinson Society.

**M A Nelson and G G White (both Bruce 05)** Mark and Graeme both played for Northants CC 1st XI in the FP Trophy match against Durham on 20 May.

**E W Puxley (Grenville 05)** Will is member of Old Stoic band 'StrayDay', formerly 'The Wake'. The other members are Hwei Joon Kim, Tom Elkington, Tom Allport and Jamie Wemyss. They are signed to Rockmaster Records and released the single 'Life like a Zoo' in March.

## Deaths

**F L Ashcroft (Cobham 35)** on 6 Dec 06.

**N M Bates (Grenville 54)** on 4 Sep 05.

**R Boston (Walpole 57)** on 22 Dec 06.

**Lt Col A G Bowie (Temple 25)** on 22 Feb 07.

**J M Budden, OBE (Walpole 42)** on 28 Feb 07.

**D J Cater, MBE (Grenville 33)** on 03 Mar 07.

**Sir Joseph Cheyne, Bt, OBE (Chandos 33)** on 16 Feb 07.

**R B Chidell (Grafton 37)** on 27 Apr 07.

**The Revd J A Croft, MC (Chandos 32)** on 31 Mar 07.

**N J C Davies (Chatham 62)** in Dec 06.

**D E Frean, CBE (Cobham 32)** on 17 May 07.

**C Graham, OBE (Temple 50)** on 6 Apr 07.

**K D E H Harington (Bruce/Chatham 29)** on 13 Jan 07.

**Miss A Herbert (former staff)** on 5 Jan 07.

**J Hockley (Grenville 44)** on 24 Jun 06.

**R C St G Kelton (Walpole 53)** on 2 April 07.

**P E Levy (Temple 67)** in Italy in April 07.

**Major A C Lynch-Staunton (Temple 36)** on 14 Dec 06.

**J M Lyon, TD (Cobham 38)** on 1 Feb 07.

**P A Maskell (Bruce 86)** on 2 Feb 06.

**P A Pennant-Rea, MBE (Grafton 33)** on 13 Mar 07.

**J C Pfister (Cobham 33)** on 5 Dec 06.

**J L Rolleston (Cobham 38)** on 30 Nov 06.

**G R T Sorley (Chandos 50)** on 23 Jan 07.

**H P Takkenberg (Chandos 86)** in Nov 06.

**J A G Thwaites (Bruce 29)** on 1 Apr 07.

**P L Tompkins (Chandos 38)** on 24 Jan 07.

**M F A E Triefus (Walpole 47)** on 7 Dec 06.

**E H Trimmingham (Walpole 50)** on 10 May 07.

**A W Tweedale (Walpole 48)** on 5 Mar 07.

**Dr P Wintersgill (Bruce 44)** on 30 Nov 06.

**W S L Woolley (former staff)** on 25 Jan 06.

## Rowing: Triple Success

This is the second competitive season for Stowe in this sport. Last year we were setting the foundations in place and developing the equipment base, which is so essential to this sport. A grant from the 'Rowing Foundation' and 'Sport England' has set us up with some very good boats which will see us through for the next year or two. This equipment is being shared with Northampton Rowing Club and their feeder schools from the state system.

This year we are taking the competition level more seriously and have made an excellent showing at many events. With wins at Northampton Head of the River, Cambridge Head and Birmingham Regatta being an excellent start and one which we could not really have expected at this early stage.

Our Senior Quad and Double Sculls of Marcus Bennett, Conor Curtis, Jonathan Wale and Hugh Gallie have out performed most of the crews they have raced this year so far. Now that we are in Regatta season, we are meeting the 'big rowing schools' and clubs and are up against very serious competition. In the Ball Cup held at Eton Rowing Lake (the venue for rowing at the London Olympics 2012) we were narrowly beaten in both finals into second place and third in the 2X- and 4X- respectively. In the next few weeks we are competing in the National Junior Regatta at Nottingham and then we are preparing for the Fawley Cup at Henley Royal Regatta in July. As our crews are making quite an impression at regattas, we were noticed by Ted Bainbridge (OS, Walpole 68). Ted was part of the Swedish National Coaching Team for the 1992 Olympics. He has very kindly offered to help us with our preparations for Henley by using the facilities at Leander prior to the qualifiers.



Photo: Roy Ottaway

## Clay Pigeon Shooting – hitting the target

February was a tremendously successful month for the Clay Pigeon Shooting team. We played host to Warwick School on 7 February and triumphed over both their A and B teams by one clay each. Stowe took part in the Warwick Challenge on Saturday 24 February in a competition contested by 16 schools and won

Photo: Roy Ottaway



## Boys' Sports: Best ever hockey performance

The Lent term saw hockey take centre stage as our performance sport and Stowe enjoyed its most successful season for many years. The 1st XI, in particular, had a superb season winning all but one of its 12 regular fixtures. Notable victories came against Harrow, St Edwards, Oakham and Bloxham. Chris Price was outstanding in goal pulling off some miraculous saves to support his outfield players. Ben Smith won selection to the Midlands Division and with two more years still at school will push for International Honours. Success was not just the preserve of the Seniors. The 1st XI and the U16's both reached the Finals of the County Cup for the first time on record and our U14's got to the Semi-Finals of their equivalent competition. Unfortunately both Finals were lost to Sir William Borlase and RGS High Wycombe respectively, but significant progress has been made this season and with the new Astro to come on stream later this year all bodes well for hockey.

The Summer term sports have suffered the vagaries of the weather, however, in the cricket matches so far the 1st XI have got off to a flying start with 3 wins and a draw against Reading Blue Coats, Lord Williams's, Uppingham and Radley. This is the first time that Stowe has beaten Radley in 17 years with Jamie Hirst hitting 54 in a low scoring match.

Other notable knocks so far are Nick Allen's 90 against RBS and Rory Lyon's 5 wickets for 52 in the same match and his unbeaten 122 against Uppingham (scoring 100 before lunch). At the time of going to press, Stowe were through to the last 16 of the National Twenty/20.

In swimming, Stowe has beaten Oakham and Loughborough, finished 2nd in a 6 school gala at Harrow and came 6th out of 16 in the Otter Challenge Cup. Individual performances continue to excel with Sam Morris knocking 4 seconds off the 100m Individual Medley record, Jonathan Wale broke the U16 100m Breaststroke record and, astonishingly, James Blackham (3rd Form) broke the U15 Butterfly record 3 times in 3 consecutive days.

Tennis is having a winning season at Senior level so far this term with wins over MCS Oxford, Akeley Wood and Bloxham. A young side have had some tight matches and have just lost out in some titanic sets against Uppingham and Oundle.

In athletics, the Juniors have had team victories over Haileybury, Charterhouse and KES Birmingham with good individual performances from Balthazar Mattar and Dominic Noakes whilst there have been some excellent Senior displays from Rory Brabant, Tristan Hirst, Sam Hunter and Henry Corner.

Alan Hughes, Head of Boys' Games

emphatically. The winning margin was 16 clays (164/250) over a challenging course of eight stands. Warwick School scored 148/250 to finish runners-up. It is only the second time that Stowe has won the Warwick Challenge in eighteen years of the contest's existence. The last occasion was in 1995. An additional boost to this achievement came with the knowledge that Stowe is the first

team to have beaten Warwick School on their own ground in over five years.

The Stowe high gun was Dominic Woods who shot an impressive 39/50. The winning team included:

Jack Peile (Captain), Dominic Woods, Nickolai Ugland, Edward Benson and Jamie Robson

George Ford, Master in Charge

## Girls' Sports: Now Flourishing

Girls' games at Stowe continue to flourish despite the fact that we are still growing our numbers compared to our competitors. Strength comes from within, however, not just from the numbers competing in the sports arena and it has become apparent that Stowe Juniors do not expect to lose.

On the lacrosse field we have been fortunate to experience the coaching talent of Sarah Bach, a graduate from Stamford University and a US lacrosse player. Miss Bach has coached our Juniors through an almost faultless season with 9 wins and 1 loss, taking some large scalps on the way! Over 75 girls have represented Stowe in lacrosse this season and the future is exciting with, at long last, some of our home grown players moving up through the school teams. Four players were selected for County: Katie Kosciuczyk, Clare Jackson, Sophie Loyd and Cassidy Uggla. Two players, Katie and Cassidy were selected for Midlands and East respectively.

Our Seniors represented Stowe on the first ever girls' tour abroad. We visited California and although the opposition was incredibly strong, we fought hard and finished with some excellent scores albeit only one victory out of five. We hope to return with our Juniors in 2008.

Hockey has grown from strength to strength with two Senior teams and one Junior. However, with the influx of more 3rd Form in September this will change to three Junior sides. The new Astro, planned for late 2007, will bring with it new fixtures and more practice time, moving girls' hockey into the same league as lacrosse which has always been the long-term plan. Again our Juniors

have been the team of the season with emphatic victories over all but two of the schools played. Jose Brake and Zara Nicholls are currently attending county training sessions in Milton Keynes and they continue to benefit from the training given by Zak Jones on Monday nights.

In the Lent term we put out two Senior netball teams and, as the girls numbers grow with the development of co-education, we would expect netball to find a niche alongside hockey and lacrosse. The Lent term will remain the main netball term. The return of Mrs Jane Hamblett-Jahn (formerly in charge of netball at Stowe) in September, as the Housemistress of our new girls' House, will be a great boost for netball and girls' sport.

Tennis and swimming continue to be well represented by the girls and we have an exciting prospect for the future in Francesca Hutt (3rd Form) who has already smashed a number of school records in the pool. We have more girls than ever playing tennis with four Senior and three Junior teams competing in fixtures. Again the new Astro will allow us to play more matches both midweek and at weekends and the plan to enter the Bucks County Cup will be a first for girls' tennis.

Senior Captains for next season are:

- Hockey ..... Pippa Russell
- Lacrosse ..... Chloe Crisp
- Swimming ..... Elle Horrocks
- Netball ..... Sarah Hemsley

Thanks must go to all the girls' Captains for their leadership and support this year. They have all been excellent ambassadors for Stowe, both on and off the field.

Jayne Duckett, Head of Girls' Games



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## The Campaign for Stowe – an update

Six months ago, we reported on the early response to our launch of the Campaign for Stowe, and its immediate fundraising priorities. The Headmaster, Trustees and Campaign team have been delighted with the levels of interest and contribution that our Appeal has since attracted. We are truly grateful to the hundreds of Old Stoics, current and former parents and other friends of Stowe who have expressed keen interest, attended our Campaign Receptions, and seen a way to make their own donation – no matter how large or modest – towards our efforts. As the Summer term began, we had received cash donations and pledges of over £1.3 million since the start of the School year – well ahead of our expectations for the year. A considerable sense of momentum is now being generated in support of the Campaign and its fundraising targets. Thank you again to all those who have made their own personal contribution.

There are a number of projects that can now go ahead as a result of donations to the Campaign for Stowe. The creation of 6 new classrooms, to

be opened in September this year, has been made possible through the substantial generosity of two particular donors. We should very soon hit the target for the second all-weather pitch, to be built on the Bourbon playing fields. It is pleasing also to know that another 10 classrooms will be fitted with interactive whiteboard technology over the coming months. There have been many donations too towards the future funding of Scholarships and Bursaries, as well as to the restoration of the State Library.

This latter project represents one of our most significant challenges. We very much hope that we will benefit from further funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund – such a generous donor to the first two phases of the restoration. Other pressures on Lottery resources are significant, however, and we cannot be sure of further, immediate support. Whatever may be the case, we will be working to identify further potential sources of help, to ensure that the essential restoration work can continue.

Despite the tremendous generosity of our donors, there is a very considerable job still to be done – both for the School and for the House. Stowe is a young School without a large endowment – pitifully small compared with many other schools – and we rely on the support of members of our own community to realise our ambitions. Please do get in touch with me if you would like to make your own contribution – I would be delighted to provide further guidance on how you might make a gift, and how it would provide a very tangible benefit.

We look forward to publishing our first annual report for the Campaign during the summer, in which we will announce further news of the projects that have been supported. In the meantime, thank you again to those many donors who, over the last 6 months, have so generously helped to make a difference to the future of Stowe.

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His Grace the Duke of Marlborough (second from right, back row) at Blenheim with our esteemed guests from America.



Professor James Humes OBE engaging the audience at the Stowe Harvard pre-Dinner address.

## Stowe Harvard Fellowship

Over the past 16 years, the Stowe Harvard Fellow has become an integral part of Stowe life. Through the Fellowship, every year a postgraduate of Harvard is selected to come to Stowe as a teacher, coach and counsellor.

At the Annual Dinner in May, we celebrated the close relationship between Stowe and Harvard with many friends from America including honoured guests from the Board of the American Friends of Stowe and the current Fellow, Kathleen McKee.

As offered for the first time last year, our guests and supporters could join an exciting programme of events around the Dinner. We were very fortunate to have as our guest speaker before the Dinner, Professor James Humes OBE, an eminent Englishman and a former parent who has made his home in America. James, who has been speechwriter to five American presidents provided us with a rare insight into life behind the scenes at the White House in a most entertaining and thought provoking address entitled ‘Confessions of a White House Ghostwriter’.

We were particularly delighted that this year, through Alexander Spencer-Churchill (Chatham ’01), nephew of His Grace The Duke of Marlborough, an invitation was extended to visit Blenheim Palace – the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill and seat of His Grace The Duke. Although May showers prevented our group from visiting the Formal Gardens, they enjoyed a special private tour through the State Rooms and were given exclusive use of ‘the Indian Room’ where they were delighted and honoured to be joined by His Grace The Duke of Marlborough.

The following day, at Stowe, our guests had a private viewing of the State Rooms including the Gothic Library. They also joined a lively debate with the upper sixth politics group where they discussed English perceptions of US politics. An atmospheric picnic was enjoyed at the Temple of Venus.

These celebrations are a proud demonstration of the ever-strengthening bond between Stowe and the United States.

### 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.

23 June 07	Peter Rossiter, a celebration of his life; Family picnic at the Queen’s Temple
4 July 07	East Anglia Reunion at Magdalene College, Cambridge
12 September 07	50th Anniversary Lunch at Stowe for Old Stoics who left in 1957
13 September 07	Bill McElwee Centenary Celebration, Brooks’s, London
15 September 07	Open Morning (Lower 6th – for 2008 entry only)
29 September 07	Old Stoic Reunion Day for Old Stoics who left between 1966 and 1975
6 October 07	Open Morning (13+ entry) places are limited, please book soon
9 November 07	Sixth Form Sports and Roxburgh Scholarship Examinations for 2008 entry
10 November 07	Sixth Form Entry Examination Day for 2008 entry
Autumn 07	Yorkshire reunion, date and venue tbc
January/ February 08	Scholarship exams for 13+ entry, please contact Admissions for further details
19 January 08	Open Morning (13+ entry)

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