

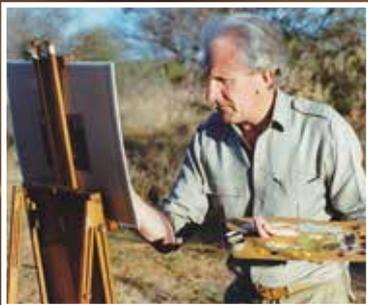
The Corinthian 2012

THE MAGAZINE FOR OLD STOICS

Issue 2

STABLE FOUNDATIONS

Old Stoics talk to Sky Television presenter, Robert Cooper, about their success in the competitive world of horse racing.



45 YEARS OF WILDLIFE, ART & CONSERVATION

David Shepherd, renowned artist and avid conservationist, writes about Stowe and what it has done as an institution to shape his life.



THE LOST TREASURES OF STOWE

As the restoration of the State Rooms continues, we find ourselves wondering what happened to the furniture and art that once filled these magnificent rooms.

Stowe

THE OLD STOIC SUMMER PARTY AT THE KENSINGTON ROOF GARDENS

12 June 2012

All Old Stoics and their guests
are invited to join us for this
informal evening.

Welcome reception in the Spanish Gardens,
2 live bands, barbeque and drinks until 10pm

TICKETS £35

BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

CALL 01280 818349 or E-MAIL oldstoic@stowe.co.uk

Contact the Old Stoic Office if you would like to e-mail
your year group personally to ensure as many of your
friends are there as possible.

Cash bar from 10pm to 12.30am

Kensington Roof Gardens, 99 Kensington High Street,
London W8 5SA



The Corinthian 2012

THE MAGAZINE FOR OLD STOICS

Issue 2

FEATURES

4 STABLE FOUNDATIONS

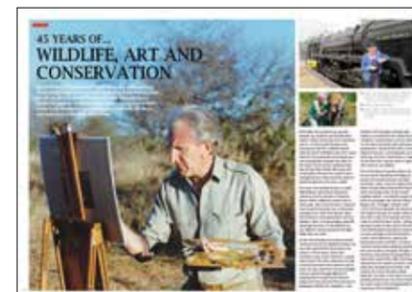
Old Stoics talk to Sky Television presenter, Robert Cooper, about their success in the competitive world of horse racing.



Page 4

10 45 YEARS OF WILDLIFE, ART AND CONSERVATION

David Shepherd, renowned artist and avid conservationist, writes about Stowe and what it has done as an institution to shape his life.



Page 10

REGULARS

2 EDITORIAL

9 FROM THE HEADMASTER

22 NEWS

14 THE LOST TREASURES OF STOWE

As the restoration of the State Rooms continues, we find ourselves wondering what happened to the furniture and art that once filled these magnificent rooms.

18 INDIAN OCEAN ROWING

James Kayll crosses the Indian Ocean in 75 days, 11 hours and 21 minutes.

20 OUR FIRST HEAD BOY

An insight into Colonel Andrew Croft DSO OBE – Explorer, soldier and leader of men.

33 MARRIAGES

34 BIRTHS

35 OBITUARIES

41 STOWE'S RICH HISTORY

INSIDE

3 A FAREWELL TO CHRIS ATKINSON
MESSAGE FROM THE NEW
OSS PRESIDENT

13 WHO REMEMBERS THE SMCC?
STOWE MOTORCYCLE CLUB
RIDES INTO BEING

17 NEW ONLINE BENEFITS FOR
OLD STOICS
FROM COBHAM TO THE
CHARITABLE SECTOR

19 A FEW WORDS OF ADVICE
FROM ENGLAND'S TOP DOCS
THE STAMP ALBUM
BOOK REVIEW: POETRY
AND C.S. LEWIS

21 INTERNATIONAL SPORTS'
HONOURS BOARDS
STOWE BEAGLES

39 KITE BUGGY ADVENTURE

40 YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

42 THE SWIMMING POOL

43 THE NEVILLERY

ANTIQUES ROADSHOW VISITS STOWE
BOOK REVIEW: STOWE THROUGH TIME

44 'MEMORIES' STOWE IN WARTIME

45 P.A.W.S CHEETAHS IN NAMIBIA
LUC WINS INTERNATIONAL
COMPETITION

46 BOOK REVIEW: RACERS, MEMOIRS
OF THE GENTLEMEN DRIVERS
THE ROXBURGH SOCIETY

47 THE ABC 2011 HIKERS & BIKERS
CHALLENGE
RESTORATION UPDATE

48 CORKSCREW SOCIETY

49 OS SPORT 2011

SAILING
CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

50 GOLF

TENNIS

FIVES

STOWE TEMPLARS

51 CROSS-COUNTRY

AFGHANISTAN RUGBY MATCH

52 2012 GIFT COLLECTION

INSIDE BACK COVER
2012 EVENTS



Page 14



Page 18

Page 20





Welcome to the second edition of *The Corinthian* – the magazine for Old Stoics.

2011 saw another incredibly successful year for the Society and its members. Event numbers have continued to grow with the annual dinner seeing a record in recent years of more than 210 in attendance. The inaugural Summer Party at the Kensington Roof Gardens attracted 320 and new heights were reached with over 200 joining us for a networking event at Green's in the City.

The new Members' Area of the website was also opened in November and has received some extremely positive feedback to date. Members can now list their businesses in a directory, post their CVs and OS employers can post their job opportunities. A full online Old Stoic Register is also available along with searchable access to past issues of *The Stoic* magazine, going all the way back to 1923.

This issue boasts another captivating range of feature articles and, due to an overwhelming response to my requests, an extended news section, which now spans 11 pages! The cover feature was expertly researched and written by Robert Cooper (Cobham 68) who reports and presents for the specialist horse racing channel 'At the Races' on Sky television. He really knows his subject and I would like to thank him for providing us with such a detailed and fascinating insight into Old Stoics at the top of the horse racing world.

My thanks also go to the many other Old Stoics who kindly sent in their reports and stories for this edition. Without these, the magazine's content would not be so rich and interesting. Also, I'm very grateful for the support of the advertisers Charles Birtles (Temple 83) at CB Property Search and Alastair Bentall (Chatham 58) at Bushbaby Travel.

2012 promises to be another vibrant year for the Society and I'm very encouraged by the steady increase in activity from our members and their willingness to support the Society where they can. I'm also pleased to see so many Old Stoics attending the events that we organise. It just goes to show that we are moving in the right direction. Be assured that we will not

rest on our laurels and that we will continue to improve the Society's increasing range of benefits. The Committee is committed to achieving this and is currently developing some exciting ideas for 2012/13.

Don't miss the Events Calendar for 2012 on the inside back cover. The Summer Party this year is on Tuesday 12 June at the Kensington Roof Gardens – an informal evening with 2 live bands, welcome reception, BBQ and drinks until 10pm – all for just £35! That's hard to beat in this economic climate. Why not get in touch with me at the OS Office and arrange to send out an e-mail to everyone in your year group?

Finally, my usual reminder, please make sure we have your correct contact details, in particular, your e-mail address. The majority of our communications are electronic, so if we don't have your e-mail address, we can't let you know about all the great things we are doing or unmissable events that are coming up!

Wishing you a very successful 2012!

Tim Scarff (Grenville 91),
Old Stoic Society, Director

A FAREWELL TO OUTGOING PRESIDENT CHRIS ATKINSON



Chris Atkinson, who retired in November 2011, as President of the Old Stoic Society has been one of our longest serving Presidents. Indeed,

he has served the OSS and Stowe for over half a century. Chris came to Stowe in 1954 as a 13 year old. It is as if he has never really left the place, living, as he still does, in Dadford. Chris excelled at everything at Stowe and never transgressed. At least he wasn't caught. He must have been skillful with his academic work for he spent 3 years in the Cricket XI and captained it for two, was in the 1st XV Rugby and also in the Hockey XI for 3 years and Captain of that too. As if that were not enough; the young Atkinson played squash, fives and tennis for the school (winning the public schools Youll Cup) ending up Head Boy.

Up at Oxford, Chris acquired a Hockey blue and became Captain in the second year adding a half blue in tennis for two years. A management role at Courtaulds followed for just a few years, but man-made fibres were not for this man of fibre and the magnetism of Stowe was too powerful. Chris joined the teaching staff, later becoming a Housemaster of Walpole and then Campaign Director and Marketing Director.

Our best wishes and thanks to Chris for his wonderful contribution to the OSS and the School. His wisdom and knowledge in Committee has been invaluable.

Ivo Forde (Walpole 67),
Old Stoic Society, Chairman



We are delighted that Anthony Bolton (Chatham 67) has agreed to become the next President of the Old Stoic Society, taking over from Chris Atkinson (Chatham 59).

Anthony has been one of the UK's best known investment fund managers and most successful investors for many years, having managed the Fidelity Special Situations fund from 1979 to 2007. Over this 28 year period the fund achieved annualised growth of 19.5%, far in excess of the 13.5% of the wider stock exchange, thus turning an initial £1,000 investment into £147,000. He now lives, with his wife Sarah, in Hong Kong where he manages Fidelity China Special Situations PLC, as well as being President of Investments for Fidelity International.

A MESSAGE FROM... THE NEW OSS PRESIDENT

It is a great pleasure and honour to have been asked to serve as the next President of the Old Stoic Society, following in the footsteps of some remarkable and distinguished Old Stoics. I am extremely grateful to the Committee for their invitation and I hope I will be able to serve the Society well.

Stowe has meant an enormous amount to me since I arrived, from Cottesmore School in Crawley, as a fresh-faced Chathamite in 1963. It was the School that my father, Alwyn, had so enjoyed in the 1920s under the great 'JF', and to which I was enthusiastically signed up very shortly after birth! For me, Stowe was the place where I developed my passion for music and for musical composition in particular. Time outside the classroom was spent in the Orchestra, the Music Society, playing the piano, cello and the organ in Chapel. I remember pulling out the loudest stops on the organ and playing away until someone was sent to try and quieten me down as the music could be heard all the way from the Headmaster's house! It was in the Roxburgh Hall record room that I first listened to music by composers such as Janáček, Shostakovich and Britten which subsequently became great favourites of mine. I also remember serving at the rank of Corporal in the RAF section of the CCF (chosen as I hoped there would be less square bashing and brass polishing) and also the activities of the Science Society and the Film Society. Other somewhat random memories I have are: trips to the tuck shop to buy White's lemonade and walnut whips, the distinctive chimes of the clock on the North Front, the radio hut near the science labs where we managed to set up a TV, listening to an illegal crystal radio in my dorm and using the metal bed as the aerial, returning my rifle after corps to the unlikely armory in the Gothic Temple and School dances arranged with

local girls schools which generally never quite lived up to the expectations!

Like many Old Stoics, I'm sure, the distractions and pressures of life and career have meant that my associations with Stowe inevitably became more distant over the years. But more recently, I have been delighted to re-kindle those connections. I have witnessed a school that is in excellent health and an Old Stoic Society that must surely be one of the most active of any school alumni societies. I am delighted to know of the burgeoning programme of reunion events, of business networks, and of communications and connectivity of every form that enable those Old Stoics, less able to engage actively with the School, to keep in touch.

There are over 10,000 Old Stoics alive, spread around the globe. Being in Hong Kong, my opportunities to become actively involved will be somewhat limited for the immediate future, although I am delighted to see the community of just over 50 OSs out here beginning to find their collective feet: we have had two reunion events in the last 18 months, with another one in February. If you live outside the UK and wish to connect with other Old Stoics, I would encourage you to get in contact with the OS Office who will be able to tell you of others in your region. I will be keeping in touch with Society matters and helping wherever and whenever I can.

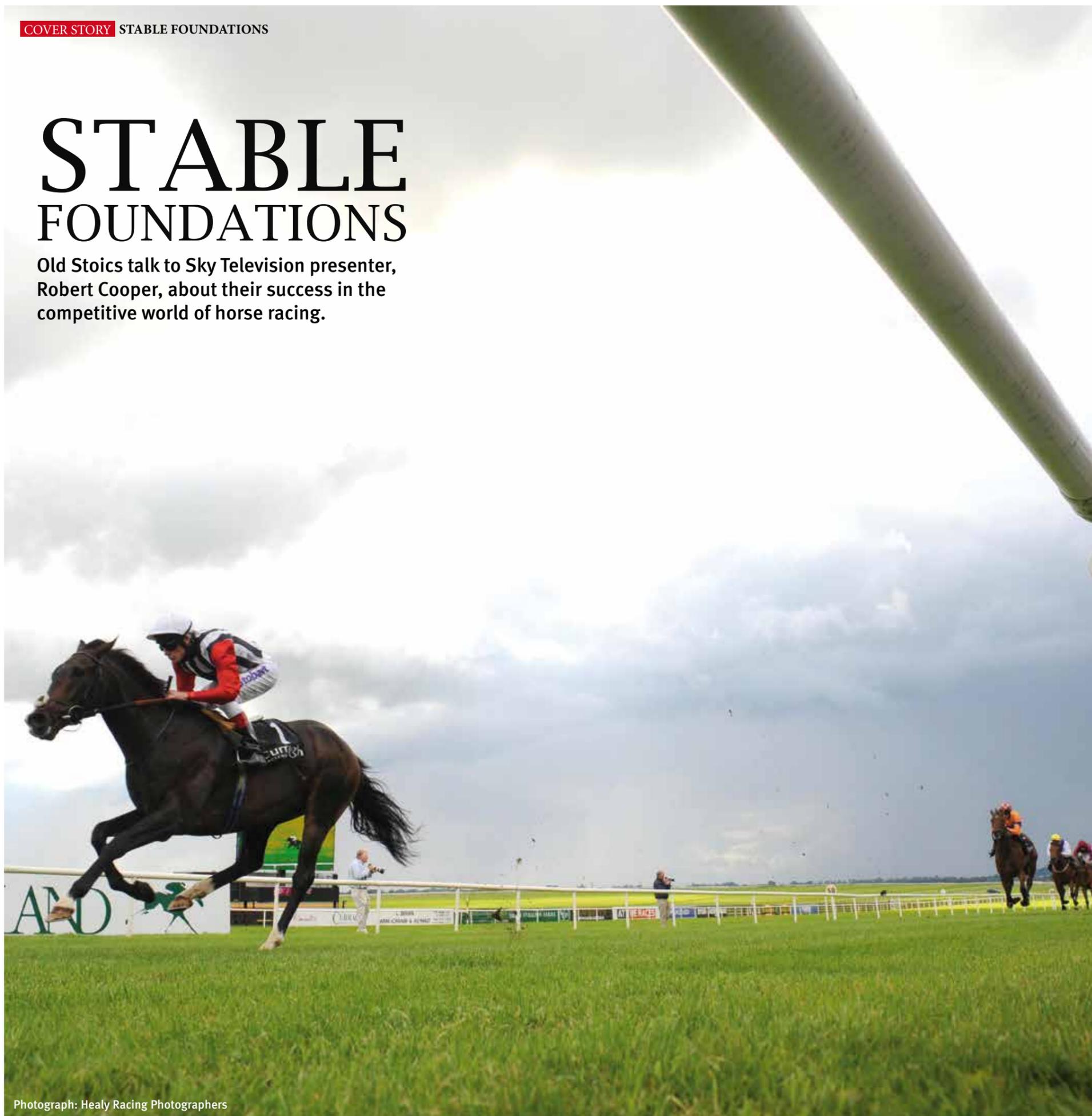
I am enormously impressed by everything I see and hear of Stowe nowadays. It is most encouraging that a growing number of Old Stoics are registering their own children for places at the School; I am heartened by the flow of news about academic, sporting, artistic and other successes; and, personally, I am thrilled to have been able to support the plans for the new Music School which is due to open at the end of next year. It is a most exciting time to be associated with the School and long may this progress and momentum be sustained.

With warm best wishes to you all,

Anthony Bolton (Chatham 67)
Old Stoic Society, President

STABLE FOUNDATIONS

Old Stoics talk to Sky Television presenter, Robert Cooper, about their success in the competitive world of horse racing.



Photograph: Healy Racing Photographers

I was barely fifteen when I experienced the first taste of financial ruin. Jay Trump winning the 1965 Grand National at odds of 14-1 was the final straw.

I have just re-lived the full gut-wrenching agony by watching the race again on YouTube. It is the first time I have seen it since trembling with apprehension in front of my Housemaster, Revd Jos Nicholl's (Bruce 38 and Cobham Housemaster 1962-76) telly on that fateful Saturday – 27 March 1965. I recall vividly the titanic struggle between two exhausted horses along every inch of the gruelling Aintree run-in. But somehow I knew my fate long before the winning post was reached – Jay Trump held at bay the gallant challenge of a diminutive Scottish horse called Freddie by a withering length. Penury loomed large.

My fatal shortfall of financial acumen occurred during break a fortnight earlier. I was chatting to a friend, Charles Cremer (Cobham 67), in Cobham house room about the prospects of 'cleaning-up' in The Spring Double – the Lincoln Handicap and the Grand National. Both races have the reputations of being devilishly difficult to solve – and as for picking the winners of both races – well, this would be straying into the territory of witchcraft. My friend thought he'd give it his best shot and with lucky pin sharpened selected Old Tom ("nice name") in the Lincoln and Jay Trump ("I like yankee jockeys") for the Grand National. I sensed a money-making opportunity and took his bet – a ten shillings (50 pence) win double. I knew easy money when I saw it – no need whatever to calculate my potential liability. More fool me. Old Tom stormed home first in the Lincoln at 22-1 and my friend was already dreaming of a gin palace on the Costa del Sol. Ten days later Jay Trump completed a knee-trembling double at odds of 344-1.

Where was I going to find nearly £175? – that was nearly a term's fees – my school pocket money for a year was about £15.

Fortunately, my friend had a very generous nature and settled for the entire contents of my Post Office Savings Account – at the time just shy of £5. It was still a wearisome bike ride to Buckingham to withdraw my fortune and I can clearly hear my father's motto for life "Never bet more than you can afford to lose."

Deacon Blues winning the Patrick P. O'Leary Memorial Phoenix Sprint Stakes (Group 3) at the Curragh, Co. Kildare, Ireland.

Nearly half a century later via a circuitous route through the Stock Exchange and a Covent Garden bookshop, I now have realised my childhood dream and report and present for the horse racing channel 'At the Races' [Sky 415 Virgin 534]. I somehow knew my Geography 'O' level would be put to good use as I now wend my way to racecourses the length and breadth of Great Britain. On my travels I regularly meet Old Stoics involved in racing, many of whom have excelled at the highest level.

Roger Charlton (Chatham 68) trains at Beckhampton House Stables near Marlborough and is the only English trainer to win the English Derby and French Derby in the same year – and what's more, that momentous year 1990 was his first season as a trainer. He took over the yard from Jeremy Tree after working as his assistant for 13 years. Charlton recalls, "Jeremy didn't tolerate people who weren't switched on – and I certainly wasn't switched on at all until I started to work a bit harder and tried to be one jump ahead, in case he asked me something important. He had you thinking all the time."

Charlton's father was a farmer and always had horses – "When I was still at Stowe I rode in a Point-to-Point at Great Horwood, much against the better judgement of the then Headmaster, Robert Drayson (1964-79) – he was a bit reluctant – he didn't think it was a worthwhile activity." After the riding bug had retreated, training was the next thing, "My father said no-one would ever send me a horse to train – why do it?"

On that dubious parental note, Charlton went to Australia and then Hong Kong, "I was very lucky to be in the right place at the right time – in Hong Kong the stock market was booming. I worked there for 6 months before returning to work in London for two years." Despite these lucrative times, the lure of the turf had not diminished. Charlton bought property in Lambourn – known as The Valley of the Racehorse – built an equine swimming pool and thereafter met Jeremy Tree – "I swam a few horses for him and he ended up offering me a job. He was a great mentor and whatever I've learnt has been from him."

There have been no more Derbys for Charlton since 1990 but some great trainers have ended their careers without winning arguably the most coveted race on the planet.

Amongst Charlton's owners is Her Majesty the Queen – but he is not the sole Old Stoic Royal trainer.

There's also a fair sprinkling of royal inmates amongst the 100 horses trained

by **Michael Bell (Cobham 79)** at Fitzroy House Stables in Newmarket. And like Charlton, Bell has tasted classic success. I was reporting for BBC Radio Five Live at Epsom in early June 2005 when having to employ some of my most ferocious rugby skills to pierce the battalions of the world's media just moments after Motivator had won the Derby. More Epsom success was to follow for Bell when Sariska won the Oaks, albeit by a whisker in 2009 before winning the Irish Oaks at the Curragh a month later – it was reckoned by many to be one of the easiest classic victories in living memory.

Bell has trained more than 1,100 winners since embarking on this precarious profession.

“I’ve ridden all my life – there used to be a rule that it didn’t count as a day off when the Grafton Foxhounds met at Stowe. So my horse was delivered to the school and I went hunting.” He started training in 1989 – “and my first runner was a winner. She was a filly owned by my father called Pass the Peace and she won the Fred Darling Stakes at Newbury.”

Before computers became the norm, it was hard to keep up with the goings on in the sporting world. Bell recalls, “on compulsory runs on a Saturday afternoon, I used to carry my radio and duck into a temple or some bushes to listen to a race. My son, Nick, is in Cobham now so he and other students of the turf can follow every move on the internet.”

Michael Bell’s brother **Rupert Bell (Cobham 77)** is also involved in racing (and virtually every sport invented), not as a trainer but a sports broadcaster and Director of Lloydbell Productions. He is also the intrepid frontman of Ascot TV – at the Royal Meeting in June, Rupert and his microphone throw caution to the wind in his quest to entertain and inform racegoers. Listen to Talk Sport long enough and you’re bound to hear Rupert – whether it be the Open Golf at Lytham St Annes or Mud Wrestling in Borneo, he’ll be there!

James Fanshawe (Temple 79) and Michael Bell were contemporaries at Stowe. “Michael bought *Sporting Life* every day; I could only afford it on Saturdays.” Fanshawe also trains in Newmarket. At Pegasus Stables, Fanshawe has enjoyed success at the highest level both on the flat and over jumps. Royal Gait won the Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham in 1992 and Hors La Loi won the same race in



- 1 Guy Harwood’s Dancing Brave winning the Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe in 1986.
- 2 Roger Charlton, the only English trainer to have won both the English and French Derby in the same year.

2002. Fanshawe’s uncle was former Champion National Hunt trainer, David Nicholson. “Every school holidays revolved around horses. I looked forward to riding at my uncle’s. I was more interested in riding than training but I soon got that delusion out of my system.”

Fanshawe spent seven years with Sir Michael Stoute in Newmarket. “Michael taught me so much – I was there in 1982, the year that Shergar won the Derby.”

SHE WAS AN INCREDIBLE FILLY – SHE HAD ALREADY WON FOUR GROUP ONE RACES BUT THINGS HAD GONE SO WRONG WITH HER BEFORE THE FALMOUTH

If there was to be an equine variation on the ever popular Desert Island Discs, Fanshawe’s ‘race to relish’ would be Soviet Song winning the Group One Falmouth Stakes at Newmarket in July 2005. “She was an incredible filly – she had already won four Group One races but things had gone so wrong with her before the Falmouth I thought we’d never get to the racecourse on the day, but we did and she won so impressively. It’s a day I’ll always remember.” The well-worn cliché that ‘you’re only as good as your last winner’ rings true again and again. 2011 was a quiet year for Fanshawe’s horses until the final day of Royal Ascot when he

completed a notable double with Society Rock in the Golden Jubilee Stakes and Deacon Blues winning the Wokingham Handicap – “it was an amazing 40 minutes. It was much needed at the time – it put us back on the map.”

It is not without good reason that Newmarket is known in the racing world as Headquarters. Around 3,000 horses are trained here and to witness their early morning exercise routine on Newmarket

Heath is an eye-popping experience. I’ve often wondered how on earth trainers can keep track of their horses – and know the names of every one, but they do. This is not chaos but a strategically orchestrated daily ritual. Apart from the trainers, work-riders and stable staff, the busiest people in Newmarket are bound to be the vets – and with so many horses, injury or sickness at some level is a certainty.

Dr Peter Rossdale OBE FRCVS (Temple 46) is a luminary in the veterinary world – especially in Newmarket. In 1959 with the encouragement of some trainers and stud owners he set up his practice. You could



- 1 James Fanshawe approaching Society Rock at Ascot in 2011.
- 1 Michael Bell with Motivator who won the Epsom Derby in 2005.
- 2 Guy Harwood at Coombelands Racing Stables.
- 2 HRH The Queen with James Fanshawe after Society Rock won the Golden Jubilee Stakes at Ascot.

write a book about his achievements – in fact Rossdale has done just that recently publishing *The History of Veterinary Practice in Newmarket 1831-2011* telling the whole story – including his early life as a schoolboy at Stowe – “I was at school during the war and racing was not high on the list of priorities in those days. My original ambition was to be a jockey – I rode in Point-to-Points whilst at veterinary college; apart from that I was too heavy and didn’t have enough nerve. Horses were the first interest in life from the age of six. That is why I went into the veterinary profession.” Today, Rossdale and Partners is the largest equine practice in Europe.

Sandy Struthers (Chandos 47) attended Stowe in the same ‘Roxburgh’ era as Peter Rossdale. Struthers was a steward for many years – he enjoyed a happy association with Hamilton Park racecourse for 30 years. He was a Deputy Senior Steward for the Jockey Club. In the 1970s Struthers had plenty of good fortune as an owner – veteran punters will recall Scottish Rifle and Pitcairn – and the speedy John Splendid won the 1970 Ayr Gold Cup.

The cost of owning a racehorse is around £15,000 a year and in this austere climate owners need plenty of cossetting and cajoling – especially with dwindling prize money. Despite the economic gloom, attendances through the turnstiles are at



a record high. But without owners there would be no racing and these hardy individuals are represented by the Racehorse Owners Association. **Anthony Villar (Chandos 53)** was President of the ROA from 1980-1982.

Mark Davies (Cobham 66) rode 61 Point-to-Point winners, was a director of Warwick Racecourse, a Steward of the Jockey Club for 5 years and is a Trustee of Ascot Racecourse. **David Hill (Bruce 66)** is currently Chairman of Warwick Racecourse.

My first job in racing was in 1981 for Mecca Bookmakers who had set up a broadcasting link to their 600 betting shops in the UK. In between greyhound races from Hackney and the first race at Brighton, it was my job to produce some informative tit-bits for the punters to listen to in the shops. I reckoned top trainer **Guy Harwood (Grafton 57)** would be an interesting victim and in those days he was based at Coombelands Racing Stables near Pulborough training hundreds of winners until 1996, after which he handed over the reins to his daughter Amanda. He certainly trained some brilliant horses – Rousillon, Warning, Kalaglow, Ela Mana Mou, Lear Fan – but the best of all in my view was Dancing Brave who will long be remembered as ‘the best horse that never won the Derby.’ He started a red-hot favourite for the 1986 Epsom Classic but

was given too much to do by his jockey Greville Starkey, losing by a rapidly diminishing half length to Shahrastani. The horse made amends three months later winning the Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp but with Pat Eddery (former Stowe parent) in the saddle.

Harwood’s transition to training wasn’t an immediate success, “I’d been training 5 or 6 years with around 15 winners on the flat at a pretty low level.” Joining forces with top bloodstock agent James Delahooke (former Stowe parent) changed Harwood’s fortunes with a torrent of high profile winners – “James’s good eye gave me some very good horses to train.” Harwood trained two English Classic winners – To Agori Mou in the 2000 Guineas at Newmarket in 1981 and Dancing Brave won the same Classic in 1986 prior to his near-miss at Epsom.

Jonathan Portman (Chatham 83) trains around 50 horses at Compton near Newbury. 2011 has been his best season with 23 winners. “I think I was more obsessed by racing at Stowe than I am now – although we’ve had a good year, it’s still an uphill struggle with a combination of the recession and record low prize money. There’s always something to worry about – and unlike a few other Old Stoics I’m still waiting for my first Derby winner.” Racing was certainly in the blood – Jonathan’s father was a permit trainer and his uncle is top trainer Henry Candy whose star filly Time Charter won the Oaks in 1982 – “I followed all Henry’s horses very closely and backed most of them. I had a list of all his horses stuck to my desk.”

Rupert Arnold (Lyttelton 77) is Chief Executive of the National Trainers Federation and is also on the Board of the Horsemen’s Group who represent the united common interest of horsemen.

Arnold has opted for the political roll in racing after a spell of 7 years as a trainer – “I reckon the highlight of my training career was probably Clan Chief winning a valuable sprint at Goodwood in 1996 but the business wasn’t going anywhere – and the NTF appointment cropped up at the right time.” He remembers watching Night Nurse winning the 1976 Champion Hurdle with James Fanshawe – and like many followers of the turf listened to Peter Bromley’s commentaries on Radio 2 – “one Sports Day, I was sitting on the North Front listening to the radio and Peter Bromley walked past and asked me for a result – he was the uncle of a friend of mine.”

In my experience as a reporter I have never heard anyone shout a winner home



with more volume or enthusiasm than **Alastair Lidderdale (Walpole 82)**. He's a quiet, mild-mannered bloke but he possesses a mighty roar. The first time I heard it at Exeter, I considered calling for medical assistance. Lidderdale has been training at Eastbury Cottage Stables near Hungerford since 2004 having become a licensed trainer in 2002. He trained some high profile winners for George Ward – founder of Grunwick Film Processing Laboratories and a leading player in the two year Grunwick Strike in 1976. Alastair trained Glacial Sunset to give Ward his first ever Cheltenham winner in 2002.

Alex Hales (Chandos 92) trains around 40 horses at Trafford Bridge Stables near Banbury. He was head lad to trainers Charlie Mann and Kim Bailey before setting up on his own and had a lucrative spell as private trainer to businessman Andrew Cohen.

Matt Cumani (Grafton 99) is surely a name to look out for on the turf. Son of

top Newmarket trainer Luca Cumani, Matt works as assistant to his father. "My father thought I should make a fortune before following in his footsteps – I worked for Lehman Brothers in my gap year but their demise has rather knocked that theory on the head."

In my pre-racing years in an astoundingly unsuccessful career in the Stock Exchange – it made no difference to my fortunes whether the country was booming or bust – I frequently spied **Jack Ramsden (Cobham 60)** – a snappily dressed stockbroker who also liked a bet. In fact, in 1980 he waved farewell to the City to set up as a professional punter – and a very successful one too. He met his wife Lynda at an Epsom stables where he owned horses. She subsequently became an astute trainer – and with the assistance of Jack's knowledge of the form book, the Ramsdens were a potent force for many years – much to the chagrin of the bookmakers.



- Alastair Lidderdale runs to assist jockey Mickey Fenton and assure Windsor Knights on his racing debut at Royal Windsor.
- Celebrating in the winner's enclosure at Goodwood. From left: Racing Manager at Lidderdale Racing, Kevin McCarthy, trainer Alastair Lidderdale, star performer Kilburn and delighted connections, all members of the Royal Windsor Racing Club.

I apologise to any Old Stoics who failed to get a mention – this is entirely due to my haphazard research regime – you are cordially invited to step forward and insult me on a racecourse of your choice.

Robert Cooper (Cobham 68)



- Robert Cooper (Cobham 68) reports and presents for the specialist horse racing channel 'At the Races' (Sky 415). He has been a freelance broadcaster and writer since 1995. In 2005 he was named Broadcaster of the Year at the Horserace Writers and Photographers Association Derby annual awards.



AN EDUCATION AT STOWE

Information Evening for Old Stoics

Have you begun to think about Senior School education for your sons or daughters?

Stowe's popularity has increased significantly in recent years and demand for places in some year groups now exceeds the number of places available.

To explain why an Education at Stowe is currently so sought after, the Headmaster is delighted to invite you to an Information Evening, exclusively for Old Stoics at the Royal Institute, Albermarle Street, London on Tuesday 29 May from 6.00-8.30pm.

For more information and to reserve a place, please act now by contacting the Admissions Department on admissions@stowe.co.uk or call +44 (0)1280 818409.



FROM THE HEADMASTER

STOWE RIDES AGAIN

It is more than twenty years since the School offered riding as an activity at Stowe. Yet equestrianism was embedded in the early history of the School and it has long been an ambition to revive a traditional country pursuit that requires skill, courage and tenacity while encouraging an appreciation of Stowe's unique landscape environment. Michael Morpurgo's book *War Horse*, recently filmed by Steven Spielberg, reminds us not only of the logistical importance of horses in World War One as cavalry mounts, pulling ambulances, carrying supplies and ordnance to the front line – but also the powerful emotional bonds that can form between humans and animals.

In the 1920s horses were still embedded in the warp and weft of the rural economy and boys were generally expected to learn how to ride. Blood sports were useful to hone the riding skills of young men who could join the cavalry in wartime (Siegfried Sassoon's *Memoirs of a Fox-Hunting Man* recalls "how I came to hate the war for transforming the Elysian lifestyle of the very rich into a communitarian pot-pourri of mud and shrapnel"). The *Old Stoic Register* records the high number of boys who joined cavalry regiments and the new era of mechanisation began as late as October 1928 when the 11th Hussars became the first regular cavalry regiment to replace horses with armoured vehicles. Successive headmasters

welcomed the Grafton Hunt to the North Front to demonstrate the School's support for the local hunt and the traditional stirrup cup with the School in attendance has recently been revived (the Grafton Hunt was invited to meet at Stowe on Tuesday 21 February).

Horse Trials – or 'Eventing' – also owes its origins to the days when horses played a prominent role in military operations. The three stages of Dressage, Showjumping and Cross-country test the discipline, obedience and responsiveness of a horse over different terrain. As recently as the mid-1990s, the Stowe Horse Trials attracted competitors from all over the world and the competition was regarded as one of the highlights of the equestrian calendar.

The original Stowe stables were at The Kennels (just to the north of New Inn and close to the Corinthian Arch) where the Dukes of Buckingham kept deer hounds and the activity was run by a local farmer, Will Chapman. In 1925 Thomas Connor responded to an advertisement in *The Field* and was appointed master-in-charge of riding. He soon bought The Kennels from Chapman and riding established itself as a popular activity that drew in Stoics, Masters, Matrons and even the Headmaster's Secretaries. Many Old Stoics have fond memories of The Kennels where they became adept equestrians and enjoyed the legendary teas provided by Mr and Mrs Connor. Their children, Theodore and Mary, continued to welcome Stoics to The Kennels until the early 1990s and still look after the ponies that are ridden around Stowe grounds by local children.

Some of Stowe's legendary figures were as admired for their horsemanship as for their pedagogic talents. Stowe's superb Director of Music, Dr Huggins, was Joint Master of The Grafton, kept his own horses at The Kennels and would hurry from the hunt to



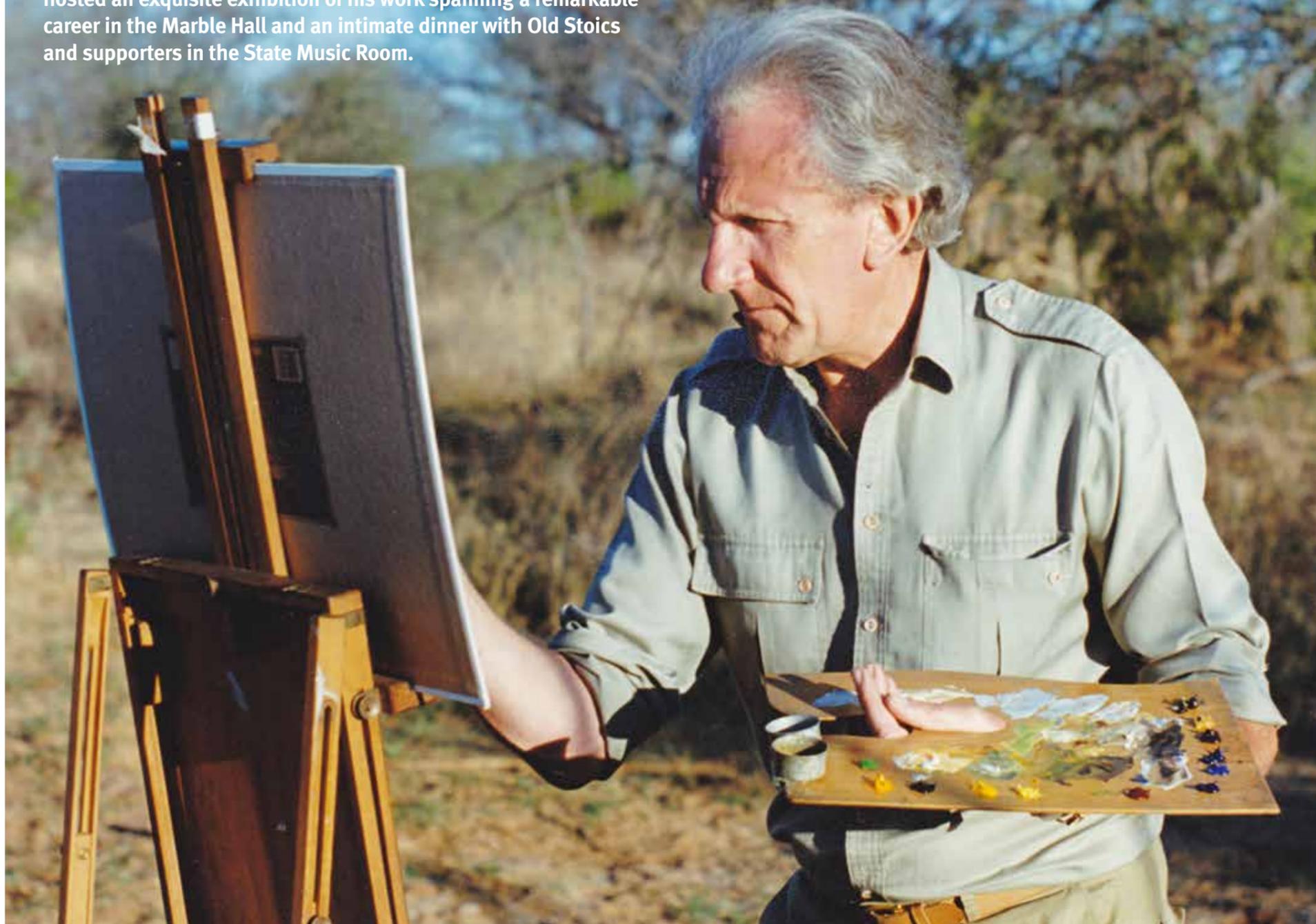
- At The Kennels prior to army cadet corps manoeuvres, History Tutor Bill McElwee (left) with Stoic Brian Fanshawe (Walpole 54).
- The Grafton Hunt meet at Stowe in the 1940s. JF Roxburgh (with umbrella) and Dr Huggins, Director of Music, mounted.
- The Grafton Hunt at Stowe in 2010. The Headmaster with Grafton huntsman Mick Wills and Jenny Jackson-Stops.

play the organ in chapel (with his surplice covering mud-splattered clothes). TH White, author of *Miss Masham's Repose* and *The Sword in The Stone*, was also a devoted horseman and hunted with The Grafton. It was White who once rode up to the North Front playing fields in the middle of a closely contested Oundle-Stowe rugby match and insouciantly enquired, "What's going on over here?" Bill McElwee, an inspiring history teacher (he had collaborated with A J P Taylor and written a respected biography of Charles V), won the Military Cross in Normandy and was regarded by Mary Connor as "a bit of a dare-devil" on horseback.

It is our intention to restore Stowe's impressive and extensive record of excellence in riding and on 21 November 2011 work began to build twenty stables and a ménage at Home Farm, a five minute walk from the North Front. Construction should finish by the end of April and we intend to open the facility on Speech Day, 2 June. In addition to the new stables, Captain Mark Phillips is designing a cross-country course for Stoics on Dadford Common and we are hoping to resurrect the Stowe Horse Trials with a more demanding course to the west of Wolfe's Obelisk. We have already had one horse generously donated to the stables – Oeste, a Portuguese Lusitano who was Champion of Champions at the Hartpury Breed Show in 2006 and 2007 and an international competitor at Grand Prix level for many years. Oeste should inspire the next generation of Stoic equestrians and riding at Stowe will resume its rightful place as an important and enjoyable activity that fits our country boarding school identity.

45 YEARS OF... WILDLIFE, ART AND CONSERVATION

David Shepherd (Chatham 49) wildlife artist and conservationist writes about Stowe and what it has done as an institution to shape his life. In 2011, as part of his 80th birthday celebrations, he hosted an exquisite exhibition of his work spanning a remarkable career in the Marble Hall and an intimate dinner with Old Stoics and supporters in the State Music Room.



- ▲ Steam locomotives are one of David's passions. He bought 'Black Prince', a 140 tonne locomotive in 1967.
- David painting in Africa.
- David pictured with a baby elephant on one of his many conservation trips to Africa.

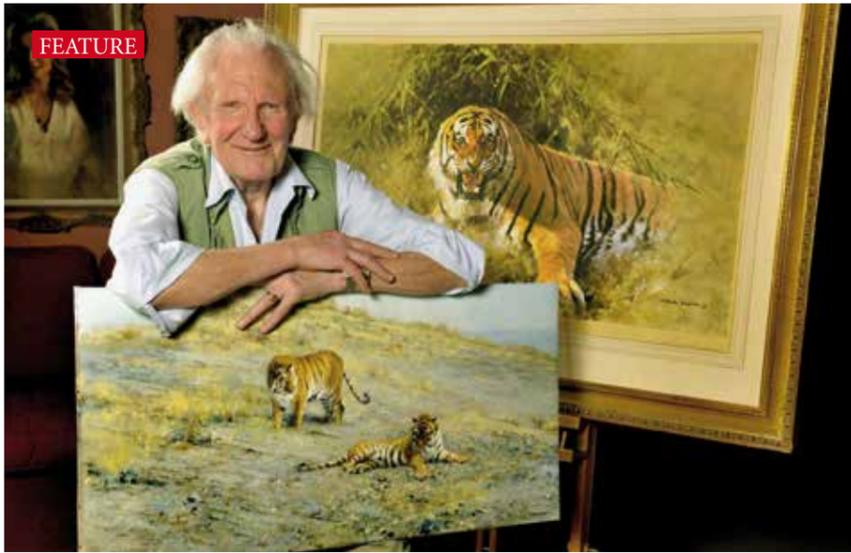
With Hitler advancing far too quickly towards us, my Mum and Dad decided that for safety, my brother and I would be sent to a school called Stowe on the assumption that the Luftwaffe would never fly north of Watford, which of course they did. Many windows were blown out and considerable damage was done to the South Front but the crowning insult was the fact that bombs fell across the cricket pitch; this was too much to bear and legend has it that someone wrote to Adolf asking him to be more careful.

So it was, that during the war, a scruffy little blighter called David Shepherd arrived to join his brother at Chatham House. What a different world it was in those days. We arrived by train. A special coach was hitched onto one of the trains running to the north from Euston. Boys will be boys in every generation and one memory I have is of passengers patiently awaiting their train on the platform at, say, Watford, being showered with light bulbs from our train.

At the risk of boring my readers to death, I will avoid too much detailed reference to my early state of mind on arrival at the school. In those days, I think that conditions were much harder for a young new entrant. The rules seemed to be that a new boy was given two weeks to get to know the place and then he was installed into the system through degrees of bullying which would not be allowed today, but it was all part of the process of growing up. Being very immature, I was

terrified of the thought of being seen naked, so on arrival in the school bus at Chatham, I would make a rush to the list on the notice board for bath allocations, praying that I would be left with a certain degree of privacy. I certainly grew up the hard way, and fast. There were no carpets on the floor then and we used to wake up with snow on our pillows!

One of the great things that Stowe did for me was to initiate and develop my passion for classical music and what memories I have. I was President of the Music Society which meant that I had the thrill of meeting some of the world's leading soloists. I recall with a particular thrill one example; the School's Music Master, Dr L P Huggins (Former staff 1929-1952) led a double life. Master of the Grafton Hounds, he would clean his tack after a day's fox hunting and then come to school to teach music. Having a private income, he was able to hire the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra to come and play at the School with a soloist, Beno Misevich, playing the Rachmaninov Second Piano Concerto. I had the task of welcoming the great man who was to play in the gym. The gym, at that time, was still the building which was built in the early 1920s after the School opened and was meant to last for a few years but, through lack of funds, still existed. So it was, that when Beno Misevich sat down at the piano he very politely pointed out to me that it would be much easier if the climbing ladder was hoisted up off the keyboard!



We seem to be living now in a world of increasing technology at the expense of the arts but, to my intense pleasure, Stowe has resisted and will always be one of those great centres of painting, acting and music. I am very emotional and quite recently, my wife and I attended a concert in the Chapel where one of the boys stepped out from the orchestra and played a Chopin Piano Concerto without reference to any music – I was very proud to be an Old Stoic at that moment.

Concerning my painting life, I had no interest or ability in painting whatsoever. It was simply a question of being safer in the Art School, where we enjoyed the hospitality shown by Robin Watt (Former staff 1934-1948), the Art Master and his lovely wife, Dodie, rather than out there on the rigger field, at risk of having my collar bone broken under heaps of writhing bodies in the mud.

Having four daughters, I was particularly pleased and indeed surprised when our youngest, Wendy, announced one morning when she was at sixth form college at Guildford that she would love to finish her time at Stowe. So, I wrote to Bob Drayson, the Headmaster at the time. He replied in true fashion saying that no strings would be pulled; Wendy would get in entirely on her intellectual capabilities and qualifications. The letter ended with a PS, "The fact that you are painting my portrait might make a difference!" That sums up to me the whole wonderful, wonderful world of Stowe School. I have had the delightful pleasure of painting four of Stowe's Headmasters – Donald Crichton-Miller (58-63), Robert Drayson (64-79), Christopher Turner (79-89) and Jeremy Nichols (89-03) – all of which have been interesting experiences and amazing lessons in what happens when

you are the Headmaster of a great public school.

In my last year at Stowe, being a monitor, I was never happier as I was able to show my authority by whacking younger misbehaving boys on the head with a ruler. These nasty little boys unfortunately got their own back on one occasion. On returning to the School as a fresh Old Stoic, they managed to open the bonnet of my little car and disconnect the battery. My irritation and anger was matched by roars of laughter from those relishing my discomfort from the dormitory above.

On leaving Stowe, it was only then, as is surely so often the case, that I realised how much of a lasting impression the awesome beauty of the place has had on me as a conservationist and someone who appreciates the beauty of nature and the wonderful world in which we live.

I count myself as being so very fortunate in leaving Stowe at the same time as JF Roxburgh. We all know that JF will go down in history as being one of the greatest Headmasters of all time. He had the unbelievable ability to make every one of us little brats, arriving at school, feel that we were all so important and had an astonishing ability to remember all of our Christian names to make us feel welcome. His words if I remember were "It's not what you know when you leave this place, it's who you are." That is Stowe.

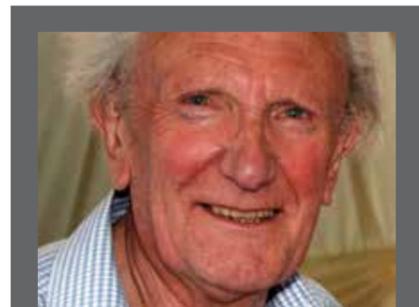
Now, in my eightieth year, it is perhaps relevant to reflect on nearly half a century of being an Old Stoic. I have never believed that Stowe turns out to a pattern; indeed in some cases, certainly mine, 'eccentricity' is the word. For example, I know I can say that I am unique in being the only person who owns 140 tonnes of steam locomotive, which is helping to



- 1 David at his exhibition in the Marble Hall at Stowe in June 2011, organised in celebration of his 80th birthday.
- 2 David's unrelenting efforts to save the tiger continue with 'Tiger Time' (www.tigertime.info). Picture by Becky Thomas.

save the tiger. To explain, my steam engine, Black Prince, is working almost daily now on the North Norfolk Railway and some 100,000 plus people come every year to the railway. On the front of the engine is the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation headboard, so if a tiny proportion of these people go home in the evening thinking about the critical situation that faces the tiger now, this can only be good. I am certainly the luckiest person alive, with no time to be ill. I believe that the older one gets, the more exciting life becomes. I have painted a picture of an aircraft carrier one minute and then the Queen Mother's portrait the next and another time have been lucky enough to meet Neil Armstrong. Perhaps I now realise after 45 years of being an Old Stoic what Stowe has done for me – a very great deal.

David Shepherd CBE (Chatham 49)



- 1 David Shepherd CBE (Chatham 49) is known internationally as one of the world's leading wildlife artists. He is also a passionate conservationist and he freely admits that he owes all his success to the animals he paints. He has recently finished a book of over 120 personally selected images that define his life in painting and wildlife conservation. The 'David Shepherd Archive Collection' is available through www.gatewaysark.co.uk

WHO REMEMBERS THE SMCC?

"No, certainly not! That is quite out of the question!" This was Headmaster Reynolds' emphatic response to my request to allow us to run our model cars on the floor of the Marble Saloon in the main building.

Having founded the Stowe Model Car Club in 1952, we had acquired or built a few model racers fitted with small compression-ignition engines and we were now looking for a suitable place to launch these little mechanical high-tech toys.

We had gathered a number of enthusiasts and went about it in a serious way: inviting an ESSO representative from Oxford to supply petroleum, castor oil, ether and amyl nitrate ignition improver, blending special fuels in the Chemistry lab (tolerated by our Chemistry Master, "Acidbath" Haig), and even building a small vehicle dynamometer with a friction brake and a rev counter from an E.R.A. racing car. Thanks to the unique opportunities we were given at Stowe to develop skills in the workshops, these activities were most satisfying to ourselves, but not without risks:

Housemaster Macdonald noted in my 1953 Easter term report: "...and he has become quite a figure as Lord President of the Stowe Model Car Club. He has certainly, in that position, extracted an enormous quantity of hard manual labour from an army of keen and enthusiastic helpers." In the Summer term report, however, we read: "His main trouble at the moment is that he does not enter enough into the regular activities of the House. Irregular enterprise, as in the Model Car Club, has its advantages, but it is not enough by itself."

Nevertheless, as shown in the photos, we were allowed to build a solid track by the tennis courts near the Palladian Bridge, and I got a whole day off lessons so that we could cast the concrete in one single operation to ensure that the surface would be flat and smooth. These cars travelled at speeds of 70mph and more. We filmed this by fitting a 16mm cine-camera on the centre pylon where the cars were tethered.

In July 1953, we invited the European Model Car Racing Champion, Mr J Dean, to officially open the track.

In 1954, I left Stowe to study Mechanical Engineering at Cambridge, in preparation for an international career in R&D in the Oil



- 1 Chris Gridley (Chatham 56) and Keith Ashton (Chatham 55) fixing a 16mm cine-camera on the centre pylon where the cars were tethered.
- 2 Fixing the tether to one of Jim Dean's cars.
- 3 Chris Gridley blending fuel in the Chemistry lab.

and Additive industry. The track was later abandoned and finally removed in the 70s. I can't help feeling that the "irregular enterprise" had, after all, served a useful purpose.

Christoph von Eberan-Eberhorst (Chatham 54)

STOWE MOTORCYCLE CLUB RIDES INTO BEING...



Ten Sixth Form Stoics set the standard for 'feet-up' motorcycle trials at the Bursar's Field on Sunday 6 November.

With some, little and no experience between them, the group quickly displayed a skillful mastery of this demanding sport under the expert tuition of their instructor, Stuart Day, from the Honda Trials School, who was overheard saying that the ten Stoics "... were the fastest learning rookie riders I've ever taught."

The Headmaster's thinking behind the event was to establish Stoic interest in

safe off-road motorcycling as a demanding and challenging physical activity as well as a useful skill for holiday scooter hire and future (motorcar) driving.

The Honda Montesa motorcycles are competition trials bikes, similar to those ridden by five times World Champion Toni Bou. Trials is a low impact motor sport and is relatively slow and quiet, but requiring physical strength, stamina and skill. Obstacles are arranged into 'sections' and the idea is to complete a section without putting a foot down.

The School's long-term vision for the Motorcycle Club incorporates more than just trials and will touch on other disciplines on two wheels from bicycling through to competition and mechanical training.

It is envisaged that the 'friendly' relationship with Silverstone race circuit will become more relevant and

educationally useful visits will be organised. The motor industry around the racecourse on Stowe's doorstep is highly regarded throughout the world for its technical expertise in Formula 1 and MotoGP. Norton and Triumph have both extended invitations to the School to visit their manufacturing facilities and many more 'relationships' are expected to develop now that the School has its own dedicated motorcycle club.

However, just like the sport of Trials itself, the way forward is one step/section at a time and for now the formation of the new club and some practice land near the Bursar's Field will keep many Stoics busy and challenged.

Parents with an interest in the development of the Stowe Motorcycle Club are most welcome to contact Alan Longworth – alongworth@stowe.co.uk

Patrick Gilson (Walpole 79)



✓ Jackson Stops auction assistants on the South Front portico before the 1921 auction. The head of one of the original Medici lions can be seen in the background.

LOST TREASURES OF STOWE

One of the most common remarks made by visitors to Stowe House highlights the misconception that Stowe is a house with a collection: “Aren’t you worried the School will cause damage?” is a question so often asked. The answer, of course, is no.

It has been nearly one hundred years since the House was stripped of its contents, and for over a decade the Stowe House Preservation Trust (SHPT) has worked hard to restore the house and encourage pupils and visitors to understand its importance.

As the restoration of the state interiors continues, we find ourselves wondering

what happened to the furniture and works of art that once filled these magnificent rooms. The Temple-Grenville family was headed by a succession of extravagant patriarchs, their egos inflated by the titles bestowed upon them. A series of auctions in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, however, marked

the family’s eventual downfall. In 1848 most of the art work and much of the state furniture was auctioned; the following year over 6,000 books from the vast Library collection were sold. By 1921 the family’s dwindling fortune and the loss of the heir in the Great War dictated the auction of the entire estate: the house, gardens, furniture and even

bed linen. The house was bought by Mr Harry Shaw who stripped the house of every fixture and fitting, all of which were sold again as individual lots. It was at this last sale that Stowe lost many of its important interior features.

In March 2012 SHPT is launching a campaign to find out what happened to these lost treasures of Stowe, digitising auction catalogues and creating an interactive platform for members of the public to share with us their knowledge and help us to track them down. The aim is to foster a ‘virtual collection’, mapping out the dispersal of Stowe objects and using this information to develop a new interpretation programme for visitors. Our recent success in the first stage of a Heritage Lottery Fund bid for the development of a new education and outreach centre for the public marks the first steps in the right direction. We are hoping that the Old Stoic community will be able to help us: do you have a lost treasure of Stowe, or know where to find one?

Many notable items of Stowe provenance have found their way into national museums. Most, however, have disappeared into private collections. Some of the more unique fixtures sold at the 1922 auction included a mock sarcophagus containing a stove, a pair of sphinx statues, and a set of seven canvases and two glass panels painted with depictions of Egyptian figures and hieroglyphs. As you may have guessed, these items once belonged in the Egyptian Hall, which was partially restored this summer by SHPT. Unfortunately, due to the low light levels in this room and primitive early twentieth century cameras, there are no surviving photographs of which we know. A clear scar in the plaster and on the floor of the apse together with a nineteenth century watercolour sketch gives a good indication of the design of the sarcophagus stove. These sketches are otherwise not detailed enough to be of much more use. Exactly what the canvases depicted and the style of the sphinx statues consequently remains something of a mystery.

A recurrent obstacle we find ourselves faced with is the limited number of photographs and images available for study – the entire paper archive belonging to Stowe and its family unfortunately now resides in the Huntington Library in California. One of the principal aims of SHPT is to restore the house and its interiors as accurately as possible, refraining from carrying out

work before substantial research has been undertaken. Whilst transcripts of building accounts held in the Huntington Library are immensely helpful, a picture really does speak a thousand words more when it comes to restoration. SHPT is therefore always eager to discover new images – sketched, photographed or any other medium – of the house and its contents prior to 1922. Such images will hopefully form part of the online forum in order to help identify lost treasures.

Photographs are proving to be an integral part of the research leading up to the restoration of the Music Room in April 2012. With regard to locating original fixtures and fittings, we are relatively lucky in the Music Room: the decoration is painted straight onto the plaster and the original fire surround was recovered in the 1990s. Only the ceiling panels pose a potential problem. The central circular canvas is a copy by Benjamin Gibbon (Grenville 29) – the location of the original can be traced up



- ➊ This photograph is taken from the 1922 auction catalogue, after which the Medici lions were removed and found their way to Stanley Park, Blackpool.
- ➋ This pencil drawing has been attributed to a member of the Fremantle family. Lady Elizabeth Fremantle is perhaps better known as diarist Betsy Wynne. She was a close friend of Lady Buckingham and visited Stowe frequently. Replica urns copied from an original generously lent by Roger Morgan-Grenville will soon be re-instated along the South Front balustrade.
- ➌ The Music Room has changed very little over the centuries. The circular canvas in the centre of the ceiling is a copy of the original by Benjamin Gibbon, who, together with his brother Michael, carried out restoration work in the 1960s.
- ➍ Interior of the Egyptian Hall (looking East) by John Claude Nattes, 1805. The Egyptian Hall was installed by the Marquess of Buckingham in 1803, and only these two sketches are known to survive as visual records of its original appearance. Their accuracy, however, is debateable: the winged serpent detail that survives in the frieze today is shown here as winged cherubs. The canvases can clearly be seen, but their compositions are harder to make out. The panel above the left sphinx is a painted window that would let light in from an external window under the north portico.
- ➎ Here, you can see the original urns and Medici lions in their original positions along the South Front. The lions are lead cast copies of a pair commissioned by Ferdinando I de’ Medici in c.1600 for his villa in Rome.





until 1978, but from there the trail goes cold. The two rectangular panels at either end of the ceiling have experts divided: some say the paint dates from the 1970s, others say they are original and painted directly onto the plaster and some are sure the originals were sold. The 1922 catalogue adds to the confusion: it lists lots that cannot possibly be extracted, most notably the niche in the northern apse. The only way to clarify which lots were successfully removed and sold and those left behind is to consult an annotated auction catalogue, a resource we sadly lack.

Whilst the Egyptian Hall and the Music Room restoration projects highlight the more immediate need to rediscover lost fixtures and fittings in order to accurately restore interiors, the long-term purpose of the Lost Treasures of Stowe campaign is to record and map out the dispersal of Stowe

- For years the Music Room was known as Bruce House Room. This photograph dates from the 1930s.
- This photograph of the Music Room was taken for the 1921 auction catalogue, and as such the furniture has been positioned around the room for maximum visibility. This practice will prove a very helpful tool when it comes to authenticating treasures sold from Stowe at this time.



objects. On going history is an important theme of which SHPT is acutely aware: as the House is preserved for future generations of visitors and pupils, so too are the objects that were once collected here. The generosity of Stowe School in granting SHPT the use of the cellar for a new interpretation and exhibition space underlines our strong working partnership and the involvement of the Old Stoic community is most welcome.

If you would like to tell us about your lost treasure of Stowe, or have any information please contact:

Hettie Dix, Researcher
Stowe House Preservation Trust
Stowe, Buckingham MK18 5EH

E-mail: losttreasures@stowe.co.uk
Telephone: +44 (0)1280 818405

- Applying the newly-discovered textured surface to the walls and columns in the Egyptian Hall during the restoration project.
- Interior of the Egyptian Hall (looking West – Apsé detail) by John Claude Nattes, 1805. Nattes's second sketch shows the sarcophagus stove in the apse. The sarcophagus was attached to the wall and the stove was connected to a flue that ran behind the wall, joining the flue for the fireplace above in the North Hall. This meant that a clear scar was left behind in the plaster and on the floor when the sarcophagus was sold and extracted. As this design was so unique it is surprising that the original cannot be located.
- The October half-term provided the perfect opportunity to investigate the Music Room paintings. Various experts including paint analysts and specialist conservators were brought in to carry out the work.



NEW ONLINE BENEFITS FOR OLD STOICS

WWW.OLDSTOIC.CO.UK

A great many of you, by now, will have logged on to the new online members' area and will have seen the range of benefits now available to all Old Stoic members.

Over 90 Old Stoics have already listed their businesses in the Directory and the feedback to date has been extremely positive. For those of you not yet familiar with these exclusive benefits, here is a summary:



This directory is for those who wish to present their business to the OS community or explore and use the services of other Old Stoics' businesses. You can upload details, a logo and an image of your business – and where possible, a special 'Old Stoic' offer. As the directory grows, you will be able to search amongst a wide range of OS products and services, from architects to landscape gardeners.



Aimed at both OS employers and those looking for a new job. This is an area where you can post your job vacancies for other Old Stoics to browse and a board for those wishing to upload their CVs for potential employers to see.



A detailed list of all Old Stoics and their careers (where we have the information), including a protected e-mail link, where we have the address on record, to enable you to contact other OSs with whom you may not have spoken for some time.



A fully searchable set of School publications going back to issue 1 from 1923 – a fantastic way of reminding yourself of past endeavours and exploits!



A useful tool when travelling abroad or moving to a new country. This is a list of Old Stoics spanning the globe, who would be delighted to hear from other Old Stoics – if just simply to meet up for a drink, or if you need local help in an emergency.



To login, you will need to visit www.oldstoic.co.uk, then look for this box in the top right corner. There you will be asked to enter your unique username and password. If you have not yet been sent this information it means that we don't have an e-mail address for you on file. All you need to do is get in touch with the OS Office by e-mail, oldstoic@stowe.co.uk or by telephone 01280 818252 and we will be able to issue you with the correct access information.



FROM COBHAM TO THE CHARITABLE SECTOR



After school I studied medicine with the intention of being a surgeon in the developing world. During my surgical training, I was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis and loath as I am to admit it, its overall impact on my life has been a positive one... of course, regardless of how I feel about it now, there have been moments of utter despair.

Within a month of Médecins Sans Frontières agreeing to send me on a mission, I started to limp. After six months my life was all hoists, wheelchairs and being on the wrong side of the doctor-patient relationship. That Christmas I was nearly quadriplegic with my swallow, speech and breathing affected. With no more conventional treatments available, it felt entirely hopeless.

My doctor then did something unconventional. He prescribed a drug on compassionate grounds; use of the drug for MS had ceased after a fatality on its trial, but regardless of the risk, its use could be justified in my case because when you have nothing left, you have nothing to lose.

It worked. Now I can walk, see, and speak again, my long-term girlfriend stayed with me and we are now married with a daughter.

To thank my neurologist, I run a charity in my spare time (I now work as a deputy coroner). The charity is called White Coat Wonders and funds his research into progressive MS. We've raised £62,000 for him through auctions and comedy evenings which has created a new research post at Newcastle University in memory of my father, also an Old Stoic who had MS.

If I've learned anything from this I'd say that whilst I'm annoyed it happened, in truth, the deepened friendships, the satisfaction of having found a cause to champion and the memory of the difficult days to bring life into perspective, leads me to conclude that it is one of the best things that ever happened to me.

To support the Henry Straker Fellowship, either visit: www.whitecoatwonders.co.uk and follow the link to donate at the bottom left of the screen or e-mail Peter at pstraker@me.com if you can donate an auction lot or have any fundraising ideas. Thank you.

Dr Peter Straker (Cobham 93)



INDIAN OCEAN ROWING 75 DAYS AT SEA

After 2 years of fundraising, boat building, planning, preparation and a few hours on the ergo I was reunited with my boat in Western Australia. Somewhat apprehensive about what lay ahead, I felt excited by the daunting challenge and the 3,100 nautical mile adventure that was now only weeks away.

The proposed departure date of 17 April looked ominous; there was much to be done from fitting external bilge pumps to checking the correct quantity of Biscuit Browns (even found in civilian ration packs!) and sea trials. Every safety, survival and navigational item needed to be scrutinised and rehearsed. Needless to say, we were delayed by 5 days and departure was not until 22 April. The advantage being that we were finally ready, but the disadvantage was that the weather was not perfect. Ideally, we wanted to leave with an easterly wind to help take us away from the treacherous west coast of Australia. Historically, onshore sea breezes develop during the day and the Leeuwin current running north – south make this the hardest coastline in the world to row away from. A light westerly breeze had now developed which would slow our offshore progress. We left at dawn and pulled slowly away from the coastline. The wind direction made headway tricky but we were steering more of a NW heading in order to pass to the north of the low lying coral Houtman Abrolhos Islands some 35 nautical miles offshore.

As the days began to add up, we kept a close eye on our progress, the plan to beat the 68 day record for a team of 4 was top of the agenda. Our slow start had already put us three days behind the record but then some good SE winds, large following seas and positive currents helped us eat away the difference and by the halfway point we were only 9 miles behind the record with the boat getting lighter, routine established and weather conditions set to improve, morale was high!

The various pains set in after about half an hour. Contrary to the advice we had received, nakedness seemed less effective in reducing chafing. Our backsides slowly broke down;

fortunately the author had a ‘good arse’ and suffered the least in this area. A few boils appeared but were treated as best as one could (6 or 7 times a day) with Betadine antiseptic. The remainder of the crew shared a concoction of a sickening number of boils (including odd ones that burrowed in creating a hole), piles, yeast infections and spots. “Buttmin” became a well used phrase and absolutely critical to mitigate the



- 1 James Kayll in the middle of the Indian Ocean preparing for another night at sea.
- 2 The four man crew celebrate the end of their voyage.
- 3 James with a 40lb dorado gaffed as it swam under the boat.

James Kayll (Walpole 00)

development of further injuries and reduce the pain. Further chafing between legs, blistering on hands and feet, back pains, tendonitis, claw-hand, infections and diarrhoea were common. We could not afford to lose a rower.

Demoralising is not the right word to use when you break kit on which you are reliant. Both of our auto pilots broke in severe weather. This meant that we were subjected to foot steering for the remaining 2,000 miles. We were now using an inefficient and uncomfortable system which constantly needed adjusting and maintaining, wasting time and energy. The cabin hatch hinges broke meaning there was no resistance and the hatches would slam violently if not closed or propped open. Two of the four oar stands were snapped and another well bent after waves plucked us from our seats and threw us into the stands. Wheel bearings in the seats lasted no more than six weeks before they shattered and needed replacing. Steering ropes chafed on the rollers that entered the cockpit and there were constant electronic difficulties with the e-mail system and the link to the sat phone.

Our water maker was very efficient and produced 30 litres an hour which was more than enough for all of our needs. We ate in excess of 6,000 calories a day, predominantly dehydrated rations to save weight. Despite eating as much as we could, we still each lost 12kg in bodyweight. However, on one occasion our diet was supplemented with a fantastic 40lb dorado, gaffed by the author as it swam selflessly beneath the boat. Filleted, marinated in soy and lemon before lightly pan frying – probably the most delicious meal I have ever tasted!

The closest we came to catastrophe was when a 140 metre tanker came close to running over us at night. The only chance we had to alert him of our position was to fire white flares signalling a collision was imminent. With less than quarter of a mile until collision I fired two white parachute flares and then stood with my arm above my head holding a burning white hand-held flare. Thankfully, this was enough and the tanker banked hard to starboard missing us by less than 100 metres.

The weather conditions and the ocean currents were consistently against us. Despite catching the record by half-way, the second half of the crossing saw unfavourable currents and persistent westerly winds that hampered progress. Our daily average slowly slipped below the mileage we needed to maintain to break the record. It was simply impossible with the conditions; mentally this was incredibly hard to comprehend.

After 75 days, 11 hours and 21 minutes, we finally crossed the finish line off the north coast of Mauritius and then made land fall at Grand Baie becoming the 12th boat ever to row the Indian Ocean, the third fastest and the first crew of four to complete it unsupported. We were greeted by friends and family and a feast of BBQ meat!



A FEW WORDS OF ADVICE FROM ENGLAND’S TOP DOCS

Recently I was given the opportunity to do some research

on gender and leadership and interviewed 25 top female medics. With a report just out and a job with the National Leadership Academy, my role is now to support women doctors in leadership, although the messages are the same for other career paths.

Women make up 43% of GP partners, 28% of consultants and 10% of surgeons despite being the majority intake to medical school. Similarly, women make up 12% of corporate boards, although represent 57% of university graduates.

Business – and the NHS – are missing out. The benefits of gender diversity at

board level include increased financial and organisational performance, greater use of talent, a diverse leadership style and in the NHS, services that reflect the needs of patients as women, mothers, carers and employees.

What’s holding women back is a complex picture of juggling family and career, limited flexible job opportunities and lack of role models, but also individual and organisational ‘mindsets’ such as lower aspiration and organisational ‘unconscious bias’ and perceived ‘boys’ clubs’. Male and female perceptions of the size and nature of these barriers differ.

What can be done? To ‘fix the women’, organisations can set up development schemes, while countries such as Norway and the UK have introduced

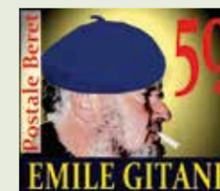
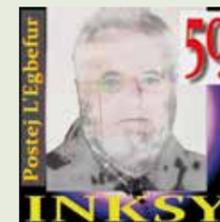
board level quotas – ‘fixing’ the organisation.

For the individual it’s important to know yourself and your strengths, follow your passions, take opportunities and network; invest in childcare and choose a partner who will support you; find a mentor, sponsor or coach.

Old Stoics can support each other male and female, and old boys support the advancement of talented women in their own organisations. ‘Fixing society’ may take a little longer to achieve a better work life balance for all.

Dr Penny Newman (Stanhope 80)

Releasing Potential; Women doctors and clinical leadership www.nhsleadership.org/workstreams-inclusion-womendoctors.asp



THE STAMP ALBUM

In my first term there was still a school train, drawn by a steam locomotive, which majestically puffed out of Euston Station on its way to Bletchley. Here we were attached to another engine which bumped down the branch line to Buckingham where we were met by coaches to get to Stowe.

A genuine whiff of revolt against authority existed and when a popular prefect was expelled for drinking the whole school went on strike, refusing to sing a word at Evensong. The masters were left to cope with ‘Silent Night’ on their own. At that time, no self respecting Stoic would be found writing for the School magazine.

But things change, and I am grateful to the Editor for the opportunity to introduce my book. However, the actual words are those penned by my generous publisher, Gustave Chèvre-Bois.

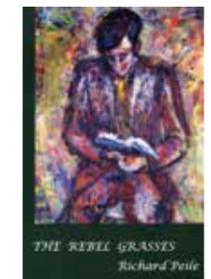
“The Stamp Album reveals itself as a comical revelation of the failings of a National Institution; it is a humorous, densely illustrated work which carries a serious message that is both strange and true.

The cover is sober and discreet, imitating the traditional item on which it is based, but there the similarity ends. The reader is assailed by the increasingly bizarre premise that home made stamps are successfully sent to destinations all over the world.

It is ridiculous but intriguing.”

Angus McDonagh (Grafton 67)

Book Review RICHARD PEILE’S POETRY AND C.S. LEWIS



Richard Peile, the son of the Archdeacon of Worcester and Margaret Drummond, joined Chandos House in 1926. After Magdalen College, Oxford, he taught at Arnold House Prep School in North

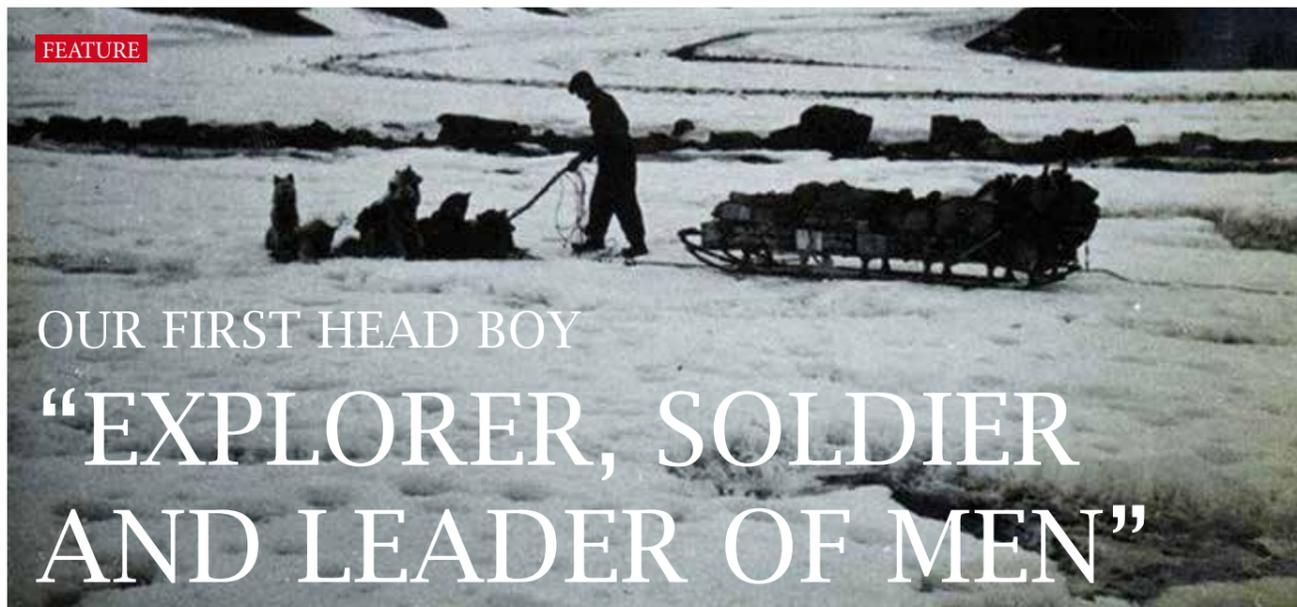
Wales, which partly inspired Evelyn Waugh’s ‘Decline and Fall’.

Richard wrote short poems with a light touch mixed with an economy and depth of feeling influenced by Houseman. In 1938 he sent them to his former tutor, C.S. Lewis, later famous for his Narnia books. Lewis replied with comments like “Absolute piffle” or “Excellent – and you carry off the Shakespearianism here because you have something important to say ... [lines] 9 & 10 I don’t understand but they go down like honey.”

He was killed in Libya in 1942 but his poems were recently rediscovered and have been published with Lewis’s letter as ‘The Rebel Grasses’ of 38 pages by his nephew, the late Nicholas Aldridge.

For information on how to obtain a copy, please e-mail: accounts@summerfields.com

Michael Bevington, Stowe Archivist 19



OUR FIRST HEAD BOY “EXPLORER, SOLDIER AND LEADER OF MEN”



Colonel Noel Andrew Cotton Croft DSO OBE (Chandos 25)

Andrew, as he was known, was born in 1906 and was amongst the first intake of 99 pupils at Stowe. He arrived in 1923 with JF Roxburgh from Lancing College and was appointed Stowe's first Head of School. JF recognised his capability and natural leadership well before he arrived at the foot of the North Front steps. Indeed, in a letter to Andrew's parents in January 1923, outlining his plans to open Stowe and to appoint Andrew as one of his most senior students, he wrote "In some ways it would be a great chance for the boy to help in building up a completely new school, and there is no boy whom I should more absolutely trust to do this work than Andrew Croft."

Andrew led from the front whilst at Stowe and took part in everything the School had to offer – on and off the pitch. Although not an excellent sportsman, JF wrote in a letter of recommendation, "he seemed to carry the whole school on his shoulders in that department and others. Here again, his strength of character and his power of leadership were the basis of his success." One moment of glory was noted in a report in the April 1924 edition of *The Stoic* magazine in a House match between Bruce and Chandos. "Played on March 1st and won by Chandos by one try (3 points) to nil. This was a very exciting, even game in which neither side showed much science, but both plenty of hard shoving, tackling and running. The only try of the match, was scored by Croft in the first

quarter of an hour after a strong run, but Bruce had slightly the better of the game during the first half as a whole, Balmford and Ling being always dangerous."

Before leaving Stowe, he made Corporal in the Officer Training Corps and displayed traits such as "enterprise, vigour and practical ability in an unusual degree." (JF). He is also partially responsible for the formation of the Old Stoic Society itself. He sat on the founding committee and was the first Honorary Secretary of the Society in 1925.

After Stowe is when Andrew's life developed into a remarkable tale of adventure and bravery. He was a member of the Special Operations Executive in WWII, with operations in Norway and Corsica, as well as Military attaché to Sweden, an experienced explorer, holding



the longest self-sustaining journey in the Guinness Book of Records for more than 60 years (across Greenland), and Commandant of the Cadet Corps of the Metropolitan Police Service. He also stepped down from the 1953 Everest Expedition which summited the mountain that year.

Andrew participated in a number of Arctic expeditions and in 1934, took part in the 1934 British Trans-Greenland Expedition. He was the expedition photographer and expert dog-handler and learned to speak Danish and Greenlandic. During the expedition he devised a unique way to harness his dogs whilst pulling a sled, which in turn impressed the Eskimos – something very few Europeans have ever done! His participation in the Oxford University Arctic Expedition of 1935-36 earned him the Polar Medal, which before

- 1 Andrew harnessing his dogs in a unique way that impressed even the Eskimos.
- 2 The British Trans-Greenland expedition team in 1934.
- 3 Andrew pictured centre.
- 4 A makeshift launch, Greenland 1934.



1968, was awarded to those who participated in Polar expeditions endorsed by the government and today is only awarded to selected British individuals for extreme human endeavour against the appalling weather and conditions that exist in the Arctic and Antarctic.

As a Major during WWII, Andrew was awarded the Distinguished Service Order (DSO) for his achievements as the Commanding Officer for sea and parachute operations in North Africa, Corsica and France during 1943-44. His objective was to co-ordinate covert missions to land equipment and secret agents on the French and Italian coasts. Altogether, his unit landed 80 agents during 52 sorties, 24 of which he personally led.

He retired from the Army in 1960 to become the first Commandant of the Metropolitan Police's Hendon Police College, where he was tasked with recreating the cadet corps. During this time, he gave the system of training a complete overhaul, leading from the front and participating in every activity, outdoor and indoor, which developed the new recruits to the corps into some of the best policemen of their time. For this, he was awarded the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in 1970, before his final retirement in 1971, shortly before his 65th birthday.

Andrew truly felt that every young man had a talent and could be trained to bring out the best in himself. In his book 'A Talent for Adventure' which was published in 1991 he wrote "Every young man has hidden reserves and something to give; it is usually a question of finding out what this something happens to be and to ensure that he has the facilities, guidance and encouragement to pursue it."

Following Andrew's death in 1998, his son-in-law and daughter, Jamie and Julia Korner, set up 'The Andrew Croft Memorial Fund' which strives to support the Polar communities, expeditions of a scientific nature to the Polar Regions, undertaken by those under thirty, and the Metropolitan Police. Their wish is that the memory of the life's work of this inspirational man might be carried on by future generations. Anyone interested in finding out more should visit www.acmf.org.uk

Finally, the Editor would like to thank Mrs Julia Korner, Andrew's daughter, trustee and founder of The Andrew Croft Memorial Fund for her enormous help and provision of photographs, without which this extraordinary story could not have been told.

The words "Explorer, soldier and leader of men" are very appropriately etched into Andrew's tombstone.

Tim Scarff (Grenville 91), Editor

INTERNATIONAL SPORTS' HONOURS BOARDS

Stowe is in the process of raising funds for three honours boards, one outside the Drayson Hall and the other two in the Cricket Pavilion. The first is to recognise all Stoics who have represented their country at school, junior or senior level and will take pride of place immediately outside the Drayson Hall where the current pupils, who are part of the Elite Squad, are recognised. The other two boards will be in the North Front Pavilion. Last year a board was commissioned to honour our Past 1st XI captains and it is proposed that a second board, on the opposite side of the Pavilion, will record those who have captained the 1st XV. The final board will be to recognise individual performances on the cricket field,

with batsmen who have scored centuries and bowlers who have taken five wickets or more in a match. Due to a lack of records (and space!), this last board will only date back to 2004.

We would be very grateful to have your help in one of two important ways:

1. Names. We have an initial list of Old Stoics to appear on the International Honours Board, but are far from sure of its accuracy. Please would you contact me with any names (don't be modest... including your own!) who you believe should be included on the Board, ideally including the sport and level at which they competed.
2. Funding. We would be thrilled and grateful to have any support you may be able to provide towards the cost of the Boards (the total cost of which will be c.£3,500).

Please contact me on jknott@stowe.co.uk
James Knott, Head of Cricket & Sports Administrator

STOWE BEAGLES



Well known journalist, author and Horse & Hound hunting correspondent Rory Knight Bruce (Chandos 75) reports:

Since their inception under Headmaster RQ Drayson in 1962, the Stowe Beagles have become the foremost schools' training ground and inspiration for future masters of foxhounds. Those Old Stoics currently hunting hounds include Adrian Dangar (Temple 81), Frank Houghton Brown (Temple 83), Richard Tyacke (Cobham 94), Charles Frampton (Temple 95), Charles Carter (Grafton 01), and Charles Shirley-Beavan (Grenville 03).

Whilst it is unlikely any of these boys were specifically sent to Stowe to hone their future sporting careers, something got into their blood. Today, the Stowe beagles stand at the very forefront of schools' packs, a credit to their kennel huntsman Phillip Kennedy and the unwavering support of the Headmaster Dr Anthony Wallersteiner.

From Geoff and Jane Areblaster's meet at Preston Capes on 28 January, more than forty pupils, both boys and girls, Old Stoics and followers were to witness a 'Red Letter Day'

under joint master and huntsman Harry Bannister (current Stoic), whose father Nick (Lyttelton 77) was also out. From the start of this busy day, at which the Headmaster was present throughout, organisation, hound control and good humour ensured three hours of trailing of the highest standard.

Old Stoics present included Christopher Mullineux (Temple 52), Alastair McGee (Cobham 70) and Paul Burditt (Temple 79), both of whom hunted these hounds in the 70s and 80s, Fred Rolt (Grafton 07) and last season's joint master Henry South (Temple 11). "It is wonderful for me to come back and see that the learning they did has paid off." He said.

Paul Burditt, paid credit to Phillip Kennedy. "It simply begins and ends with him. The atmosphere he has created with his wife Lucy at the kennels is an encouragement to all the pupils who beagle. They are worthy successors to Nat and Ann Thornton."

"Beagling at Stowe is an integral part of our DNA," said the Headmaster. "When these beagles go out into the wider community, the pupils understand the rhythm of the countryside, its spinneys and hedgerows. They also understand, and respect, that this is home for people and where our food comes from."

The Areblasters, whose grass airfield formed the hub of the day, are one of many farmers who welcome the beagles. Bay and Hermione Harper, who had me to stay nearby at Crockwell Farm, host two meets a season.

Whilst I was interviewing the Headmaster on the airstrip, pilot Colin Tregonning came in to land. "That was nearly a double obituary," said the Headmaster, as we scampered for the safety of a hedgerow. We survived to witness a thoroughly sporting and rewarding day.

NEWS

Many thanks to all those Old Stoics who submitted news items for this edition. Please accept the editor's apologies that some entries have had to be abridged and that some photographs have been omitted due to their print quality.

Please keep sending in your entries for the next issue of *The Corinthian* to oldstoic@stowe.co.uk or post them to **Old Stoic Office, Stowe School, Buckingham MK18 5EH.**

1920s

Sir Nicholas Winton MBE (Grenville 27)

Sir Nicholas, the British man who helped save hundreds of Jewish children from the Holocaust in Czechoslovakia – has celebrated his 102nd birthday. The event took place at the opening of an exhibition about his achievements at Liverpool Street Station in London in May 2011.

1940s

Dr Dennis Levett (Grenville 43)

Dennis writes: "One of the few activities still enjoyed is the ability to convert one's thoughts to poetry. I write one a month for the newsletter of the local IT organisation devoted to the interests of 'Seniors'. You have probably never received a reply to your request for news for *The Corinthian* in poetic form but it is always worth a try! Herewith, then, one of my recent poems."

NEVER AGAIN?

Never, when Africa I last left,
now many moons ago,
for one moment did I
contemplate Adieu.

Au revoir was always on the cards.

Last year, when stepping off the plane from Sydney, where we'd been to visit family and friends, little did I for one moment think that I might fly no more.

Until a month or two ago, a daily walk we took on one of many rural tracks. On the last of these I never entertained the thought of Not Again.

But, today, as my distant feet I shod, the dawn of truth struck home: Never Again would I need to buy new shoes!

Never Again a walk along the rivulet with sounds of tumbling water and of joyful singing birds?

Never Again that cliff top track: the black and white of cormorants on rocks protected by a foaming moat of sea?

Dozens of recordings daily vie for chances to be heard, but for some, (for most? for all?) a case of Never Again?

Bach's B minor Mass, Mozart's Magic Flute, Beethoven,

Schubert, Brahms... ?

And if, to outfit that ever ticking clock,

I play one chosen piece right now, does that not make it likelier still I'll hear it Never Again?

I'm not unique. Never Again affects us all, but am I alone in thinking of it thus? Never Again that goodnight kiss? Tonight's to be the last? I'd hate to think it was, but of this I'm quite convinced Never Again will new shoes grace these feet.

Dr John Kessler (Bruce 44)

On 20 July 2011 with his daughter Elisabeth who lives in Devon and her two sons, Guy and Alexander, had a chance to visit Stowe. He was a boarder from 1939 to 1943, but had not been back for 67 years. He was most impressed by the restoration work that has been done. "We were also able to take a walk through the wonderful grounds, which are much bigger than my recollection of them". Apparently then, he had so much energy that he did not realise how big it was. Altogether it was a memorable visit.

David Palmer (Chatham 44)

The Henley Literary Festival took place in November. One of the items was the launch of Alistair Home's (Chandos 44) autobiography – entitled "But what do you actually do?" In the audience, apart from David himself, were two other Old Stoics, Sir Peregrine Worsthorne (Grafton 42) and Desmond Heyward (Cobham 51).

John Bartlett CBE (Temple 45)

John and his wife Gillian celebrated their Diamond Wedding on 14 July (the storming of the Bastille in those days) by escaping from their family to the Baltic Sea.

John Broadley (Walpole 47)

John left Stowe in Dec 1946, and after 3½ years in the British Army, he emigrated to Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) where he lived for almost 17 years. During this time he got married and had 4 children by his

first wife. He considers himself to be very lucky to have 3 sons and a daughter, ranging in age between 50 and 59.

Richard Cox TD (Temple 48)

Richard was awarded an M. Phil at King's College, London, in July 2011 which the examining professors said made an original contribution to early Australian history and deserved to be published – and a book has been commissioned as an expansion of the thesis. This all happened three months after his 80th birthday. The thesis is on 'William Cox [his ancestor] and the making of an Australian landed gentry' (in the years 1800-1840 William built the first road across the Blue Mountains in 1814).

Patrick Ellis (Bruce 48)

Patrick is currently writing his memoirs, in which Stowe features quite a lot. He will let us know when they are completed.

John Burrows-Watson (Grafton 49)

John's main activities still continue to centre upon the Church – Guildford Cathedral in particular, where he is a steward and a member of the Cathedral Singers. In addition, he sings with The London Cantata Choir and on an ad hoc basis with other local choirs. He also has an ongoing interest in the work of the Queen's English Society, of which he is a former committee member.

Derek Nightingale TD (Chatham 49)



July 2011 saw a family party, including 5 of his 12 grandchildren, accept a challenge to climb Coniston Old Man with him, to mark his 80th birthday. He continues to play the organ for services in two of the churches in the Wallingford Team.

Sir John Perring Bt TD (Grenville 49)

Sir John writes "Our party on 21 July 2011 at Stowe was very successful, the young were enchanted by Anna McEvoy's (SHPT's Visitor Services



Manager) story of the secret staircase and every one enjoyed the morning look around the State rooms. Before the excellent lunch we were able to mix, chat and make a few informal speeches. We were lucky with the weather and our tours of the gardens were blessed by sunshine on the golden sandstone of the temples and follies and looked fantastic in the vistas and landscaped settings. The offspring of the three Perring brothers of Grenville in the late 40s and early 50s, Ella's Swedish and Pelham relations and Stoic friends were all welcomed by me. Son, John Simon (Grenville 80) proposed the health of the golden couple in fizz from the Veneto. Ella responded with appreciation for making our day and hoping that the delights of the restored house and gardens had excited all generations. Three generations of Perring family attending a Golden Wedding Celebration."

Dr David Read (Temple 49)

David is living in New South Wales and at 80 is still healthy. He is still involved in class action for recognition/ remuneration and is battling the MOD for compensation for serving as MO of HMS Narvik, the Naval headquarters ship based at Christmas Island for British Nuclear tests 1957-1959 and fully retired as GP in September 2011 after 56 years!

1950s

Michael Slater (Temple 51)

Michael was at Stowe when they started motor racing at Silverstone. At Assembly, JF announced that boys could attend, but they were asked to reach the circuit by cross-country and were not to go there along the main road. His study mate, Tim Booth (Temple 51) decided to ignore this instruction went hitch-hiking along the main road. Eventually a car stopped and Tim got in. Much to his dismay, the driver turned out to be JF. JF never said a word to him and actually paid for him to go in.

Nicholas Boulton (Grenville 52)

Nicholas writes "I sailed in July 2011 in a cargo ship (for bulk produce – wheat) from the western end of Lake Superior to Ghent in Belgium. The ship had to pass through 22 locks to reach sea level. One day beyond Newfoundland we were caught in a hurricane which lasted three days. I had been taught how to con a ship by the Royal Navy; they liked Royal

Marines to get their "watch certificates". Although I was in an aircraft carrier HMS Triumph, I got my certificate for driving a Frigate, as the Royal Navy thought it would be rather expensive to prang a carrier. The cargo ship was almost identical in dimensions to HMS Triumph. The ship, MS Isa, had only six inches clearance to port and starboard when in the docks. The really great thrill was to be in a ship in a hurricane."

Stephen Rees (Temple 53)

Stephen wrote in to say that he was at Stowe with JF Roxburgh and has recently completed his Scuba Diving Open Water Course and wonders if anyone can beat the combination?

Anthony Barlow (Temple 53)

Anthony has finally retired from a career commencing in 1956 at merchant bankers with Brandts, moving to an 18 year stint in Switzerland and the USA with Business International Corp (now part of the EIU) and settling back in the UK in 1979 to operate a consulting business for clients in the plastics, construction, marine and aerospace industries including a two year position as a Director of the Midlands Aerospace Association. Now happily ensconced in the South Hams area of Devon, he keeps his French and German going through active support for the Kingsbridge Twinning Association which, this year, celebrated 50 years of links with Isigny-sur-Mer (Normandy) and 25 years with Weilerbach in southern Germany. Other interests include participating in local U3A projects and voluntary work at the new Oxfam bookshop in Kingsbridge.

Alan Morriss (Bruce 53)



Alan worked as a commercial pilot, flying such aircraft as the Bristol Freighter, Douglas DC3, DC4, DC6, Bristol Britannia, DC8 and Boeing 707. During this time, he pursued his interest in General Aviation, flying in a number of films including 'The Empire of The Sun'. He also has interest in amateur radio which was initiated whilst he was at Stowe, under the guidance of J M Osborne. When he retired at the age of 60, he continued flying, ferrying aircraft trans-Atlantic and worldwide. His last trip was a Lear Jet from Orlando to Johannesburg after which, when reaching the age of 72, the insurance company "pulled the plug". Since then he has helped to run the family estate, pursued his hobby of amateur radio with a special interest in WWII military radio equipment.

Andrew Trimmingham (Walpole 53)

Andrew writes "I have recently had occasion to have my church in London move while our own church was gutted and repaired. We borrowed another church space where the acoustics were abominable. No one could be heard as the clergy and readers were all accustomed to amplification. I was thus provoked to tell them the story of how I was instructed by JF in how to be heard when I was first due to read a lesson in Chapel: JF put me in the lectern, told me to read, and stood in the aisle at about the fifth row. "I can't hear you," he would say, followed a few words later by, "Don't shout!" As my projection improved, JF backed up the aisle by ten rows or so each time, repeating his commands at each stop. By the time he reached the back row I had learned to project. Bill McElwee used much the same technique in getting us to be heard when acting in the Historians' annual Shakespeare plays on the steps of the Queen's Temple. To prove my point, I volunteered to read the lesson the next Sunday and could be heard easily by the entire congregation (without shouting)."

Adam Blandly (Temple 54)

In June the Blandly family celebrated their bicentenary with a party and a book launch – *The Blandlys of Madeira 1811-2011* by Marcus Binney. Their ancestor arrived from Dorset in 1804 in search of a better life, and soon found himself joining other British firms exporting Madeira wine and importing, on the return voyage, foodstuffs and materials needed by the islanders. Today the family has interests in hotels in Madeira, Algarve and Brazil, wine, media, travel, real estate, golf and deep sea sports fishing. Long retired from business now, run by the next generation, he and his wife live by the Palheiro Gardens. They enjoy meeting Old Stoic contemporaries who come to the island for holidays and recently enjoyed lunch and tea at the Golf Clubhouse with Sam Twining (Temple 51) who arrived at Funchal with his wife on the SS Balmoral on the 6 November.

Sir Michael Craig-Cooper (Temple 54)

Sir Michael completed his tenure as Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London earlier this year, following which he is involved in trying to assist Lord Salisbury with the Diamond Jubilee this year. In June he and The Baroness Hanham CBE were admitted as Honorary Freemen of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (the only other living one being Lady Thatcher). He is also President and Trustee of The Friends of The Royal Hospital Chelsea (Home of the Chelsea Pensioners) charity.

Julian Wedgwood (Grafton 54)

In mid-March 2012 Julian leaves on a seven month long 'jolly' to bike from Key West, Florida to Vancouver, British Columbia via the Appalachian Trail, Ontario Peninsula, Georgia Bay, Red River Country, over the Yellowhead Pass West of Jasper in the Rockies and down the Fraser.

Dr Peter Andrews (Chatham 55)

Peter, together with Hidir Temel, a Turkish colleague, have published a monograph on the Hubyar, an Alevi order in central Turkey, as 'Hubyar' in the British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies No.37 (3), December 2010, pp.287-334. This is the first essay on the Hubyar, one of the largest Alevi groups in Turkey.

Nick Clayton (Grafton 56)



On 10 June 2011, Nick was awarded the 'Freedom of the City of London' along with four others for services to the history of bicycles. Nick is second from left with The Clerk of the Chamberlain's Court, Murray Craig in the centre. An inaugural Nocturne Bicycle Racing Programme around Smithfield Market, including high bicycle races, is hoped to be the start of an annual City event. The privilege of Freedom holders to drive one's sheep over London Bridge was unfortunately withdrawn some years ago.

Piers Plowright (Temple 56)



Piers writes "I retired from the BBC, after 30 years as a radio drama and documentary maker, at the end of 1997.

One thing I was quite clear about: I didn't ever want to produce again. Not sour grapes or fatigue or boredom with the form. Simply, I wanted to move on. To try my hand at painting [first encouraged by Michael Mounsey in the Stowe Art School 50 years earlier], to have time to read books (still inspired by what Bill McElwee and Joe Bain had kindled in me – same time and place), and to become the jazz pianist I'd longed to be since discovering the behind-the-scenes talent of the formidable Bertie Stephan when he wasn't teaching me Milton and TS Eliot. Well, my paintings are bright but not brilliant, my reading is wide but not deep, and my jazz piano is primitive to say the least. And to my surprise I have kept my radio hand in. Not as a producer, but as a presenter. None of the hassle but a lot of the fun. I've presented programmes for Radio 3,

including one on the Canadian super-pianist, Glenn Gould, and for Radio 4, documentaries on 'Sound', the Fall of Singapore, and the guerrilla-war in the Malaysian jungle that I caught the tale end of in my National Service. And, these last few months, I've been exploring much nearer home: my favourite river, the Thames. Not history or topography or science. More of a meander along the banks, stopping at five points where my own life and the river intersect, and catching, like some microphoned angler, people and places and incidents. Chance meetings very often and sometimes leading, as both life and the river do, away from the mainstream into tributaries and pools and diversions. Listen out for them: Thames Crossings Radio 4 mid-afternoon, late May/early June. Oh... and one other Stowe connection: my love of swimming in open-water began in the summer of 1952 in the lake below the grotto. No indoor nonsense in those days!"

Ian Ward-Brown (Walpole 56)

Ian retired in 1996 after a career in Sales and Marketing. Since then his principal interest has been the Tank Museum, at the Armour Centre in Dorset, with which he has both military and family links. He has recently completed stints as Chairman and then President of the Friends of the Museum.

Dr Robert Whitaker (Cobham 57)



Robert writes "Michael Anderson (Cobham 57) took the photograph above of me and

entered it into a school photographic competition and as far as I can remember it won. Entitled "Dignity and Impudence". Just for fun, on a reunion visit in 2007, we repeated the shot and it is on the right, which I guess goes without saying! My best friends say I don't look a day older, particularly when it is my turn to buy the drinks. I know better."

Mark Gilbert (Temple 58)



Mark is an artist and is having an exhibition in London in June 2012. If anyone is interested, please contact Mark on lois@loisgilbert.org or www.markgilbertartist.com

1950s cont...

His Honour Judge Richard Behar (Grenville 59)

Richard retired from the Circuit Bench on 14 February 2011, his 70th birthday.

Robin Hunter-Coddington (Chandos 59)



"An excellent dinner, our 8th Chandos Reunion, was held at the RAC in London and here is the photo with left to right: Alexander Zafiropulo (59), John Coleman (58), Hugh Searle (58), John Perriss (59), Robin Hunter-Coddington, Anthony Mash (58), Anthony Rosner (59), John Utley (57), Bill Bennett (58), Donough O'Brien (57), Robin Behar (59), Anthony Whinney (57), Michael Likierman (58), all of us, with one exception, now over 70. As I said at the dinner "I am sure that we all adore these get-togethers and they speak for themselves in the way that we all manage to find the time to assemble for these extraordinary reunions. It also says a huge amount about the effect that Stowe had on us and the way that it created the glue that has held us all together for more than half a century".

Christian Mungall (Temple 59)

Christian recently attended a meeting of University of Alaska (Fairbanks) alumni in Austin, Texas. It had been some 38 years since he had attended a formal meeting of that nature. He was slightly startled to be told "The majority of today's alumni are younger than you; the University (of Alaska) was considerably smaller in your day!"

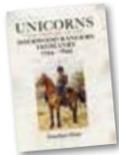
1960s

Tag Galyean (Bruce 60)



In 2009 Tag founded a Micro Distillery called 'Smooth Ambler Spirits' in Maxwelton, WV, USA. He has been producing excellent quality Premium American Hand Crafted Spirits since May 2010. He produces Vodka, Gin, Whisky and Bourbon. Visit us @ www.SmoothAmbler.com and on Facebook. He still makes a living Designing for World Class Resort Hotels (www.TAGstudio.com).

Jonathan Hunt OBE TD (Walpole 60)



Jonathan has recently finished writing 'Unicorns: The History of the Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry 1794-1899'. He says "The interesting part for Old Stoics is that when Stowe was at its political heights in the 18th Century, several of the other leading political dynasties were centred on the Dukeries in Nottinghamshire and the Nottinghamshire Dukes and their political influence is a major theme of this book because the Sherwood Rangers, as were all yeomanries, were raised to defend the status quo. All proceeds of these books will go to our regimental charities."

Brian Macoun (Grafton 60)



Brian writes "I am still, at 70, running my business in Nairobi. I deal with waste (sewage), railways and mines in remote location camps in South Sudan, Ethiopia, DR Congo and Eastern Africa. My mother, who was married to Michael Macoun (Grafton 32) is now 95 years and living in Kenya. She first came to Kenya in 1919 aged 3. My uncle Dr. Stephen Macoun (Grafton 34) died recently aged 95. My brother Tony Macoun (Grafton 62) is now retired and living on Vancouver Island. He has been to Kenya twice recently to see our mother. My cousin Simon Sladen (Grafton 61) lives in the Cotswolds. His daughter Olivia married Harry Ipswich (now the Duke of Grafton) in August 2010. Simon's father Edward Sladen (Bruce 32) came from Kenya and was my mother's brother. He was killed serving in the Kenya Scouts in Burma in 1944." He has an array of fascinating photos from his time at Stowe, including this one taken from the top of the cedar tree with Simon Sladen (Grafton 62) on the South Front.

Robin Preston (Bruce 60)



Robin, our Canadian OS representative, organised a lunch for six Old Stoics at a restaurant in Vancouver on Sunday, 25 September 2011. The photograph shows the names from left to right: Robin Preston (Bruce 60), Simon Hallam (Grafton 85), Tom Delahooke

(Walpole 68), Nick Arden (Cobham 61), Peter Austin (Grenville 66), a guest and Peter van Engelen (Cobham 81).

James Carslaw (Grenville 61)



James has been computer programming mostly since leaving Stowe, but had an idyllic break early on which was spent alternating as a dive charter yacht skipper in the Caribbean and as a ski-bum in the Alps. Current sports include telemark skiing, and hang gliding for nearly 40 years. Latest toy is a replica Jukung fishing canoe from Bali. He has a 10 year old son Sean, already a keen telemarker, and hopes he will be able to spend some of his education at Stowe. Last 20 years working in the South of France with an international technology company in the airline business. He is living near Grasse and happy to meet any OSs who are in the area. contact: plummet@easynet.co.uk

Timothy Garratt (Cobham 61)



Timothy has been elected to the Governing Council of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors by election of the whole membership worldwide. Standing on a single and very radical issue ticket, that ordinary provincial members who pay the bills and salaries of the organisation actually need a voice and proper representation, he came third in the ballot for five elected members (10 candidates actually standing). For those who remember he is going on 69 and is still as outspoken and rebellious as ever! He believes this is a strong and very specific mandate for the underdog and the voiceless, which he intends to do his best to fulfil. He retired from the partnership of his business, Rendells, on 30 June 2011 and is now acting as a Consultant for the business.

Michael Chapman (Chatham 62)



At the start of the year he was in Pakistan as Team Leader on an infrastructure project in Sukkur. Then he went to Serbia as Yellow book tender specialist for water treatment plants – also in Austria (Innsbruck). Since August he has been in Cairo as Civil Works Quality specialist for a large Saudi Arabian pipeline project. He swims every morning and jogs every evening and in his spare time, he is developing an hourly earthquake forecast for Europe.

Peter Hewetson-Brown (Chatham 62)

Peter retired from being a full time County Court District Judge in June 2009 after nearly twenty-two very happy years. He is still sitting as a Deputy DJ a few days each month which allows him to maintain contact with his old court and his former colleagues and keeps him up to date with legal developments. His main interest in retirement is being heavily involved in running a Child Contact Centre. His wife is the co-ordinator but he does all the record keeping for her. For those unfamiliar with the concept, a child contact centre is a place where the children of parents who have separated can meet the parent with whom they are no longer living. It is a neutral, safe, comfortable place and has plenty of things to do (toys, games, art materials etc) until they can arrange something better between themselves. There are about 330 such places, usually church halls, around the country opening their doors for a few hours on a couple of Saturdays per month where the families can come and be supported by volunteers to ensure their safety. Peter writes "It is very rewarding and must be one of the few places where the primary object is to get the families to leave again soon because they themselves have to develop strategies to arrange satisfactory contact outside a Centre. For me personally, it is an odd reversal of fortune that having said I was glad to leave the family work in the County Court behind on retirement, I now find myself embroiled in it again."

Colin McIntyre (Grenville 62)

"I would like to mention a rather unusual event that happened in London recently. At a small ceremony at the headquarters of Thomson Reuters in Canary Wharf to hand out annual journalism awards in memory of the late war correspondent Kurt Schork, there were three Old Stoics present; Jerome Starkey (Chandos 99) currently Times correspondent in Afghanistan who won the award in the freelance category. On the judging panel was John Burns (Grafton 62), an award-winning journalist currently London correspondent of the New York Times and in the audience was Colin McIntyre (Grenville 62), a former Reuters correspondent who worked with Schork in former Yugoslavia and currently trains journalists across the world for the Thomson Reuters Foundation."

Thornton Mustard (Bruce 62)

Thornton worked in marketing where he launched Curly Wurly and Imperial Leather. He was Managing Director of Chewing gum giant Wrigleys at 36 and founded The Marketing Clinic in 84. Clients

included Mars, Unilever, Diageo and Coca-Cola, specifically Coke Zero. He wrote 'The Taste Signature' which was the first text book on psychology of flavours, reviewed by the Financial Times. He sold up and retired to Devon and Grand Cayman. He raced cars from 1973-2009 winning 36 of 154 races in Ferraris, Jaguars, Aston Martins and British Formula 3s. He is married to Reth and has two sons, Alexander (Grafton 93), a marine photographer and biologist PhD and Oscar, currently at Blundells, but possible future Stowe sixth former.

Laurie Barnard MBE (Bruce 63)

Laurie stays busy as Chairman of Saint Lucia Distillers, producing award winning rum available in Sainsbury's and Waitrose to all Old Stoics under the name Chairman's Reserve.

Chris Murphy (Grenville 63)

After a 35 year career in asset management and private banking, Chris is happily retired in Charlottesville, Virginia and would very much enjoy contact with any Old Stoics of his vintage.

Andrew Rosner (Grenville 63)



Andrew and his business partner, Robert Slotover, have been running the classical musicians' management company, Allied Artists, for the past 40 years. With an eye on future continuity of the business, they have recently merged with a younger colleague, Ben Rayfield of Rayfield Artists. The new company is called Rayfield Allied and their website address is www.rayfieldallied.com

Alexander Dukes (Walpole 64)

Since retiring as a barrister, though remaining a member of the Inner Temple, Alexander has written a book on the relationship between politics, religion and psychology entirely in the form of his own original aphorisms. Described by one reader as accessible, unusual and of astonishing impact, another thought it would make an excellent contemporary spiritual companion to the London Olympic Games. To a third reader, the work seemed seminal, with a potential for going viral, even beyond national boundaries. Only recently completed, priority consideration would be extended to any Old Stoic interested in publishing this work. Contact: apd1@talktalk.net

Brian Perryman (Bruce 64)

Brian is the current captain of the England Great Grand Masters hockey side (over 65s) and won the European Cup for that age group in 2011, in Neuss, Germany.

Craig Barnard (Bruce 65)

Craig left Stowe and returned to Saint Lucia and the family business, after four years at L'Ecole Hôtelière in Switzerland. Craig runs the two family owned resorts, Rendezvous, originally the family home and The Bodyholiday, this year's winner of the Condé Nast Readers' Choice Award as Best Destination Spa Worldwide and tent in the Best Caribbean Resorts category.

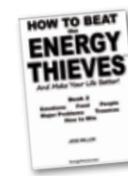
Jonathan Robin (Temple 65)

Jonathan is living in Paris. He was recently re-elected to the Board of the French Chapter of the Internet Society and Vice-President of the French Teleworking Association, and also received the Pioneer Award from the IPv6 Forum. His principal interest remains poetry with 10 poems in the top 20 out of 3.8 million on allpoetry.com and is placed in the top 100 poets on poemhunter.com

Gavin Laird Craig (Bruce 66)

Gavin retired in 2010 from being Wheatley RFC's 2XV tight-head prop after 18 sweaty and very pleasurable years bashing up the opposition, but has sufficient energy left to be the local Director of Davis Tate, a Thames Valley estate agent, where he runs the Thame office. He would be glad to hear from any Old Stoics at any time for any convivial reason and can be contacted on gavin.lairdcraig@davistate.com

Jess Miller (Cobham 67)



After he featured in the last issue, Jess Miller (Cobham 67) was contacted by several Old Stoics and is helping them beat their life problems. Jess has now launched his self-help books through major online bookselling websites along with his www.EnergyThieves.com website and Free Certificates website www.Friendsofjess.com where you can download and print out your own Certificates or enter your friends' names and e-mail Certificates to them as presents. Jess's titles are: 'How to Beat the Energy Thieves and Make Your Life Better – Book 1: Alcohol, Drugs, Tobacco, Bullying, Stealing, Gambling, Gangs, Knives, Guns', 'Book 2: Emotions, Food, People, Major Problems, Traumas, How to

Win', 'We're All In This Together – Help through Stressful and Depressive Times' and 'The Great Convergence' – A humorous tale of chaos at an English village auction.

Roger Cooper (Grafton 68)

Roger tragically lost his wife, Sandi, who died on 26 June 2010 after a long battle with kidney disease and cancer. This ended nearly 40 years together. Their two boys, with families, live in New York and Berkshire. So, he now has a residence in Wokingham and divides his time between his homes in the UK, Canada (Toronto) and the USA (New York City and Arlington, Vermont).

Tim Harris (Bruce 68)

Tim's latest comedy play 'The Cambridge Interview' was enthusiastically received during its run in Bath, and was a spoof reflecting on the notorious spy ring (involving Guy Burgess, Kim Philby and Anthony Blunt) at Trinity College in the 1930s. Tim's next play 'Shot at Dawn' is set in the trenches of WWI and is a serious comment on the executions of young British servicemen at that time.

Robin Helweg-Larsen (Lyttelton 68)

Robin is now President of Andromeda Training, Inc., based in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He co-developed (with Eliza Helweg-Larsen) the 'Income/Outcome' family of business finance simulations in 1996, which are now used around the world in 15 languages. His poetry is frequently published in the UK (Ambit, Candelabrum and Snakeskin magazines) and he has written a novel 'The Gospel According to the Romans'.

Nick James (Bruce/Lyttelton 68)

In spite of the recession, Pol Roger is going very well and he is still at the helm as MD of the UK operation. They received the wonderful accolade of being selected as the Champagne for a certain Royal wedding in 2011. He combined business with pleasure last year and became involved with a number of Old Stoics and classic cars. Firstly, John Arkwright (Cobham 69) and his display of OS cars on Speech Day. He had his E type there and secondly he went with Paul Abadjian (Lyttelton 71) on the celebration run to Geneva to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the E Type. He was also involved with the celebration of the E Type at the Silverstone Classic and where the largest number of E types gathered together to set a new record in the Guinness Book of Records. Finally, Eric Verdon-Roe (Lyttelton 71) involved him with Pol Roger at the Chelsea AutoLegends classic car show in September 2011. Nick now does his last year as Chairman of the Wye and Usk Foundation and sterling

habitat work has now opened out many more miles of river to migrating salmon. He has also become a grandfather twice over!

Paul Rosdol (Walpole 68)

"I married again – Paula from California – on 20 Sept, 2008 and currently live, primarily, in Wimbledon. We also spend a pile of time in three places we have, renting them out when not there. London: www.vrbo.com/348602 Paris: www.yourparispenhouse.com and Argens Minervoise Languedoc: www.charmingfrenchcottage.com I spent much of my earlier time financing and leasing commercial aircraft and am now using those "talents" on a new business I set up earlier renting out Mobile Homes (www.AtchenTan.com). Otherwise I knock a tennis ball round and travel."

Oliver Croom-Johnson (Temple 69)

Having been 'encouraged' to finally retire from his business interests by wife Christine, Oliver and Chris are now concentrating on property projects and indulging themselves with Oliver's well-digging charity in rural India. Cricket and music continue, but at a rather reduced pace.

Richard Nicholl (Lyttelton 69)



Just over a year ago he retired, after 21 years as Headmaster of Castle Court, a day Prep School in Dorset between Wimborne and Poole. He enjoyed his responsibility for the school as he saw it grow in numbers and then face up to the economic challenges of the recent years. Now they've moved just a few miles away and made their home in Broadstone. "You can't really leave Dorset once you've discovered it!" he writes. Their family has grown, with both their daughters Gemma and Lucy now married; and with two little grandchildren (Teddy and Arabella) living just 15 minutes away. They're also busily involved with Christ Church, Westbourne, where Richard helps to run the groups for children and young people. Once a teacher, always a...!

Charles Orr-Ewing (Grafton 69)



Charles cycled from Lands End to John o'Groats with a group of military types in the Spring of 2011 for Help for Heroes. He also raised separately in excess of £1,200 for Meningitis UK as his son, Giles, had it when he was 12. Charles writes "Bald statistics; 12 bikes, 920 miles, > 45,000 feet cumulative climb, 10 day trip. Great fun, hard work, tiring, great sense of achievement,

1960s cont...

brilliant comradery, fabulous experience. Tough to start down in the West Country; very hilly, 11 hour days, not much sleep as we were up at 5 most days to ensure pedal movement by about 6.30, unaccustomed routines and food. By the time we got into Scotland on Day six we were more settled, fitter and had more or less got over our aches and pains. We had one horrific day's weather on Ranoch Moor/Glen Coe having to cycle at crazy angles just to stay on the bikes and maintain any forward momentum due to ridiculous westerly gales and torrential rain; 104 miles that day! The last two days were a joy; fabulous scenery, less traffic, lots of sunshine, no rain, very few serious hills and the end in sight.

Champagne and cigars at the finish; much celebrating, wonderful atmosphere, talk of 'next time do it in eight days ...' Stayed in rugby clubs (Taunton and Penrith) otherwise TA/cadet centres plus one night under canvas near Bristol airport; not good. Brilliant support and admin by the Army team. My group of 3-4 became known as the Last of the Summer Wine and/or Team Gastro due to our insistence on a proper lunch with a pint or two to re-hydrate if necessary (which it always was) and sufficient stops. Some of the others were flat out every day, head down, getting in four or five hours before us; I think I know who had the most fun. I had not cycled at all since I was about 15 and only got hold of a very ancient road bike last September so had an interesting learning curve during the snow and ice of last Winter. Anyway all worked out OK in the end. Otherwise I am still a land agent working for Smiths Gore and I am currently mainly doing things for the MoD in Wales and West Midlands."

Peter Sessler
(Walpole 69)

My latest book came out in May: Mercedes-Benz SL Series Recognition and Fact Guide. You can see it and my history at: www.PeterCardassilariSessler.com

1970s

Anthony Davies
(Bruce 71)

Anthony is currently running, with his partner Alison, an Eco-Friendly Holiday company, The Really Green Holiday Company, at Freshwater Bay on the Isle of Wight. They offer 'glamping' holidays in Mongolian style yurts from April to October. www.thereallygreenholidaycompany.com

Christopher Tate
(Walpole 71)

As Donington Park's revival continues, Christopher joins them as their new Managing Director. Christopher Tate is a 30+ year motorsport industry veteran, with a career which includes senior positions at Lola Cars International, the Elan Panoz group, and as a co-founder and director in the start-up and construction of Rockingham Motor Speedway. From 2004 to 2010, Christopher also led the rapid growth of the Masters Historic Racing group, which is now the market leader in historic motorsport across Europe. He has enjoyed a parallel TV career in motorsports television, commentating at Le Mans as well as acting as an Indycar and US racing pundit on SkySports.

Julian Boles
(Chandos 72)

Julian continues to run the British Gemmological Institute as director-general and was recently named by Lloyds underwriters to value several ultra-rare investment gems in America, and is completing a book combining geology & astrophysics that shows Time to be repeating as a cycle.

Gavin Davidson
(Chatham 72)

Gavin has recently become MD and has purchased a controlling share of an automotive roll over protection company, Safety Devices International Ltd, based in Newmarket Suffolk. The Company has been around for nearly 40 years and designs, builds and manufactures roll cages for motorsport, military and expedition applications. www.safetydevices.com

Adrian Laird Craig
(Bruce 72)

Adrian writes "I had an extremely enjoyable reunion visit to Stowe in May, have taken on a Jack Russell puppy called Pickle, who attended the reunion. It was her first formal dinner, although she joined after the coffee, as she had already eaten. I quietly trade as a partnership called Tiberius (adrian@tiberius.me.uk) broadly dealing with all things wine. The quote attributed to the epitaph on freed slave Tiberius' grave will help elucidate, and is sometimes used in philosophy circles. I am helping set up a new chapter of the Commanderie de Bordeaux in Edinburgh, and am involved in a proposed new distillery in the Hebrides, and am planning some high net worth individuals, there are some left, visit to Champagne and the Douro this year. I have joined, as of 5 December, a young Scottish company dealing in fine wines and whiskies called WoodWinters.

James Lloyd-Williams
(Temple 72)

James is currently Head of Health Care HMP Lewes

Patrick Burke
(Grenville 74)

Patrick Burke of The Atlantic Hotel in Jersey became a member of the Master Innholders, a Fellow of the Institute of Hospitality and was granted Freedom of the City of London on Tuesday 7 June 2011.

Donald Lancaster
(Chatham 74)

Donald is a marketing communications professional, specialising in cross-cultural (international) marketing. Having spent all of his time since leaving university in 'MarComms', lived in at least seven different countries on three continents (Asia, Europe, Middle East), worked across 65 countries and covered multiple sectors (especially financial services and automotive) he brings a fair amount of experience to his consultancy venture. Donald writes "Despite all that travelling, I'm still grateful to Stowe for instilling in me a sense of beauty and an appreciation of the outdoors and the great houses and gardens of England (not that I appreciated it much at the time!)."

Colonel Niall Campbell
(Bruce 75)

Niall leaves the Army on 28 November 2011, after joining the Army in August 1975 direct from Stowe. He is now the Bursar of Woldingham School for Girls in Surrey and looking forward to his second career.

Christopher Drake
(Walpole 75)

Christopher helped organise a major conference in Nanjing, China on 'Cultivating Morality: Human Beings, Nature and the World' – see www.nanjing2011.org – and became Chairman of the Asia-Pacific Network for Moral Education. In September 2011 he was recognised as a Distinguished Friend of Oxford.

Tom Green
(Walpole 75)

Tom at QEstSystems is working with Callidus & 2ProCalc to provide measurement, planning and management information solutions to the contract flooring industry in the UK & Europe. tom.green@QEstSystems.co.uk

Daniel Kinahan
(Temple 75)

Danny is living in Northern Ireland and enjoying the challenge of its politics as Ulster Unionist MLA for South Antrim in the Stormont Assembly. Two of his four children are currently at Stowe, Hugo 15 (Grafton) and Mia 13 (Lyttelton).

Paul Salmon
(Grenville 75)

Paul is a Solicitor, a partner in Salans LLP the international law firm and is head of their London Office Corporate Group.

Major General Sir William Cubitt KCVO CBE
(Temple 76)

Sir William retired from the Army on 3 October 2010 after 34 years. He was honoured to be made a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order by HM The Queen for his time as the Major General Commanding the Household Division and General Officer Commanding London District. He is now farming in Norfolk.

Simon Alper
(Grafton 77)

After 5 years Simon has handed the day-to-day running of The Lord Nelson, Burnham Thorpe to his business partner. He has moved back to Cambridge and has just started working for The Imperial Wine Company Ltd., based in Bungay, Suffolk as Sales Development Manager. This is a return to wine business that has been the main part of his working life.

Alastair Jessel
(Grenville 77)

Alastair has just completed his 5th anniversary of running an ice cream business called Taywell, started originally on his farm in Kent but now moved to new premises. In these years he has featured in Kent Life, South East Business Magazine, BBC1's The Apprentice, been on BBC South East News, won a Business Award, 10 Great Taste Awards and, this November, a 'Quality Food Award', the highest food award available in the UK. His ice creams and sorbets appear in restaurants throughout Kent, Surrey, Sussex and London and are likely to appear beside the Olympic Stadium for the Games. www.taywell.com

Richard Joynson
(Walpole 77)

Richard has been elevated to Master of the Quaich, the Scotch Whisky industry's highest possible accolade for those (140 to date) who have served the industry exceptionally. Richard, who is one of a few independents and the only shopkeeper to be so selected, created Loch Fyne Whiskies in Argyll in 1993. The shop is iconic in the whisky community and trades in Inveraray, online and worldwide.

Dr Stuart Miller
(Chatham 77)

This year will, he suspects, be a busy one when his work in sports Medicine "hots up" in August and September 2012. He has been asked to lead the sports medicine service to the athletes in London for the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Following on from his Chief Medical Officer role for the GB Paralympic team in Beijing in 2008, he is now taking on a much wider role for the Games organisation. He will have to stay a little less partisan this time round and will probably be living out of a cardboard box during the Games as they are not providing accommodation – donations of old school scarves and blankets welcome!!

Simon Clegg CBE
(Chatham 78)

Simon received an Honorary Doctorate from UCS for his contribution to British sport.

David Thomas
(Chatham 78)

Speaker and BRIC expert, David is well known in the Asia Pacific region for his experience, credibility and passion for identifying, building and facilitating business and investment relationships between developed and emerging countries. Recently, his influence and activities have extended to Latin America and Eastern Europe, driven by his interest and passion for the economic potential and growing influence of the four BRIC countries. He supports companies of all sizes and from many different sectors seeking to expand their global footprint by leveraging business and investment networks throughout the world, including: leading study tours, delegations and missions to global emerging markets, working with companies to develop, research and implement strategies to enter new markets, speaking at conferences, events and in boardrooms around the world about opportunities to do business in the four BRIC countries.

In 2009, David was awarded the prestigious Australian Thought Leaders 'Expert of the Year' Award. More information at www.davidthomas.asia

Jonathon Hall
(Bruce 79)

Jonathon, a partner at The Ad Store has recently opened an office in Kabul.

Nick Hartley
(Walpole 79)

Nick has recently had 'Bittersweet: The Story of Hartley's Jam' published. William Hartley, the founder of the business, was his great, great grandfather.

Jonathan Kemp
(Walpole 79)

Over the past 17 years Jonathan Kemp has been developing SmartWisdom, an advanced business and study note-taking and planning technique which helps experienced professionals and students gain a competitive edge over their peers. A second independent study has now been conducted on SmartWisdom by a team of cognitive neuroscientists. The results showed that SmartWisdom helps dyslexics outperform non dyslexics, by raising their comprehension of new information in demanding meetings and presentations by 23% above that which can be achieved by nondyslexics. The second study was also the catalyst for Jonathan to get assessed for and be diagnosed with dyslexia (age 47). With the benefit of hindsight, his dyslexia became one of the key driving forces behind his development of SmartWisdom – in creating an asset from a liability – a new skill that would enable even the most accomplished to enhance their capacity to manage knowledge in day-to-day study and business. To find out more see www.smartwisdom.com In November 2011 Jonathan was awarded 'Entrepreneur of the Year' by the British Dyslexia Association.

Sir Richard Kleinwort Bt DL
(Grenville 79)

Sir Richard was made a Member of the Board of Kleinwort Benson (his family business which has been in German hands since 1994 and which is now released there from) in July 2011: arguably an historic moment in the English Merchant banking World! On a charitable note, he recently raised over £20,000 in aid of Spinal Injuries, a cause which should be close to all Stoics' hearts due to

the well known accident suffered by his father-in-law, Bill Shand Kydd (Cobham 55). An off-road bike ride over 450 kilometres through Rajasthan in four days!

Peter Neufeld
(Chandos 79)

Peter has just designed the lighting for a monumental exhibition in a huge new museum celebrating the steel industry in the old steel city of Newcastle, just north of Sydney. Like a huge film set, every hour the audience is transported to being in the heart of a massive steel pour using just lighting and sound plus a few theatrical tricks. It has become a major draw for the many visitors. Among other shows, he has also just lit another world premier by Australia's most popular playwright, David Williamson, in Sydney to critical acclaim.

1980s

Adrian Beney
(Grafton 80)

Adrian was involved last year, in the successful rebrand of 'More Partnership' the charity fundraising consultancy of which he is a director. While this has been happening, his wife was ordained last summer in the Church of England, so he is getting used to being the curate's husband and is so far resisting the call to be a Sunday School helper.

Nick Chance
(Cobham 80)

Here is a story for those of you who remember 60s pop music. Nick started Chance MUSIC as a new record label, music publisher and artist management in Sydney this year. He had the good fortune to meet Tommy Moeller in January, who co-wrote and sang 'Concrete and Clay' in 1964 and so decided to make a new album with him, which ultimately led to Chance MUSIC. The album is complete and has just become available in Australia and New Zealand on iTunes, and in retail stores. The digital online version was made available in the UK and other countries worldwide in late November 2011. Distribution rights for outside Australia and New Zealand are available and the aim is to release in UK stores in March 2012.

Simon Burrell
(Chatham 81)

Simon recently started his own business (launched February 2011). After years of travelling around the world for business and keeping a travel diary of those great hidden gems of bars and restaurants, he decided to set up a Global Travel Advisory and Lifestyle website called 'Our Man On The Ground' or, in

short, OMOTG.com. Basically he has turned a passion and hobby into a business – the best way to earn a living!

Charles Horn
(Chatham 81)

Charles has recently obtained a postgraduate degree (MSc at Birkbeck College, University of London): Master of Science in conflict resolution and mediation studies, which complements his professional accreditations (CEDR & CIARB) and practice as a mediator for the past 15 years, spanning health, education, equalities and commercial contract, involving government departments, listed and private companies, schools, HEI's, hospitals and individuals.

Hugh Cathcart
(Cobham 82)

Hugh is married to Sharon with two children (George 8 and Grace 6) and living in Jersey. He was a partner of Ernst & Young, Jersey, then Managing Director of the offshore trust company of Fleming Family & Partners and is now a Director of Private Wealth at Sanne Group, an independent Jersey trust company. He has worked in Sydney (2 years) and Switzerland/Liechtenstein (6 years). At some point along the way he became Christian (on an Alpha course) and is an active member (and trustee) of his church. Still trying to keep active, his rugby career has ended but he is now skiing (water and snow) whenever he can and playing some bad tennis. He had a two month break over the summer when he took his family to stay in an orphanage that they support in Malawi.

Mark Cazalet
(Grenville 82)

Mark has been awarded an artist in residency at The Josef and Anni Albers Foundation in Connecticut to pursue his own work during the spring of 2012. This is an exceptional opportunity to spend an intense period of time in research and development of his colour based response to nature. The resident artist's studio is set in dense woodland an hour from New Haven, and allows for almost total quietude. Mark also had forty two recent chalk drawings at The Beardsmore Gallery stand at The London Art Fair. His work can be found on www.markcazalet.co.uk

1980s cont...

Marcus Cotton
(Chatham 82)

Marcus retired as CEO of Tiger Mountain Nepal in September 2011 to pave the way for the return of Kristjan Edwards (Grenville 90) to take up the reins of a re-branded Tiger Tops Nepal (www.tigertops.com). "I write this with a stunning panorama of snow-clad Himalayan peaks before me as I have returned to my earlier avatar developing Tiger Mountain, from its base at the award-winning Pokhara Lodge, as Nepal's leading responsible conservation tourism provider." With more time available, Marcus has taken on the coordination of CAIRN Trust's rural education projects in Nepal and is a Patron / Advisor to the Tilden Project. He continues as a trustee of ITNC and the UK Trust for Nature Conservation in Nepal. Old Stoics will be very welcome and should contact: marcus.cottontigermountainpokhara.com or kristjan.edwards@tigertops.com

Alistair Morten
(Bruce 82)

After 20 years work his family's lightweight vintage Bentley competed and won its inaugural car race at the Bentley Drivers Club's 75th Anniversary Race Meeting at Silverstone on 14 August 2011.

Dr Peter Stiff
(Former Staff 1979-1983)

Peter and his wife, Alison, moved to Sherborne School in August 2011. They had been at Haberdashers' Aske in Elstree since leaving Stowe. He continues to be active in A level examining and is a Principal Examiner for an A2 essay paper for OCR and writing. He has a textbook on Coasts aimed at A level students and their teachers published by Phillip Allan and recently had two articles published in the Geography Review on the origin, current state and futures of suburbs.

Justin Coleman
(Chatham 83)

Justin is preparing for his attempt to pedal across the Atlantic in partnership with James Moulard. The attempt, was started in Morocco, was scheduled to begin at the end of December and will raise money for the Alzheimer's Society. If Justin succeeds, he'll be the oldest man to complete the crossing by pedal power. To get involved visit www.atlantic2012.co.uk or e-mail pedaltheatlantic@gmail.com

Christian Gaines
(Grenville 83)

After being out of touch with each other for a few decades, Old Stoics Christian and Martin Dew (Chandos 83) reunited a few years ago in Los Angeles, where they both live. They're currently playing in a band together (Christian plays bass and Martin plays drums).

Andrew Keith
(Chandos 83)

Andrew has been appointed as Chief Operating Officer for Deacons LLP in Hong Kong and is due to start in February 2012. Deacons is the oldest Hong Kong firm now in its 160th year and is HK's largest independent law firm. On a different note, he won Bronze in 2011 in the Open Class at the Air Canada Asian Open Regatta, Asia's largest catamaran regatta.

Jonathan Portman
(Chatham 83)

Is in his thirteenth year as a racehorse trainer near Newbury and recently completed his best flat season. He is married to Sophie and has twins, Jack and Eliza. Any Old Stoic wanting to become an owner with them or join a syndicate will receive a discount!

Catherine Trotman
(née Trustram Eve, Stanhope 83)

Catherine is still living in Delhi and, in addition to owning and managing three lifestyle stores in Hong Kong (www.inside.com.hk) and a furnishing sourcing business in Delhi, has set up TITANIA which offers exquisite party tents of varying shapes and sizes (www.titaniatents.com)

Jo da Silva OBE
(Stanhope 84)

Jo was awarded an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in June 2011 for services to engineering and humanitarian relief.

Elizabeth Hunt
(née Thorogood, Stanhope 84)

Having spent the last 16 years in the business Elizabeth decided to go solo and set up Elizabeth Hunt & Associates, providing a Residential Letting & Property Management service in Surrey. She is based in Effingham, Surrey predominately and would be delighted to hear from any Old Stoics. www.elizabethhuntassociates.co.uk

Robert Whitehouse
(Bruce 84)

Robert has a new job as National Sales Manager Immunology, Abbott Laboratories UK.

William Church
(Walpole 85)

William and cousin, Jonathan Church (Walpole 80), have completed a management buyout from Church's Shoes/ Prada Group of Joseph Cheaney & Sons which is now fully owned and operated independently by them. Apart from a factory in Northamptonshire employing 120 people where the shoes are made from start to finish, they have opened two shops in the City – 9a Lime Street (next to the Lloyds Building) and 8 Bow Lane (off Cheapside).

Gareth Evans
(Lyttelton 85)

Gareth has just produced director Grant Gee's feature documentary 'Patience' (After Sebald), the first film about the late, great German writer. 'Patience' premiered at New York and Vancouver film festivals in October and will be released in the UK and US early in 2012 (www.sodapictures.com). He has also published the book 'Railtracks', an exclusive collaboration between writers John Berger and Anne Michaels (www.gotoggetherpress.com). He continues to write, edit and curate events across London.

Jonathan Gumpel
(Chandos 85)

Macdonald Plc, which Jonathan started with two friends during the recession in the early 1990s, celebrated its 20th anniversary. Also, for the last few years he has been the forwards coach of the Guildford Junior Rugby team in which his son William plays and which had its 'annus mirabilis' last year, winning the Surrey Cup and the National Braemar Cup, scoring 530 points and conceding 0 in an unbeaten season!

Laura Louthan
(Stanhope 85)

Laura has just started as the Director of Global Security Compliance at Equifax, a global leader in information solutions. She is now in her 9th year in Atlanta and her 18th year in the USA. Her nephew is currently at Stowe and she hopes to visit him there some day soon.

Jason Meads
(Cobham 85)

Jason has recently started an investment management business based in London and Moscow focusing on buying Grade A office space for his clients. The name of the firm is Namos Capital (www.namoscapital.com).

Dr Simon Rosselli
(Temple 85)

Simon has recently finished walking The Pilgrims Way, from Winchester to Canterbury Cathedrals, a journey of 140 miles. He and a friend were raising money for the Destiny Junior School in Uganda. In total they raised over £3,000. They relied on people's goodwill for a place to sleep, sometimes in barns and out houses, and even spent a couple of nights under the trees with just a sleeping bag (www.irrf-uk.org). He also managed to defend his South London Close Magic Championship. (www.amigosmagic.co.uk)

Simon Billington
(Chandos 86)

Simon was appointed as Chief Executive in May 2011 of the Private Yacht Group, a business with offices in the UK and on the Cote d'Azur, offering sales and charter of luxury yachts and the design and supply of superyacht tenders. Simon can be contacted on: simon@privateyachtgroup.eu

Simon Drummond-Hay
(Chandos 86)

Simon is now running his affordable housing and planning consultancy from a hillside in Cumbria having escaped from London in the summer. As one of the country's leading experts in the new planning tax, Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), he is advising planning authorities on how to maximise the amounts paid by developers. He continues as a director of various development and property investment companies – mainly involved in strategic land promotion and affordable housing. (www.drummond-hay.co.uk)

Stephanie Fraser
(née Struthers, Stanhope 86)

Stephanie has been appointed Chief Executive of Bobath Scotland.

Charles Inkin
(Chatham 86)

Charles and his brother Edmund are the team behind 'Eatdrinksleep' which owns the award-winning dining pubs The Felin Fach Griffin near Brecon and The Gumard's Head near St Ives. This year both pubs were named County Dining Pub of the Year for Wales and Cornwall respectively in the 2012 Good Pub Guide, the second consecutive year they have received this award. In addition, the Gumard's Head wine list was named the best pub wines list in the UK at the Roederer/Imbibe Wine List of the Year 2011 awards and the Griffin was awarded a Bib Gourmand in the latest Michelin

Guide. In June 2011 Eatdrinksleep took over The Old Coastguard in Mousehole, West Cornwall. www.oldcoastguardhotel.co.uk

Justin Phillips
(Chandos 86)

Justin is the Group Finance Director of the rebranded So Group who has recently acquired EAG. So Group is now the major design and build group in the UK events industry. He has two children Becci and Freya. He is also Chairman of Governors of Sherrardswood School.

John da Silva
(Temple 87)

John is currently working as an in-house lawyer at Marex Spectron, a commodities brokerage in the City. He keeps up with a number of his OS peers from Temple including Steve Clarke, James Robinson, Alex Robson and Najib Salha. Last summer he did a 10 day solo trek through Zanskar, Northern India crossing two 5,000 metre passes. He'd be interested in connecting with any Old Stoics either working in the City or who might be interested in Alpine mountaineering. Contact: johndasilva3@gmail.com

Richard Hopkinson-Woolley
(Chandos 87)

Richard requires some assistance please. "I am fortunate enough to have been given a set of leather bound Stoic Journals from Volume 1 in 1923 to Volume 26 in July 1976. I then have a break and so am missing all but a few until No 2 of Volume 28 in July 1983. If you have any of those between July 1976 and July 1983 and may be prepared to part with them, please let me know via the OS Office. I am also seeking the whereabouts of the original picture of the North Front by David Shepherd (Chatham 49). He painted both the South Front and North Front and prints of both used to be sold in the School Book Shop. Neither David nor the School knows what happened to the original. If you have any information about this, again please let me know via the OS Office." (oldstoic@stowe.co.uk)

Titus Ogilvy
(Grafton 87)

Titus and his wife Candida – who was the writer and director – has just produced a documentary feature film starring Jeremy Irons. It's called Trashed and will be released later this year.

Amanda Ransom
(née Wyatt, Stanhope 87)

Amanda's company, The English Furniture Workshop, is continuing to grow and now supplies Liberty of London. She also launched her new website in July which enables customers to buy directly online from www.englishfurnitureworkshop.co.uk

Kate Spicer
(Nugent 87)

Kate has made a documentary feature film, a rockumentary called 'Mission to Lars', which will go on theatrical release in the UK in 2012.

Clare Hayns
(née Benyon, Stanhope 88)

In July 2011, Clare was ordained Deacon in the Church of England at Christchurch Cathedral in Oxford. She is now a Curate in the Benefice of Blenheim.

Jonny Kaldor
(Chandos 88)

Jonny co-founded Kaldor Product Development Group – a new venture focused on creating mobile digital publishing software.

Jane Lazzeri
(née Baker, Stanhope 88)

Jane lives in Italy between Pisa and Lucca and is married to an Italian with whom she has a daughter. She is in-house photographer for www.mywalit.com a luxury handbag and wallet producer and still photographs for the Guardian newspaper from time to time. She welcomes contact from other Old Stoics living in the area.

Kary Stewart
(Stanhope 88)

Kary runs Ignite – a London based media company, producing radio, film and website content for broadcast networks, independent artists, brands and the public sector. The company also works with young people in the community to teach them radio and music skills. In 2008, Kary and four others set up music and radio charity FairTunes. FairTunes has to date built two studios in Colombia and is currently raising funds to build a music school in Africa. Kary is pictured at work during an outside radio broadcast for Ignite. www.ignitecreative.tv/ www.fairtunes.org

Stuart Thompson
(Temple 88)

Stuart won The 2011 Times Christmas Carol Competition for his new version of 'The Holly and the Ivy'. There was a feature in The Times newspaper, the first performance was given by The Bach Choir at the Cadogan Hall in London in December and it was broadcast by the BBC Singers on BBC Radio 3 as a 'Carol for the Day' on the Breakfast Show in December.

Mycroft Croisdale-Appleby
(Bruce 89)

In November 2010, Mycroft was appointed Area Director for British American Tobacco

responsible for the Caucuses & Central Asia and lives with his family in Almaty, Kazakhstan. He invites any Stoics, living in, or visiting Central Asia to get in touch.

Jonathan Fish
(Temple 89)

In May 2011, Jonathan co-founded Ombu Group (www.ombugroup.com) to invest in and acquire fast-growing UK-based technology companies. To date, Ombu has invested in Ritec (www.ritec.com), a pioneering smart-grid company behind a unique dynamic electricity demand solution, and P2i (www.p2i.com), the world leader in liquid-repellent nano-coating technology.

Ed Hopley
(Grenville 89)

Edward is having an exhibition of his photographs at Quaglino's, 16 Bury Street, St. James's, London SW1 from 22 March 2012 for 8 weeks. There will be a private view on the evening of Wednesday 21 March and any Old Stoics in London on that date who wish to attend should get in touch with me via my e-mail ed@edwardhopley.com to be put on the mailing list for an invitation.

Miles Johnstone
(Lyttelton 89)

Miles, his wife, Alex and sons Max (7) and Oscar (5) moved to Singapore last year following his promotion at Aon to Regional Director of Political Risk for Asia. They are settling in well, enjoying the new lifestyle and he is not missing his old commute up to London one bit!

The Hon Paul Joynson-Hicks MBE
(Lyttelton 89)

Paul received HRH The Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall last summer to his project for disabled people in Tanzania, the Wonder Workshop. They were on a state visit for three days. On the day after their visit to the workshop, he was invested by HRH the Prince of Wales with an MBE at the residence of the British High Commissioner, Dar es Salaam. He lives in Dar es Salaam, in a house they built, on the beach and works full time as a photographer and part time social entrepreneur! www.pauljhicks.com

Christopher Lascelles
(Temple 89)

Christopher has recently released his first album 'I'm Beginning to See the Light' and written his first book, 'A Short History of the World'. Both should be available on Amazon soon. For a 20% discount contact Christopher directly on christopher.lascelles@gmail.com

Carlos Peres
(Walpole 89)

Carlos featured as the German Bartender in the summer blockbuster movie X-Men: First Class which was Directed by Matthew Vaughn (Chandos 89).

Anita Warrenner
(Nugent 89)

Anita has been living in and around East Africa for the past 13 years. Now settled in Arusha, Tanzania with her partner and two children, Anita is running their safari company, Love Live Africa.

1990s

Tristan McEwen
(Chatham 90)

Tristan is working with Marco Pierre White as the Operations Director for Horatio Inns and Wheelers.

Anna Saunt
(Stanhope 90)

Anna has recently launched 'Tweedies Originals', a company that designs boutique country caps for children. www.tweediesoriginals.co.uk

Mahesh Asnani
(Grenville 91)

Mahesh is based in Nigeria, married to Nishka and has three children – twins (4) and younger brother (1½). He is Managing Director of Emel Group, a trading and manufacturing operation with offices in Nigeria, India and Hong Kong. It is a Family business that focuses on housewares, construction material, luggage, furniture and power solutions (www.emelgroup.com). He is a member of YPO International (Young Presidents Organisation), Lagos Chapter.

Isobel Finlator
(née Kerger, Nugent 91)

Isobel is married to Stuart and has three children, William (9), Sam (8) and Amber (4). She is currently working at Race Furniture helping to oversee the Race Classics Range and lives in Gloucestershire.

1990s cont...

Alex McEwen
(Chatham 91)

Alex is working as hotel consultant for Premier Cru.

Orlando Seale
(Lyttelton 91)

Orlando's band 'Orlando Seale and The Swell' released their anthemic debut single 'These Streets' in November. This 10-strong, string-heavy collective create an epic swell of Baroque Pop over which lead singer and songwriter Orlando delivers his startling lyrics.

Charlie Trietline
(Grenville 91)

Charlie works for Hewlett-Packard in London and Bracknell and leads a number of Public Sector service businesses having left the Army (The Household Cavalry) in 2004. Charlie is married to Vicks and has a son, Archie (4). They recently moved out of London and are now living in a little village near Wantage, called Kingston Lisle in Oxfordshire.

Tristan Crawford
(Grenville 92)

Tristan works for Oriens Advisors, a commercial consultancy for aviation start-ups. He is married to Rebecca and has two children, Alexander and Annabelle, and has recently been made Racing Captain at Deben Rowing Club in Suffolk!

Mark Godman
(Grenville 92)

Mark set up 'Gentleman & A Van' with James Nash (Grenville 93), which continues to grow from strength to strength. They now operate 10 vehicles, employing 20 members of staff and have recently taken on a state of the art storage facility in Wandsworth. Any Old Stoic looking for Removals or Storage in London will be eligible for a 10% discount. www.gentlemanandavan.co.uk

Hugh Howard
(Cobham 92)

Hugh completed the first ever Beijing to Shanghai classic car rally in 2011.

Richard Larcombe
(Chatham 92)

Richard is director of advertising and sponsorship at Virgin Media. Their founder, Sir Richard Branson (Cobham / Lyttelton 68), is to star in some of their commercials in January. This photo was taken on location in Jamaica.

Harry Pearl
(Temple 92)

Harry has recently become CEO of a company called Billian IP which sells modified bitumen to the road construction industry.

Sam Pelly
(Grenville 92)

Sam continues to work as a photographer. He currently has work exhibited in The National Portrait Gallery in London. He has a studio in Notting Hill and shoots portraits and fashion for the likes of Harpers and Queens, Vogue, and The Telegraph. www.sampelly.com

Josh Spanier
(Cobham 92)

Josh just reached his 10th year of living in Northern California. Sasha, daughter (5) and Theo (2). He recently joined Google as Director of Media.

Jeremy Cottingham
(Grenville 93)

Jeremy recently won first prize in The Cartier 'Style et Luxe' concours d'élégance at the Goodwood Festival of Speed with his family owned 1953 Ferrari 340 America. This concours is amongst one of the most prestigious in Europe and he was presented trophies by the Duchess of Richmond and Mr Baumgartner who owns Cartier. Other stars of the concours included a black Ferrari 340 America with Berlinetta Body by Touring that was entered by David Cottingham of DK Engineering which took Best of Show.

William Evelyn
(Chandos 93)

William has founded a company called 'Andes Adventures' (www.andesadventures.cl) and alongside horse riding and fly fishing, he operates heli-skiing trips high into the Andes mountains. A cable TV channel has made a film about his company in which they are featured in the top 10 lodges of Chile.

Revd Graham Platt
(Former Staff 1983-1994)

Graham writes "After leaving Stowe in 1994 I studied for the priesthood in Rome and was ordained in 2001. I am now enjoying retirement in Alet les Bains, a small Roman/Medieval village south of Carcassonne in France. It is close to the place where I took the Stowe First VIII X-Co team for pre-season training in 1991. It was there that we had to abandon the school minibus after it broke down! The area is great for access to the Pyrenees, the Med and many historical sites. A few Old Stoics, including ex cross-country runners, have been down to stay in my simple apartment and other Old Stoics will be more than welcome, maximum two at a time! I would love to hear from anyone I knew whilst I was at Stowe. My e-mail is grahamplatt@hotmail.com"

Robert Bush
(Bruce 94)

Rob left his position as Latin American economist at HM Treasury and is currently studying Applied Statistics at Exeter College, Oxford. He and his wife Marielle are expecting their first child in December 2011.

Guy Edwards
(Chatham 94)

Guy recently married his fiancée, Gina Torrez, on 7 October 2011 after moving to Maryland USA after five years with British Council, Kuwait. Future work in The States will be as IELTS Regional Manager for The USA (www.ielts.org)

Nino Gebhard
(Temple 94)

Having accomplished his Masters degree in business administration, about 10 years ago he moved to Vienna, Austria's capital, and is now working as a financial business consultant and Portfolio manager of Real Estate Development Projects in Austria and Germany. He will always welcome Old Stoics in Vienna.

Matt Mahoney
(Walpole 94)

Matt ran in the 2011 Spartathlon and reported "This is a 153 mile non-stop ultra marathon following in the footsteps of Pheidippides, the Athenian

messenger, sent to Sparta in 490 BC to seek the help of the Spartans against the Persians in the Battle of Marathon. Pheidippides, according to an account by Greek historian Herodotus in The Persian Wars, arrived in Sparta the day after he departed, suggesting that it took him 36hrs. To run Spartathlon you have to qualify, which means that the runners are some of the best ultra-athletes in the world. Even still only

20%-50% finish each year making it arguably the toughest ultra-marathon in the world. By 50 miles my body was ravaged by heatstroke. By 60 miles I was hallucinating and every rock along the road turned into a monster or goblin. At 100 miles you have to climb a 1,200 meter mountain. Soon after running down the other side there is a major checkpoint. I staggered in and collapsed. The doctor performed his tests and advised that I shouldn't continue as there was no medical assistance between here and the finish. My team pulled me to my feet. I swayed and I could tell from everyone's reactions that I wasn't in a good shape but I had come too far to quit now. I stumbled back into the night. Soon the sun rose, along with it my Achilles' heel, heat. The heatstroke came back with a vengeance. As I ran into Sparta my legs became light and I ran with ease through the legendary streets that I had seen in so many photographs. The Spartans clapped and cheered me on my way. Suddenly I didn't want the pain and suffering to stop and I felt my journey had only just begun. Against the odds I finished in 33hrs and 57 minutes. Asked if I would ever run it again I replied, "Next year I'll wear a hat!" You can see my full race report at www.mahoney.co.uk"

Henry Stanton
(Walpole 94)

Henry started a new website www.gothicabooks.com in the summer dealing in Gothic Literature. He is still in regular contact with Matthew Moskey (Lyttelton 94) and Alex Akers-Douglas (Grafton 94).

Timothy Stunt
(Former Staff 1986-1995)

Timothy has been living in Connecticut, for the last sixteen years, where he teaches ancient history to fifteen year old boys and girls in a small independent Episcopal school (Wooster School, Danbury). Timothy writes "Some Old Stoics may recall my wife Nancy Maxwell, who on one occasion came to Stowe and introduced interested students to some of the mysteries of the American college application progress. It is just ten years since several former Stoic colleagues came to Venice where Nancy and I were holding some festivities to celebrate our recent marriage."

Genevieve Ford
(née Choo, Nugent 95)

After eight years of being a Housemistress, Genevieve has been appointed Head of Upper School at Downe House from September 2011.

Matt Newnham
(Temple 95)

Matt lives in Norwich with his girlfriend. He is a Partner at Birketts LLP – a law firm and specialises in Employment Law.

Olly Gregson
(Grafton 96)

Oliver, having established and run Investment Advisory in the UK at Barclays Wealth, will be taking up the role of Head of Sales & Marketing for Barclays Wealth Investment Management, a division with close to £40bn of assets under management.

Andy Pearce
(Walpole 96)

In February 2011, Andy resigned as Creative Director of Razorfish, Sydney to pursue full-time Christian ministry and is now studying at Moore Theological College, Sydney. Andy is married to Kim and they have 2 sons, Jonny (3) and Dexter (1), with a third child expected in May 2012.

Ben Styche
(Walpole 96)

Ben is currently heading up UK and International Sales for Cafédirect, a London based hot beverage business.

Major Chesney Clark
(Cobham 97)

On the 31 March 2011 Chesney drove a Toyota Land Cruiser from London to Freetown in Sierra Leone for the charity: 'Street Child of Sierra Leone'. He was joined by another Army Air Corps Officer, Capt Andrew Hallatt. The trip took four weeks and saw the team cross Europe, Morocco, the Sahara, Mauritania, Senegal, Guinea and eventually arrive in Freetown where the vehicle was donated to the charity. The trip was a huge success and a life time experience through some very demanding and politically difficult current day situations, especially Mauritania, a hub of terrorist activity. He was recently promoted to Major and is soon to be posted from the Army Aviation Centre at Middle Wallop, where he is serving as the Adjutant, to the Defence Staff College at Shrivenham.

Simon Oldridge
(Chandos 97)

Simon left Publicis after five years to co-found Man+Hatchet, an advertising agency specialising in audience winning campaigns and branding. Based in Hoxton Square, M+H are working with a number of clients including Swarovski, Wrangler and Ecotricity. "If you're interested or find yourself in the area, come on over the kettle's on." www.manplushatchet.com

Ariane von Boch
(Lyttelton 97)

After working in Product Development and Marketing for global brands, Ariane moved back

to London where she is now starting her own business as a Business Coach. Having experienced some of the transforming effects of Business Coaching through the Meyler Campbell Business Coach Programme, her desire is now to use her language skills, affinity for different cultures and business background to redirect her career towards People Development. amcvboch@hotmail.com

Mark Bowman
(Cobham 98)

In June 2011 Mark took part in the world's toughest Ironman 70.3 at Wimbledon Lake. He finished in 6 hours 51 minutes.

Edward Bowring
(Grenville 98)

Ed got married to Sarah Hill in July on the Isle of Wight and they are now living in Fulham, London. This is his final year of his Occupational Therapy training, after which he will be fully qualified and looking for work as an OT.

Kristjan Byfield
(Grafton 98)

Kristjan has had a busy year with his London property company, base property specialists ltd, being recognised as finalists for 5 awards at 3 separate industry awards. He is in the final stages of starting a new sister company, JAK Property Maintenance, which will offer all property maintenance services across London – from Handyman services to appliance repairs, boiler installations to building work & roof repairs. In addition he is also working on a new dog nutrition and healthcare company which will be proudly British! Whilst still in the infancy stages (despite 18 months of research & development) and hopes to launch in 'The House of Hounds' by mid 2012.

Armand David
(Chatham 98)

In October 2011, Armand was appointed board director at leading London based PR firm, Brands2Life.

Nicholas Mullineux
(Walpole 98)

Nicholas started work in September 08 with a small Building Surveying practice 'TMD Building Consultancy' is primarily working on a number of interesting projects for the University of Oxford. He became an Associate Director at TMD in 2010. In 2009 he took part in the 'Everest

Test', which was an expedition aiming to achieve a world record for playing the highest game of field sports ever undertaken – in this case, a game of ECB endorsed 20-20 cricket at 5125m above sea level, a stone's throw from Everest Base Camp. We were successful and managed to achieve a full game on a plateau called Gorak Shep, only 200m downhill from Base Camp. An amazing trip, with amazing people. See www.theeveresttest.com

Verity Scott
(Nugent 98)

Verity has been working for the BBC in Manchester for the past few months, working for CBBC as a buyer. She now plans to go travelling for a few months.

Hugo Chance
(Grafton 99)

Hugo has just taken on a new position working for a company called Truestone where he has been tasked with building the first boutique hotel in Freetown, Sierra Leone. It's quite a departure from the London property world as he will be working out in Sierra Leone on a large part of the year. It is a move he is very much looking forward to!

Michael De Butts
(Grenville 99)

Mike's company 'PirateTechnics' has had another bumper year. They were, once again, nominated for a Festival Award for designing, building and exploding festival centrepieces and have been involved with a number of smaller installations and fire displays for more exclusive private parties. His work, entitled 'Urban Fox', has been exhibited all summer at the South Bank Centre for the Festival of Britain's 60th Anniversary and featured on the BBC's The Culture Show. The photo is of Mike putting the finishing touches to the 7m straw fox as it peers over Waterloo Bridge from the roof of the Queen Elizabeth Hall. www.piratetechnics.com

2000 >

Guy Pelly
(Bruce 00)

Guy set up a 450 capacity nightclub in Chelsea called PUBLIC in December 2010. He is now expanding the brand to the ski resort of Verbier, where at the beginning of December 2011, he launched PUBLIC – VERBIER. The venue is a 350 capacity nightclub and will be open six nights a week and run the length of the ski season until mid-April.

Natasha Sinclair
(Nugent 00)

Natasha became engaged to Henry Ropner in July 2011 and will be married on 19 May 2012.

Philip Ashworth
(Walpole 01)

Philip graduated from Jesus College, Cambridge in July 2011 with a PHD in Medical Physics. He currently has a post doctorate research fellowship with Darwin College, Cambridge developing a medical scanner for use during cancer operations.

Vanessa Beldam
(Nugent 01)

Vanessa founded V-Ski in January 2011 off the back of her mother's business, and now operates selfcatered chalet rentals in Verbier, Switzerland. For winter 11/12 she has a portfolio of six chalets across a range of standards suitable for all types of skiers. She would be delighted to hear from Old Stoics this season. www.v-ski.co.uk

Piers Craven
(Bruce 01)

After three years in Khartoum, Piers moved to Hanoi, Vietnam in July 2011 where he takes up his new role as head of the UK Trade & Investment Team at the British Embassy.

Bilal Mattar
(Bruce 01)

Bilal is sales director and partner at an investment brokerage based in Canary Wharf. They have formed an exclusive partnership with a 6 star property developer, and have exclusivity deals on all his developments, ranging from Cape Verde, to St Lucia and Miami. They have also had a successful year with their property developments in Paris, Provence, Cannes, Prague and Cape Verde, as well as the structuring of a bio fuels refinery, on a joint venture basis, with Pakistan State oil and the Pakistan board of trade and investment. www.prestigebrokers.co.uk

Alex Wilson
(Chatham 01)

Alex lives with his girlfriend in Battersea and works as a photographer in London where he specialises in portraiture. www.awilsonphotographic.com

Luke Brewin
(Temple 02)

Luke is the Regional Manager for the North with A&E Agency, who came 7th in the Virgin Fast Track 100 and is the number 1 medical recruitment company in the UK.

2000 > cont...

Alex Dietz
(Chatham 02)

Alex is a Grains Trader working for a French Commodity Trading company – Louis Dreyfus. His base has changed from London to Mombasa. Any Old Stoics intending to visit Kenya, in particular Mombasa – should definitely drop him an e-mail asmsdietz@yahoo.co.uk

Dominic Gordon
(Bruce 02)

Dominic runs a Bed & Breakfast on the shores of Ullswater in the Lake District. Watemook, lying at the foot of Hallin Fell on the shore of beautiful Ullswater, offers room and breakfast for those wishing to escape the crowd. They enjoy over a quarter of a mile of Ullswater lake frontage, boat house and jetty and 27 acres of land exclusively for guests to explore at their leisure. Dominic welcomes all Stoics and affiliates.
www.watemoonullswater.com

Johnny Rice
(Bruce 02)

Johnny is a Lloyd's insurance broker specialising in 'Entertainment'. This covers a wide spectrum including sporting events, films, theatre and concerts to name but a few.

Miles Kaye
(Grafton 03)

Miles is in the wine trade, now working for the Champagne Group, Lanson-BCC. He is based in London as an On-Trade Account Manager specifically looking after London's top Restaurants. He is also pleased to say that he completed the WSET Advanced Wine Exams earlier in the year achieving a Pass with Distinction. "A feat my education at Stowe stood me in good stead for!"

Caroline de Peyrecave
(Nugent 04)

Caroline was commissioned by Halcyon Days to draw Prince William and Catherine Middleton for their Royal Engagement Commemorative Box. The photographs are from their Royal Collection Catalogue.
www.carolinedepeyrecave.co.uk

Phoebe English
(Lyttelton 04)

Phoebe graduated from Central Saint Martin's with a 1st Class MA Honours in Fashion in February 2011. On graduating, she won several prizes

including the L'Oreal Professional Creative Award, Ungaro Bursary and Chloe Award. She has since set up her own label and her inaugural Spring Summer 2012 collection was shown during the last London Fashion Week, where she picked up her first stockist, the high end luxury store Dover Street Market in London, where her work was launched in January 2012. Her work has been featured in British Vogue several times and in various other reputable fashion publications; it was also displayed in the V&A exhibition, 'British-ish' curated by the designer Giles Deacon.
www.phoebeenglish.com

Amarinta Reeves
(Lyttelton 04)

Amarinta is based in Knightsbridge working at Steve Kutner Management Ltd which is a sports, music and TV personality management company. She works predominantly as a PA to the Chelsea FC and team England footballer, Frank Lampard.

Charlotte Scott-Gray
(Lyttelton 04)

Charlotte will shortly graduate from the London Film School with an MA and will be working as a Film Director and Cinematographer as well as working as a freelance filmmaker working on a range of films from fiction to documentaries. She is also now engaged to Garyth Cooper (Temple 05) and they plan to marry in September 2012.

Garyth Cooper
(Temple 05)

Garyth has graduated from the Royal Agricultural College in Cirencester after studying Property Agency and Marketing. He is also now engaged to Charlotte Scott-Gray (Lyttelton 04) and they plan to marry in September 2012.

Anna Lees-Buckley
(Nugent 05)

After winning the art scholarship to Stowe, Anna spent four years in Florence at the atelier Charles Cecil Studios where she studied portraiture. Anna will be taking commissions from her studio in Talgarth Road starting in January 2012. She also runs Life Drawing Classes in Chelsea on a termly basis. Classes are 6-8pm every Thursday. The cost of the course of eight, two hour lessons is £200 (including materials) and will be limited to 10 places. www.aclb.co.uk

Harry Taylor
(Chatham 05)

Harry works for Travelers Underwriting Agency Limited specialising in marine professional negligence and logistics insurance. He is engaged to Claire Huntington from Oundle (well, they can't all be from Stowe). Next September, he will be embarking on a cycle ride from Lands End to John o'Groats to raise money for the Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide (SOBS) which is a self-help organisation.

James Harvey
(Chandos 06)

James moved out to Singapore at the end of September 2011 after successfully gaining employment as a trainee non-deliverable forward swaps broker for BGC Partners (Singapore) Ltd. He is thoroughly enjoying the 'expat' life.

Clementine McGaw
(Nugent 06)

Shortly after leaving St. Martins, Clementine went on to win an award for 'Best Emerging Fine Artist 2010/2011' awarded by Saatchi & Saatchi (featured in *The Corinthian* 2011), and is now currently based in New Cross Gate and working on her next series of work.
www.clementinemcgaw.com

Mia Hulla
(Nugent 07)

Mia graduated from the London School of Economics with First Class Honours (BSc in Philosophy and Economics) and has started working in Morgan Stanley's Sales & Trading division in London.

William Randall-Coath
(Bruce 08)

William finished film school in April and has been doing the festival circuit with a short film he produced in October 2010. The film was accepted into the Cannes Film Festival in May and was runner-up in the Best Comedy Short category at the Action On Film Festival in Pasadena, LA It also won Best International Short at the Salento International Film Festival in Italy. He is currently co-producing a thriller based in the US and Italy which he is hoping to shoot in the spring and is in talks with a screenwriter about another script which, finance depending, he can get off the ground in the summer.

Dr Ro Masters
(Former Staff 1986-2009)

Ro lives in Paris and has passed her Russian exam and has moved on to year 3 of her language studies. She contributed a chapter on George Orwell to a book on writers of the Spanish Civil War, which was published in July 2011, and

managed to catch up with both Vanya Desai (ex Harvard Fellow) and Leila Brahimi (Nugent 96) when she was in New York in the summer. She also visited Timothy Stunt (Former Staff 1986-1995) in Connecticut.

Alexander Thompson
(Grenville 09)

Since leaving Stowe, Alexander completed an Art Foundation course at Oxford Brookes, and has started a degree in Fine Art at the Slade School of Fine Art, UCL. While at Brookes, he worked as the Visual DJ to one of the country's largest weekly student nights, Fuzzy Ducks, producing live visuals on screen at Oxford's O2 Academy. He has also worked for companies based at Pinewood Studios over the last few summers, including Tangerine Films, the production company behind the Jaguar adverts. In summer 2011, he was commissioned to come up with ideas for a new Land Rover advert, as well as editing a behind-the-scenes look at the latest Jaguar XKR-S launch film and is now working for Tangerine Films as a director and editor for a promo video. Alexander has also just spent two weeks as a runner on Danny Boyle's new film 'Trance' with James McAvoy. His showreel can be found at www.awtfilms.com

James Knight
(Chatham 10)

Jamie and former housemate George MacEwan (Chatham 10) took part in the Mongol Rally, driving 9,500 miles in six weeks from Goodwood in Sussex to Ulan Bator in Mongolia. They were the two youngest participants on the rally and came in the top 60 out of 300.

Edward Birch Reynardson
(Grafton 11)

Adda is on his gap year and is currently in Georgia, America. Before leaving he worked for the Midland Fox Hounds and was whipping in and working in the kennels 7 days a week. "I have been experiencing southern American life and a completely different way of hunting compared to what I'm used to at home."

THE OLD STOIC SUMMER PARTY AT THE KENSINGTON ROOF GARDENS on 12 June 2012

2 live bands, BBQ and drinks
until 10pm all for £35.

Bring up to 2 guests.

MARRIAGES

1950s

Peter Cooper
(Chatham 54)

Adrienne and Peter were married on 10 December at St Mary's Church here in East Rudham.

1980s

Mark Hesketh
(Former Staff 1981-1983)

Mark recently married Jenny Thomas; they met in a choir where they both sing. He is now Head of Electronics at the Manchester Grammar School.

Stuart Thompson
(Temple 88)

Stuart married to Ruth Hodgson in Leeds Cathedral on 28 December 2010. They are now expecting their first child in April 2012.

Georgiana Seigneur
(née Hopkinson-Woolley, Stanhope 89)

Georgina was married on July 16 2011 to Mr Marc Seigneur.

1990s

Alex Saary
(Bruce 91)

Alex married Amanda Vine in June 2011. The best man was Fletcher Morgan (Bruce 91). Jon Bush (Bruce 91), James Mackenzie (Walpole 91) and Steve Brittain (Chandos 91) were ushers. Photo: James Mackenzie (Far left), Jon Bush (2nd from left), Steve Brittain (5th from left), Fletcher Morgan (9th from left).

Hugh Howard
(Cobham 92)

Hugh married Caroline Jakob in July 2011, in Berlin.

Nicholas Spencer
(Grafton 93)

Nicholas married Tamara Purvis at Binfield, Berkshire on 25 September

2011. As might have been expected, his brothers, James (Grafton 89) and Charles (Walpole 90) were ushers.

Vishal Daryanani
(Temple 94)

Vishal married Anurita Mulchand on 12 August 2010 at The Sheraton in Tenerife. The following Old Stoics were in attendance: Andrew Hyslop (Bruce 94), Jonathan Titley (Temple 94), Andrew Bates (Bruce 94) and Vickram Mirchandani (Lyttelton 95).

Nino Gebhard
(Temple 94)

Nino (Andreas) married his fiancée, Andrea Madlener, on 30 July 2011 at Tegernsee, Bavaria, Germany. Unfortunately only one of his old friends from Stowe could attend, Moritz Beck (Temple 95).

Olivia Boyd-Carpenter
(née Millar, Lyttelton 96)

Olivia married William Boyd-Carpenter (Grafton 94) on 23 October 2010 at the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy. There were a number of Old Stoics present including Olivia's father, Andrew Millar (Bruce 65), Tom Tremlett (Chatham 65), Paul Denning (Grafton 94), Rupert Elwes (Chatham 94), Tara Lane-Fox (née Kennedy, Nugent 96), Alison Marston (Lyttelton 96) and Edward Collins (Cobham 98).

Olly Gregson
(Grafton 96)

Oliver married Eliane on 23 July at Kew Gardens. They had over 25 Old Stoics attend and barring his brother, the best man and ushers were all Old Stoics. Photo: Bottom left to right; Alex Bodikian (Grafton 96), Chris Harrington (Walpole 96), Oliver Gregson (Grafton 96), Charles Stevenson, Best Man (Bruce 96), Hugh Carling (Grafton 96). Top left to right; Stuart Mun-Gavin (Chatham 96), Joe Stewart (Chatham 96), James Gregson (brother).

Ben Hennessy
(Grafton 96)

Ben was married on 28 May 2011 to Andrea Head. Serrul Osman (Grenville 96) was best man with other Old Stoics Tom Bell (Walpole 96), Harry Sykes (Chatham 96) and Sam Emery (Grenville 96) as ushers.

Ben Styche
(Walpole 96)

Ben married Annabel on 14 August 2010 in Stratford Upon Avon, Warwickshire. Chris Harrington (Walpole 96) was best man and James Dewar Durie (Chatham 96), Crispin Marsland-Roberts (Walpole 96) and Dan Collier (Chandos 96) were amongst the ushers.

Jonathan Elkington
(Cobham 97)

Jonathan married Zoe Crookes and they are expecting their first child at the end of January 2012. He is a Managing Partner at LJ Capital.

Peter Mackay-Lewis
(Chandos 97)

Peter married Claire Delaney in Byton, Herefordshire on 10 September 2011. Alasdair Barne (Chatham 97) was best man and Josh Lyle (Chandos 97) an usher. Peter and Claire are living on the Brocklesby Estate in Lincolnshire where Peter is working as a Rural Development Surveyor.

Simon Oldridge
(Chandos 97)

Simon married Zoe Wheeler in Kent on 29 October 2011. His brother Digby Oldridge (Chandos 95) and Charlie Rollo-Walker (Nugent 97) were both at the wedding.

Mark Bowman
(Cobham 98)

Mark married Naomi Cork on 4 February 2011 at Tonbridge Castle.

Fay Stewart
(née Davies, Lyttelton 98)

Fay married Rohan Stewart in Laglio, Lake Como on 11 June 2011. Stoics in attendance were Hugo Gordon Lennox (Chatham 98), Stewart Boyd (Bruce 98), Arabella Jupp (Lyttelton 98), Gary Randall (Temple 97) and Alexander de Meyer (Temple 97).

Emily Lamb
(née Wills, Nugent 99)

Emily married Michael Alexander Lamb on 28 October 2011 on an island in Fiji called Vomo. There were two Old Stoics in attendance; David Wills, her brother (Grafton 98) and William Keeler (Cobham 98). Emily and Michael live in Sydney.

2000 >

William Gaze
(Grafton 00)

William married Sophie Mann on 14 May 2011. Old Stoics who attended were Peter Mann (Temple 99) and Jack Mann (Temple 00), brothers of the bride. Other leavers from 2000 were Ed Lake (Chandos), Harry Trotter (Grenville), Rupert Kelton (Walpole), Jamie Peel (Grafton), Jess Beaumont (Nugent), Hughie Arbutnotth (Cobham), Kate Knott (Nugent), Ian Grant Peterkin (Cobham), Tom Irvine (Grenville) along with William Mann (Chatham 99) and 2003 leavers Laura Gaze (Nugent) sister of the bridegroom, Harry Sheppard (Grenville), Georgie Harker (Nugent) and James Guemsey (Chatham).

Jonnie Howorth
(Chatham 00)

Jonnie married Julia Drake on 9 July 2011 at St. James' Church, Eastbury, Berkshire with a lovely reception at Eastbury House. Old Stoics leavers from 2000 attending included Olivia Burwood-Taylor (Lyttelton), William Dudley (Walpole), David Parker (Chatham) and Clem Carlisle (Nugent), together with his father, Simon Howorth, his godfather Nicholas Lund, Sandy Daggart, Michael Rose (all Chatham 58), Edward Bentall (Chatham 57) and Michael Benkert (Grafton 58).

Lester Smart
(Bruce 00)

Lester married Henrietta Temple in June 2011.

Annabel Patton
(née Brann, Lyttelton 01)

Annabel married Craig Patton on Saturday 28 May 2011 at Inch Parish Church, Downpatrick, Co. Down. A reception was held afterwards at Ardigon House, Co. Down. Photo: 22 Old Stoics attended (from left to right): Back Row: W S Brann (Temple 72), Ed Heard (Chandos 01), Tom Brann (Temple 04), Charlie King (Chandos 00), Ricky White (Chatham 01), 3rd Row: Elliot Keane (Walpole 01), Hector Ross (Chatham 01), Fiona Inness (Nugent 01), 2nd Row: J O T Hughes (Temple 48), Alexa Clark (Lyttelton), Emma Elliott (Nugent), Edward Oldham (Cobham), Gee Whitlock (Lyttelton), Susanna Williams (Nugent), George Duckworth (Cobham), Front Row: Catherine Keyser (Nugent), Edward Kaye (Bruce), Annabel Brann (bride, Lyttelton), Mike Rogers (Chatham), Jess Maisey (Lyttelton), Andy Comber (Grenville), Sam Vallis (Lyttelton) 2001.

BIRTHS

Luke Brewin (Temple 02)

In 2011 Luke married Sophie Weather at a beautiful venue in Ongar, Essex. Nikhil Chauhan (Temple 02) was best man. Sophie and he have a beautiful daughter aged 2, called Tilly-Anne Brewin.

Greg Cushing (Cobham 02)

Gregory married Ele Steeds on 17 December 2011, at Holy Trinity Church, Claygate. Old Stoic, Malcolm Riley (Bruce 02), was an usher and preached.

Lucy Lowry (née Williams, Nugent 02)

Lucy married Alastair Lowry on 3 September 2011 in Minsterworth, Gloucestershire. Old Stoics in attendance were Sophie Narizzano, Rebecca Forster, Sophie Housley, Sam Hannaford, Tess Collins, Hattie Fisher (all Nugent 02) and Georgie Wolsey (Lyttelton 02), David Hervey (Grenville 02) and James Williams (Grafton 94).

Dan Brandt (Former Staff 1998-2003)



Dan is Senior Housemaster at Highgate School in North London. He married Sarah Leach on 28 October 2011 at St Peter's Church, Benington in Hertfordshire. Present at the wedding were Barney (Housemaster of Chandos) and Charlotte Durrant and Craig (Housemaster of Bruce) and Sarah Sutton. Also present was his first Head of House at Stowe, when he was Under Housemaster of Grenville, Robin Jones (Grenville 99).

Michael Tarr (Grafton 08)



Michael is delighted to announce that he and Lara-Claire Bourdeaux (Lyttelton 07) married on 26 November 2011. Old Stoics present at the wedding were Edward Cutting (Walpole 08), Azu Nsirim (Cobham 08), Harry Salisbury (Cobham 08), Alex Le Clercq (Walpole 08), Rahil Khandker (Walpole 08), Duncan Bennett (Grafton 07), Mukami Wangai (Lyttelton 07), Clare Jackson (Lyttelton 07) and Rebecca Nicholl (Lyttelton 07).

1970s

Jonathon Hall (Bruce 79)



On 20 March 2011 his wife, Catriona Hall, gave birth to two lovely girls; Ailsa Christina Isobel and Eloise Georgina Kirstie.

Michel Henri (Grafton 79)

Michel has a new son, Otto, born on the 26 September 2011, a half-brother for Dominic (aged 23) and Madeleine (aged 18) and a new lease of life for the father (aged 50)!

1980s

Dr John Buchanan (Chandos 82)

John's wife, Sheridan, gave birth to their son William Peter Gray Buchanan, a brother for Imogen, at the Royal Berkshire Hospital on 27 September 2011.

Robert Whitehouse (Bruce 84)



Robert is delighted to announce the births of Isabella Scarlett Whitehouse on 11 October 2009 and Daniel Robert Whitehouse on 28 February 2011.

Amanda Ransom (née Wyatt, Stanhope 87)



Flora Ellen Ransom was born on 27 July 2011; Amanda's third daughter and sister to Thea and Imogen.

Lucy Stapleton (née Cooper, Nugent 89)



A boy, Troy Stapleton born in April 2011 – a brother for his 3 sisters, Molly, Darcey and Skye.

1990s

Jon Piggott (Temple 90)

Jon and Kathy are happy to announce the birth of Edward John, born 14 August 2011, a brother for Liam. Jon also became an Australian Citizen this year.

Tim Scarff (Grenville 91)



Tim and Mary are delighted to announce the birth of their third son, Oliver James, born on 13 July 2011, a brother for Barnaby and Sam. Boys Rock!

James Snyder (Bruce 91)

James and his wife, Natalie had a son, William Thomas Alexander Snyder on 29 September 2011 at Pembury Hospital, Royal Tunbridge Wells. A grandson for Bruce Snyder (Bruce 56).

Graham Boyd (Bruce 91)

Graham is delighted to report the birth of his son, Dexter on 16 July 2011 and that he now lives in Cairns, Tropical North Queensland, Australia.

Sam Pelly (Grenville 92)

Sam Pelly and his wife have had a beautiful baby girl, Juno Pelly born on 22 June 2011, at home in Wiltshire, a sister for Melo and Lella.

Caroline Naude (née Drummond-Hay, Nugent 93)

Caroline and Gary Naude had a son, Ben Christopher Naude, on 13 June 2010. They live in the Eastern Cape Province, South Africa.

Rupert Calvocoressi (Chatham 95)



Rupert and Alix (née Stuart-Bruges, Nugent 95) had twins, Rory and Beatrice, born on 10 October 2010.

Jessie Fletcher (née Childs, Lyttelton 95)

Jessie had a baby girl, Lara Florence Fletcher, on 20 October 2011, a sister for Isabella.

Angus Campbell (Cobham 96)

Angus and his wife, Katrina had a baby boy called Monty Jeremy Fraser Campbell. Two of his godfathers are Old Stoics – Charles Consett (Cobham 96) and James Fortescue (Chandos 96).

Alexandra Blake (née Williams, Nugent 97)

To Charles (Grafton 96) and Alexandra (née Williams, Nugent 97) a son, Edward Thomas Blake on 26 August 2011.

Anthony Burrell-Nugent (Walpole 98)

Anthony and Georgie had a daughter Annie on 12 April 2011, a sister for Harry.

Shelley Dawson (née Wisner, Lyttelton 98)

Shelley had a little boy Sidney George Dawson on 1 February 2011.

Nicholas Mullineux (Walpole 98)

Nicholas and his wife, Philippa, had a daughter, Clementine in July 2010.

2000 >

Elke-Christine Gust (née Schwind, Nugent 00)

Elke and Johannes Gust had a daughter in October 2011 called Sophie Charlotte. They also have a son (Laurenz Alexander, age 2).

Kimberley Harries (Lyttelton 01)

Kimberley Harries would like to announce the birth of their son. Beau Oliver Victor Bennett, was born on 3 September 2011. They are still living in Nairobi and she is currently the Head of the Drama department at Hillcrest International School. Any Old Stoic friends or gap year Stoics are welcome!

Will Maude-Roxby (Cobham 02)

William and his fiancée, Michelle Rooney, are pleased to announce the birth of Matilda Maude-Roxby on 3 May 2010. They are currently living in Bristol.

OBITUARIES

We have provided information about the lives and careers of a number of particular Old Stoics. In so doing, we realise that there are many other Old Stoics who will have made no less a contribution to society, the country and the lives of others. We hope, though, that in reflecting upon the lives of these alumni and their achievements in the world of academe, politics, the arts, the services and business, we are able to demonstrate the enormously diverse contribution of Old Stoics to the world.

Sir Stephen Olver KBE MBE CMG (Grafton 34) 1918 – 2011



Stephen John Linley Olver was born into a clerical family in India in 1916. He went on to University in Munich, and then into the Indian Police. In 1944 he transferred to the Political Service, where he stayed until independence in 1947, after which he moved into the Foreign Service in Pakistan for an interim appointment, while Pakistani officials found their feet, and in 1950 Sir Stephen followed many other old Indian hands into the British Foreign Service.

After three years in Whitehall, Sir Stephen was appointed to the staff of the British Military Government in West Berlin. He went with his new Italian wife, Maria, whom he had met when she had tried to teach him Italian in Karachi.

In 1956 he was transferred to Bangkok and to London in 1961, and then to Washington. By now he was 46, responsible for consular matters in an embassy – by far and away Britain's largest – preoccupied with political and economic issues and above all with international security concerns. He arrived in the year of the Bay of Pigs debacle, and left in 1963, the year of President Kennedy's assassination.

He became head of the Security Department of the FCO, an unremitting grind of a job for which his police experience gave him some preparation.

In 1969 Sir Stephen became High Commissioner to Sierra Leone. The army had taken power there in a bloodless coup in 1967, and another was unsuccessfully attempted in 1971. In 1973 he moved to his last Diplomatic Service appointment, as British High Commissioner in Cyprus. He had a scant two years there but they were filled with events of major importance. Archbishop Makarios was re-elected as President in early 1973 but overthrown in 1974 by a coup of Greek officers in the National Guard.

Sir Stephen represented the most significant third power in the divided island. A lifetime of experience fitted him ideally for this job and his success was recognised on retirement from Cyprus and public service in 1975 when he was appointed KBE, having already been appointed MBE in 1947 and CMG in 1965.

1920s

Mr Patrick (Pem) E Holmes MBE (Bruce 29) on 14 August 2011

1930s

Sir William Miles Bt (Chandos 32) on 29 December 2010

Mr Michael Franklin (Temple 34) on 16 June 2011

Major John Moulton (Temple 34) on 5 February 2011

Sir Stephen Olver KBE CMG (Grafton 34) on 22 June 2011

Mr Robert Coutts (Chatham 35) on 4 October 2010

Mr Charles Davidson (Chatham 36) on 10 May 2010

Mr David MacEwen (Grenville/Walpole 36) on 6 July 2011

The Hon Peter Howson CMG (Cobham 37) on 1 February 2009

Mr Lionel Shannon (Chandos 37) on 11 September 2011

Mr Peter Blundell MC TD (Grafton 38) in December 2010

Mr Anthony Frazer (Temple 38) on 23 January 2011

Mr Derek Sankey (Bruce 38) on 28 September 2011

Captain Reginald Alston- Roberts-West MC (Grenville 39) on 7 February 2004

Major John de Burgh MC (Grenville 39) on 4 December 2010

Col Anthony Way MC (Bruce 39) on 4 January 2012

1940s

The Rt Hon the Lord Amptill PC (Temple 40) on 23 April 2011

Dr Peter Boyd-Bowman (Grafton 41) on 1 July 2010

Dr John Outwater (Chatham 41) on 12 August 2009

Mr Bill Duck (Walpole 42) on 1 December 2011

Mr Alasdair Gordon (Walpole 42) on 17 February 2011

Mr Richard Thompson (Walpole 42) on 21 March 2011

Sir George Beaumont Bt (Walpole 43) on 23 March 2011

Major Greville Chester MC (Bruce 43) on 7 July 2011

Mr David Donne (Grenville 43) on 11 April 2011

Mr John Hamilton (Chandos 43) on 13 April 2007

Mr Henry Nelson (Grafton 43) on 13 April 2010

Mr Harold Sebag-Montefiore (Walpole 43) on 5 October 2011

Mr Tony Bertram (Bruce 44) on 13 January 2011

Mr Iveagh Guinness (Cobham 44) on 7 April 2011

Dr John Anson (Grenville 45) on 18 April 2011

Sir Philip Duncombe Bt.DL (Chandos 45) on 22 December 2011

Sir Anthony Hayward Kt (Grenville 45) on 4 March 2011

Mr Alexander Macdonald (Grenville 45) on 8 November 2010

Mr George Everard (Grenville 48) on 28 April 2011

Mr Alastair Heilbron (Bruce 48) on 25 July 2011

Mr Robert Cook (Chandos 49) on 9 August 2011

Mr Patrick Lucas (Grenville 49) on 10 July 2008

1950s

Mr Samuel Adshead (Bruce 50) date unknown

Mr John Charlton (Cobham 50) date unknown

Mr Edward Hardwicke (Chandos 50) on 16 May 2011

Mr Julian Tulloch (Bruce 50) on 12 December 2010

Lt Col Edward Williamson (Cobham 52) on 22 August 2011

Lt Cdr Richard Withinshaw (Cobham 52) on 16 February 2011

Mr Francis Trevor (Cobham 53) in February 2011

Mr Charles Bolton (Chatham 54) on 1 June 2011

The Knight of Glin, Desmond FitzGerald (Grenville 55) on 14 September 2011

Mr Andrew Latham (Walpole 56) in September 2010

Mr Ian Sinclair (Chandos 57) on 22 November 2010

Mr Richard Birt-Llewellyn (Temple 59) on 6 December 2011

Mr Martin Hotham (Cobham 59) on 12 May 2011

1960s

Mr Henry Bull (Bruce 60) on 8 January 2010

Mr John Campkin (Cobham 61) on 3 May 2011

His Honour Judge Andrew Geddes (Temple 61) in 2009

Mr Malcolm Farquharson (Temple 66) on 21 October 2011

Mr Kenneth Frazer (Temple 66) on 22 May 2011

Mr (Paddy) R C Pinchbeck OBE (Former Staff 1951-1966) on 17 January 2012

1970s

Mr Richard Eve (Grenville 71) on 22 January 2011

Mr Joseph Bain (Former Staff 1954-1973) on 24 May 2011

1980s

Mr Vincent de la Rue (Lyttelton 83) on 1 November 2011

2000 >

Mr Harry Nettlefold (Temple 07) on 27 August 2011

Mr Peter Blundell MC TD

(Grafton 38)
December 2010

He greatly enjoyed his time at Stowe after which he, like many of his former schoolmates, had a distinguished time in the war being awarded an MC for events he led in Crete before being taken prisoner by the Germans. He spent four years in a German prisoner of war camp trying to escape on a number of occasions but eventually having to wait until the end of the war to see freedom again. He spent most of his career working in shipping with the Bank Line, part of the Andrew Weir Group. Travelling widely with the company he retired in 1982 after two pleasant and interesting years in South Africa. In addition to two children, three grand children and four great grand children Peter had a sister and two brothers, Michael (Grafton 36) and David (Grafton 43).



The Rt Hon The Lord Ampthill CBE PC

(Temple 40)
1921 – 2011

Lord Ampthill, who died aged 89, was a theatrical impresario and Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords.

Lord Ampthill was born on 15 October 1921. He served with the Irish Guards during the Second World War and went on to serve with Allied land forces. His career included a time as general manager at Fortnum & Mason; he was chairman of the New Providence Hotel Co, which developed a luxury hotel at Nassau in the Bahamas; from 1953 he made a career in theatrical management, becoming managing director and owner of Linnet & Dunfee. He left the theatre business in 1981 and joined the board of United Newspapers. After United bought the Express titles, Lord Ampthill was also deputy chairman both of Express Newspapers from 1989 and of United itself from 1991. He was chairman of Dualvest, an investment trust venture, and a director of Leeds Castle Foundation.

Lord Ampthill sat as a crossbencher before becoming the deputy speaker and the chairman of committees in the House of Lords from 1992 to 1994. He was appointed CBE in 1986.



Mr Harold Sebag-Montefiore

(Walpole 43)
1924 – 2011

Harold Sebag-Montefiore, who died aged 86, combined a career at the Bar with London local government, a leading position in the Jewish community and a lifelong love of horses and polo.

In 1955 he was elected to the LCC (forerunner of the GLC) for Streatham. Soon after, he applied for the Enfield Chase Hunt to hunt foxes in Kenwood, five miles from Charing Cross, because Highgate residents were losing their poultry. The Parks Committee chairman told him that pest control could do the job.

At the 1959 General Election he fought marginal North Paddington from his Irish chaser Ready Money. Despite a national swing to the Conservatives he fell short by 786 votes. He fought it again in 1961 but was again defeated.

He exerted his greatest influence between 1968 and 1971, when his chairmanship of the GLC's Arts and Recreation Committee and presidency of the Anglo-Jewish Association overlapped. He facilitated the English National Opera's move from Sadler's Wells to the Coliseum and the eventual revival of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre. He also promoted the welfare of co-religionists from Aden to Leningrad, and pressed ministers to be forthright in condemning anti-Semitic acts by foreign governments, notably Iraq's hanging of Jews as "traitors".

His reign as London's recreation supremo began controversially, as the GLC tried to persuade boroughs to take over all but the largest of the city's 160 parks; they resisted due to running costs, and it took until 1971 to arrange a handover.

He was a council member of the Anglo-Netherlands Society, a liveryman of the Spectacle Makers' Company, and a trustee of the National Theatre, the International Festival of Youth Orchestras, Whitechapel Art Gallery and the William and Mary tercentenary. He was made a Chevalier of the Légion d'Honneur in 1973 for his contribution to cultural exchange with France.



Sir Philip Pauncefort-Duncombe Bt. DL

(Chandos 45)
1927 – 2011

Sir Philip Pauncefort-Duncombe Bt. DL (Chandos 45) was a founding trustee of the Bletchley Park Trust and spent much of his life championing local Buckinghamshire causes. He served in the Grenadier Guards from 1945-1960 and saw active service in Palestine, Malaya and Cyprus.

Later, between 1979 and 1997, he was a member and the Harbinger of Her Majesty's Bodyguard of the Honourable Corps of Gentleman at Arms. He was president of the Aylesbury Grenadier Guards Association and remained involved in many local military regiments and organisations; the Bucks Army Cadet Force (of which he was County Commandant until 1970), the Eastern Wessex TAVR Association (of which he was appointed vice-chairman in 1986) and the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire TA Battalion of the Royal Green Jackets.

Sir Philip always had the countryside at the centre of his life and was Regional Secretary for the Country Landowners Association from 1965 until his retirement. In 1971 he was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant and in 1985 became County President of St. John Ambulance. He served on Aylesbury Vale District Council for 7 years and was High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire 1987-88.

Sir Philip was instrumental in turning Bletchley Park into the successful charity and local museum that it has become today and was delighted to greet Her Majesty the Queen when she visited the museum in 2011.

Having lived through the war at Stowe, it always remained close to Sir Philip's heart. He often reminded his grandchildren (three of whom are Old Stoics) that he used to have to bicycle the 20 mile journey back to school from Great Brickhill. However, occasionally he was given a lift by the then Headmaster, JF Roxburgh, who also lived in Brickhill. He was born in May 1927 and died on 22 December 2011.



Sir Anthony Hayward (Grenville 45)

1927 – 2011

Sir Anthony Hayward, who died aged 83, was a leader of the British business community in India, where his family once held a licence to distribute opium and ganja.

Anthony William Byrd Hayward was born in Hertfordshire on June 29 1927 into a family steeped in service to British India.

Sir Anthony's childhood was spent in England with his mother and siblings, while his father returned on home leave every third year until the outbreak of war, which left him stranded in India.

On demobilisation in 1948 he went out again to join the distillery business — and to enjoy, despite the changed mood of post-Independence India, the good life of an earlier era at The Chummary, a bachelors' mess in Calcutta, and Konnagar House, the family's gracious country home near the distillery. Sports took him to the Tollygunge Club, the Calcutta races and a shooting camp which he established at Chandpara, outside Calcutta.

The Hayward's liquor brand flourished under the Shaw Wallace umbrella and was extended to wines and beers; Hayward's 5000 became India's bestselling strong ale. Sir Anthony himself retired from the company and left India in 1978; he was knighted in that year for services to Anglo-Indian business.

His next destination was Singapore, where he successfully revitalised the trading arm of the Guthrie plantation group and led its sale to Malay-Chinese investors — shortly before ownership of its parent, Guthrie Corporation, was seized by Malaysian government interests in a notorious 'dawn raid' on the London stock market.

Sir Anthony was also a director of a Hong Kong-based trading group, Li & Fung, and later chairman of the Baring Peacock Fund, an investment trust specialising in the Subcontinent. He retired to Sandwich in Kent, where he was a member of the Royal St George's Golf Club.

Mr Edward Hardwicke (Chandos 50)

1932 – 2011

Edward Hardwicke, who died aged 78, was best known on television for playing Dr Watson in a Sherlock Holmes series in the 1980s, but had already come to public attention in the 1970s series Colditz, as the character based on the real-life war hero Pat Reid.



Edward had been suggested as the bumbling foil to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's inscrutable sleuth by the actor David Burke, who had portrayed Watson in the Granada Television's The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes (1984-85), alongside Jeremy Brett. When Holmes was resurrected from the dead after plunging from the Reichenbach Falls and the series was revived, in 1986, as The Return of Sherlock Holmes, Hardwicke played Watson in 11 hour-long episodes.

As the calm and attentive companion to the moody sage of Baker Street, Edward retained the role for two-hour versions of The Sign of Four and The Hound of The Baskervilles (1988) as well as in subsequent adventures broadcast as The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes (1991) and the valedictory The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes (1994).

As Captain Pat Grant in Colditz, Edward based his character on Major Pat Reid, the real-life escape officer in the supposedly escape-proof German prison perched on a 250ft-high cliff.

His film career in Hollywood began when he was only 10, in Victor Fleming's film A Guy Named Joe (1943), with Spencer Tracy. He appeared at the Bristol Old Vic, the Oxford Playhouse and the Nottingham Playhouse before joining Laurence Olivier's National Theatre in 1964, performing there regularly for seven years. He appeared with Olivier in Othello and The Master Builder.

Edward also appeared in Charley's Aunt; Tom Stoppard's Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead; Congreve's The Way of the World; and with Robert Stephens in Peter Shaffer's The Royal Hunt of the Sun. He returned to the National in 1977 for a production of Feydeau's The Lady from Maxim's.

In 2001 he played Arthur Winslow in The Winslow Boy at the Chichester Festival Theatre, reprising a role taken by his father in the 1948 film.

Edward's other television credits included My Old Man, Holocaust (1978); Oppenheimer (1980); Lovejoy (1992); The Ruth Rendell Mysteries (1997); David Copperfield (2000); Agatha Christie's Poirot (2004); and Fanny Hill (2007). In 1978 he appeared in the last episode of The Sweeney.

He also had parts in numerous films; The Day of the Jackal (1973); The Black Windmill (1974); Richard Loncraine's 1995 version of Richard III; The Scarlet Letter (1995); Shadowlands (1993); Elizabeth (1998); Enigma (2001); The Gathering Storm (2002); and the romantic comedy Love Actually (2003).

Desmond FitzGerald

(Grenville 55)
1937 – 2011



Desmond FitzGerald, the 29th and last Knight of Glin, who died on 14 September, aged 74, was a connoisseur of the decorative arts who worked for the Victoria and Albert Museum, the fine art auctioneers Christie's and the Irish Georgian Society. The greater part of his energies, however, he devoted to restoring and preserving his family's ancestral seat of Glin Castle, on the Shannon estuary in Co. Limerick.

He inherited the castle and title aged 12, on the death of his father in 1949. By this time, all that remained of the estate was 500 acres of park and grazing land.

After moving back to Glin from London in 1975, Desmond and his wife Olda threw their own energies into the project. They spent decades combing auction rooms in an attempt to buy back the pictures, drawings and china that had been sold in leaner times, steadily restoring the fabric of the building. A plaque in the garden bears the legend 1785-2002 — a construction span of 217 years.

They started a bed and breakfast business and in 2002 turned the castle into a small hotel which did well for a number of years but the international credit crunch and the Irish economic nosedive hit them hard and finances became increasingly strained.

Desmond John Villiers FitzGerald was born on July 13 1937, the youngest of three children and an only son. He was sent to England from the age of eight and claimed to have gone to "more schools than you've had hot dinners". But he settled down at Stowe, an "architectural paradise" which inspired him to study Architecture and Art History at university. He first went to the University of British Columbia and then took a Master's degree at Harvard.

In 1975, FitzGerald was appointed Christie's Irish representative and became involved in the Irish Georgian Society. He served as the Society's president from 1991. FitzGerald wrote and lectured extensively on Irish art, architecture and decorative arts. A governor of the National Gallery of Ireland, he published a family history, The Knights of Glin, in 2009. He was also elected a member of the Royal Irish Academy and served on the boards of the Irish Landmark Trust and the Castletown Foundation.

OBITUARIES

Mr Joe Bain (Former Staff 1954-1973) 1928 – 2011



Joseph (Joe) Bain taught English, French and German at Stowe between 1954 and 1973 and from 1963 was the very popular Housemaster of Chandos. He grew up an only child in west Wales where he attended local schools before progressing to Marlborough, where his father had been a classics tutor, and then St John's College Cambridge after completing his National Service.

Both academe and the theatre beckoned, but Joe decided to follow in his father's footsteps instead. The Old Vic's loss was the immeasurable gain of generations of schoolboys. As well as his teaching duties, Joe produced any number of House and School plays at Stowe, most memorably several of Shakespeare's dramas: Twelfth Night, staged on the steps of Queen's Temple; Othello performed in Assembly; and, under the great cedar tree on South Front, A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Upon retirement, Joe returned to Wales with his wife Priscilla (formerly Headmistress of Tudor Hall Girls' School) to set up house in Tenby. There he continued to indulge his passion for books and music, while adding a new string to his bow. On his doctor's advice he took up painting. While his often allegorical canvases lack ultimate technical skill they are as richly humorous as any other artist's.

Thus the bare bones of a distinguished career. But that short word 'Joe' belied a huge, inspirational and tirelessly energetic personality. And lest there be any doubt about that, one has only to count the number of his former pupils who made a point of keeping in touch with him, long after they had ceased to imbibe his classroom wisdom.

Justin Wintle (Chatham 66)

A small volume containing some of Joe Bain's verse and prose will be published next May. It will be a paperback called 'A Book of Bain' and will a limited edition of around 200 copies. In the meantime share your memories and join in online at joebain.org.uk

Mr Kenneth Frazer (Temple 66) 1948 – 2011

In 1976, he went to Portugal as principal cellist of the Gulbenkian Orchestra and won a prominent place in the middle of Portuguese music, including being one of the pioneers of early music with original instruments in Portugal, an area where, as a masterful interpreter of Viola da Gamba collaborated with artists such as Pedro Caldeira Cabral, Manuel Morais, among others, participated in many concerts with chamber music groups among which are the Atlantic and Concert Segria Lisbon. With these two groups he made several sound recordings of music ancient Iberian. He lived in Portugal for the last 35 years where he was the principal cellist of the Portugese symphony orchestra.

David Fanshawe (Chandos 59)

A Celebration Concert at the Festival Hall, London 31 March 2012

Following David's obituary in the 2011 edition of *The Corinthian* we are pleased to announce that there will be a Concert Tribute to celebrate his music on 31 March 2012 at the Royal Festival Hall, London. This will be a full concert of David's music, including a complete performance of African Sanctus with a massed choir of 250. To register your interest and for further information please visit www.fanshawe.com



In August 2011 Harry and Charlie Thuillier (Bruce 04 and 06) decided to travel 1000km along the coastline of Brazil using big foot buggies powered by kites to help raise funds for Centrepoint, a charity for young, homeless people.

The brothers had no vehicle support, they spoke no Portuguese, and had just one lesson in kite bugging. Harry takes up the story...

As we bolted together the buggies, strapped on our bags and set up the kites on a windswept beach in Natal, Brazil, a few local kids and dogs stood in the doorways of shacks and watched curiously. Atlantic waves crashed against the sand, their roar muffling against the cliffs that rose from the beach behind chattering palm trees as we laid out kite lines and bars and put on our helmets. We knew the learning curve for what we were about to do would be steep but we were raring to go.

A few months ago, Charlie and I had a crazy idea: to go to Brazil and kite buggy 1,000km along the North East coast. It's one of the windiest places in the world, with hundreds of miles of beaches interspersed with dunes, mangrove swamps, rivers and fishing villages. As far as we knew, no one had attempted to kite buggy this distance before without full vehicle support.

Perhaps we have Stowe to blame for this seemingly mad adventure – both of us were lucky enough to go travelling on Old Stoic Gap scholarships after leaving Stowe and the need to see the world and push our personal boundaries hasn't left either of us.

We asked Craig Hansen, an explorer who kited the Sahara desert and who manufactures the PLK Outlaw buggies we later used, what he thought our chances were. He had a few questions. "Have you kite bugged before?" No. "Has anyone bugged that stretch of coastline?" No. "Will you be using vehicle support?" No. "Do you speak Portuguese?" No. He concluded: "I think you're mad, but I don't see why you can't do it."

I had butterflies in my stomach as the plane descended into the start point of Natal, laden with the 150kg of gear we had managed to bring by pleading with the airline at the check in desk while wearing our Centrepoint charity t-shirts.

As our adventure began, we realised that even for an experienced buggier much of the terrain was awkward and offered little margin for error. Although some of the beaches and dunes were paradise, streams that appeared from nowhere, palm trees, wind turbines, fishing boats and sharp rocks meant it took 100% concentration. I learnt my first lesson just half a kilometre into the journey – overtaking my kite and causing it to drop out of the sky, before running over the lines and tangling them around my axle.

Despite this abuse our foil kites, supplied by New Zealand based Ozone, took our

KITE BUGGY ADVENTURE

OLD STOIC BROTHERS ATTEMPT 1000KM ALONG THE BEACHES OF BRAZIL



incompetency in their stride. Using wind power alone was part of the ethos of this adventure and we had already decided we didn't want a vehicle to follow us – even if budget for it had been available. The idea was to use kite bugging to explore an unknown coastline under our own power.

This is a nice idea but it presented several challenges, and we had to navigate around impassable terrain on foot. Our progress was dictated by tide, with just a few hours to kite each day. Even at low tide it was a little nerve wracking coming up to a headland and navigating a course under the cliffs, hoping the water was low enough to pass all the way through.

With unreliable maps, our almost non-existent grasp of Portuguese and contradictory local opinion on the route, we ended up hauling the buggies further than anticipated, walking as much as thirty miles a day to avoid river deltas and mangrove swamps.

The terrain meant that our progress was slower than planned and the money that was meant to last until we reached the city of Fortaleza was almost extinguished 300km away. Village banks didn't accept foreign cards so funds were low, despite our efforts to save by eating once a day, buying from stalls, and sleeping in our hammocks in basic pousadas, where you had to avoid stepping on cockroaches. This frugality was not enough though, so we made the hard choice to dismantle the buggies and try to reach an international city bank.

After a series of lifts by VW dune buggy, wooden raft and bus (where we bribed the conductor to let us take our 150kg of luggage on board) we finally found ourselves in Fortaleza, the largest city in the state of Ceara. It was night time. With our last 50 reals we convinced a taxi driver to rope our buggies to the roof of his ancient Peugeot and drive to the city centre, where to our relief we found

a bank that would let us withdraw cash, enabling us to get back on track with the trip.

With no support vehicle, we carried all necessary spares, but luckily had no breakages although there was one close encounter. A wheel collision in a remote spot east of Cruz smashed a valve, rapidly deflating a tyre. This meant a tense stop, with two of us tentatively pushing the tyre off the rim to fit a new valve and whooping with relief when it popped back on.

But any setbacks were worth it for the feeling of flying along, knowing the buggies could handle almost anything. When you're travelling fast, kite bugging feels like the best mode of transport in the world – spray

"HAVE YOU KITE BUGGIED BEFORE?" NO. "HAS ANYONE BUGGIED THAT STRETCH OF COASTLINE?" NO. "WILL YOU BE USING VEHICLE SUPPORT?" NO.

"DO YOU SPEAK PORTUGUESE?" NO. HE CONCLUDED:

"I THINK YOU'RE MAD, BUT I DON'T SEE WHY YOU CAN'T DO IT."

rushes past you and tyres hum as they skip over sun-baked sand. The kites soar overhead, scattering wildlife like a bird of prey, and the look on people's faces as you race past them under wind power alone is priceless.

As the wind strengthened staying in the buggy was easier said than done. Both of us had 'out of buggy experiences', and our full-face helmets paid for themselves. Carrying all our supplies (and even a local passenger each one day!) there was a lot of inertia when starting, causing unintended flying sessions and often ending up ten metres from our buggies head first in a dune. But this didn't stop us challenging Louis Tapper (a record breaking Kiwi kite surfer) for a three day race. Although we were faster, Louis won by cutting across the bays, which we thought was cheating!

As we travelled the final kilometre of our trip I remember thinking how lucky it was that we had had no big accidents. And at that very moment I saw Charlie's kite heading for a set of power lines. We were on a bumpy coastal sand track which served as the only route into our destination, Jericoacoara. It made for some exciting bugging, especially as we were now sharing it with 4x4s heading into the town. With the late afternoon sun in Charlie's eyes, he had been focussing on an approaching blind corner and not on the sky. By the time I noticed the cables his kite had hit.

A bright white flash, a hum of hot metal, and the cables broke, narrowly missing Charlie. We both paused for half a second, in shock, as the fallen wire set light to a pile of donkey manure. After alerting the power company and walking the final two hundred metres into Jericoacoara we realised we had made quite an unintended entrance. Candles illuminated dimly lit rooms. Ceiling fans hung still. Streets were black. This wasn't the finale to the journey we hoped, but luckily the power came back a few hours later with a collective cheer, and we could reflect on the whole adventure.

It had been exhilarating to wake up every morning and have little idea of what was around the next bay. Learning the sport at the same time as exploring new territory was mind blowing. I had heard about the state of 'flow' – where the challenge and your ability meet and you find yourself absorbed and satisfied. At times we were both lucky enough to experience it.

The frustrating thing was that we only started to become competent in the last week of the adventure. With more knowledge of the terrain, the sport, and the people, we wanted to go back to the start to do it all again!

But that's what adventure is about – the learning and the journey.

To watch onboard videos and leave your comments on the trip, go to www.kitebuggyadventure.com The Thuillier brothers have been raising funds for Centrepoint, a charity which supports and houses homeless young people in the UK. You can donate here: www.justgiving.com/brazilkitebuggyadventure

Harry Thuillier (Bruce 04)

Thanks to: Ozone Kites, PLK Outlaw Buggies New Zealand, OceanSource.net, Computer Solutions NZ, BuggyBags.co.uk, 2C Solar Light Caps, New Balance Shoes, Video VBOX GPS, Club Ventos, Serrote Breezes Jericoacoara, Ultraseal, SB Kites, and everyone who has donated to Centrepoint.

YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS FROM STOWE

Just why is it that Stowe produces so many successful entrepreneurs?

The new Business Network on the Old Stoic website proves the remarkable breadth and quality of their initiatives. Is it the mind-opening qualities of the environment at Stowe; perhaps it's the example and inspiration of other Old Stoics who've proved what can be achieved. Is there simply something in the water of the Eleven Acre Lake?

Every year, one of the particularly noteworthy prizes on Speech Day is the 'Branson Award', given to the Stoic who has developed and launched a sustainable and profitable business – offering a round-the-world flight ticket and a chance to spend a month working at the Virgin business of their choice. In the first in a series, Colin Dudgeon sets out to find young Old Stoics, in particular, under the age of 25, who've already taken the plunge and achieved commercial success – proving that entrepreneurial achievement and age are not necessarily linked. He talks to two of them who, remarkably, both left the same House in the same year...

COTSWOLD GOLD Charlie Beldam (Temple 05)



Charlie Beldam looks back on his time at Stowe with great fondness – “I loved it... I loved every single minute of it!” he enthuses. Alongside the fun, freedom and friends, it is clear that he feels a real debt of gratitude to some of those who helped him: “I owe a lot to Liz Sheard and Rev Jackson as through my time at Stowe they helped me get through my dyslexia and prove to the people who wrote me off that I could get through school and move on to bigger and better things.” From Stowe it was on to Cirencester Agricultural College, where his initial aspirations were on following his father into the farming business. But it was a final year module on Diversification that changed the course of his plans. After an aborted project on Bio-diesel – and with deadlines looming – he swapped to rapeseed oil and came to realise the opportunity of rapeseed oil aimed at culinary use. “I’m not very good at being told what to do” he admits, “and I came back to the kitchen one day after harvesting and decided I wanted to give it a go on my own.” Charlie’s infectious enthusiasm and obvious belief in his business seem boundless: “I touch every bottle of Cotswold Gold that’s produced – in fact I count the bottle as me!” So it was understandably nerve-

wracking when Raymond Blanc (“the nicest man after me you’d ever meet”) came to film a piece for the BBC at Charlie’s home. TV appearances seem to flow at a bewildering pace now: “We’ve been on TV five times this year already” he says. “You mean 2011”, I assume. “No – 2012” he says....and it’s only January 12th.

Cotswold Gold is now stocked in 250 shops in England, alongside a number of leading restaurants (Le Manoir included); he’s just launched a white truffle oil, and is opening up accounts overseas. Various Young Entrepreneur awards have come his way, and at the end of only the second year, he is making sufficient profit to pay two members of staff as well.

What’s been his biggest inspiration? His father. “In the farming world, he’s pretty much at the top of his game. He set up a dairy business in the kitchen with his Mum at the age of 12 and now nearly 50 years on, his son is trying to do exactly the same....we have this competition to do lectures and I beat him to be the first to go back to Cirencester and give a lecture!” More recently, Charlie came back to Stowe and talked to Business Studies students: his enthusiasm and perspective were captivating and he has been asked to return and repeat the performance next year.

For more information and list of stockists, go to www.cotswoldgold.co.uk

For more information and list of stockists, go to www.marquisvodka.co.uk

MARQUIS VODKA Stuart Randall (Temple 05)



Stuart Randall is another Templar with a grand vision and a truly impressive streak of determination and focus. He enjoyed Stowe – “certainly more than I’d have enjoyed anywhere else” – but was ready to move on by the end. He was absolutely clear that he wanted to work for himself and run his own company. The world of academia didn’t beckon (“if I’m honest, I was never a great fan of getting stuck into books!”) and his working life started in the hotel trade, before time spent selling cars “at a very tough time...the market was in absolute freefall”. Fortune worked in his favour and through a chance encounter he was introduced to someone working on the development of a new vodka product. Here was a blank canvas and an opportunity to

create his own destiny. He grabbed the chance to acquire the European rights for it and set about developing a launch plan for Marquis Vodka. “It was great – it didn’t depreciate or break down like cars!” he laughs and it was undeniably a great product: “Marquis is traditionally smooth with all the characteristics of rye grain” he explains “with the assurance of being produced at a top-end distillery”. My mind boggles as he describes the “highest distillation towers in Europe” – ten storeys high, somewhere in Eastern Poland.

With an excellent product in place, Stuart’s focus has necessarily been on sales and marketing. I asked him what his approach had been: “Good old-fashioned business principles” he said with the apparent assurance of years of experience – “excellent customer relationships, quality of service and a lot of hard work.” He certainly has cause to reflect positively – after just two years, Marquis is the 5th

biggest super-premium vodka brand in the country, worth over £2 million. How many ‘super-premium vodka brands’ are there, I wonder? “There have probably been 80 or so launched in the last two years” he says, “and we are one of the few still in existence.” I am persuaded.

Stuart can be difficult to track down. “Life is hectic” he says – “very busy and quite stressful.” Days are spent in the office, on the road and as much as possible with customers. His team is expanding to six, as from February, and distribution is widening: Wine Rack, Caviar House, Boujis, Raffles and many others. Being voted best vodka in the Waterside Inn in Bray is surely something to be proud of. The goal for next year is to be the 3rd biggest super-premium brand in the market and one shouldn’t bet against it.

For more information, go to www.marquisvodka.co.uk

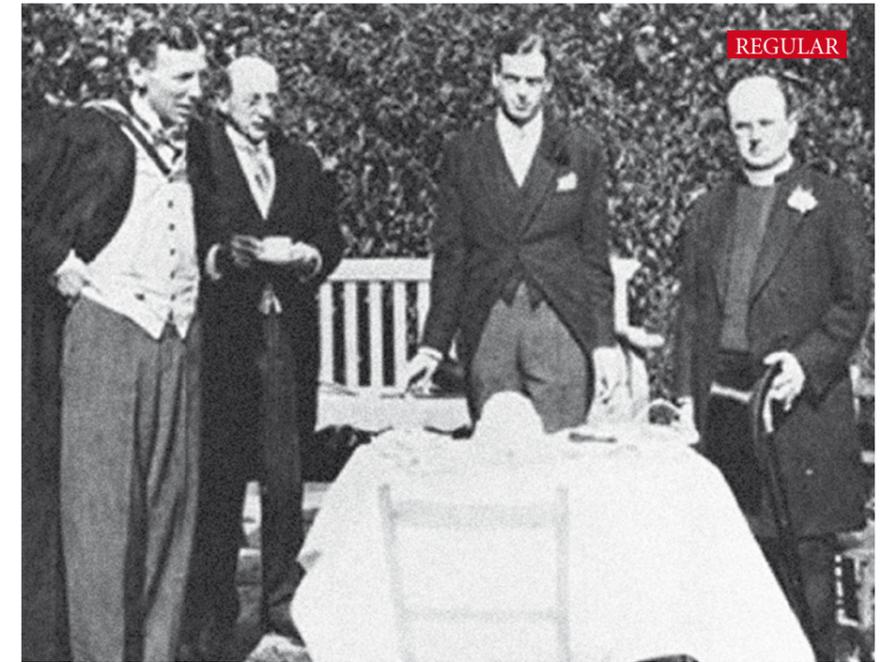
A SLICE OF STOWE’S RICH HISTORY

The Headmaster’s Garden

A garden at Stowe by the famous landscape architect Brenda Colvin, CBE (1897-1981), has been identified. According to Trish Gibson’s recent book, one of her first commissions was “Mr Roxburgh’s garden”. Stowe School opened on 11 May 1923 with JF Roxburgh as Headmaster. His living quarters adjoined the Gothic Library, so his garden would have been outside, on the east parterre behind the balustrade.

Colvin’s Notebook lists her commissions from 1922, when she was aged 25, with JF’s garden as No. 7, “through Joy Coupley”. Typical of her designs, it featured a square of rough flagstones, with paths stretching out on either side delineated by rectangular flower-beds. In December 1923, The Stoic reported that “The eastern half of the Headmaster’s garden has now been laid out. The disadvantages of sowing grass two months too late are admirably illustrated by the condition of the ‘lawns.’” The Stoic of April 1924 noted that the west parterre had been sown for the Head’s grass tennis lawn. In 1927 Queen Mary received school guests in the Headmaster’s garden and in 1929 HRH Prince George took tea at its east end, where there was a paved area with a wooden seat sheltered by bushes. Ballistic threats will soon cease with plans to move the golf course, but in April 1924 The Stoic commented: “What happens to golf balls played into the Headmaster’s garden? The peacocks who eat the bulbs there daily are suspected of having some guilty knowledge on this matter. What happens to the player is of course a different question.”

At about this time, Colvin wrote that her work also included “restoring landscape at Stowe”, making her the first of many restorers in recent years. Of equal interest is No. 55 in her Notebook, dated 1924: “Roxburgh – Stowe (New House)”. This was presumably Chatham House, designed by Sir Clough Williams-Ellis. She may have introduced the path, bank



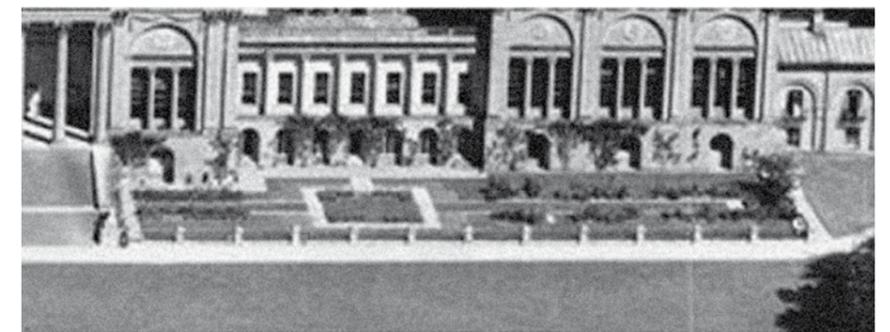
and formal fencing to the south and the pair of trees flanking the portico. She doubtless also advised on the siting of Chatham, the School’s first major detached building, perhaps because Williams-Ellis’ Sanatorium and old Gymnasium appeared unrelated to existing buildings. Chatham, “set with its back to the belt of great trees and overlooking the lake”, and the old Hostel were, however, aligned with the nearby Temple of Bacchus; they thus re-created the anachronistic east-west alignment of the former Great Cross Walk, long obliterated. Two years later, to provide space for a chapel, Sir Reginald Blomfield in 1926 proposed extending the western axis of the main House, replacing Bacchus with the Chapel. This thus created the clash of angles with Chatham.

Brenda Colvin, Sylvia Crowe and Geoffrey Jellicoe formed a “landscape triumvirate”, regarded as a major influence on 20th century landscape design in the UK. Colvin’s work at Stowe, perhaps her first commission for an institution, formed an early but significant part in her visionary

contribution both to landscape and to female professionalism in the UK and internationally. Following the magnificent restoration of Stowe’s South Front, Colvin’s Headmaster’s garden could now be re-instated as a fitting tribute to a key moment in Stowe’s development.

Michael Bevington, Stowe Archivist

- 1 (From the left) JF Roxburgh (Headmaster), Lord Gisborough (Chairman of Governors), HRH Prince George, who had just opened Stowe Chapel, and Rev. Percy Warrington (founding and managing governor), at the east end of Colvin’s garden on 11 July 1929.
- 2 The Headmaster’s garden from the east, in 1926.
- 3 Aerial view of the East Parterre in the 1930s.



THE SWIMMING POOL

◉ The swimming pool in the Eleven Acre Lake in the 1930s, with the Rotundo and Chatham in the background.



When I was appointed to Stowe in 1969 to teach physics I was also asked to take charge of swimming and the swimming teams. I quickly found the naked truth was in the shape of a boarded enclosure in the eleven acre lake, a pool that was of 1930s vintage and had lost much of its appeal since that time; a time when Public Schools swam in rivers or the sea.

I was told that if I wanted an indoor swimming pool then I must form a 'splinter group' from the main appeal at that time

which was to build the new Science Block. I had the enthusiasm to carry this through and fortunately had been in charge of school indoor swimming pools before this.

With sufficient money to start and having managed to get the proposed site moved from the Boycott Pavilions to the present situation, with the proviso that there should be no windows in the wall facing the North Front, digging commenced with the loan of a JCB by McAlpine. The digger removed the top-soil and then

unaccountably sank into a morass from which it had to be winched the next day. We had found the 3rd Duke's gas holder of 1864, infilled, but still capable of holding water and JCBs.

The 70s was a time of great financial difficulties and the firm building the pool eventually resorted to unskilled labour and this led to a number of amusing, if expensive, incidents both during and after the construction. One, that I particularly remember, was that in the driest summer for some time, haymaking in the Grecian Valley came to a halt as the tractors became bogged down. The cause was eventually found to be a missing length of pipe connecting the 'skimmer-line' to the filtration plant.

The building itself was excellent, a swimming pool with laminated timber arches supporting a timber roof. Most pools have concrete or something similar in their construction leading to deafening echoes but this was largely eliminated by the use of wood.

We started to use the pool towards the end of 1972 and the official opening came in 1973 with a visit by HRH The Duchess of Gloucester. At last we were independent of seasons and inclement weather.

Frank Hudson (Former Staff 1969-1989)



- ◉ The 3rd Duke's gas holder of 1864.
- ◉ Spraying concrete on the shell in 1972.
- ◉ The timber frames of the main structure. Wood was used to reduce echoing.

Home-made Sweets

*are now on sale at the Shop
and at the New Inn near the
Corinthian Arch.*

PURE, DELICIOUS AND INEXPENSIVE.

'THE NEVILLERY'

The National Trust is putting out an appeal for any information about the so-called 'Nevillery' tea room at Stowe.

This was housed in the New Inn farm at Stowe and was run as a private venture by the tenants of the farm. Mr Herbert Neville was the first Stowe Art Master and he and his wife are known to have run a tuck shop and café at New Inn between 1925 and 1933. Nicknamed 'The Nevillery' the name stuck and was used by subsequent tenants who served eggs, beans and other basic fare until c. 1950. Several Old Stoics recall that with rationing immediately after the war using the Nevillery was a way of supplementing their diet, especially on a Sunday when the School tuck shop was closed.

If any Old Stoics have any memories of the Nevillery or photos, the National Trust would be grateful to hear from you. New Inn has undergone a major restoration over the past two years and will form the focus of the new visitor entrance to the gardens, which will recreate the entry into the southern side of the gardens via the Bell gate. The site will be officially opened on the weekend of 24/25 March 2012 when amongst other things visitors will be able to enjoy the fare in the renamed 'Nevillery' restaurant, 21st century style!

Gary Marshall, National Trust Archaeologist



BBC ONE'S ANTIQUES ROADSHOW AT STOWE THURSDAY 19 JULY 2012



Entry to the show is free with doors opening at 9.30am and closing at 4.30pm. Some of Britain's leading antiques and fine arts specialists will be on hand to offer free advice and valuations to visitors, who are invited to raid their attics and bring along their family heirlooms, household treasures and car boot bargains for inspection.

Book Review

STOWE THROUGH TIME

A new book by Tony Meredith (Former Staff 1973-2003)



Since the arrival of that splendid insight into cricket's Golden Age, *The Demon and the Lobster*, back in 1987, Tony Meredith has continued to be a much published writer on a wide variety of his different interests, and it is our good fortune that he has at last turned his attention to the place where he taught for 30 years in such a lively and distinguished way.

Stowe Through Time (Amberley Publishing, £14.99) is a high-quality paperback, full of illustrations ancient and modern, the majority of them previously unpublished. It tells the story of Stowe from mediaeval times up to the present day in the clearest of ways, concentrating on the major key moments of change and at all times relating the Stowe of the past to the Stowe of the present. Not only is it a succinctly informative overview of the House and Gardens, it is also the first book to examine the important and highly productive ongoing relationship between the School and its two other partners, the National Trust and the Stowe House Preservation Trust. It does all this in a highly engaging and wholly delightful way. As beautifully written as it is illustrated, *Stowe Through Time* must surely be the ideal introduction for visitors and new arrivals, but, such is its scope and quiet erudition, it is also a real pleasure for those who already know the place well. It has a Foreword, appropriately singing the praises of Stowe, by His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales.

Robert Winter



BUSHBABY TRAVEL

From Toddlers to Teens, Safari to Surfing,
We design bespoke family adventures to destinations
Around our World

Create your shared memories to last a lifetime



Africa | Indian Ocean | Middle East | Australia | USA

Contact us for a copy of our brochure and a personal, in-depth service at a competitive price

Tel: 0845 124 4455 Email: info@bushbaby.travel



www.Bushbaby.Travel



'MEMORIES' STOWE IN WARTIME



During the war, German bombers sometimes flew over Stowe, recognisable by the undulating moan of their engines, quite different from the steady roar of our own.

One night we were awakened by this very distinct noise, followed by an approaching series of horrendous explosions. The third and fourth explosions were earth-shatteringly close, followed by the din of breaking glass, then silence.

There was no screaming, air raid siren, or panicky shouts, so after a brief discussion with my neighbours in Walpole House we went back to sleep.

In the morning, we found a line of craters in the lawns, with one on each side of the main school building. Miraculously, the stick of bombs had straddled the School with no direct hits and not much damage. Some Junker 88 pilot had obviously got lost, and jettisoned his bombs on any large building he could find before returning to Germany.

I started at Stowe in 1938 at the time that Neville Chamberlain had just made a treaty with Adolf Hitler, returning to London with "Peace in our time." However, JF Roxburgh, the Headmaster, obviously did not believe him. "JF", as we called him, was one of the kindest men I have ever met and we respected him immensely. JF obviously had a more realistic view of the future than Chamberlain. He put us to work digging trenches, six feet deep, in the hard ground near Queen's Temple during the winter of 1938-39. When the war actually started in September 1939, these were deepened and reinforced for use as air raid shelters.

Not long after the war started, the shortage of food became a problem. Everything was rationed except potatoes. The kitchen staff did a wonderful job of feeding 600 hungry teenagers, but we often longed for a good roast or meaty stew. My friend Donald Cox (Walpole 41) and I decided to address this problem; strictly against school rules, he received a shotgun sent down from his home in Perthshire. I received a Primus stove sent down from Skye. The shotgun was easily disassembled; at dawn on Sunday mornings we slipped the barrel down one leg and the stock down the other, and

"JF", AS WE CALLED HIM, WAS ONE OF THE KINDEST MEN I HAVE EVER MET AND WE RESPECTED HIM IMMENSELY. JF OBVIOUSLY HAD A MORE REALISTIC VIEW OF THE FUTURE THAN CHAMBERLAIN.

quietly limped out of the school. Many a rabbit was skinned and gutted in the wood, then boiled up on the stove. I haven't had boiled rabbit since, but they were certainly delicious at the time.

On weekends, boys were also in demand at the local farms, where we were given the task of weeding rows of potatoes, turnips, and carrots that seemed to stretch to the horizon. The reward was a big farm lunch accompanied, very confidentially, by a pint of beer.

The Officer Training Corps was going strong at Stowe, commanded by a retired army Major from the First World War. We were armed with .303 Lee Enfield rifles and blanks, but no live ammunition. Nor were there bayonets, the use of which must have been considered ungentlemanly. Luckily the OTC never went into action.

Immediately after the British defeats that ended at Dunkirk in June 1940, a German invasion of Britain appeared imminent. My parents had me sent back to our home in Skye where I joined the local Home Guard platoon, commanded by our doctor who had lost one eye and one arm in the previous war only 22 years earlier. German parachutists were expected anytime, but we hoped that they would have a rough time confronted by crofters armed with pitchforks, and scythe blades attached to long poles.

The Germans intended to bomb the UK into submission before their invasion. This plan was defeated by our Spitfire pilots, average age about 21, including several old Stoics. Hence Churchill's famous words: "Never in the history of human endeavour have so many owed so much to so few."

I returned to Stowe in September 1940. The feared invasion did not seem so imminent, but the bombing raids continued. It had been a 24 hour journey from Skye in peacetime, but it took up to three days at the height of bombing due to damage to railway tracks and stations. Trains were packed with soldiers and sailors returning from or going on leave, sleeping in the corridors and on the overhead luggage racks.

Amazingly, life went on as usual at Stowe, with rugger and cricket matches against other schools. We continued to study history up to the time of George IV, but no current affairs. We read Goethe and

Schillers's plays in German, but none of Hitler's speeches.

I left Stowe in late 1942 and joined the army, as did a great number of old Stoics. This time we had live ammunition.

Alasdair Gordon (Walpole 42)

Alasdair Gordon was given the Last Rites in March 1945 after being gravely injured by shrapnel during the Battle of the Reichswald. He recovered fully and led an extraordinarily full life to the last. He wrote this account 'Stowe in Wartime' in January 2011, after seeing the movie 'The King's Speech', two weeks before he died.

His great friend Donald Cox was killed in action.



P.A.W.S CHEETAHS IN NAMIBIA

I've always wanted to work in conservation, but life took me in another direction, that is until an impulse decision took me to South Africa two years ago to train as a Safari Field Guide. I became a professionally qualified Safari Field Guide in June 2010, having never even set foot in Africa before!

In January 2011, I joined P.A.W.S (People and Wildlife Solutions), a volunteer project based in Namibia on the beautiful Okonjima reserve. P.A.W.S works closely with AfriCat, which is a non-profit organisation committed to the long term conservation of Namibia's large carnivores, particularly cheetah and leopard. Volunteers come to P.A.W.S for 2 weeks or more, to help us in our work of restoring the habitat to the original savannah grassland state which is the habitat the cheetah needs.

In the mornings we work. Jobs include bush chopping, fence rolling, maintaining enclosures and collecting poo and bones (yum!). Hard physical work in the sun but also fun! This work is essential for the cheetah, one of the most endangered predators in Africa, second only to the Ethiopian Wolf. The bush encroachment in Namibia has reached the state where 70% of the cheetahs taken in by AfriCat as part of their 'Rescue and Release' programme, had eye problems, caused by running at high speeds through the thorny bush.

In the afternoons, to reward the volunteers for their hard work, we take them on a game drive, tracking our radio-collared predators. These include leopard, cheetah, wild dog and spotted hyena. For many it's their first opportunity to view these amazing animals at close quarters, in their natural habitat.



- 1 Cheethas on the Okonjima Reserve.
- 2 Beth Osmond and her team maintaining the enclosures on the reserve.
- 3 The volunteers on an afternoon game drive.



I feel very lucky to be working at a project like P.A.W.S where I can do all the things I love. I'm always outdoors, the sun is always shining (nice tan!) and in the bush you just never know what you are going to see next... The volunteers love it too! You can see their comments on our website below.

If you are interested in finding out more about P.A.W.S, or volunteering with us, our website is www.pawnsambia.org For more information about AfriCat, go to www.africat.org

Beth Osmond (Stanhope 88)

LUC WINS INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION TO DESIGN NEW PEACE AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES INSTITUTE



LUC (Land Use Consultants), in a consortium with Cape Town-based DHK Architects, WSP Engineers and Turner & Townsend Quantity Surveyors, won the Wangari Maathai Institute for Peace and Environmental Studies Architectural Competition at a ceremony in Kenya in February 2011.

The LUC team was headed by Dominic Cole (Lyttelton 74) a well known landscape architect who has been also been advising the National Trust on the historic landscape at Stowe for some fifteen years.

Professor Wangari Maathai was born in Kenya and was the first African woman to be awarded a PhD. She set up the Green Belt Movement to encourage the planting of trees, particularly by local women both to counter tree loss in Kenya but also to show that they could make a difference to their world. The success of this movement, which is now International and her tireless championing of sustainable development and democracy, resulted in her election as Nobel Peace Prize Laureate in 2004.

Initiated by Wangari Maathai and the University of Nairobi, the vision for the Institute is to create an institution that will spearhead holistic multi-disciplinary experiential learning in training, research, outreach and extension services in environmental and natural resource management, good governance and cultures of peace. The landscape is intended to provide practical examples of sustainable use of natural resources.

The jury was inspired by LUC's landscape master plan with its 'sensitive treatment of ecological issues' and the extensive handling of sustainable design concepts as well as the boldness of the architecture.

LUC's involvement in the project was inspired by Dominic Cole's design for the landscape of the Eden Project in Cornwall, and Dominic's influence is equally as strong in the design of this highly significant and influential project.

Dominic Cole (Lyttelton 74)



Book Review

RACERS

MEMOIRS OF THE GENTLEMEN DRIVERS

Two Old Stoic drivers feature among a chosen few by Author Anthony Pritchard who has successfully captured the voice of 27 racing drivers from the 1950s, 60s and 70s – an age when the sport of motor racing required no small amount of skill, ingenuity, tenacity, good humour and luck.

Below are two extracts from this limited edition book which will transport enthusiasts back to the wonderful post-war years of classic motor racing.

Tommy Sopwith (Grenville 50)

“During 1958, we had a tremendous run of success with these cars – we ran in 13 races, of which I won eight. The greatest compliment I was paid was at the Daily Express meeting at Silverstone in May 1958. Mike Hawthorn was driving a 3.4, which was actually a works car, although entered in his name. Dunlop produced a set of R5 racing tyres for him, and in practice he was just under a second faster than I was. I said to him, ‘That’s the tyres.’ Mike, who was a mate, said, ‘You can have the tyres,’ and ‘Lofty’ England said, ‘No, you can’t.’”

Noel Cunningham-Reid (Grenville 49) “I was running seventh behind Archie with the Lister-Maserati when the HWM’s steering broke at Cascades. There was literally no connection between the front wheels and the steering wheel. I could do nothing about the situation. I just sat there as the car slid up a grass bank. It hit the roots of a huge oak tree; it reared up and came down on its side. I thought, ‘I’m not going to be killed against the oak tree, I’m going to be crushed to death under the car.’ It hit more tree roots, these threw it back on its wheels and it spun back onto the track with phenomenal avoidances. It went off the track again and into the lake, where it slowly settled. I then thought that I might be drowned, but fortunately the water was only about two and a half feet deep. It was a thoroughly miserable weekend...”

Publisher: www.palawan.co.uk/Book/Racers



- 1 Noel Cunningham-Reid (on the left) and Tony Brooks after their victory with the Aston Martin DBR1 in the 1957 Nurburgring 1,000km race.
- 2 At Snetterton on 29 June 1958, Tommy Sopwith, already garlanded with the winner’s wreath, is presented by Brian Lister with the Easter Counties ‘100’ Challenge Trophy for winning the Saloon Car race over that distance with his Jaguar 3.4.



THE ROXBURGH SOCIETY

a message from the President

I am extremely honoured to have been asked to be the third president of this society, following in the footsteps of Lord Quinton (Temple 42) and Kit Clucas (Walpole 60).

The Roxburgh Society exists to encourage Old Stoics and friends of Stowe to leave a legacy in their wills. Whilst many like to make a gift during their lifetimes, and thus see the benefit of the donation for themselves, it doesn’t suit everyone and legacy-giving is becoming an increasingly

common and popular way for people to support their favourite charities. My mission is to more than double the size of our membership from its current base of 100 Old Stoics, over the next three years.

To become a member, one simply has to commit in writing to leaving a bequest to the school – whether it be to The Stowe School Foundation (which supports the provision of much-needed scholarships and bursaries, along with the improvement of the School’s

facilities) or The Stowe House Preservation Trust (which supports the ongoing maintenance and restoration of the House). Whilst it may be useful to know the size of an intended legacy, it certainly isn’t necessary to divulge that information: in any case, one’s future finances are hard to predict and in most cases death will mercifully be a long way off!

Leaving a charitable bequest attracts various tax advantages. To begin with, your exposure to IHT will reduce – and since the recent budget, if you leave at least 10% of your estate to charity, then your IHT will come down from 40% to 36%. If consulted, no doubt your tax advisor may have a trick or two up his sleeve.

Last May, the Headmaster and I hosted a party for members and prospective members at Lord’s. I had the floor for a few minutes and took the opportunity to explain



THE ABC 2011 HIKERS & BIKERS CHALLENGE

In October 2011, a group of intrepid hikers and bikers took part in two simultaneous ABC challenges across South Africa to raise money for the Phoenix Burns Project, SA.

The Bikers rode from Tsitsikamma National Park, over a staggering and exhausting 450 km journey, to Cape Town whilst the Hikers trekked across a gruelling and arduous 100 kms of rocky terrain in the Cederberg mountain range.

ABC (Action for Burns & Children) was founded by my company, Cripps Sears & Partners, three years ago but we have a long history of campaigning for child burns initiatives. The Phoenix Burns Project, based in Cape Town, promotes burns prevention and works to improve the quality of life for child burns survivors in the Western Cape. I was recruited to help co-ordinate the event in April 2011 and ever since have been closely involved with the project management, but it was the moving

stories I heard and shocking images I have seen, that inspired me to take part in the Hikers Challenge.

We were fortunate enough, the day after we completed the challenge, to visit the townships where so many burns issues occur and were able to see how dangerous a fire can be in such a densely populated area. I was incredibly moved by the children we met at the new burns wing of the Red Cross Hospital which is at the forefront of the fight against the causes and consequences of burns. It was amazing to hear their stories from the doctors and how often it is the children who encourage everyone to laugh and be cheerful.

We raised over £20,000 for the ABC 2011 Challenge and hope to raise well over that in our ABC 2012 challenge so please support us by visiting our website www.abc2011challenge.com or if you are interested in future events please contact me: lgaze@crippssears.com

Laura Gaze (Nugent 03)

my decision, in the hope that it might trigger an interest in others. We have all paid our taxes and, in addition, our parents saved the State the cost of our education: in many cases, we may have done the same with our own children or grandchildren. It strikes me that minimising one’s tax liability upon death is a perfectly legitimate exercise.

I, like so many others, had my two thirds final salary scheme nipped in the bud. I therefore purchased a SIPP (Self Invested Pension Plan), which already seems to be becoming the norm. The significant difference is this: in the case of a final salary scheme, the balance of the fund upon second death reverts to the provider; but in the case of a SIPP, the residual fund forms a part of one’s estate. In terms of a potential legacy, it may well be quite a significant figure. Now, with effect from the last budget,

this residual fund can be transferred to one’s estate on payment of 55% tax, or it can be left to a registered charity(ies) with no tax liability. My contemporaries will almost certainly recall that I didn’t shine in the classroom....which is possibly why I consider this to be a ‘no-brainer’!

I do hope that the nature and cause of the Roxburgh Society will appeal to you. By the time I hand over to the fourth president, I would like to think that Stowe won’t have a room big enough to host our Summer Luncheon!

Nigel Rice (Chatham 64)

For more information about the Roxburgh Society and how to join, please contact either Nigel on nigelkrice@gmail.com or Gabi Murphy in the Development Office on gmurphy@stowe.co.uk or 01280 818326.

RESTORATION UPDATE

The ongoing restoration of Stowe House by Stowe House Preservation Trust has recently gathered momentum, spurred on by the recent restoration of the State Library and the South Front façade.

Our two newly finished interiors are the Large Library and the Egyptian Hall. The huge task of repairing and restoring the heavily plastered library ceiling and re-attaching it back to the new pitch roof, took a year. Those of you who have seen the room since September 2010, cannot fail to be impressed by the beautiful gilding of the highly decorative ceiling which has made the room feel warmer.

The Egyptian Hall, originally the wet weather entrance into the main mansion through the porte-cochère or covered archway, beneath the North Front steps, was built in 1803 influenced by Napoleon’s march into Egypt in 1799. Giving the atmosphere of a tomb, with sloping walls and borrowed light, the room has had years of white paint stripped off and the sandy matrix returned to the walls. We have yet to make copies of the two sphinxes which sat at the entrance of the steps to North Hall and the fake sarcophagus at the other end that would have had a stove in to keep the room warm. Sepia panels of Egyptian life will eventually fill the recesses. So, those of you, who remember saying to your tutors, “Please Sir, can I go to Egypt?” can now experience the room as it was originally conceived.

Now that the House is scaffold free for the first time in nearly eleven years, we are keen to turn our attention towards the South Front balustrade and the beautiful, unusual copper spun urns which graced the pillars. While we have some funds towards this project, at a cost of around £20,000 per pier with an urn and ironwork either side, it is a scheme for which we are still fund raising and would love to see finished, to complete the stunning view looking back from the Octagon Lake. If you are interested in helping this project financially, then please contact the Development Office.

Anna McEvoy, Stowe House Preservation Trust, Visitor Services Manager



- 1 The largely completed Library – research is being carried out to determine the design of the original lantern that hung from the centre of the ceiling.



PRE LAUNCH UPDATE!

It is with fond memories that I remember joining the Corkscrew Society at Stowe. "You mean they're actually going to let us drink the wine?" I was a little incredulous but true enough we filed into the Blue Room and there on the table was the contraband! There began a real interest in wine, which has stayed with me ever since. Clearly, I'm not alone – as a poll conducted at this year's OS Annual Dinner showed a positive response to the concept of launching an OS wine society.

This year, 2012, is an auspicious year in the history of Corkscrew – the 40th anniversary of the Society's foundation. On Saturday 5 May, a celebration dinner will be held at Stowe for Corkscrew Alumni in the Temple Room, with wines supplied by a number of Old Stoics who have made their way successfully in the world of wine. The perfect occasion to launch the Old Stoic Corkscrew Society!

Our initial programme will consist of three types of event. The first will be a quarterly wine tasting evening for those serious about improving or refreshing their knowledge in fine wines. This will be held in central London where we will bring in a top wine industry specialist to talk through various wines and give us the benefit of their knowledge.

The second event will be an annual 'field trip' to the wine makers to see how it's done!

The proposed outline for our initial trip will be to visit two Champagne houses comparing one, a boutique family run operation, with another larger competitor. What could be more entertaining than a *groop* of OSs invading France (and possibly further afield in the future) under the pretence of conducting some serious grapeology?

The final event will be an annual international wine competition! This will be open to OSs and their guests and will be an informal affair with fun and excitement top of the list. Jack Scott (Lyttelton 80), founder of Jascots wine merchants has kindly offered to host and tailor these events to suit our Society's interests. Teams of young and old together will compete in a blind multiple choice tasting with grand prizes for the winners. Anyone caught sneaking in wine professionals will be shot at dawn...you've been warned!

Membership to the Old Stoic Corkscrew Society will consist of an annual membership fee (amount tbc) and will give you access to the calendar of events available plus a plethora of other benefits essential to connoisseurs at all levels. These will include access to Jascots' exclusive bi-annual client evenings in April and September, discounted wines and a newsletter. We will also be building a page on the OS website that will provide members with information on upcoming events and

special offers from preferred merchants. Once we have established the Society, there will be opportunities to add other events, activities and maybe even a tie!

For more information on the 40th dinner or to register your interest for the Society please contact the OS Office.

Tim Hart (Chandos 92)

The Corkscrew 40th Anniversary Dinner Saturday 5 May

All past members of Corkscrew are very cordially invited to attend a grand celebration Dinner at Stowe on Saturday 5 May! With a five course meal and a selection of superb wines – generously provided by Nick James (Lyttelton 68), Gavin Quinney (Cobham 78), Jack Scott (Lyttelton 80), Alastair Nugent (Temple 58) and Mark Chamberlain (Grenville 93) – it promises to be a wonderful occasion.

Places are limited, so please contact Colin Dudgeon at Stowe on cdudgeon@stowe.co.uk or 01280 818249 for more information or to reserve a space.

OS SPORT



2011 has been a year of sporting success both on and off the pitch. The OS Sport budget has increased and the money is there ready to

be spent. Established teams in sports such as golf and cricket already receive funding towards participation in Old Boys' matches and more. It's not just established sports that we are funding though and we are keen to encourage more OSs to participate in sport in order to catch up with other OSs, compete against other Old Boys' and Girls' teams and, of course, take on their younger counterparts at Stowe.

2012 is going to be a year of sporting participation for both the country with the London Olympics and, hopefully, OSs. In conjunction with Isaac Michael at the School, we are working to reintroduce a stronger sporting schedule on Speech Day. Sport was originally a focus for many on Speech Day but it has become such a busy day of musical, theatrical and academic achievement that it has been noted by some that sport has taken a back seat. We appreciate the pressures to be in many places at once on Speech Day and are working hard to put together a practical and realistic schedule – all suggestions, ideas and participation welcome!

If you are keen to get involved, then please contact your relevant OS Sport Captain (details on the OS website) or, if your sport is not represented, please contact either myself or the OS Office. We are not represented in hockey, lacrosse or netball for starters and there are very few girl participants in OS Sport, so do get in touch if you would like to play in these sports, or others, on Speech Day or, indeed, any other time of the year! My job, as a member of the OS Committee, is to help get funding from the Society and put you in touch with other OSs who also want to take part. Please get in touch: hancd@hotmail.com

Hannah Durden (Nugent 01)



SAILING

Stowe sailors entered a team for the Arrow Trophy again this year on 8-9 October 2011.

As the sun set on Friday night we took charge of a nearly new 40 foot racing yacht and headed out of Port Solent for Cowes. The boats used for this year's Arrow Trophy are bigger than before, more complicated to sail and much harder work to race so, like the other teams, we increased our usual crew of eight to ten.

We would have liked light winds for the racing while we got used to the new boat but wind of speeds over 25mph on both days kept us very diverted.

Out of the six races that were completed we finished 12th out of 21 in one and 10th out of 17 in another. Yacht racing is a complicated business and with two of the

◉ Crew from Left to Right: Jeremy Spencer-Cooper (Temple 73), Geoff Brown (Grafton 74), Adrian Salmon (Grafton 76), Andrew Kennon (Grenville 73), Jessica Fitzpatrick (Nugent 90), Struan Robertson (Bruce 62), Richard Blacklock (Grafton 73), Julie Jones (non OS), Tony Jones (non OS): Picture taken by Stephen Spencer (Walpole 95).

◉ races not completed our overall position was 19th out of the 21.

We would love to hear from any Stoics or Old Stoics who would like to join this annual event and details are available from Geoff Brown (Grafton 74) on geoff_m_brown@btinternet.com or you can find out about the event at www.arrowtrophy.org.uk

◉ Thanks to all the crew who took part this year especially Julie and Tony Jones who made up our permitted quota of two non-OS team members.

Geoff Brown (Grafton 74)

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING



◉ OS Team in action, left to right: Richard Hay (Grafton 09), Michael Hardman (Walpole 72) and David Pickavance (Walpole 72)

Speech Day is at that time of year when Buckinghamshire's potentially extreme weather conditions can prevail; often absolutely glorious, but sometimes perishingly cold, wet and wild.

2011 was a repeat of the unfortunate weather conditions of 2010 and the Old Stoic teams failed to win over their younger, better trained rivals from the School teams. After convincing wins in 2009 and 2010, the Old Stoics slipped behind and the School won the day, reclaiming the famously misshapen Galitzine Cup. The older Old Stoics blamed

cold weather, arthritic joints and other age related ailments for below par shooting, but it is clear that the training, practice and competition regime Peter Staples has organised with Bob Spademan is paying dividends for the School. The Old Stoics are eagerly waiting for the rising stars to complete their education and switch sides!

◉ With Speech Day on 2 June this year, we look forward to great weather and a close competition. Details and contact information will be posted on the Old Stoic website in April.

David Pickavance (Walpole 72) 49



Acting for buyers moving to Hampshire or West Berkshire

T: 01256 892296
E: info@cbpropertysearch.co.uk
www.cbpropertysearch.co.uk



Charles Birtles has 19 years' experience at the highest level of the residential property market.

GOLFING SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT

We won 6 matches and lost 3, the Moor Park match in August had to be cancelled as the Old Merchant Taylors could not raise a side! The spring meeting was held at Woking and organised by Nick Luddington (Chatham 78). The summer weekend was held at Aldeburgh GC and our thanks go to Perry Hunt who masterminded the proceedings. Our President arranged a very exciting autumn meeting at Brancaster which was well attended and many thanks go to David and his wife, Gill, who organised dinner for 30+ at Titchwell Manor on Saturday evening. Our thanks also go to the many OS Members of Brancaster who helped sign in the other OS Players as their guests for the weekend.

Elsewhere, we lost in second round of the Halford Hewitt, 3/2 to Epsom, failed to qualify for the final round of the Grafton Morrish and were relegated for two years from the Royal Wimbledon Putting Competition for the first time in 35 years! We are looking for new blood for membership and the Scratch teams, so please get in touch with the Honorary Secretary at thedimpfls@aol.com or by telephone to 020 8963 1173.

The 2012 Fixtures List will shortly be sent out to Members and published on the OS website. The next AGM will be held in October 2012 at Hunstanton Golf Club during the autumn meeting.

Charles Dimpfl, Honorary Secretary



TENNIS

We have a small but dedicated squad with matches against the School and the Public Schools Old Boys' Lawn Tennis Association (PSOBLTA).

Speech Day this year saw another victory against the school of 6-3.

The OS team consisting of: Max Green (Cobham 03), Nic Corey, Charlie Empson (Walpole 07), Chester King (Chandos 89), Hamish Eggins (Temple 09) and Freddie Hicks (Grafton 09).

We narrowly lost to the PSOBLTA 1.5-2.5. We also enter The D'Abernon Cup, but unfortunately did not make past the round-robin stage this year.

Please contact Chester King, via the OS Office, if you are interested in playing for the OS Tennis.

Chester King (Chandos 89)



● The refurbished Fives Courts

FIVES

Right, is a photo of the Old Stoics Annual Eton Fives get together that took place on 16 December 2011. We played Fives at Westway Sports Centre to consequently earn our supper at our usual annual venue, Brinkley's, in Fulham. Old Stoics in attendance were Jonty Irving (Bruce 09), Mike Skjøtt (Lyttelton 90), Jurgen Hutter and Mike Leon (Temple 63). It was especially rewarding to see Mike join the group again after a stay of absence.

The Old Stoics Eton Fives Club competes in a London league, and is currently 3rd (of 12) with the season ending in May this year.



The Club also plans to meet at the School to make greater use of the refurbished courts to play against Stowe and potentially for some of their home League matches.

For Fives playing school leavers in particular, the Club strongly encourages you to register at www.fivesonline.net to stay in touch with 'Fives after school'.

Jurgen Hütter (Lyttelton 90)

STOWE TEMPLARS



The highlight of the year was, as ever, the Cricket Week, and thanks are due to those who work so hard to make this such a success. Our results were dead even, with 2 wins, 2 losses and 2 draws, the first game against the South Oxon Amateurs being rained off. We enjoyed centuries from our guest Master, Phil Arnold, and Mark Bowman, and other high scores from Will Dudley, Tom Wilson, Alan Bowman and Adam Cossins. There were good bowling performances from Angus Blayney and Lester Smart in particular, and some genuine pace from John Gurney. Despite coinciding with the Oval Test against South Africa, we are keen to reinstate the Over 30s v. Under 30s game on the Saturday in 2012 which has traditionally been a highly enjoyable club day.

We would encourage contact at any point from those who would like to be involved, the numbers at our end being Adam Cossins (07545 590710), Rupert Rowling (07833 694336), or Oliver Croom-Johnson (07909 962076).

Oliver Croom-Johnson (Temple 69)

CROSS-COUNTRY REPORT

Old Stoics v Stowe 26 March 2011

"Beware of the pig" is not the usual warning given as part of the pre-race briefing for your average cross-country race. It featured, however, in the 2011 edition of the OS race against the School on 26 March.

This was to be a special celebration of 45 years since the OS match was resuscitated. It was known then as 'Donaldson's VIII' in honour of our coach and mentor, featuring both a race over the full 5 mile course and a social run over the shorter Junior course. David Donaldson's name is now enshrined in the athletics track but we owed him a great debt in his time at Stowe for his inspiration over the country as well.

We agreed a course following some of the 60s course, taking in the Boycotts, Copper Bottom and the Corinthian Arch before returning via the Lake Pavilions and the 'Japs'.

12 Old Stoics toed the starting line: some new faces and a good number of old stagers. From contact made with former cross-country runners, it was clear that many more would have liked to pay their respects to David but were thwarted for one reason or another. Hopefully, space will allow us to review their memories in the next issue.

The race was won by Matt Mahoney, defending his title with 24:44 minutes, only 20 seconds longer for an arguably longer course. Excellent running. Chris Hutber followed in 5th place with 26:57, then Merlin Hanbury-Tenison and Alexander Pope joined at the hip and =7th with 27:08. Simon Ridley (10th, 28:02) and Ben Gaffney (14th, 30:06) represented the newer members, possibly both debutants.

Others to finish were Keith Leon (12th, 29:43), James Rossiter (15th, 30:43), Peter Ham (16th, 30:56), Mark Henderson (18th, 40:28), Marc Hope (19th, 43:47) and Richard Weston (20th, 46:03).

Thanks to the sterling efforts of Nigel Downing, sadly unable to run, we then enjoyed a dinner locally with David and Marion Donaldson and Tony Sparshott as most welcome and honoured guests. The next OS cross-country race is on Saturday 3 March 2012. Please contact Simon Gardner on oldstoics.crosscountry@googlegmail.com

Richard Weston (Chatham 65)

AFGHANISTAN RUGBY MATCH



I first journeyed to Afghanistan at the invitation of the philanthropist, diplomat and politician Rory Stuart, MP in March 2009, encouraged by HRH The Prince of Wales, whom I later painted for the Welsh Guards after they returned from active duty in 2010.

Rory's charity 'Turquoise Mountain Foundation,' was then involved in rebuilding the Old Town in Kabul using traditional Afghan building methods. As his guest, I had a unique opportunity to interact with the Afghan people in a meaningful way and so draw and paint a body of work which would convey the human face of Afghanistan.

I am now using these paintings to illustrate an autobiography, which ranges from the drawing rooms of royalty, to the earth floors of tribal warriors in the mountains of the Hindu Kush. Subsequent trips have afforded me a first-hand insight into a fascinating country at a pivotal moment in its history.

As an artist, I enjoyed complete freedom in Afghanistan, which enabled me to travel wherever I liked unfettered by security. Perhaps my vocation, atypical in Western society, made it easier for me to connect with a people motivated by their emotions, living it seemed to me, innocent of the anxieties of contemporary Western society.

Consequently, I bought some horses and journeyed five hundred miles from Bamiyan to Mazar-e-Sharif, with a very serious half-German half-Afghan friend, called Said Zabihullah Majidi and a chubby faced 'Hazara' horseman called Jamal-u-Din, who grinned like a pirate but willingly risked his life for mine.

The perspective I gained from these experiences compelled me to write a book, but the real achievement was not in what it

recounts, but rather that it was written at all, given that I have suffered from dyslexia my entire life. Far more frightening to me was the Common Entrance exam paper I faced aged thirteen than the dangers of the war zone! That I have been able to do so is entirely thanks to the education I received at school.

Despite being drugged by bandits and spending a night sleeping with pro-Taliban forces, I was so moved by the generosity of the people I met, I decided to give the youth of Afghanistan something else I learnt at Stowe...rugby! So I created a charitable initiative called 'Kabul Rugby Football Club' and assisted in the formation of the Afghan Rugby Federation which held its first tournament at ISAF military Headquarters in Kabul, on 21 October 2011.

This was made possible thanks to the generosity of another Old Stoic, Bimbo Hart (Lyttelton 89), one of my best friends from Stowe. As the ARF has since been recognised by both the Afghan Olympic Committee and the Asian Rugby Federation, I am now glad to return operations to the Afghan people and myself to the Elysian Fields of Stowe.

Alex Talbot-Rice (Cobham 89)



● Alex Talbot-Rice's 'The Warrior'.

● Founding members of the Kabul Ruby Football Club.

● Alex Talbot-Rice with the Hazara horseman Jamal-u-Din.

2012 Gift Collection

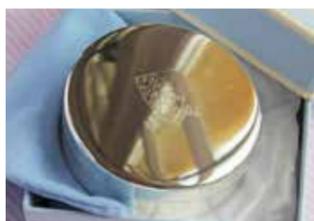
This page features some of the growing range of Stowe and Old Stoic merchandise available in the Shop at Stowe – a blend of traditional apparel and some new clothing and gift items that we have introduced in the last few months. We would be delighted to serve you in person, or to deliver an order to you by post. To order please call 01280 818211 or e-mail shop@stowe.co.uk. You can see the full Gift Collection on the OS website: www.stowe.co.uk/old-stoics/publications/the-gift-collection



Silver-Plated Compact Mirror
A stylish gift with double mirror and engraved crest.
£30.00 84130



Silver-Plated Key Ring
A beautiful, Tiffany style key ring with a professionally engraved crest.
£30.00 84147



Silver-Plated Trinket Box
This classically designed round box has the Stowe crest engraved on the lid and a navy blue velvet lining.
£30.00 84123



Old Stoic Cufflink with Oval Colours
Old Stoic chain-linked double-sided cufflinks. The Stowe crest in colour on one side and the Old Stoic colours on the other.
£28.00 84543

All cufflinks are boxed as seen above.



Old Stoic Cufflink with Shield Colours
Imprinted Old Stoic chain-linked double-sided cufflinks. The Stowe crest on one side and the Old Stoic colours on the reverse.
£28.00 84550



Old Stoic House Ties
No man's wardrobe should be without one of these splendid Old Stoic House ties made from 100% silk.
£30.00
(Left to right above):
Walpole 12256 Cobham 49160 Grafton 12249
Temple 123950 Bruce 12188 Lyttelton 27601
Chandos 12218 Grenville 12201 Chatham 12232



Old Stoic Ties
Two, recently refined, fine quality silk ties. One with a black background, known to some Old Stoics as the 'Town' colours and the other with a brown background, known to some as the 'Country' colours.
£30.00
Black 12164 Brown 12171



Pitch Mark Repairers
Souvenir pitch mark repairer with magnetic ball marker carrying the Stowe crest. A perfect gift for the avid golfer.
£5.00 84383

Golf Balls
High quality Srixon golf balls with the Stowe crest, pack of 3.
£5.25 65342



Stowe Umbrella
Superior quality traditional golfing umbrellas: Town classic with wooden handle and plastic spike; Golfing classic with plastic moulded handle and plastic spike.
£30.00 84208

Stowe Baseball Cap
Adjustable size to fit all heads and available in navy blue or white.
£12.50
Blue 80996
White 81009



To order: Telephone 01280 818211 or E-mail shop@stowe.co.uk

2012 EVENTS

CALENDAR

We have endeavoured to organise a wide range of events in 2012 that will appeal to Old Stoics of all ages. To make enquiries or to book any of the events below please call the Old Stoic Office on 01280 818349 or E-mail oldstoic@stowe.co.uk

Old Stoic events and other information will be available on the Stowe iPhone App.



Launching this summer!

1 March 2012

Old Stoics in Marketing, Events, Hospitality, Travel & Leisure Networking Reception

Clarendon Fine Art, 46 Dover Street, London, W1S 4FF
All Old Stoics and their guests are invited to this networking drinks reception. Tickets include drinks and canapés and are £25 each.

3 March 2012

Cross-country: Old Stoics v Stowe

Stowe
The race starts at 2.30pm and is over five beautiful miles through Stowe's landscape gardens. All are welcome, both runners (at all levels) and supporters.

5 May 2012

Corkscrew Society 40th Annual Dinner

Stowe
For all past members of Corkscrew, a celebration of one of the most remarkable and long-running societies.

26 May 2012

40th Anniversary Reunion Dinner

Stowe
For those who left Stowe in 1971, 72 and 73. Afternoon tours of the House and landscape gardens followed by drinks in the Marble Saloon and dinner in the Temple Room.

29 May 2012

An Education at Stowe – Information Evening for Old Stoics

The Royal Institution, 21 Albemarle Street, London W1S 4BS
An admissions information evening with the Headmaster, exclusively for Old Stoics. Drinks and Canapés.

2 June 2012

Speech Day and the Old Stoic Classic Car Meeting

Stowe
Old Stoics are warmly invited, by the Headmaster, to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee at Stowe on Speech Day by joining 'The Big Picnic' on the South Front. The guest of honour will be Dame Vera Lynn and there will be a Fun Fair and big screen showing the Epsom Derby. The Classic Car meeting and all OS sports, including the Templars' cricket match, will go ahead as usual.

12 June 2012

Old Stoic Summer Party

Kensington Roof Gardens, London W8 5SA
All Old Stoics and guests are welcome to this informal evening at the Kensington Roof Gardens. A cocktail reception, BBQ and two live bands. Tickets include food and drinks until 10.00pm when a cash bar will open until 12.30am. Tickets are £35 each.

16 June 2012

The OS Open Golf Tournament for the Bill Ederley Memorial Cup

Stowe Golf Course

26 June 2012

Roxburgh Society Lunch

Stowe

w/c 14 July 2012

Templars' Cricket Week

Stowe

19 July 2012

BBC One's Antiques Roadshow

Stowe

6 October 2012

Old Stoic Reunion Day

Stowe

Open to all Old Stoics. A short Chapel service will be followed by boarding house tours, drinks in the Marble Saloon, welcome by the Headmaster and Lunch. Afternoon options include watching rugby on the North Front, landscape garden and House tours finishing with afternoon tea.

10 October 2012

50th Anniversary Reunion Lunch

Stowe

For those who left Stowe in 1961 or 1962. Drinks in the Marble Saloon with lunch in the Music Room. Guided House or landscape garden tours, followed by afternoon tea.

November 2012

Old Stoic Annual Dinner & AGM

Date and Venue to be confirmed

The formal Old Stoic Black Tie dinner. Places are £55 each and will include a drinks reception, a three course dinner, with wine and entertainment. Old Stoics leaving in 2004 or later are entitled to a discounted ticket price of £30.



- 1 The rare 1959 Bristol Teardrop Special at the Old Stoic Classic Car meeting on Speech Day 2011.
- 2 Drinks in the Spanish Garden at the Summer Party. The Redstone Collective comprising Mark Stormont (Temple 06) and Harry Thuillier (Bruce 04) play in the background.
- 3 The Singing Waiters were the surprise entertainment at the Annual Dinner in November 2011.

To see more photos visit the OS Event Gallery at www.oldstoic.co.uk

Old Stoic Society Committee

President: Anthony Bolton (Chatham 67)

Dr Anthony Wallersteiner (Headmaster)

Ivo Forde (Walpole 67)

Simon Shneerson (Temple 72)

Tim Scarff (Grenville 91)

John Arkwright (Cobham 69)

Patrick Cooper (Chatham 86)

Colin Dudgeon (Honorary Member)

Hannah Durden (Nugent 01)

Peter Farquhar (Honorary Member)

John Fingleton (Chatham 66)

Ed Gambarini (Cobham 00)

Tim Hart (Chandos 92)

Nigel Milne (Chandos 68)

Ben Scholfield (Temple 99)

Georgie Wolsey (Lyttelton 02)



Old Stoic Society

Stowe School

Stowe

Buckingham

MK18 5EH

United Kingdom

Telephone: +44 (0) 1280 818349

e-mail: oldstoic@stowe.co.uk

www.oldstoic.co.uk



www.facebook.com/OldStoicSociety