



The Sternian *2012*



Sternians' Association of Lord Wandsworth College



U6th Leavers 2012 – Photo names

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ROCK GODS OF LWC!

It seems an awfully long time ago, that fellow Sternian, James Pipe (2007 Sutton) and I first entered the Junior House music practice rooms to write our first ever song together. Aged 13, and with a repertoire of perhaps three chords each, we set about following in the footsteps of all of the bands we were just beginning to get into...It turned out to be a long trail to follow.



For the next three years at school, we wrote, we practised, we spent most of our prep time writing terrible lyrics, and designing our next tour bus, and we spent as many Saturday nights as possible in the sweaty pits of the London Astoria and Brixton Academy, absorbing inspiration. 'Lucky for Some' as the band was known back then, had recruited, and lost several members over the early years. Sternians Alexi Burns (2007 School), Elliott Ridgeon (2007 Summerfield), Thomas Baxter (2008 Summerfield), Jonny Price (2007 Summerfield) and Billy Williams-Burrell (2007 Summerfield) all had a part to play in the musical journey we took through our school years. A couple of highlights of these years at LWC

were most certainly the Charity Rock concerts, which took place (and I hope still take place!) in the Gavin Hall. They made us bands feel like we'd really hit the big time for one night only! With Mr. Hicks' classroom as our dressing room, and a row of U6 formers lining the stage as security, we were the rock gods of Lord Wandsworth!

Even now, I am still amazed at the huge amount of talent that was showcased at those evenings. 'A Stranger In Moscow', 'Enjoy Destroy', formally 'Idesyne', 'As Gods', formally 'The Spoons' and a whole host of other brilliant young bands, all crafted from a school of no more than 500 pupils. Something to be proud of indeed.

When we reached the 6th form, I transferred from Summerfield House up to Sutton House. In all honesty, the main reason for this was so that James and I could write music during every bit of free time we had, and we did exactly that. By this time we were spending our Saturday nights not as punters at gigs, but as the first band on at Alton Community Centre, or the Guildford Plantation Café. These places, of course along with the Gavin Hall, were where the grass roots of our live experience sprung from, and with LWC being the community it was/is, dozens of our friends would be there to support us every time.



'Lucky For Some' became 'Canterbury' with the departure of our good friend Billy, as he left for sixth form college, and the arrival of Scott Peters (2007 Sutton) to the lineup. Mike Sparks, a student from QMC in Basingstoke, and member of another band in our 'scene' joined the ranks, and with

Ben Bishop (2007 Summerfield) on the bass, we were ready to leave school and have a crack at the real life music industry.

Having written our first album in the fleeting months of our school careers (in-between hearty revision sessions of course!), we set about recording it. We saved up £750 each, and turned Scott's living room into a recording studio for 3 weeks, with the help of record producer/engineer Peter Miles. With a musical product finally in our hands, we found a "list of who to send your demo to" on the Internet, and with all our naivety and fresh passion, we sent our tracks away to EVERYONE.



It really wasn't long until we started to hear back from people. Early 2008 saw us sign to a management company and booking agency. That year we went on our first UK national tours, finally living out our dreams of being packed tightly into an old transit minibus with our best friends, playing a show in a different town every single day for weeks on end. The experiences only made us hungrier for more, and we continued to tour around the country for the next two years, even being lucky enough to open for the Canadian band 'Billy Talent' on their tour in the winter of 2009, which included playing the venue which we had been to countless times as fans, Brixton Academy (sadly the London Astoria was closed down before we ever got to grace its stage, bitterness will forever exist towards



whoever made that decision!).

It was October 26th 2009 when we finally released the debut album we had written in the dorms of Sutton House, and recorded in a living room. We put "Thank You" out for free download to anyone who wanted it, in



exchange for an e-mail address. The thought behind this being we were such an unknown band, we could never expect someone to choose to buy our album, over buying the new Coldplay or Foo Fighters record. So we used our music as a tool hoping it would draw people in to coming to our shows, and to spread the word of Canterbury. It worked. By Christmas we had clocked up 10,000 downloads, and to this day, the number is just shy of 50,000. A figure we wouldn't have come close to if we had released the album through traditional channels.

The following years, we spent building on this success. We had some airplay on BBC Radio One, with DJ Fearné Cotton playing our songs several times. We had music videos played on MTV; we had full-page features in Kerrang Magazine and Rocksound Magazine. We also played some incredible shows, from two consecutive nights at Hammersmith Apollo supporting 'You Me At Six' to playing a midnight set in a small club in Stornoway, an island in the outer Hebrides in case you weren't sure!

The music industry proved itself to be as fickle and cut throat a place as we had been promised, and many hopes are dashed as easily as dreams are made. Ben decided that band life wasn't for him, and left in 2010 to pursue other areas of music.

The four of us who remained decided to gear up to release another album, and with no imminent record deal, we went it alone.

Last year, under nobody's steam but our own, through a record label we started from scratch, we released "Heavy In The Day". It reached number 1 in the iTunes rock charts on the week of release and received outstanding



reviews in the national press.

We toured extensively at the end of 2012 including many sold out shows around the country. We are currently undertaking the writing process for our third album, hopefully for release later this year, and in April we embark on playing our largest headline shows to date.

A long ladder, one rung at a time is being climbed, and the top is as attractive a place to be as it was in those Junior House practice rooms. LWC is one of those special places, which will nurture your extra-curricular activities and passions to the point where you'll have the ability and confidence in yourself to take on the world upon leaving school. With this, as well as a positive attitude towards hard work, and a grounded belief in our own dreams, learnt at school, we've got to where we are now. We might not be millionaire rock stars yet, but we're well on the way, strength-to-strength, rung-by-rung, with our best friends by our sides.

Luke Prebble (2007 Sutton)



The Chairman's Report 2012

2012 was an incredible year to take over as your Chairman with the Olympics, Jubilee and our own celebrations on Founder's day. It has been a busy year in the Sternians' Association's calendar and I hope our activities have appealed to a wide cross section of Sternians. They also provide those who are still at LWC an insight into the support they can expect to receive once they become Sternians themselves.

I took over in May from Clare Datta and I would like to thank her profusely for all her efforts over the past three years in heading up the Association. Being Chairman takes up a great deal of time and energy and we often forget that this is a voluntary position which runs alongside running businesses, young families and life outside the Association.

Laurence Brown sadly passed away during the year having been ill for some time. Laurence looked after the Sternians' Archives in a very professional way devoting much of his spare time to this important task. Keeping the archives up to date is vital in recording the past for future Sternians to see and reflect. We were thrilled when Guy Butchers put his name forward to carry on Laurence's hard work.

Having left LWC 42 years ago, I have been lucky to keep in touch with the school through initially playing hockey for the Sternians, watching sport and then coming on board as a committee member 15 years ago. Like many Sternians there was a gap of 25 years when I had no contact whatsoever due to other activities. Today's communications are so much better and make keeping in touch with both LWC and fellow leavers an easier task.

Being Chairman of the Sternians is a great privilege and it is only after a few months that you realise exactly how much is potentially involved. All I can say is that thank goodness for having Gill Kelly heading up the Association at the coal face. Gill started in her position as Sternians Administrator 10 years

ago. So whether you phone up the Sternians office to find out about an event, the Sternian magazine, tracing other Sternians or call in for a chat, Gill is there. We also work closely with Edward Walker who is the Sternian Liaison Officer – the link between the College and the Association. Edward has been teaching at LWC since 1995, was Houseparent at Hazelveare for 11 years, is involved with all sports and a great link with more recent leavers.

Our common goal is for the continuing success of the Association. It is important that the Executive Committee be democratic to ensure all views are heard and acted upon, where appropriate. It is important that Sternians are represented through the different age groups and genders and their roles are relevant and up to date, which is why I am proposing that we reorganise the committee – see background notes on voting at the AGM.

To help us run the Association we have a constitution. It is vital that it is kept up to date and relevant as the way we live advances at quite a pace. If new situations arise and the Constitution does not give guidance then changes or additions should be made and at all times common sense must prevail.

The new voting procedure which was voted in at May's AGM goes a long way to ensure the voting on important issues is as democratic as possible and that all 4000 Sternians have a chance to vote after being given the relevant background. Historically voting at the AGM was done by the relatively few Sternians who made it to the AGM in person. Inserted into this magazine, you should find details of what is being voted on and how. So whether you are based in Australia or Long Sutton you can play your part by voting.

The Sternians' website www.sternians.org.uk keeps you up to date on recent and future events and has links to our social media sites and photo archive on flickr.

Special thanks to all those who have taken photos and spent the time to archive them and pass them on. We are keen to expand our collection across the different year groups. So if you have any photos stashed away in the loft and can scan them and where possible note who's who/where/when, and send them to Gill, I would be very grateful.

In November we ran our annual President's reception where new members of staff are invited along with current and past staff who play or played a key role in the Sternians activities. It is a great opportunity for us to meet new staff and encourage them to be involved in the Sternians Association right from the start of their time at LWC.

My style of communication is a very open one and I welcome any direct contact from Sternians whether it is to suggest new events, comments about the Association or just to introduce themselves – Contact details are below.

Finally I would like to thank the Headmaster for his continued support and interest in our events and activities. We look forward to an exciting 2013 and increasing the numbers of Sternians who keep in touch.

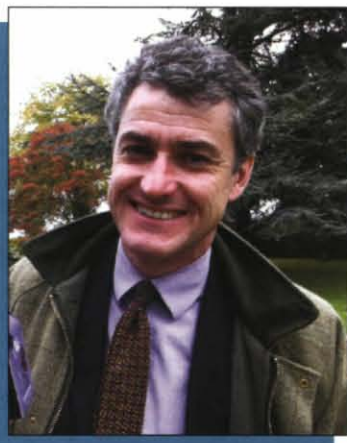
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From the Headmaster



A particular difference that Sternians often notice when they do visit is that the personnel changes. Since this time last year the leadership of the College has undergone a ground-shift.

Tracy Johnson, the Deputy Head pastoral, was appointed to the headship of the Gateways

School near Leeds and started there in September. A few weeks after Tracy's appointment, David Ibbotson the Director of Studies had his appointment to a curacy at Shaftesbury Abbey confirmed and he also announced that the summer term would be his last. And in recent weeks the Chaplain Simon Leyshon has announced that he too has been appointed to a headship, this time of Cransley School in Cheshire. This is the third appointment to a headship from the LWC Common Room in as many years, which is a significant achievement.

Theirs are big boots to fill, but we have taken the opportunity to re-structure a little. We have been joined by Gareth Pearson, formerly a housemaster at Wellington College, who has become our one deputy head. Gareth has a passionate interest in the development of character through education and has made an immediate impact. Jackie Davies has joined us to become Assistant Head: Curriculum, and Steve Badger, who many if not all of you know well, has become Assistant Head: Staff Development. Tim Richardson and Jess McKinnon have become Director and Assistant Director of the Co-Curriculum. And

on the sports front, Soma Singh has just been promoted to the new position of Director of Sport and new Houseparent of School House, Nick Byron, to Head of Rugby. It is a formidable team – so watch this space!

The site is also ever changing. The place has been transformed by the Prideaux Building and now that it is operational we cannot understand how we possibly coped without it before. Hazelveare and Summerfield prepare to 'go under the knife' this summer when they are going to have a new pitched roof and other improvements; and we have a new and colourful surface on the astroturf (with "Inspire a Generation" banners from the Olympic hockey venue at either end!) We are ambitious to accelerate the programme of development here, and have some exciting ideas.

Many things remain constant, however. It is good to so often hear pupils talking about the farm and the land with a sense of responsibility and pride, and about the Foundation and the College's history too. When I see new parents they often have few questions for me about these things, because the pupils who show them round are so enthusiastic to explain them and so have done so already. It was a tough year for the farm last year because of the dreadful weather, but Paul Sigley, the farm manager, is in good spirits. We are to seek planning permission to develop the remains of the farm buildings on Hyde Road this month, and are mindful of the fact that the farm and its facilities are an asset to us which we should cherish. So we will look after them.

Fergus Livingstone - Headmaster

DIARY DATES 2013 ▶

Sternians v LWC Hockey

(Ladies & Mens)

Sunday 13th January 2013

LWC

Contact: Edward Walker

walkere@lordwandsworth.org

Cotterill Cup

Tuesday 5th March 2013

Final competition concert sponsored by the

Sternians' Association at LWC

Contact Gill Kelly

Bournemouth Reunion

Saturday 20th April 2013

Toby Carvery, Bournemouth

Contact Bob Hunt 01329 662125

robhwh@ntlworld.com

Sternian Careers Fair

Tuesday 30th April 2013

LWC

Contact Gill Kelly

Sternians Mountaineering Club

3rd – 10th May 2013

Nant y Ddwyllan, Rosebush, Pembrokeshire

Contact David Minnikin 01768 779164

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London Drinks

Wednesday 15th May 2013

Royal Festival Hall

Contact Gill Kelly

Sternian Golf

TBA

Oak Park, Crondall

Contact Edward Walker

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Sternian Reunion

Saturday 15th June 2013

LWC

Contact Gill Kelly

Sternian Cricket

Sunday 30th June 2013

LWC

Contact Ed Coetzer

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Results Breakfast

Thursday 15th August 2013

LWC

Sternian Rugby Sevens and Netball tournament

Sunday 8th September 2013

LWC

Contact Gill Kelly

Sternians Mountaineering Club

27th September – 4th October 2013

Esk View, Boot, Eskdale, Cumbria

Contact David Minnikin 01768 779164

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Sternian President's Drinks

Welcome to new staff

Friday 8th November 2013

Prideaux Building, LWC

(Other events may be slotted in from time to time)

For information about any of the events listed above, please contact either Gill Kelly in the Sternians Office at the College – 01256 860356 or by email kellygi@lordwandsworth.org or sternians@lordwandsworth.org or those detailed above.

200th Appearance for Ugo



Ugo Monye (2001 Sutton) has been with Harlequins RFC since 2002 and 2012 year was his testimonial year. He visits us regularly and is a huge supporter of the Foundation, having benefitted himself at LWC. He was recalled to the England Rugby squad for the Autumn tests, has just played his 200th game for Harlequins.

When being interviewed about his first appearance for the club, he revealed that he had been so keen to make an impression and do well, he packed his kit bag so carefully he left his beautifully polished boots at school and had to borrow some which did not match and weren't even the same size! Ugo says he would like to stay at the club he has supported from childhood, revealing ambitions to even run it if necessary. Quins coach Conor O'Shea has paid tribute to Ugo - 'In everything he does, he's a fantastic role model for young men.' A sentiment with which we heartily concur.

Look out for an announcement concerning a dinner here hosted by Ugo in 2014.



MESSING ABOUT IN BOATS...

Roger Edwards (1964 Sutton) has been an active canoeist most of his life, paddling at Longridge, Marlow before moving to Essex with the Chelmsford Canoe Club. During that time he has built many canoes with a particular interest in racing. This included Roger competing in the Devizes to Westminster race himself with various paddle partners, including his daughter, and more recently his wife. He has done the race 15 times and then intends to retire after the 16th, which will mean he has completed over 2000 DW miles (completed in 2012). The Edwards family have recently moved to Wiltshire, to live at Crofton, where he is the pumping station warden (01672 870300). The pump house is open to the public and it is no surprise that it is on the Kennet and Avon canal. An ideal location and perfect for Roger and his family who help with the running of this historic feat of engineering. So do pop in, have a look and a cup of tea if you are passing. Roger has said that *hopefully once he has retired from racing he will turn his hand to helping some of the future LWC canoeists as they start their canoeing journeys.*

HERE IS AN UPDATE ON CANOEING AT LWC:

Devizes to Westminster 2012

The overriding feeling from all the crews regarding Devizes to Westminster 2012 was that it was painful and exhausting, but also an incredible experience and genuinely fun. 125 miles and an average of 90,000 strokes is not generally most people's idea of a brilliant Easter weekend, but blisters and chafing paid off and all ten of Lord Wandsworth's starters arrived at Westminster Bridge bright and early on Easter Monday morning.

We arrived at Devizes around sunrise on Good Friday morning, only half knowing what to anticipate of the 4 days ahead of us. The first day is gruelling, with 35 portages over 34 miles, and worries of the 100+ miles looming ahead of everyone. After showering and setting up camp we settled down to cook food and go to bed at Newbury, ready for the prospects of the day ahead of us. Newbury to Marlow was everything we had been promised: a 36 mile paddle, full of ups and downs, hitting the Thames at Reading, 20 miles into the day. The Thames was wider and much more exposed than any stretch of water we had ever paddled on, but with slight help from its flow and comfortable distances between portages we settled in, propelled by the knowledge that our boat was the first girls' crew and the junior canoe was also the first from LWC to ever get so far into the race. The 3rd day, Marlow to Teddington, was the longest day, clocking in at 38 miles, but the 100 mile mark was hit by all and a wave of elation hit as we reached Teddington, with knowledge that we were just 17 miles along the fast-flowing tidal Thames from the finish line.

The 4th day began with a 3am start time to catch high tide. The paddle on the tidal Thames was different to anything we had experienced before, with the flow providing us with a huge amount of speed and spectators cheering us on the last few miles of our incredible journey. Crossing the finish line at Westminster was overwhelming, knowing that all the hours of paddling on Basingstoke canal in the dark, through the ice, and overcoming injury both in training and in the race paid off, and seeing not just our crews, but friends we had made along the way at the finish line made it all worth it.



The Sternian Year 2012



JANUARY

STERNIANS HOCKEY

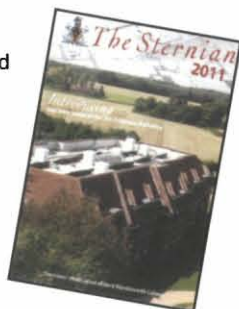
A strong LWC team at the end of a great season faced up to a very experienced Sternian Ladies team and the match was hard fought with lots of goals on each side. The final score was a 4-4 draw, leaving the Sternians retaining the trophy. Our thanks to Sternian referee and GB Hockey Veteran Peter Danson who again came to offer his expertise. Team l to r Amy Howells (2010 Park), Verity Phillips (2010 Gosden Capt), Emma Smith (2010 Gosden), Chloe Bidos (2010 Gosden), Charlotte Luckraft (2010 Haygate), Lottie Bates (2010 Gosden), Ellie Mann (2012 Gosden, Georgina Smith (2006 Haygate), kneeling Annie Whittet (2007 Haygate), Kate Lloyd (2006 Haygate), Emma Goater (2006 Park), Emma Thurston (2006 Park), Alexa Kearns (2005 Park)



The LWC boys were not quite so confident as this is often their first match of a new season but they put up a spirited defence only to lose 1-3 to the Sternians. Team l to r Jack Clay (2009 Summerfield), Sam Forrest (2009 Summerfield), Mike Salmon (2008 Summerfield), Jamie Dunkley (2009 Sutton), Ross Holmes (2010 Sutton), Ben Read (2011 Sutton), Andrew House (2011 Sutton Capt), Will Hughes (2011 Sutton), Tom O'Connell (2008 Hazelveare), Marc Antony Eysese (2006 Sutton), George Breddy (2011 Sutton), Alex Richards (2009 Sutton)

FEBRUARY

A quiet month finishing off the magazine and making plans for Founder's Day.



MARCH

COTTERILL CUP MUSIC COMPETITION

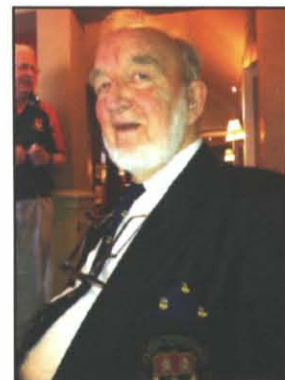
The Sternian sponsored Cotterill Cup Competition takes place over a whole day, involving pupils of all ages, abilities and covering a variety of different instruments. Prizes are widespread across the range but the cup itself this year was won by Peter Davies (2012 Sutton) for his brilliant saxophone playing.



APRIL

BOURNEMOUTH REUNION

A good turnout as usual but with some new faces too amongst the veterans. James and Robert Hack had not been to a reunion for some time but both came with their partners and it was great to see them. They enjoyed the whole experience so much that they came to Founder's Day too. It was wonderful to see Stan Davies 0274, as well for the first time in a while. Stan was instrumental in setting up the reunion at Bournemouth. Our thanks for the generosity shown to the Foundation and The Sternians Trust Fund by those on the Bournemouth mailing list. It is much appreciated. The Headmaster, Edward Walker and Kate Chernyshov all turned up to make sure everyone heard all the news from LWC.



MOUNTAINEERING SPRING MEET - NEUADD LAS, TREGARON, CERIDIGION: 13-16 APRIL 2012

The Party: Hugh Podger, Charles and Gill Lawrence, Tony and Liz Barry, Peter and Liz Everall, Marion Turner and David Minnikin. On a damp Saturday, the hills adjacent to Cwm Berwyn were explored. The minor road to Brynhownant Farm was taken through the fields up onto the open moor and its summit at Y Drum for lunch in pleasant sunshine. A vehicle track was followed westwards, eventually leading down to Pantshiri Cottage. Below the cottage, the party divided. Hugh, David and the Barrys followed the road into Tregaron for refreshment before returning to Neuadd Las and the Grand National. Peter, Marion and the Lawrences descended to the valley and followed the paths on the southern side, via Bane Tan-yr-alt, back to Tregaron and home. On a fine Sunday morning, cars were parked at the road end by Maeselwad and the tracks followed to Bwlchdyddwyallt, where friendly farmers pointed the way to the hill. A convoluted route via the Blaengorffen ruin and the Nant Gorflen valley brought us to the summit of Garn Gron. Magnificent all-round views to Yr Eifel (The Rivals), Cader Idris, The Arrans, Black Mountains and Brecon Beacons were enjoyed. After lunch, Peter, Gill, Marion and David headed westwards over the hills to Y Bryn, down to Blaengorffen and back to the car. Tony, Hugh, Charles and Liz, planning to retrace the upward route, gravitated northwards and had to be rescued from near Hafod-rhyd. This was new area for the Club, but there fine views over the Cambrian mountains and the fabled adjacent bog of Cors Caron.

The current SMC officers are Hugh Podger (President), Gordon Pitt (Chairman), Peter Everall (Secretary) and David Minnikin (Treasurer and Meet Secretary). Please contact the latter for details of meets (d.e.minnikin@bham.ac.uk or Jacky Garth, Blease Road, Threlkeld, Cumbria CA12 4RX; 017687 79164).

MAY

CAREERS EVENT

A host of Sternians and current parents manned the fair this year and we are very lucky to have such talent and expertise to call on. Professions represented went from acting to architecture, biochemistry to brewing to script writing and surveying and many others inbetween.



This event continues to grow and we are hoping for an even bigger turnout for 2013 as we hope to hold this annually. Our thanks to, in no particular order, Chris Bray (1970 School), Stuart Laidlaw (1996 School), Andrew Greenwood (1970 School), Wally Sanders (1952 Sutton), Patrick McMaster (1990 Sutton), Adam Komrower (1994 Sutton), Mike Burton (2006 School), Richard Sullivan (1987 Sutton), Sandy Kilpatrick (1958 Sutton), Hugh Scotchbrook (1986



School), Laurence Houghton (2002 Summerfield), Bruce Buckland (2008 Summerfield), Gavin Silvey (1980 Hazelveare), Tim Wood (1996 Hazelveare), Mark James (1977 Summerfield, Paul Richings (1990 School), Chris Winter (1960 School), Guy Butchers (1978 Summerfield), Ed Clark (2002 Summerfield), Mark Nieuwenhuys (1975 Hazelveare), Simon Bates (1993 Summerfield), Simon Gray (2000 School), Patrick Drake (1997 Summerfield) and parents Mark Whitby, Shelagh Ashley, Gary Williams, Susan Dean, Jill Forsyth and Ray Carter.

FOUNDER'S DAY

After the Spring we had who would have dared hope, but it turned out to be gorgeous with grounds looking stunning and a splendid day had by all. When Lord Wandsworth left his legacy in 1912, he could not have dreamt of the success of the college which bears his name but he would have been delighted by the centenary celebrations which took place in May. His gift has supported over 2,500 Foundation pupils during the past 100 years and his original aims live on to this day by supporting 50 pupils who have lost one or both parents.



After the current staff and pupils had marked the year at the annual Prize Giving ceremony, the focus turned outdoors to music and dance, cricket and drama, tennis and rounders, some cricket and the esoteric game of 'puddex'. Hundreds of Sternians turned out to reminisce and to enjoy the entertainment along with pupils and parents. Farm manager, Paul Sigley, had to extend his programme to accommodate extra tours of the grounds by way of his tractor and trailer rides.

Among the highlights were the Art Exhibition in the brand new Prideaux Gallery, the Founder's Day band featuring Sternians of all ages and a section attack display by the CCF.

There was a breath-taking finale as a Chinook from RAF Odiham descended onto the main College field and delivered a new flag, donated by the Sternians' Association, to fly majestically over this wonderful campus. After the eldest Sternian present at the occasion, Albert Gardiner (224 1938) at 90 years old, received the flag he then presented it to a founder, the youngest and most recent beneficiary of Baron Stern's trust, who earlier in the day had brought tears to everyone's eyes singing solo on the grand outdoor stage. Chief Cadet Oscar Wong (2012 School) dutifully and proudly hoisted the flag to round off a magnificent event where a complement of over 1500 had indulged in sunshine, picnics and an overwhelming sense of community: Lord Wandsworth would have been very proud indeed.



BOYS 1ST VI TENNIS VS STERNIAN VI

Six of the 12 starters in this year's match were ex-Captains (or current in Tom's case) of LWC 1st VI Boys' Tennis – amazing! The match was played early this year to coincide with the Founder's Day celebration of 100 years since Lord Wandsworth's generous provision for the College. The Sternians' line-up looked mouth-watering on paper, but as they say, unfortunately the court was made of astroturf! In their defence, and it pains me to defend them, James Blatchford (2003 Hazelveare) was recovering after recent spinal surgery. He had also arrived from the States about 2 hours earlier and was borrowing everything apart from his shoes! Adam Blatchford (2005 Hazelveare) was wearing a knee brace due to a rugby injury a few weeks previously and actually had to stop playing after 2 sets. Lloyd Andrews (2003 Sutton) had to be dragged from the stands to play the third. Unfortunately unlike the Euro 2012 Mars Bar advert he didn't make the difference! Finally, Ian Moore (1957 Sutton) is possibly 5 times the age of the youngest school player – I hope you don't mind me making this point Ian(!)(?).

Excuses aside it was rather one sided. Ginny and Mark Lowndes were not the first parents to experience the agony of one son on either team and had to console and congratulate Tom (2012 Summerfield) and Jack (2010 Summerfield) in hushed tones. Slater and Slater (2004 Sutton) managed 2 sets from 3 but were caught cold by the new pairing of Luke Warner and Laurence Andrea Stratesteffen in the first set of the afternoon.

Last year I warned the Sternians that the College team was unique in that all of the boys would still be at LWC this year. Unique, well-honed and effective in the 7 – 2 win for the College as it turned out to be. The College have just enjoyed their most successful season since 2003 (unbeaten) only losing 2 matches. Things look very positive throughout the Racquets Club in both the boys and girls divisions. Thank you very much to all who played and supported. Again it was played in great spirits with plenty of friendly banter. Great to see Phil and Diane Blatchford, Marion Slater, Jackie, Di and Norman Kough and many more all cheering on their team.

Sternians VII: Ian Moore 1957 (Sutton), James Blatchford 2003

The Sternian Year Continued

(Hazelveare), Adam Blatchford 2005 (Hazelveare), Jack Lowndes 2010 (Summerfield), Jon Slater 2004 (Sutton), Stuart Slater (Father of Jon), Lloyd Andrews 2003 (Sutton).

College 1st VI: Henry Manley-Cooper, Tom Lowndes, Chris Allum, Luke Warner, Laurence Andrea-Stratsteffen and Huw David.

Anyone reading this and wondering if they could have saved Sternian blushes (or even just fancy playing next year!) should get in touch (kimberr@lordwandsworth.org).

Richard Kimber

JUNE

LONDON DRINKS



Chilled white wine on a sunny summer's evening by the Thames was a lovely way to spend an evening in June and catch up on Sternians' news. Front row: Paul Rowland, John Bacon (1970 Sutton), Simon Clements (1976 Summerfield), Gill Kelly, Mike Higham

(1961 School), Hugh Podger (1948 School), 2nd row: Tim Hodges (1963 School), Edward Walker, Roger White (1979 Hazelveare), Colin Snow (1963 School), Neil Chapman (1981 Summerfield) Back row: John Lawrence (1995 Sutton), Tim Wood (1996 Hazelveare), Ben Gossett (1996 Sutton), Andrew Eborn (1981 Hazelveare)

JULY

STERNIANS WIN BACK CRICKET TROPHY AT T20

Despite last year's cricket dynamo Robbie Heywood's best efforts, the Sternian team triumphed in their latest battle with the 1st XI and also won against Australian visiting team Eltham College during a thrilling T20 tournament at the beginning of July.



Our thanks to Sternians l to r John Hodgson (2010 Sutton), Andrew House (2011 Sutton), Alex O'Meara (2011 School), Mike Salmon (2008 Summerfield), Christo Arundel (2010 Sutton), Tom Grimes (2009 Hazelveare), kneeling George Breddy (2011 Sutton), Tristan Eysele (2008 Sutton), Tim Salmon (2010 Hazelveare) and Marc Antony Eysele (2006 Sutton)

AUGUST

RESULTS BREAKFAST

A different approach this year with the refreshments and academic staff based in the Prideaux Building. This gave pupils and their parents plenty of space (and places) to open that all important envelope and



also meant help was on hand to interpret results and offer support and advice if needed. The Sternians' Association rallied to the bacon buttie cause as ever to welcome our latest members.

SEPTEMBER

RUGBY SEVENS

Glorious indian summer weather (about time) and a great turnout with some very fit teams ensured an exciting day with lots of fast flowing rugby. We had Team Salmon, The Playdoh Playerz, Team Wombat made up of the retiring 1st XV and The Zimmers (our staff team). The Zimmers actually won a game too, which may have had something to do with Audley Lumsden playing... An exhilarating final between Team Salmon and the Playdoh Playerz saw Ali Plaistowe's team triumph.



The winning team plus some interlopers left to right: Billy Maddock (2012 School), James Cole (2001 School), Jordan Gomez (2010 Summerfield), Alex Lewis (2011 Sutton), Ben Holden (2009 Hazelveare), Tim Dixon (2009 Summerfield), Kneeling: Scott Godfrey (2012 Sutton), Mark Godfrey (2011 Sutton), captain Alex Plaistowe (2003 School) and Nick Ovens (2010 Sutton).

VOICES RAISED AT LORD'S IN AID OF OUR FOUNDATION

Parents, Sternians and Supporters of the Lord Wandsworth Foundation enjoyed a unique evening of entertainment when we held a fundraising dinner with the unusual addition of opera in the grand surroundings of the Long Room at Lord's Cricket Ground in September.

Diners were allowed the rare privilege of walking on the hallowed cricket outfield as the evening began with outstanding musical performances from Sopranos Emma Ventris and Gudrun Livingstone and Baritone Mark Holland. Accompanying them was LWC's own Director of Music and trained concert pianist, Lauren Crowther.



Master of Ceremonies, BAFTA-winning writer James Wood, kept the evening running smoothly and introduced speeches from two of the charity's beneficiaries,

Jemima Molyneux and Oliver Peatman (2008 School). The audience was very moved by Jemima's honest account of the challenges she has faced at home and the way that life as a boarder at LWC has opened up opportunities, introduced stability and friendships and improved her academic results too.

"The Lord Wandsworth Foundation has been helping children like Jemima and Oliver for nearly 100 years," explained the Headmaster "We are immensely proud of the way they overcome real disadvantages in their early years to develop into rounded successful young people with a positive outlook towards all that life can offer them."

AROPS REGIONAL MEETING

The first South Region meeting of AROPS (The Association of Representatives of Old Pupils' Societies) took place at LWC in September. Regional meetings are a new venture for AROPS whose registrar is our own Peter Booth, and we were very pleased to be able to accommodate the inaugural meeting attended by so many other schools.

STRIKE UP THE BAND

Sternian and turkey supremo Tom Copas was President of the Newbury and District Agricultural Society in 2012 and, having been so impressed with the LWC musicians on a previous occasion, asked if a band could come and play at the Newbury Show. They duly did and several Sternians came along to enjoy the music.

OCTOBER

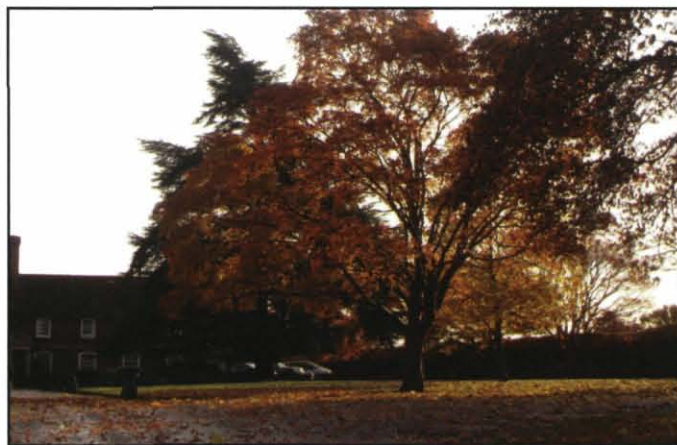
Time for a rest after such a busy September and do some work in the office!

MOUNTAINEERING AUTUMN MEET - EAST BARN, MALHAM, NORTH YORKSHIRE: 30 SEPTEMBER – 4 OCTOBER 2012

The Party Hugh Podger, Gordon Pitt, Peter & Liz Everall, Charles & Gill Lawrence, Mike & M Beckley, Marion Turner & David Minnikin. Roderick Fell paid a visit on Saturday and Harriet & Rob Fraser joined us on Sunday.



All except Liz and Mike walked down to Malham and followed the westerly lanes up to Field Barns and Burns Barn. A track across the fields lead to Hooper Edge and the pass between Pikedaw Hill and Kirby Fell, eventually arriving at Nappa Cross for lunch. Hugh and Gordon elected to follow the Fair Sleats Bridleway down to the Cove Road and Malham. Gordon then visited Gordale Scar to assess the extent of local hydration, the verdict being that it was extensive. The Pennine Bridleway was taken by the main party down to Langscar Gate. After crossing the road, the track was followed to the shores of



Malham Tarn. The high route was taken under Prior Rakes and through Trougate to just above Malham Cove. Charles and M descended to the limestone pavement above the cove and then down the valley to Malham. The residual members proceeded down the road through Malham Rakes to East Barn. Mike made a solitary trip to Malham Cove. A dismal Sunday forecast, amply fulfilled, dictated a variety of activities. David, Mike and Liz remained in residence. Harriet and Rob Fraser arrived for coffee and joined Hugh, Gordon, Charles and Gill, M and Peter in a reconnaissance expedition to Goredale Scar. The impressive brooding overhanging cliffs, with ash and yew trees perched on clinging ledges, were admired. The Scar itself was a raging torrent so a strategic retreat was dictated. The pretty woody glade past Janet's Fosse waterfall afforded some shelter before a good soaking was endured on the way back to the house and welcome soup. In the afternoon Marion & M perambulated down the Pennine Way and swung easterly to Janet's Foss. After inspecting Goredale Scar, the path across towards Malham Cove was taken as far as the road. The steep descent enabled a direct route to East Barn to be achieved. Gordon, Gill and Charles Lawrence motored to Keighley to visit East Riddlesden Hall.

In 2013, meets have been arranged at Nant y Ddwylan, Rosebush, Pembrokeshire (7 nights from Friday 3rd May) and Esk View, Boot, Eskdale, Cumbria (7 nights from Friday 27th September). David Minnikin 0910 (1959 Sutton)

NOVEMBER

REMEMBRANCE

Lt Col Tim O'Hare (1978 Hazelveare) kindly laid the wreath of Remembrance at this important event. The Association are very keen that the link with Sternians serving in the Armed Forces and this service be maintained.



The Sternian Year Continued

PRESIDENT'S DRINKS

Unfortunately, it was not possible this year for our President, Sir Humphrey Prideaux, to attend this event. His son, Tim Prideaux, current governor, very kindly stood in for him and welcomed former staff and senior Sternians to meet the new contingent.



DECEMBER

Olympian and former LWC hockey coach, Alex Danson, came to open the refurbished astro and demonstrate how hockey scoring should be done. Farnham Rugby Club, with whom LWC has strong links both with players and coaches, had their new club facilities officially opened by Lord Coe. Their current 1st XV captain is Sternian Toby Comley (2006 Summerfield). He is seen here introducing his team to Lord Coe. Can you spot Chris (2006 Hazelveare) and Chas Penn (2007 Hazelveare) just by Toby's left shoulder, and is that a blurry Ben Rubio (2008 Summerfield) behind Lord Coe's back? Edward Walker and many Sternians turned up at the event to support. The first snow fell on 5th December as the year wound to a close. We held a Sternian Christmas Drinks event at the Shepherd and Flock pub in Farnham and look forward to another Sternian year.



Twenty Years On!

The year of 1992 celebrated their double decade as Sternians this year thanks to the tenacity and organisational skills of David Gibson amongst others. They had a great turnout and a jolly good time. Have they changed much?

L to R at rear

- Imran Sroya (Sutton)
- David Gibson (Sutton)
- Magnus Wilson Webb (Summerfield)
- Nicholas Barr (Summerfield)
- Michael Cheong (Hazelveare)
- Adam Mead (Sutton)
- Jonathan Dagleish (Sutton)
- Tom Manger (Sutton)
- Tim Handford (School)
- Gawaine Chisholm (Summerfield)
- David Haddacks (Hazelveare)
- Hugh Crossland (hidden behind David) (Summerfield)
- Mark Richings (School)
- Nicholas Bellamy (Sutton)
- Edward Rudd (Sutton)



L to R at front

- Helen Cross (sitting) (Gosden)
- Georgina Keep nee Rule (Gosden)
- Katy Reid nee Waller (Gosden)
- Tim Cook (Hazelveare)
- Jamie Courtney (Sutton)
- Madeline Rinehart Higginson (Gosden)
- Russell Smith (Sutton)
- James Dennis (Sutton)



Yoda answers to a Higher Master

David joined LWC in September 1993 to teach chemistry, having moved from Monmouth School. His talents not only for teaching but also for academic management and leadership were quickly recognized and he was soon appointed Director of Studies. Yoda, Ibbo or simply David, as he has been variously named in the LWC community, will be remembered as the calm, collected scientist who could indeed work miracles especially with the mysterious world of the timetable.

To his students, he will be remembered as an excellent teacher and tutor. Countless pupils will look back fondly on the times they spent sampling the delights of David's sumptuous cooking. David took his tutoring very seriously and tutees looking for an easy life with a man renowned for good food and a warm welcome soon came to grief if their efforts in the classroom fell below the mark.



For those who know David well his decision to train for the ministry and his move to Tewkesbury Abbey come as no surprise. He is a deeply spiritual man who has given a great deal to the Christian life of the College. His Friday addresses were delivered with consummate ease and were always pertinent and thought provoking and, putting aside his expertise with curriculum and timetable, this is probably the area where his will loss will be most keenly felt.

Not necessarily a natural on the games field, although he can count Jonny Wilkinson as a former tutee, David found his niche climbing the hills and mountains of the UK, usually with a well prepared and enthusiastic group of DofE students in tow. It is typical of David that he would literally go the extra mile for his students, whatever the conditions, and irrespective of the personal cost.

David has brought a very special 'force' to this community and as he begins his next vocation at the Abbey, countless students and members of staff will reflect on a man who has given so much over so many years.

Lynn Power
Current Academic Staff

Memories from a School House boy



Harry Loe

I boarded at School House even though my home was The George Hotel in Odiham. I was at LWC from 1953 to 1957. The Housemaster was HMI Bax (Hugh Martin Ironside), his wife Audrey was one of the matrons. The other masters in School House were Clifford Ashby, a good teacher and person, and a Mr Melville Docwra, who also took the scouts and rode a Triumph 500 motorcycle with us scouts sometimes on the back (before crash helmets). He was replaced by Roger Smith, who was the son of the manager of Lloyds bank in Odiham. He was a good teacher and took me for History, which I was hopeless at.

Some of the teachers had daughters which meant those of us favoured with their advances could at least be in touch with the opposite sex. My favourite was Blondie, as everyone called her, her real name was Gillian, she eventually went to Ashford Girls School in Kent. We wrote to each other whilst still at school and as things do both went our own ways. It was her father who tutored me in maths in which I gained a GCE. During our

Maths lessons Gillian's father would bring his dog Crackers in to class, she was a Corgi and a lovely little dog. Some of the boys used to give Crackers toffees or nougat, probably not me, as I was a bit mean with any sweets I had. Crackers would go up to her master and look up at him making odd noises and asking him in doggy language to unglue her mouth. He requested that we gave her soft sweets or chocolate instead.

The good teachers were excellent and included Jock Orr, Charles Irvine, Oliver Tweedie Stoddart, George (Buggie) MacDonald Warner, Mr Bacon, Clifford Ashby, Roger Smith, 'Pussy' Watson to name but a few. There was of course Mr Brown, known by all as Brown, he knew every boy by name including their christian name, in fact it was he who would go off to interview those fortunate enough to join the school as Foundationers. When he retired he returned to Cornwall, where apparently he could always be located in the church or nearby. Oliver Tweedie Stoddart or Ollie or Tweedie to us boys, taught PE and was very fit, being able to out run most of the boys when in his fifties. His home was The House of Oliver, Tweedsmuir in Peebleshire, where he went in the holidays if he was not taking parties of pupils on mountaineering

trips in the Cairngorms or Snowdonia. George Warner was a World War One veteran who lost a leg and as a result used a wooden leg in preference to his false one with a shoe, which was used on special occasions. He retired to Cornwall and drove up to Wembley for the Varsity Rugby matches. He was nicknamed Buggie because he taught Natural History amongst other things and told us that a coach load of WI ladies once stopped to watch him catching butterflies on Bodmin Moor! Jimmy James who taught English and took cricket in the summer, also put on a Shakespearian play every autumn.

I remember the cars! Sandy Henderson had a Rover 75 (LYU 217) replaced I think by a Mark V11 Jaguar then a Jaguar 2.4 (WAA 423), (Mr Bax thought he would buy a Jaguar and I think it was about 1937 and was a 1 1/2 litre, with about enough power to overtake cycles!) The other cars were an Austin 10 and an Austin 12, one was replaced by an Austin Somerset convertible. George Warner had an Austin Clifton 12HP with a 'dickey' seat for extra passengers. The clutch pedal was modified by welding a cradle to place his wooden leg on, as this was in the days before automatic transmissions. He could be seen driving from the kitchens to his house in the drive with the

dog's dish, and food, on the roof of his car, the dog sitting beside him.

If it snowed, we used to go tobogganing down a very steep slope. At the bottom there was a path and a barbed wire fence running across. We used to tie the bottom strand to the top in the hope of increasing the clearance below. If we kept our heads down we could pass under this wire at breakneck speed and finish up half way across the field. We were lucky none of us were scalped or had to return with a coat in tatters. It was a good run though.

I took my bicycle to LWC and kept it in the air-raid shelter that was at the eastern end of School House. Boys also made model aeroplanes in there. I was not much good at sport but we had to partake in three sports activities a week. I had to play rugger, which I thought was a rough game. The thinking behind this was because I was well built and could look after myself, I would be a good scrum player. They omitted to tell me this part, but as I had been a goalkeeper, I thought it was similar, all the players were goalkeepers and the ball was oval. The rules were never explained and it was assumed that everyone knew them, I had the basic idea and came to the conclusion to follow the pack and be in the wrong position all the time, thus avoiding unnecessary contact with the ball! One day, in spite of trying to avoid contact with the ball, it came in my direction, I was in an awkward position, if I did not move I would catch it, so catch it I did. When I looked around to see what to do with it, all the other 29 players decided simultaneously that they would leap upon me to retrieve the ball. Eventually I surfaced to find another poor sod about to be subjected to the same fate as myself. The teacher in charge had a word with me, and said he didn't think rugger was my game and would arrange for me to be put on the cross-country running list in future. In hindsight, I wish the rules had been fully explained, now later in life I find it a skilful and good game to watch on TV.

Well I thought, I would prefer to go off on my bike, but after half a term I was caught out, I assume Jock Orr asked Oliver Tweedie Stodart how 'young Loe was getting on!' Some of those on the runs would stop soon after starting, and sit under a wet hedge smoking cigarettes until we returned. As a non smoker I thought the best thing was to run like mad and get back for a warm shower. I was not the most academic of students and failed to realise that by getting back in the first few, I may be selected to run for the school. If we were running 'away' this could mean a ride in Tweedie Stodart's four/five seater MG convertible about 1935 vintage, later replaced by a four seater Morgan.

In the summer term we would take part in athletics, track running, high and long jumps, shot putt, javelin etc. I was a cross-country runner and anything over 100 yards, I would

run at cross country pace. We had to run between one and two miles on the track. I would run bare foot, because I was too lazy to put on my shoes. During our sports day I was in for the 100 yards, as I could run this one flat out, again shoeless. Six of us lined up for the start, we all knew who the winner would be as no one had ever beaten him and I was sure Eddie next to me would be second and me third or fourth. The starter's gun was fired, Eddie fell flat on his face, I nearly died laughing but in a split second thought now is my chance and went for it. I came second in 10.6 seconds (it may have been 11.6 but the second fastest boy in the school). I was at last pleased with myself and wondered how well I could have run with spiked running shoes, knowing my luck I would end up stuck to the turf! I could not run a 200-yard race at the same pace so the next would be a leisurely mile. I was not much good at the hurdles as they hurt my shins, as did the high jump so I kept to the long jump where you could fall into a pile of sand. I also did the shot put but just did not seem capable of getting a cannon ball to go very far, and if you dropped it on a foot it hurt. Next the discus, by the time I had spun round several times I was never too sure in which direction this projectile would go. I did not have a lot of luck with the javelin either; I thought I am never likely to be running through the jungle trying to catch something for lunch. On this point I was proved correct and do not feel that my life has been any the poorer for not being a javelin thrower. I can only conclude from the above I was not born to be a sportsman.

We had CCF (Combined Cadet Force) and had to spend two years or so in the army and squad bash around the place, dismantling and reassembling a machine gun and generally playing soldiers on the estate. We also had to go target shooting, both with .22 and .303 calibre rifles. The .22 was easy and very light, however the .303 were more fun and used on the army ranges at Bisley. I obtained a Marksman here in spite of the rifles being a relic from the Boer War or even older. We were allowed to have some practice shots to warm up the rifle and adjust the sights. I used to aim at the exposed edge of concrete in front of the targets. If I could get a good hit, I could put about 20 or 30 holes in my target and a similar amount in those either side with one shot, with the fragments of concrete. This would upset the team in the butts as the holes had to be patched each time for the next round. I decided to transfer into the RAF side as the uniform was more comfortable and we could wear our own shoes instead of army boots and gaiters, this made it quicker to dress and undress. I do think this link with the forces gave me a sense of discipline and the correct posture for walking etc.

A lot of the teachers had motorised two wheel transport in addition to their cars. There was a Vespa scooter, a Cyclomaster, and a couple

of motors fixed on bicycles that drove on the tyre. One or two brought their dogs with them. Sandy Henderson had a spaniel that would sit outside assembly and wait for him.

I know this is supposed to be about School House but I have digressed a little. School House was the best house when I was there but then we all thought that. We had no TV, but an ancient radio with valves that was not too good. One or two boys had wind up gramophones so we were able to play our 78 records. I cannot remember many by name but I think Lonnie Donegan may have featured. Whilst I was there, a common room was added or claimed from a series of lean to buildings at the side. Coal used to be delivered by the school lorry and tipped into the boiler room near the back door. We weren't allowed to go upstairs with our shoes on and then not normally at all during the day. We were supposed to tell, or ask, someone before we went far on our bikes. One day a friend said let's go and see my mum. She lived in Mitcham so off we went up the A3 without telling a soul. His mum gave us tea, him 10/- and drove us and our bikes back to Well where we unloaded the bikes in the rain and dark. Who caught us in the glare of his headlights - a Jaguar 2.4 reg WAA 423, though fortunately the Headmaster did not recognise us under our capes and we returned undetected.

I am still in the Old Boys Association and for several years used to go to the annual reunion at the school and also to several of the regional meetings. It did not really matter if there was no one from my era, because we all have one thing in common, it is of course more interesting to meet up with old friends, even if only to see how fat and grey they have become! I agree in part with those who say " schooldays are the happiest days of your life", they are to look back on. At school we did not have to worry apart from school work, we had no bills, did not have to earn money, generally someone else did the worrying, all we needed to do was to toe the line and try and keep out of trouble. Easier said than done when you have a sense of humour! Overall schooldays are some of the happiest memories, as we get older we have more responsibilities and become less healthy and of course worry about our children and their families.

Harry Loe A023 (1957 School)



'Thoughts on Bacon'

I was a pupil at LWC between 1943 and 1948 and returned as a member of the teaching staff in 1954, remaining there for 3 years. As a 13 year old, I spent one term at Junior House under Captain Warner 'Peg-Leg', then moved to Middle East in January 1944 with housemaster Mr Bacon (RSB) alias 'Black Bic' for a term. When Middle East and Middle North and Warblington were closed as houses for pupils, I moved to Long Sutton House in the summer of 1944, the 'doodle bug summer'. Herbert Stanley Gardner (HSG) alias 'Maffer' in charge of Middle North, joined RSB as deputy House Master. In September 1944, I moved to Senior House, under O F Brown, 'Brown', Bursar and a proud Cornishman from Bodmin. Is this a record – 4 houses in 4 terms?!

Raymond Sanders Bacon was born in 1911 and died at Chideock, Dorset on 20th August 1991.

He was appointed as a Geography Master at LWC in 1936. RSB, the only Geography teacher at that time, taught me throughout the 5 years and made the subject so interesting that he directly influenced my career, which was to teach the subject and try to make it as interesting as he had made it for me.

During a lesson on Norway, he referred to a holiday he had done by ship from Bergen to North Cape and back on the Hurtigruten Line. Ships sail daily from Bergen to Kirkenes, close to the Russian border, and call at each port and fishing village en route, delivering and collecting goods and carrying a few passengers. His visit was in the Thirties. Many years later my wife and I did a similar trip in a modern cruise liner and en route we visited the last of the wooden boats which had been brought into service in 1960 and saw the appalling conditions at that time. We had the greatest admiration for RSB in that he must have experienced even worse conditions 20 years earlier when almost no one would have undertaken this journey and all done in the thirst to experience matters first hand.

As a pupil I well remember the Geography Society expeditions by bicycle, two of which stand out. The first, made in 1946 was 108 miles to Stonehenge and back along a very quiet A30 in those days. In particular I remember the return journey on my war time bike with no rubber grip handles and no gears, cycling into a head wind with a slow puncture! But it was typical of RSB's hospitality when on reaching Odiham he took all 10 of us into a café for a meal. The second expedition was to visit HMS Victory, at Portsmouth, a mere 76 miles, but we certainly learned about the geology and land use of the cross section of the Western Weald if not the details of the Victory! In the summer of 1947, RSB stayed with my mother and me at

our then home in Penzance when we visited the Iron Age burial ground at Chysauster and went on a day trip on 'Scillonian I' to the Isles of Scilly. 'Scillonian I' was a flat-bottomed boat and with the turbulent waters off Land's End was notorious for causing seasickness. I struggled not to be sick but RSB took it all in his stride! Easter 1948 saw RSB and I on a field trip to the Yorkshire Dales, where we stayed in the school house at Malham owned by Mrs Turner as the head. She was the mother of Mike Turner (0603), so RSB took the opportunity of giving us both the experience of a week's field trip.

Leaving LWC in July 1948, I did my National Service in the RAF (NB We were all in the Air Training Corps at LWC) and in the scheme known as 'Class B Release' served for 14 months, as opposed to the normal 18 months, so as to be ready to go to university the following October. I graduated from King's College, London, with a degree in geography, took my PGCE there and then taught at the Priory Grammar School, Shrewsbury. In the summer term of 1954 I received an invite from RSB, through the Headmaster, Sandy Henderson, to join the staff at LWC. I was to assist with the teaching of geography and history, my second subject, help coach the 1st XV under Jock Orr, help with the CCF (changed from the ATC), and to be an Assistant Housemaster at what had become Sutton House, with RSB in charge supported by HSG. I was allocated a study in the recently opened 'new block with a bedroom and bathroom above.

The support I received from all staff including those, and there were quite a few, who had taught me, helped me settle in as the first old boy to teach at LWC, and their advice and especially that of RSB for my teaching career was considerable. In addition RSB with support from HSG allowed me to continue my playing career with the Saracens in North London by covering for me every Saturday in the season, provided that I did two Sunday duties in three!

Wishing to get married in 1957 and with no vacant houses on the estate I left on my appointment to Head of Geography at Newquay Grammar School for Boys. However, my links with RSB continued as he stayed with us at Newquay and in latter years when he retired to Chideock in Dorset we spent time with him (August 1978) and called for coffee on other occasions when we were en route to relatives in Bournemouth. He was always delighted to welcome us and most generous in his hospitality. We continued to maintain links by letter and having sent him the usual Christmas greeting in December 1991 were shocked to be informed by his solicitor that he died in the previous August.

In conclusion, I owe much to Raymond Bacon's teaching and interest in my career development. His influence on me was huge and I was disappointed to be unable to pay my last respects to him.



Reg Roberts 0595

Some wise tips from an old pupil

I joined the College at half term in November 1940 together with Derek Coltman and can remember 'Biz' Bailey picking us up at Basingstoke station. On the first night, we put our mattresses under the metal beds and made them, this being the first night in a while that the boys had not slept in the air raid shelters.

Early years at Junior House went well and my main success was becoming captain of Sheephouse football team. My scholastic abilities were such that I left in July 1946 with a pass in English, five credits and a distinction in Maths.

Having left school, getting a job was not easy as employers told me I would be called up in just over a year. I got a clerical job with a wholesale grocer in Chippenham, Wiltshire and joined the RAF in March 1948. I achieved the rank of corporal and thankfully only served 21 months.

I returned to my former job and each week read the Grocer Magazine where I saw details of a grocery business course at the City of London College. I applied and was given a scholarship of £300 provided by Sir John Bodinnar, Chairman of Harris Bacon Ltd. The course was from September 1950-July 1951 so I was able to go to the Festival of Britain.

On leaving, I started studying for the Chartered Institute of Secretaries and became an associate at the age of 25. I worked for several firms before joining the Bristol and West Building Society Head Office in 1960. I got a branch manager's position within four years and later became a departmental manager. I retired aged 55.

Whilst having made many mistakes throughout my life, I did not make one when I married the wonderful Sheila in 1958. We have two married daughters and four grandchildren and have enjoyed over 50 years together without any tragedy, accidents or health problems.



Many years ago, I read Robinson Crusoe and perhaps subconsciously I followed his father's advice the evening before his fateful journey to seek his fortune. He told Robinson that the middle station of life was the best.

Building Societies were not the best of payers and since the early 1960s, I have taken an interest in shares making a modest amount of money. In 1985 I started looking at books on investment and bought the best one in the world – 'The Intelligent Investor' by Benjamin Graham, first published in 1949. In a chapter on advisors, he says no one will make you rich, you have to do it yourself. I joined the first ever investment trust scheme in 1984 which together with other ones have since done very well.

Finally I end with a prayer attributed to the American theologian, Reinhold Niebuhr – "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can and wisdom to know the difference".

Peter Bryant 0526 (1946)

Amoon on the Mekong

Oh those freezing winds and even those of us who had track suits for cross country back then, were not allowed to wear them by Tweedie. The boys are spoiled now. The cinder track, as I recall from my last visit a few years ago, is now tarmac and the dining hall offers menus and a choice - I won't start on the dorms! I still have a prospectus for the school from the fifties and am glad the marketing has been changed - the dorm in the photo of the one I have looks as if it belongs in 'Bleak House'. Hard horsehair mattresses on a row of wrought iron beds and the light hanging from is a cord with a naked bulb ...so homely !! ...but as they said then ..."all character building my boy!"



I fear I was not an academic that LWC was proud of, my clutch of GCEs were not seen as the foundation for a good job in the 'professions' ...so when Jim Mint (my house master John Merriman) was advised of this in a letter from my father, his comments were most encouraging I thought. My father, however, failed to be impressed by a smooth and plausible "I am sure he will do well in his chosen TRADE". I can still see my father now, neither concerned about the 'smooth' or 'plausible' ..."Chosen Trade!!!!" he exploded .." We have not sent you to an expensive public school to land up in TRADE !!"

But that I did ...I am pleased to say that Jim was right ...the 'chosen trade' has, for nigh on fifty years, had me living in luxury five star hotels around the world, flying at the pointy end of the plane (including Concorde), and eating and drinking only the bestin other words totally spoiled ...and all at someone else's expense ...the most recent until my retirement at Orient-Express ..(including 4 trips on the Train)..a career, which was capped off, with a gong in the New Year's Honours List 2009 (Order of Australia medal)... forgive me, all sounds rather conceited ...I only wish Jim and my parents were alive to see it, after the worry and hell I must have put them through every time the school reports came round!! This has made me appreciate that all have talents but not always in academia ...and some take a while to discover these and develop. I hope I have applied this thinking in interviewing young people over my career.

My life may have been a bed of roses until I hit sixty (with the exception of two very expensive divorces!) but then age catches up. I have had my share of ill health and time spent in hospital gave me a lot of time to think. I realised that this life of luxury could not go on forever so what does an ex hotelier do? Finds somewhere he can play 'Basil Fawley' and stay 'in the game'.

The vision formed, Thailand was a cheap place to build, and labour costs are almost shameful, however it has already allowed me to employ an assistant/housekeeper, a chef and a gardener (I have 5 acres) The original plans were to build something much larger, a resort, but unfortunately the share market took away a large amount of my share option investment, but never give up, I 'down sized' to a luxury five bedroom villa with in house movies, a library, swimming pool etc and will take guests as part of my home. We will see how it works but in hindsight it may be for the best, as with my issues, I am not sure I would want to work too hard. So there you have it ...more than happy to welcome LWC boys and girls doing there gap year gad about Asia ..IF we have the room and they are prepared to do a little around the place where their talents are best suited.

Talking of talent ...I would love to include on a feature wall in Amoon, a 'tromp l'oeile' (a mural of sorts) with local flora, palm trees, local vegetation, like sweeping banana leaves etc ..not too complicated ..pushing my luck I know ...but should there be a talented artist, (student or teacher!) who would be interested then contact me and I can show them an example of exactly what I would like to have...in return I fear I could only offer them board and lodging as a guest and pay for their flight from Bangkok to Udon Thani, our nearest airport ..bring their partner if they wish. Thought it worth a cheeky try !

So my advice to all those young people at LWC - if they are not good at one thing they will eventually excel in another ...never take on a job you do not enjoy ...and live life to the full ...who knows what is around the corner

Patrick Griffin (1964 School)



∞ Lest we forget ∞

A service is held every year at the LWC on the nearest Friday to Remembrance Sunday in November.

The whole school attend the service and a Sternian serving in or connected to the Armed Forces is invited to lay a wreath of poppies on the Roll of Honour. The names of the fallen are read out to the assembled pupils, staff and guests by the current Head Boy and Head Girl. Sternian and current Head of History, Tom Shedden (2001 Sutton) is running an 'adopt a soldier' scheme whereby current pupils assemble parcels of goodies which we send on to serving Sternian armed forces personnel. It seems fitting, in this commemorative year for the College, to pay tribute to some of those Sternians who lost their lives during armed conflict for their country.

Robert Sidney Cantle 191 (1930-1937)

Robert entered Gosden House in 1930 and transferred to the College in 1931. He was in Hyde games house and joined the Royal Navy, to HMS Impregnable based at Devonport, Plymouth, direct from school. He spent some time on an aircraft carrier and was subsequently transferred to the destroyer, HMS Jaguar. Robert lost his life on 26th March 1942 when his ship was torpedoed by a German U boat, the ship caught fire and sank in a short time north-east of Sidi Barrani, Egypt. Three officers and 190 ratings were lost at sea. Robert's name is included on the Plymouth Naval Memorial, situated on the Hoe which overlooks Plymouth Sound. He was aged 21.

Ian David Henry Clarson 302 (1934-1941)

Ian entered Gosden House in 1932 and transferred to the College in 1934. He was in Handcroft games house and scout troop, 1st XI football and cricket teams (captain). At athletics he shone as a sprinter, and in his last year at school he won both the 100 and 200 yards, breaking the school record for the 200 yards. He was also captain of his house at swimming.

He obtained his school certificate in 1940 and was a prefect. He left school at the end of the Christmas term 1941 and joined Heinz & Co in Bristol.

On being called up, he was selected for a Royal Air Force University Short Course and entered Worcester College, Oxford where he played football for his college and was selected for the Varsity XI versus the RAF.

He completed his training as a navigator; received his commission in the RAFVR and was navigator of the plane in which he lost his life on a bombing mission over Germany on the night of 18/19th July 1944. He was 19.

George Frederick Peters 194 (1931-1936)

George entered the school in 1931 and left in 1936. He was in Sheephouse games house and scout troop and 1st XI football team. On leaving he was apprenticed to Messrs Bowden & Higlett, electricians in Guildford.

When called up, he joined the Grenadier Guards, in which he served for ten months and then volunteered for the Paratroop Regiment. He subsequently received a commission and was a lieutenant at the time of his death. He went to Normandy with the 6th Air-borne Division on D Day and was killed in action in July 1944. He was 23.

George is buried in the Ranville War Cemetery, Calvados, France. Every September, the History department take a party of 5th formers to the D Day beaches and a wreath is laid on George's grave.

NB Stan Davies 0274 has written a paper entitled 'Old Wandsworthians and Old Sternians – Service to their Crown and Country'. Should anybody be interested in obtaining a copy, please contact the Sternians Office or Stan at shd04@btinternet.com

Sir Edward Stern

Following the theme of the Founder's bequest centenary celebrations, below is an extract taken from the very first Sower of 1933, written by Norman Jakes 219 (1931-1935)



REQUIESCAT IN PACE

I once asked our English master if he ever remembered hearing of Sir Edward Stern. "Sir Edward Stern?" he said, "no, I have never heard of him." "Well," said I to myself "then he does not use his eyes much, because when I was home last Easter vacation I read the headline in the Morning Post: "Sir Edward Stern dead." Reading the column, I found to my astonishment that Sir Edward Stern was brother to the late Lord Wandsworth. "Lord Wandsworth?" I thought, "I wonder if he was the Lord Wandsworth who founded our school?" With heightened interest I read on and found that this Lord Wandsworth died in 1912. This corresponded to the date of our founder's death.

I then looked at the obituary columns and read that Sir Edward Stern was to be buried at a Jewish cemetery in Kingsbury Road, Dalston. As I was curious to know whether the late Lord Wandsworth referred to was our founder, I thought I would go to Sir Edward Stern's funeral and find out.

When I first arrived at the cemetery the first sight to catch my eyes was a huge crowd, and many cars outside, with policemen controlling the traffic. I tried without success to obtain permission to enter the cemetery. But I did not give up. Having in mind the school motto "Perseverance Conquers," I waited until the end of the burial service and again tried, this time successfully.

There, in front of me, was a path forking half-way up. I followed it and branched off to the right. There I saw a great many wreaths for Sir Edward Stern. Next to where he lay was the grave of his brother, Lord Wandsworth, who proved to be our founder.

I then stood by the grave in deep thought. I tried to imagine what Lord Wandsworth would think of the school he had founded if he could see it just for five minutes. I thought of the pleasure he would have in seeing all the boys to whom he had given opportunities of a life-time. And, remembering all the labour and time he had spent for our benefit, I thought that we should all, when enjoying some pleasant part of school life, pause a little to think of the man who, having given us the ground in which we sow, may well rest in peace.

Norman Jakes 0219 (1919-2002)

NB Sir Edward Stern did visit LWC shortly before his death in 1933 and said that he was glad to see his brother's money being so well spent.

ONE MORE STEP ALONG THE WAY...

As much as my mum hates me to say it, LWC has been like a second home to me over the last 5 years and the people here have been like a second family.

We have our friends who have been like brothers and sisters, always there to have a good laugh with and sometimes a few arguments as well! Our houseparents have been key to our time here and special thanks go to Mr and Mrs Richardson for making it so enjoyable for me. We not only have them to thank but our teachers as well for showing us how to grow up, which was more difficult in some cases than others, but they have taught us just like our parents.

I think LWC is a very unique place because we have such

good house spirit definitely highlighted by our interhouse superleague. We are amazed and surprised every year by the amount of talent the students show and it's all thanks to the leadership skills from the Upper Sixth that have developed over the years as our confidence has grown.

I think we've all had an amazing time here, whether we have been here since Junior or just for the last two years and I hope everyone achieves all the success they deserve!

*Helen Breddy (2012 Park)
Toby Ward (2012 Hazelveare)
- Heads of College 2011/12*

Headmaster's thoughts on *Founder's Day*

Founder's Day in May was fantastic. I am so grateful to Sternians, to staff, parents and to other friends who came and joined us and made it such a memorable and successful day.

We were blessed with perfect weather and it is difficult to think of anything in hindsight we might have done differently. I had the opportunity to thank people on the day itself but I wanted as much of the day as possible to be involved in listening to and watching pupils perform, sing, play and scramble around out of helicopters. So, if I may, I will take the opportunity now to mention some of the highlights.

Firstly I wish to thank the pupils. The fundamental things that one would hope for – such as their being well turned out, punctual, biddable and supportive – went without question. They did so much more than that. They sang, played and performed with joy and enthusiasm and it was clear to our visitors, particularly those who either haven't been back to the College for many years or indeed who were first time visitors, that they are happy and proud of their school. Colleagues and I were therefore able to feel enormously happy and proud of them and I thank them all.

Every single member of staff was integral to the organisation and running of the day. The College grounds looked impeccable. This was not only due to the rain of April and early May, it was also because of the hard work and planning of Mr Cotton and his grounds team, and Mr Allmark and his team of porters, maintenance and administrative staff who made sure that everything went without a hitch. Mr Lafferty and his small but skilled IT team should also be thanked for their important contribution in the Sutton Sports Hall. The Bursar should be proud of them and I am grateful.

As so many of the parents and Sternians who have contacted me or spoken to me have pointed out, the quality of the pupils' performances was extraordinary. Only Mr Richardson could have compèred the event: he is uniquely good at it. Mrs Crowther has every reason to be delighted with the progress that is so evident in the quality of the music that was produced and of the orchestral music that preceded the Prize Giving ceremony itself. Mr Lovelock's and her marshalling of so many musicians on the main stage was a real tour de force and the involvement of so many Sternians among the musicians was a masterstroke. I am grateful too to Mrs Allan and Ms Sinclair-Ford for the co-ordination and rehearsal of the drama pieces and to Miss Lannon for the dance. All happened in such a spontaneous and joyous way during the course of the afternoon.

The involvement of Sternians, parents and others in conjunction with our pupils in the Art Exhibition which, I understand, has raised more than £3,500, was also of great credit to Mr Mobbs and his colleagues. The Prideaux Building does provide such a wonderful gallery space; I am so pleased that this was conceived of, planned and executed so well.

The cricket match was played with panache and I was delighted to hear that it was so close at the end. The boys looked splendid in their Twenty20 kit. The tennis against the Sternians and puddex were also enjoyed by many and it was so wholly appropriate that much of the tennis was played in mixed doubles.

My thanks to teaching staff has to be generic but all were involved, whether marshalling children, catering to the needs of the Sternians or managing large groups of pupils making their way to and from events. Chris Jones and his catering team are tremendous and they looked after our visitors so very well throughout the day. Clare Datta finished her term of office as Chairman of the Sternians and I appreciated having the opportunity to thank her on behalf of the College. Chris Huffam, whom many of us know well, succeeds her and we wish him luck.

It was wholly fitting that the day was rounded off by the CCF with their spectacular section attack. Oscar Wong's presentation of the flag bearing the crest of Lord Wandsworth was a significant symbolic act, conceived of by Kate Chernyshov and Gill Kelly who played such a crucial part in the planning and organisation of the whole day. It was a great privilege to invite Albert Gardiner, a Sternian who first came to Gosden House as it was then in 1926, to receive it and, on behalf of the Sternians, to present it as a gift to the College. This was received by our youngest Founder.

Finally, the member of staff who took over the mantle of organising and co-ordinating the event was Edward Walker. He convened the committee, liaised between staff and informed me regularly of what was planned and, rather than asking questions and seeking direction, he simply took control and got on with it. He followed this the very next day with the organisation of the Sternian golf event which we enjoyed at Oak Park, Crondall. Edward should look back on those events with enormous pride and satisfaction.

I have been asked many times whether we will be doing this again next year or at regular intervals into the future. It is worth thinking carefully about.

Fergus Livingstone



Founder's Day 2012







LWC in 10

Over the last year, the History department wondered what it could do to contribute to Founders Day 2012. We felt an urge to participate in something that celebrated the founding of LWC, it being History! After a number of ideas were considered, the department decided on liberally pinching an idea from BBC Radio 4 who produced an excellent series entitled the World in 100 Objects.

Our attempt to re-create this differed in just a few subtle ways! We cut the number down from 100 to 10 objects (and Mr Booth does not count as an object, many thanks for the quite literally hundreds of people requesting his presence in the list – he objected mightily) and decided that whilst the influence of LWC does stretch across the globe, we narrowed it down to 10 objects within the campus of the College.

There are some notable exceptions from the list. Heaven and Hell Hill, the cross country course killer which has been run

by every student who has attended here since year dot, was noted. Manhunt, a favourite game of the Juniors around the campus was seen as a possible entry, as were photographs of all the Headmasters for the way that they shaped the College. Alas, we could, given more time, have come up with 100 objects for LWC but displaying them might be difficult in the limited space available!

Here, in order of preference voted for by past and present students, parents and staff is the definitive top 10 objects in the College that are remembered (mostly) with affection. The display could only have photographs of these objects – it turned out that I was not allowed to dig up the main gates and relocate them for the day...

The History department hopes that you enjoyed contributing to the list and that at least some of the 10 objects have in some part helped to define your time here, be you parent, pupil or staff.

Tom Shedden, Head of History,
May 2012

1 THE COLLEGE CREST

Taken from the Founder's personal coat of arms, the College Crest with its motto Vincit Perseverantia (Perseverance Conquers) was the number 1 object by some considerable distance! This picture is of the full College crest that hangs above the doors that are the entrance to the Library.



2 THE CINDER TRACK TO JUNIOR

A favourite for many ex Junior house students, the Cinder Track walk is, in the summer, one of the nicest walks in the College. In winter, it can be very bleak indeed. All year round however, there are the delights of the cesspit just over half way up/down the track – the smell of which seems to stick in the mind!



3 A GAVIN HALL CHAIR

This is an object that the younger Sternians and pupils have chosen. It could symbolise many aspects of life at LWC: assemblies, exams, Friday service, prize givings, Prideaux Society, congregational Practice, the last ever time you sat on one in the final assembly – or it could be that people remember they are just a touch uncomfortable.





4 THE FRONT OF SCHOOL HOUSE

It's difficult to adequately describe in words the meaning to so many people of this building: it symbolises the beauty of the College? It's something that School House students past and present are rightly proud about, it was the focal point for every school photo for so many years? Or, as one email simply put it: "The front of School House is just an iconic piece of architecture. You mention School House and everyone automatically has a picture of the front of the House in their mind."



5 THE BELL TOWER ON TOP OF THE HISTORY/ GEOGRAPHY BLOCK

In my time as a student or a member of staff, I cannot remember hearing this bell actually ring. But for a generation of Sternians, it is an original feature of the College that invokes many memories. The building itself can be seen on the original plans for the College.



6 THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

LWC has seen its share of Sternians fallen in combat. It's a poignant and indeed timely reminder that there are several current Sternians serving in the armed forces and deployed in war zones. When you are next at the College, pop along to the Gavin Hall, see a lovely orange plastic chair...and have a peek at the small cabinet that stores the Book of Remembrance on your left as you go in. Possibly the most unobtrusive object at LWC.

Lest we forget.

7 LWC 1ST XV RUGBY SHIRT

Every rugby playing school boy at LWC would love to have the opportunity to pull on one of these! There have been several outstanding individuals who have played in the 1st XV rugby team, some famous in the likes of Jonny Wilkinson, Ugo Monye, Peter Richards or Charlie Amesbury – but many not so famous lads who gave their all for the team and played out of their skins for the pride to wear one of these. This shirt is being modelled by Harvey Brewin, the current 1st XV Captain. He is holding one of the caps that members of the 1st XV used to wear!



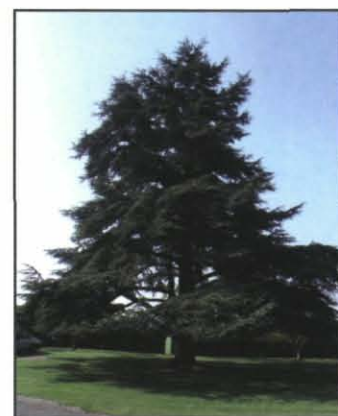
8 THE SCHOOL GATES

If you enter the College via the main entrance, the gates suddenly appear as you pass the Four Horseshoes. They are a lasting image in the mind of many people as they come into the College. For me, they were the first thing that I saw when I came to the College and the last thing I saw as I left.



9 A DINING HALL BENCH

Whilst the Gavin Hall chair was a firm favourite with younger members of the community, the wiser (!) generation remember the dining hall benches as a key object in their time here, probably for much the same reason. Whilst we can't find an old version of the bench, we have a slightly newer version here. It seemed a little lonely on its own, and so one of the photos has some of the objects that were mentioned but did not have the popularity of the top 10! They are: A copy of the first Sower Magazine (1933), a copy of the new Link magazine, a pair of old school rugby socks, a Sternian teddy and an old school cap.

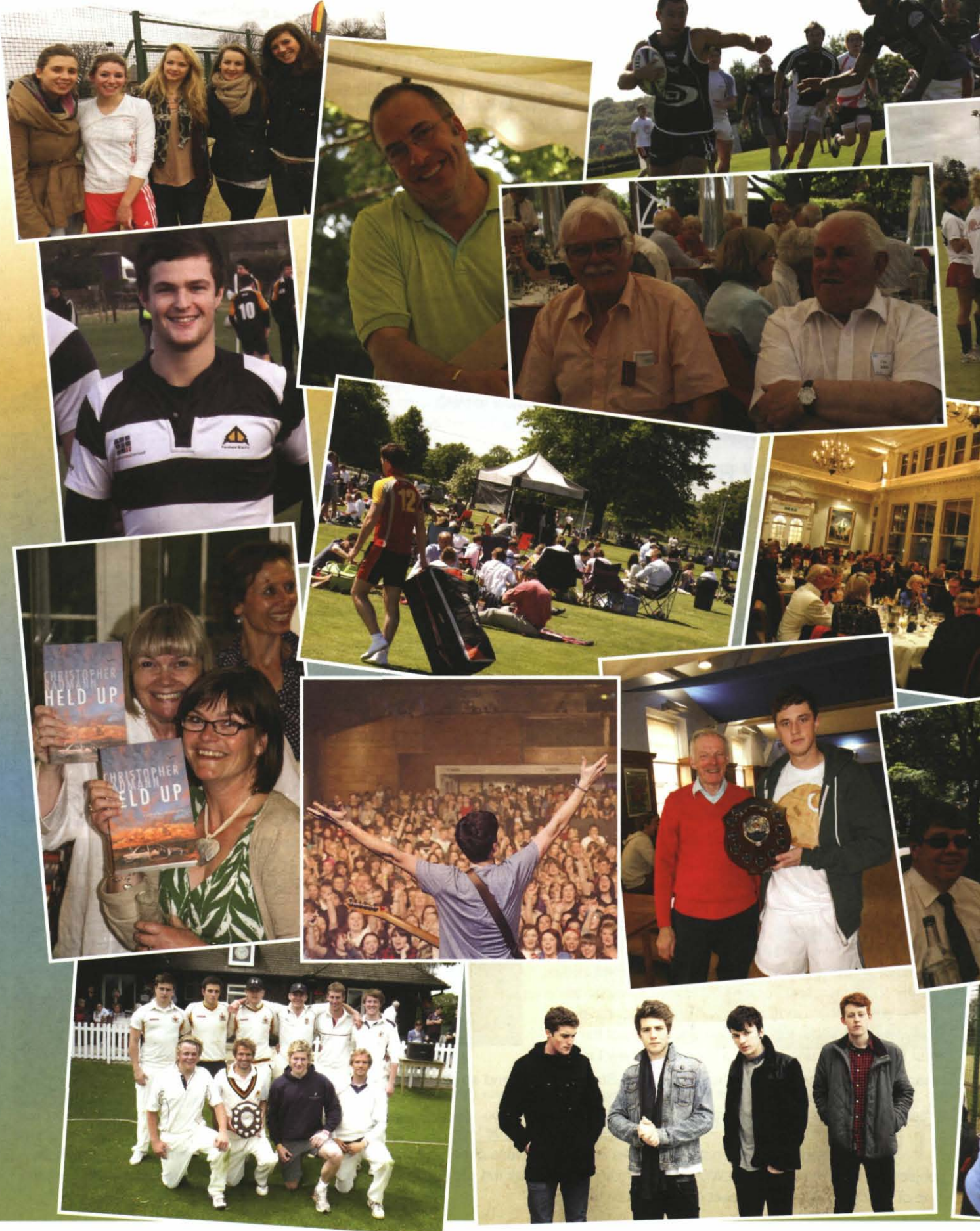


10 THE CEDAR TREE OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOUSE

Coming in last, but not least, is this impressive piece of nature. The cedar tree is remembered by many students as an object that they remember at LWC. One Sternian wrote to ask the department whether boys still climbed the tree to put a star on the top of it for Christmas...I suspect its grown a bit too big...



Review of the Year 2012







Sternian News

YEAR OF 2009:

Bates, Michael House: Hazelveare
 Congratulations to Michael who was wicket keeper for the triumphant Hampshire Royals T20 cricket team who beat Yorkshire in the Friends Life T20 final in August.

YEAR OF 2008:

Eysele, Tristan House: Sutton
 Tristan Eysele completed his A-levels at LWC in 2008 (Sutton House). Although he played 1stXV rugby, 1st team hockey and 1stXI cricket, he was also captain of squash.

He then continued on to Loughborough University where he completed a BSc degree in Criminology and Social Policy and was also captain of the university 1st team squash. He regularly competed in BUCS (the British Universities & Colleges Squash Championships) and on leaving Loughborough chose to take up the sport professionally.

Tristan had to start at the bottom of the World rankings but since turning professional 9 months ago, he has progressed to the top 300 in the World. He has played tournaments in Hong Kong and South Africa as well as local UK tournaments.

Tristan represents Winchester in the PSL (Premier Squash League) which is regarded as the top squash league in the World, as well as the Copenhagen Squash Club in the Danish Premier League.

He is coached by Jesse Engelbrecht who is the squash coach at LWC and University of Surrey. Jesse was himself a top 50 world ranked player and since he has coached Tristan to winning matches against top ranked players, he has high hopes for him. Tristan's target this year is to break into the top 200 in the World.

YEAR OF 2006:

Comley, Toby House: Summerfield
 Toby is captain of Farnham Rugby Club's 1st XV and doing a great job. In his spare time, he also manages to hold down a good job and turn out for CRY Crusaders.

Lloyd, Kate House: Gosden
 Kate works for a sports marketing company and was enrolled on a new diploma course in January for the first ever professional qualification in the sponsorship industry, run by ESA (European Sponsorship Association). She did outstandingly well and received her diploma in a graduation ceremony held at the House of Lords. Lord Morris of Handsworth presented certificates to the graduates. The course is rapidly becoming a mandatory qualification for anyone in the sponsorship industry. Well done Kate!



YEAR OF 2005:

Brown, Adam House: Summerfield
 Adam has moved to Chicago and got married!

YEAR OF 2004:

Scott, Tom House: Sutton
 Congratulations to Tom who passed out at Commando Training Centre Royal Marines, in Lympstone, Devon, in December 2012, having earned the coveted green beret. He is now a member of 45 Commando. The green Commando beret indicates its wearer has undergone tests of endurance while displaying unselfishness, cheerfulness under adversity, courage, determination and high professional standards.

YEAR OF 2002:



The class of 2002 made the most of Founders Day 2012 to catch up for a Sternians reunion. A picnic in the school grounds, followed by dinner at The Hodd in Upton Grey, was the perfect excuse to soak up the sunshine and to catch up with old faces.

In attendance: Ronan Busfield, Sue-Lyn Cashman-Pugsley, Ed Clark, Nick Clarke, Alex Colvin, Charlie Cripps, Nick Garrard, Chris Guyatt, Richard Hall, Dom Key, Hannah Marks, Charlie Pidgeon, Ryan McSharry, Mike Jankauski, Julian Namihias, Lucy Namihias, James Rea-Palmer, Jennifer Scott, Steve Sorby, Nick Thompson and Harry White. Big thank you to Charlie Cripps for organising it all.

YEAR OF 2001:

Harry, Emily House: Gosden
 Emily got married in July and had three Gosden bridesmaids – Riggy Greenwood, Becky Swindell and Louise Lawton and lots of Sternian guests including Mychelle Dean,



Natalie Austin, Charles and Chris Penn. We wish Emily and Barney every happiness in their new life together.
 EMILY.HARRY@uk.bp.com

Romanillos, Pepe House: Sutton
 Pepe is now a Lecturer in Human Geography at the University of Exeter.

Shedden, Tom House: Sutton
 Tom and his wife Helen are the proud parents of a second daughter, Antonia, who was born in April.
 sheddent@lordwandsworth.org



YEAR OF 2000:

Elliott, Matt House: Sutton
 Following his epic trip to the South Pole last year, Matt gave up an evening to talk to the Sutton House boys in October about his adventures and even let them try on his kit. They do love dressing up.
 mattelliott1982@hotmail.com

YEAR OF 1995:

White, Hamish House: Sutton
 Congratulations to Hamish and Sarah who married in December 2012 with assorted Sternians amongst the guests.

YEAR OF 1998:

Harrower, Claire House: Gosden
 Congratulations to Claire who married Michael Mayes in July. Among the bridesmaids was fellow Sternian Kate Deverill.



Livingston, Charlotte House: Gosden
 Charlotte now has a very busy job in London but in her spare time, she is thinking of organising the 15 year reunion for her year group. If you are interested, let her know at Charlotte.Livingston@rbccm.com

CALLING YEAR OF 98

1998 leavers will be celebrating their 15 year reunion over the weekend of 8th September. Specific plans and locations are yet to be finalised but look out for the facebook group in due course.

YEAR OF 1993:

Forman, Ben and his partner Marie have welcomed another son into the world. Charlie was born in July.
ben.forman@vodafone.com



YEAR OF 1976:

Coulson, Sir Peter and Madgwick, Tim House: Sutton
 The Hon Sir Peter and Acting Chief Constable of North Yorkshire, Tim Madgwick, met up with Stephen Davidson who taught at LWC from 1974 to 1983 and formerly Headmaster of Bradford Grammar at the Legal Service in York Minster in October. Stephen is currently High Sheriff of West Yorkshire. What a splendid and high achieving bunch!

White, Geoff House: Hazelveare
 The Sternian agricultural connection – Geoff has sent in this photo taken at the end of the year at the Royal East Berkshire Agricultural Association Harvest Lunch and shows left to right: David Janaway, brother of Richard (1964 Sutton) and father of Robbie (1995 Sutton), Tom Copas (1955 Sutton) President of the Royal Berkshire County Show, Colin Ponting (1957) farmer and guest speaker and Geoff, President of the Royal East Berkshire Agricultural Association.
gwhite@simmonsandsons.com



YEAR OF 1965:

Morgan, Hywel Former Staff left 1965
 For those of you who remember Hywel who taught Physics and coached the 1st XV at LWC from 1960-65. Tony and Valerie Whibley met up with Hywel in April in North Wales where he lives. He has fond memories of the College and often thinks of his former pupils.



YEAR OF 1964:

Griffin, Patrick House: School
 Pat has now retired from the Observatory Hotel in Sydney but you can't keep a good hotelier down and he has a new venture in Thailand – see separate article. He would love to hear from fellow Sternians patrick@amoonthailand.com

Year of 1961:

Jeary, Malcolm House: School
 Malcolm had a milestone birthday this year and asked his generous friends to give donations to the Foundation rather than buy him a present. This they duly did and gift aided it too. Our sincere thanks to Malcolm and his friends for their generosity.
MalcolmJeary@spaceway.co.uk





The Matthew Elvidge Trust

Charities Commission No: 1135668



Regular readers of the Sternian will be aware of the work of The Matthew Elvidge Trust through articles in the 2010 and 2011 editions.

The Trust was set up in 2010, shortly after our third son, Matthew (Sutton 1999-2004), took his own life after a very short period of anxiety and depression. This illness can affect anyone from international sportsmen, business leaders and MPs..... to school children and university students.

There is a huge lack of awareness of the importance of good emotional wellbeing and strong mental health, which is why the Trust focuses on prevention – looking to improve everyone’s understanding, particularly in schools and universities.... and influencing government policy.

UNIVERSITIES

A recent report by the Royal College of Psychiatrists says that the growth of mental health problems among students is showing no sign of abating and, in many respects, is becoming more pressing with an increasing need for mental health promotion and improved support services.



We therefore work closely with student led organisations like Mental Wealth UK, Nightline and Students against Depression, who all campaign in Universities to maintain and improve student mental wellbeing and ensure people receive the right support.



www.mentalwealthuk.com
www.nightline.ac.uk
www.studentsagainstdepression.org

We also run the Partnership for Student Led Wellbeing, which comprises a number of volunteer, student-led organisations, who aim to build understanding about mental health problems and provide support to university and college students, working alongside campus and public services. The Partnership provides the opportunity for sharing best practice, learning from each others’ activities and working together on joint initiatives.

SCHOOLS

All our discussions with professionals confirm that the link between emotional wellbeing and pupils achieving good academic results and their overall potential in life has been overlooked. This is confirmed by this subject not being a core and statutory part of the PSHE curriculum. Also, a recent report published by the Department of Education shows that ‘children with better emotional wellbeing make more progress in primary school and are more engaged in secondary school’. This is why the Trust has been instrumental in bringing together a number of organisations that work in schools to provide wellbeing and resilience education. Our partnership aims to inspire schools to put emotional wellbeing at the heart of their ethos and activities, in order to support the attainment of academic qualifications.

GOVERNMENT POLICY



The Trust is a member of the Government’s National Suicide Prevention Strategy (NSPS) Advisory Board, which enables us to influence policy, which will improve training and risk assessment, encourage the involvement of family and friends in peoples’ care and improve the level of support for those bereaved.

AREAS CLOSE TO OUR FAMILY EXPERIENCE



The Beachy Head Chaplaincy Team is an outstanding organisation, which patrols the area for 100 hours a week, identifying and talking to people at risk and saving many 100s of lives each year. We have agreed to provide core funding and purchase both short and long range mobile thermal imaging cameras to support for their work. www.bhct.org.uk

There is no formal support available for the nearly 6,000 families and others affected by suicide each year and we are campaigning for this to change. Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide is the only organisation to provide a UK wide network of 41 support groups and we provide funding for this volunteer led charity. www.uk-sobs.org.uk



MOODSCOPE



One of the excellent resources we have discovered is Moodscope - an online tool, which helps you to measure your mood every day by visiting the website and logging in with your email address. They also send you an amazingly helpful email each day, which always seems to touch on issues that are very relevant to the way your are thinking and feeling.
www.moodscope.com

FUNDRAISING AND EVENTS

We run a series of events and activities each year to increase awareness of depression and raise funds. Our next major event is the Fleet Half Marathon, which takes place on Sunday March 17th 2013 and we aim to have over 100 runners.... so do please book this in your diary and send an email to: info@thematthewelvidgetrust.com, if you would like to join us!



Please take a look at our website to find out more about our work and most important of all, a big thank you to everyone for your generous support! We hope that, together, we can make a real difference in this challenging field.

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In a country as arid as Kenya, natural water sources are incredibly precious. Rhino Ark, a Kenyan conservation charity, is striving hard to protect the country's water supplies and most threatened ecosystems.

Rhino Ark: protecting Kenya's precious water sources

The Aberdares, Mount Kenya and Mount Mau Eburu are three of Kenya's five 'water towers' that provide the country with its valuable water supplies. The majority of Kenyan's livelihoods depend in some way upon the rivers, forests and wildlife of these mountain forest ecosystems.

Rhino Ark's work to preserve these ecosystems is of significant importance to Kenya. At the commissioning of the Aberdare fence in 2010, H.E. President Mwai Kibaki acknowledged this: "Our great mountain forests are the 'water towers' and the 'lungs' of our beloved Kenya. They, and the precious flora within them, must be sustainably managed and conserved for all Kenyans and as a global heritage for all time."

Initially, Rhino Ark was formed in 1988 by conservationists in Kenya who were alarmed by the ruthless poaching in the Aberdare National Park of Kenya's black rhino. A 21 year project led to the successful completion of a nearly 400km long electric fence surrounding the national park.

The charity's objectives are very simple:
Protect essential water supplies
Conserve the indigenous forest which is threatened by loggers and farmers not allowing land to regenerate
Protect the endangered wildlife

Charlie Cripps (Haygate 2002), volunteers as Marketing Director for Rhino Ark UK, the UK arm of the charity. Rhino Ark UK recently appointed Crista Cullen as the charity's official ambassador. Double Olympian, London 2012 Olympic Bronze Medalist and team mate of Alex Danson, Crista is widely recognised as one of the best hockey defenders in the world. Having been brought up in Kenya, Crista is a big advocate of Rhino Ark's conservation quest.

Every year money is raised by the Rhino Charge, a world famous annual off-road motor sport event held in some of the remotest parts of Kenya. Closer to home, Rhino Ark UK holds similar, but less extreme, off-road events every September in Pippingford Park, Nutley, East Sussex. The events are the ideal day out for families with 4x4s that are usually used for the school run, and are an engaging way to explore the Sussex countryside.

For further details of Rhino Ark's work and of how to get to enter the UK Rhino Charge 2013:

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Charlie Cripps (2002 Gosden)

Notified Deceased Members Recorded since we last published

Donald Schofield A095 (15th December 2012 aged 69)

William Searle 0324 (18th November 2012 aged 88)

Charles Chapman 0312 (16th October 2012 aged 88)

Jason Ellis A699 (14th October 2012 aged 60)

Richard Schofield A870 (5th October 2012 aged 56)

Gordon (Ted) Lines 0267 (4th September 2012 aged 91)

Michael Johnson (30th June 2012 aged 20)

Laurence Brown 0564 (18th June 2012 aged 80)

George Bartrop 0142 (11th June 2012 aged 93)

Douglas White 0281 (4th June 2012 aged 78)

Anthony O'Flynn A538 (27th May 2012 aged 61)

James Hooley A486 (May 2012 aged 62)

Thomas Ashton Clayden C120 (6th May 2012 aged 43)

Sidney Humphrey 0482 (13th February 2012 aged 83)

Anthony Sheppard 0407 (11th February 2012 aged 85)

John May 0683 (10th January 2012 aged 78)

Joanna Scott nee Haesman ZB38 (2nd November 2012 aged 93)



Obituaries



Laurence Brown O564 (1931-2012)

Laurence came to LWC in 1942 from his home in Surrey. He enjoyed his time here and involved himself in all the College had to offer. When the time came to leave, Sandy Henderson, the headmaster at the time, asked Laurence what he wanted to do. Laurence was not really too sure but happened to say that he had an interest in coins and so a job was found for him as an assistant at Seabys in London. The rest, as they say, is history. Laurence married Ann in 1960 and theirs was a long and happy marriage. They had two daughters born in 1965 and 1969. He died on their 52nd wedding anniversary.

Below is an edited version of the eulogy delivered by Laurence's friend and colleague, Jeremy Cheek, at the memorial service held for him in the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy in October 2012.

Laurence joined Seabys in 1947 and worked closely with Emmy Cahn in the foreign dept. When she died in 1968 Laurence took over the foreign department and I moved upstairs to join him. He became managing director of Seabys, a post he held for many years. Seabys was a highly respected company, known at the time as one of the big three, a founder member of the IAPN, and at its height employed 42 people. After Seabys, Laurence joined Christies where he ran the coin and medal auctions. They handled many important collections including the Gallia. When Laurence tried to retire they persuaded him to stay on as a part-time consultant, and it was in that role that when Christies took over Spink and the coin department moved to Spink, Laurence and I resumed our acquaintance. At Spink we looked forward to Laurence's weekly visit, to give us the benefit of his experience and advice. He was especially helpful when, with his broad knowledge, he could step in and catalogue almost anything, when a lot of material came in at the last moment as so often happened. He worked into his late seventies, and after that still wrote the occasional article. Most of his articles were about medals but they included a very useful index to CNI, the twenty volume corpus of Italian coins, which we still use regularly today. His last article was published in the Circular only two months before he passed away. Laurence had been a founder member of the London Numismatic Club, and was the second longest surviving member.

Laurence will be particularly remembered for his book, this was of course BHM as we know it, or British Historical Medals 1760 to 1960. In the early days, faced with a lack of reference books, Laurence started to write a card index for his own use of the medals that crossed his desk and which he saw in auction. In those days there was far more material around than there is today and the card index grew rapidly. A book was suggested to him and after some hesitation he decided to take it on. Background research was done, and he then proceeded to catalogue every

British historical medal of the period in major private and then public institutional collections in the British Isles and some on the continent. It was a long job; he started in earnest in 1965 and the third and final volume was published in 1995. Meticulously researched and catalogued, it was a remarkable book in many ways. Its scope covers a large and rambling series, not defined by one collection or the output of a single mint, but that of several mints, some unofficial of which few if any records survive. It was an outstanding achievement, and it is difficult to imagine someone starting this book from scratch today.

It was while doing research for his book that Laurence found himself at Windsor Castle, where he was very pleased to be allowed to study the Queen's collection. While there he realised that the collection was not catalogued or particularly organised, and offered to take the job on, not realising what lay ahead. From that point on he travelled up to Windsor one day a month at his own expense for the next 34 years. The job grew as he went along. As the news spread around the various Royal households that there was a numismatist on the staff, more and more items were brought to him or to his attention, and at the same time the flow of new issues from the Royal Mint increased considerably. It was therefore almost only as he retired that he could declare that the project was complete and up to date as of that moment. He had also advised on the design and installation of purpose-built cabinets, and for all this work he was awarded the Royal Warrant in 1979, and was made LVO, which is part of the personal gift of the Queen, in 1995. He was one of a very small number of people indeed who have received an award from the reigning monarch for services to numismatics. Lady Roberts, the head librarian at Windsor, has asked me to express again their sincere thanks for all the work he has done over the years.

Laurence would have continued indefinitely, but when his family moved north and a grandson arrived, he naturally wished to move to be near them. The word 'gentleman' is common to the many tributes and comments we have heard and is certainly how I will remember him. And what of his legacy? When the Queen receives a state visit, an exhibition is prepared at Windsor Castle of relevant and interesting articles for visiting dignitaries to inspect. Other exhibitions are prepared for particular people and themes at Windsor Castle, Buckingham Palace and the Queens' Gallery. All these exhibitions now include coins and medals where possible and appropriate. The librarians know what they have that might be appropriate, what it is, where it is and that it is correctly described and housed. And on the new website, where in a few months the more interesting pieces will be described and illustrated, Laurence's work will be permanently accessible to a far greater audience than he could possibly have imagined.

And as to the book, I would say to the family that we still refer, by name, to a man who wrote a comparable book on Dutch medals, even though he wrote it in 1737. Similarly, Laurence's book will live on long after we have all gone. Future generations will look at BHM, and wonder what Laurence Brown was like. I feel, and I am sure you will agree, that it has been a privilege to have known him.



I first met Laurence in 2006 when I became Chair of the Sternians. He was our archivist, but more than that he was a fully committed and enthusiastic Committee member who regularly attended meetings and Sternians' social events.

In his formal role as archivist Laurence spent a substantial amount of time preserving photographs, historical papers, reports, books, magazines and other miscellaneous documents in special cases and boxes designed for conservation. He also compiled dated copies of all the Sowers and Sternians ever published and arranged for them to be bound so they could be an archive copy for the Sternians and Development office, and they are still used on a daily basis by Gill and Kate. He made a tremendous difference to the quality of our archives which took a huge amount of his own personal time and he really has left a legacy on which to build.

Laurence had no difficulty embracing change and as the composition of the Committee changed, with long standing members standing down to be replaced by a younger generation of Sternians, Laurence remained a constant source of wise advice to me and everyone else on the Committee.

I last saw him on Founder's Day in May, and although he was clearly not well, he was determined to be there to help celebrate the first hundred years of the Foundation with Sternians of all ages. Laurence will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Simon Clements (1976 Summerfield)

Raymond Thatcher 0740 (1936-2011)



Raymond Thatcher (0740) who attended the College between the years of 1946 and 1952 passed away last year at the age of 75, after suffering a secondary bout of bowel cancer.

He first came to Lord Wandsworth as a 'Founder' at the age of 11 where he entered Junior House. He was a keen cricketer and photographer from an early age and went on

to open for the First X1 as a fifth former.

He toyed with the idea of becoming a professional cricketer and tried out with Middlesex, but eventually settled on a career as a professional photographer after an apprenticeship in London.

National Service took him into The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry and then into Military Intelligence where he served in Cyprus. After contracting Tuberculosis he was transferred to the Canadian Red Cross Hospital at Cliveden (Buckinghamshire) in which he spent over a year recovering and during which he grew his trademark 'goatee' beard.

Upon discharge from hospital he set up his photographic business in Maidenhead (Berkshire) which he ran for over 50 years and at which he continued to work, well into his illness.

He photographed many thousands of people over his life and was especially proud when he was asked to photograph King Hussein of Jordan, staying with him at the royal palaces at Amman and Aquaba on two occasions. He was also a pioneer of water-ski photography from the early days of the sport and traveled the world on behalf of the British Water Ski Federation. However, it was clearly his enjoyment of people that drew him to photography and he was especially good at making people feel comfortable in front of the camera.

He was always a keen sportsman and enjoyed both snow and water-skiing all his life, passing on his skills to his children and grand-children.

Raymond is survived by his second wife Maureen and his two children Neil (who attended the College 1973-1981) Amanda, step-son Gary and his five grand-sons.

Neil Thatcher (1981 Sutton)





Charles Chapman O312 (1923-2012)



A gentle man and a gentleman

Charles lost his father when he was nine. He remembered a man coming to see him at Sunday School, a visit which resulted in him going first to Gosden House for two years and then on to Lord Wandsworth at age 11 as a founder, staying until he was 18. It was there that he learnt to play the piano, to swim, including life-saving for which he gained his bronze and silver medals and to play hockey and tennis. He was in Sheephouse with John Rankin,

playing football together. As a member of the Six Bells Club there is a photo of him, apparently sawing somebody in half!

After gaining his school certificate and higher school certificate, in 1941 Charles went on to an apprenticeship with British Thomson Houston in Rugby, set in place by the school. At Rugby College of Technology & Arts he studied for Electrical Engineering qualifications, culminating in an External London University BSc in 1947.

At the apprentice dances in the works canteen on Saturday nights he met up, once again, with John Rankin, also an apprentice. With John was his twin sister Isobel, whom Charles married in August 1948.

Charles spent his working life as an electrical engineer in the construction and petro-chemical industries, including a period in Trinidad in the early fifties, retiring in 1992. His love of tennis continued well into his retirement & his passion for reading never ended.

Isobel and Charles had two children, Christopher and Judith. He passed onto them skills and interests he first learnt at school, teaching them to swim and play tennis, and instilling in them a love of books.

Lord Wandsworth launched my father and my Rankin uncles into their careers. They have all, always, said that the school changed their lives immeasurably and was instrumental in their futures.

Judith Tyson nee Chapman

James Hooley A496 (1949-2012)

Jim was a sports journalist and covered the Daily Mail Schools Rugby Cup for that newspaper who died in May 2012. He was at LWC from 1961 to 1967 and a member of the legendary 1966/7 Rugby 1st XI, one of the fastest wingers the College has had.

Below is a tribute from Douglas Greatbanks

**Memories are such precious things
In days of trouble or despair,
They reunite on golden wings
All those who love and care.
And this I say to everyone
Who'd keep their loved ones near
When life seems grey, the sunshine gone
Through many a lonely year.
Oh build those memories while you may,
It will be easy as can be,
And you'll be sure to find one day
You really need a memory.**

The passage above was written by my late family.



In April 1965 my guardians received correspondence from Lord Wandsworth College to visit the home of James Hooley and meet him along with his mother as he was allocated to be my escort to the College for the first time. We met and had tea and sandwiches and in September 1965 met at Crewe Station for the long journey to the College. No electric trains only steam trains and on arrival across the underground to Waterloo Station and onwards to Winchfield. Also travelling was Michael (Hoss) Cartwright. When Jim left college it was to be another 30yrs before I met him again at a reunion at LWC and the last time we spoke was in 2001. I remember watching him play for the 1st team at rugby on the

wing and witnessed his speed and agility. Every time I passed through Tarvin, Cheshire, I would whisper "Hi Jim hope all is well with you". Unfortunately I was away on a family holiday when he passed away and could not attend at Tarvin Church. He has been very much a part of my life and a memory long to remember.

Douglas Greatbanks (1971 Hazelveare)

Photo: Terry Dears, Jim Hooley, Alan Dyson and Mike Cartwright at LWC in 2007

Richard Schofield A870

(1956 – 2012)

Richard hailed from the Yorkshire side of Saddleworth and was a founder. It seemed quite natural that all of us founders from "up t'north" should have stuck together when we found ourselves hundreds of miles from home in Junior House at age eleven – or in Rick's case nearly eleven, as he was one of the youngest.



Coming from the Rugby League heartlands it might have been assumed that we were familiar with the oval ball, but in truth we were soccer players and most of us totally new to rugby. Like myself and a few others, Rick soon took to the game and – as with many sports – proved to be adept at it. He was also a fair cricketer and later proved to be an excellent hockey player. It was perhaps that shared love of sports that bound us together as friends, but Rick would get on with most people and was friends with many.

Ploughing through old editions of *The Sower* (no pun intended) I have been surprised to find little mention of Richard Schofield through the years, although he features prominently in the team photographs of Under 14 Rugby 1970, Under 14 Cricket 1970, Under 15 Hockey 1971 and Under 15 Rugby 1971. In respect of the first, Mark Whiting as captain of the team reported that – "R.M.Schofield at full-back played very well and scored many tries with fine tackling and covering"; and a year later it fell to Kim Ridgeon as team captain to offer – "congratulations to our county players: M Whiting, D Smith and R Schofield" – the three Yorkshire lads playing for Hampshire!

The 1972 *Sower* has a report on Sutton House that includes – "in the first year of the new Colts competitions Richard Schofield led the House to success in both the rugby and the hockey". Talking about that years afterwards Rick was still very proud of the achievement which he repeated in the 1974 finals, but the first time was the sweetest as it had been felt that the best sportsmen had all gone from Junior House to Summerfield. (Ian disputes that as Hazleweare had its share too!)

In the 1974 *Sower*, the report on 1st XV Rugby said that – "Full-back R.Schofield developed this year into a fearless tackler and, although his handling was a little suspect, his line kicking was excellent".

The 1st XI Hockey report by David Dames said – "Captain Richard Schofield was not only a fine left-back but also a very able leader of the team".

As all youngsters we failed to appreciate at the time the opportunities offered and horizons opened to us during our time at LWC, but Richard was very aware that he had benefited hugely during those formative years and held the School in such high regard that he had considered it for his daughter Chantal... not least for the hockey playing facilities.

I am sorry to report that Rick was the source of many school stories

told late into the night at Reunions; at The George in Odiham in 2005 those stories almost lasted through until breakfast! Luckily there are one or two others with the memory capacity that I do not have and I trust that Ian Ellis can add to this memory of Richard which I hope will be much more than just an obituary.

Ian, with Chris Murray, Fred Wilson, my wife Janet and I attended the Celebration of the life of Richard Michael Schofield (27.09.1956 – 04.10.2012) in Ravenstonedale, Cumbria on October 11th 2012.

Duncan Smith (A871)

My memories of Rick were of our later years at LWC and post 2000. I don't recall sharing any school subjects or A levels with him but we were avid cricketers being in a Junior colts team and U15s together and then the Second XI in which he was my vice captain in our last two years.



That said Duncan, Rick and I were in the U15s in 1971 – see photo above - and according to our coach Bill Fryer Rick developed as an off break bowler, Dunc kept wicket with zest and courage and I showed myself to be an unorthodox powerful hitter. We three parted company in 1972 as Dunc concentrated on athletics, I moved on to a bit part role in

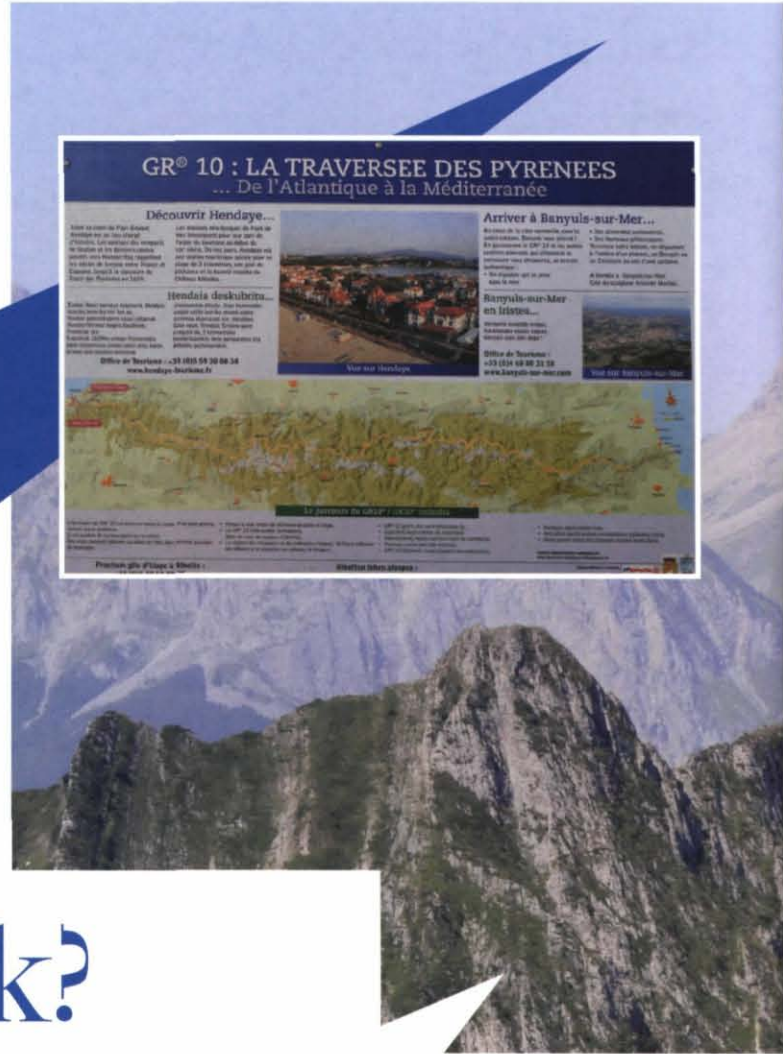
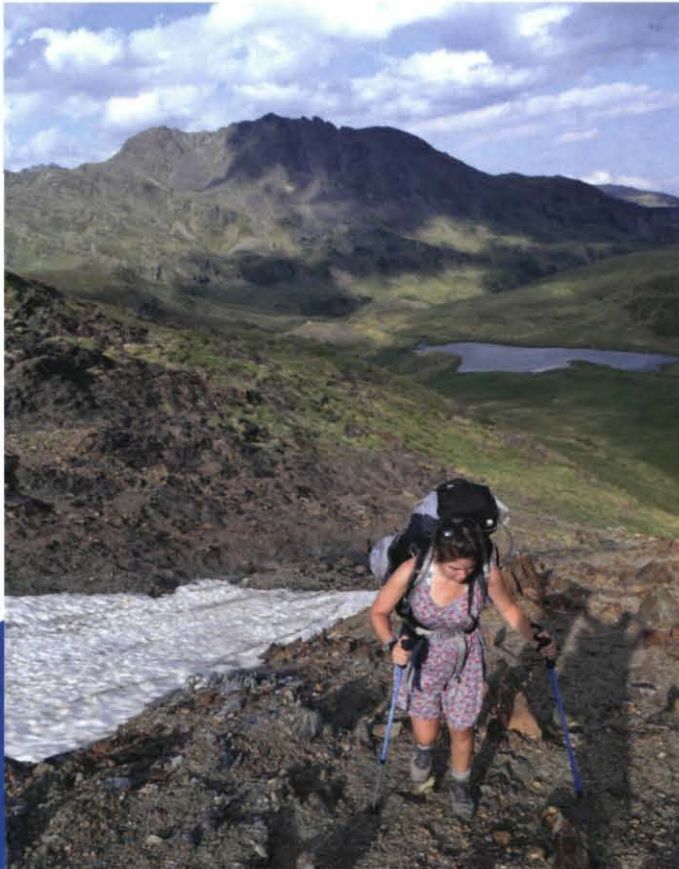
the Second XI and Rick stayed with the U15s where he ended up keeping wicket.

But it was to be in the Seconds in our last two years that Rick and I really got stuck in. By then Rick was an opening fast bowler and in our first year we won only one match as we never managed to score many runs. In our final year the pair of us leading a "keen and alert team from a collection of elder statesmen and young hopefuls" – Charles Hallows words not mine - we won three, drew one and lost two. I see that one JDH Smith also turned out on occasions. After that the year of 1974 departed LWC. Rick made his way in the world by way of Salford University, Cranfield, South Africa, Monsanto, Belgium and South African wines before returning to the North at Ravenstonedale some three years ago.

It wasn't until 2003 that Rick and I met up again. It was a three way 'blind' meeting with Nige Reynolds in a wine bar in Hanover Square. There were some graphic descriptions circulated as to what we looked like and what to look out for but the ravages of nearly 30 years had not wrought huge changes. The tales of school just flowed as did the wine and bruschetta. Piling out on to the street nearly 5 hours later was uncomfortable but Rick and I made it to Petersfield and the following day bounced Andy Gibbons at home before the Sternians Reunion dinner. The following year 29 of our year made it to one part or another of our 30 year reunion and Rick was there too. Thereafter he was regular at LWC for Sternian Reunions.

For me the friendship of the last nine years was priceless and summed up by his choice of the Band of Brothers theme tune played at his service. I am sad that he isn't with us anymore and will miss our year's 40 anniversary gathering in 2014.

Ian Ellis (A947)



Fancy a Walk?

Here's a question for you...

If you were 19, how would you reply when, out of the blue, someone suggests going for a walk? Not like, say, a walk in the park...but an 800km walk... across a mountain range?

Don't put your answers on a postcard, because I'm about to tell you what I said,

'Erm, sure. Ok then!'

This summer my friend from university and I drove down to the South West of France where we spent five weeks working as farm labourers, and then just travelling and surfing along the Atlantic coast. To cut a long story short, we ended up at a paragliding festival (as you do); paragliding, a first for me, was exhilarating but it was just the start.

We spent the next 4 days after the festival wild camping in the Pyrenees with a group of friends we met there. They were heading off to attempt the Trans-Pyrenean walk and said, 'Why don't you come too?' My immediate reaction was to say don't be so ridiculous! Yes, I had done my Gold Duke of Edinburgh at LWC but that was two years ago and for only four days! I am certainly no walker. I don't have any equipment, not even

walking boots. Furthermore, walking from the Mediterranean Sea through the Pyrenees Mountains to the Atlantic Ocean seemed a RATHER large undertaking

Then I thought Carpe Diem and all that. Why not? Go for it! After all, I was free for the rest of the summer, and, on reflection, the opportunity seemed too good to miss.

We parted ways. They headed South and my friend and I travelled back to England, where upon I booked my flight to Perpignan. The general response I got before leaving was 'I think you're mad' or 'really Constance?' What was I letting myself in for? My only saving grace was that my friends had done a fair bit of mountain walking in the past and knew what they were doing.

Five days later I found myself back in the South of France in 40° of sweltering heat, surrounded by gorgeous tanned holiday makers while I stood out like a sore thumb wearing my new walking boots and a backpack full of pasta, emergency blankets and a head torch.

Our grand plan was to walk for as long as we could each day, carrying everything we needed on our backs, following the GR10, a hiking trail that runs the length of the Pyrenees, roughly parallel with the French-Spanish border. Anyone

attempting the entire trail often chooses to walk it from Hendaye on the Bay of Biscay, to Banyuls-sur-Mer on the Mediterranean Sea, but it can also be done just as easily from East to West, which is what we chose to do. The GR10 route is 870km long, with 48,000m of ascent (Mount Everest is 8,848m) - often 1200m at a time, to then have to go straight down again. Previous people attempting the route have taken anything from 25 to 50 days. However, we had a limited time scale as I had to be back at university early in September. Therefore, we would follow the GR10 as much as we could, but if it went off North or South substantially, then we would just head West instead, aiming to use the unmarked HRP (Haute Randonnée Pyrénéenne) which is another long distance footpath crossing the Pyrenees, which follows the highest and most directly walkable route through the mountains.

The main issue for the first few days was the intense heat near the Mediterranean and with that came a lack of water. Natural springs were scarce, but we did have water purifiers if we got desperate. The intense heat that this area was experiencing really became apparent when about 5 days in we could see a big plume of smoke, but obviously without any technology couldn't think much of it. It came to light when we reached a mountain hostel that there was a massive forest fire which we were just 2 days ahead of (we did think that it looked rather near). It very sadly took the lives of 5 people, including 2 walkers.

We were very much on our own and would go for 3 or 4 days at a time without seeing anyone else. People doing the trail can stay in hostels, but these are very expensive and therefore due to student funds we camped every night, and I can't describe how much pasta and rice I ate! We would carry food for around 5 days and then have to come down to civilisation to buy more, and then head back up.

One of the silly games we employed to keep ourselves motivated and off all thoughts of our aches and pains, was an on-going competition for 'the most beautiful wee in nature competition', I managed to scoop second prize for that, at the base of Gavarnie, a 3,000m wide arc of rock with the highest waterfall in France.

Equipment was heavy and so clothes were kept to a minimum - literally one t-shirt, one pair of shorts and a loose dress that I had made earlier in the summer which I tended to sleep in.



I had two pairs of knickers for the month: one on, and one drying on the back of my backpack. Classy.

The continuous walking was tough, and we would usually cover over 20km a day. In all honesty, my body hurt constantly, and we would have to massage our feet and calves each morning and night, but the views were so breathtakingly spectacular that even when you were having a bad moment, it just seemed irrelevant. At night we would try and sleep near a water source or river for an occasional wash (however, I think I totalled 6 for the whole trip). I did not smell like a field of roses that's for sure! Baby wipes became a bit of a saving grace. I was often too tired or the glacier water was simply too cold, and at the end of the day the most important thing was to get food inside us which, as people warned us, would become a chore as you just want to go to sleep after you have set your tent up. A couple of nights, we were lucky and found an old hut to sleep in so we didn't have to use the tent, but after hearing the scuttling mice getting nearer and nearer our heads, we ended up putting up the tent inside anyway!

About half way through, mountain storms hit and we were forced to descend rapidly and we took shelter in a village. We found a farm building, so asked the owner if we could just sleep in it for a night. He agreed with a smile. We now realise it was because it was his cow shed so we had the cow-bells clanging all night as well as the delightful smell. Hey, we all smelt so bad anyway; a bit of cow manure didn't make much difference.


When we did come across people it was so lovely and we often ended up walking with them for a couple of days if they were heading the same way as us. The GR10 is well marked, but maps were expensive and so what I really enjoyed, and what seemed to be the 'general custom' was to swap maps with people going the other way. People's generosity to walkers also took me aback. When we came down to buy food, people selling fruit would often just give us some peaches free of charge. There was one man picking fruit from his garden and he gave us a bag of apples, while other people gave us some medical supplies for a large and persistent blister that I had developed. Local knowledge was also invaluable to us.

The trek took us 31 days in total, and our final route was approximately just over 700km. It was one big adventure and I am so pleased that I took the opportunity when it arose. It sounds all rather clichéd, but it was life-changing. I learnt the value of team work and team spirit, how much you can put your body (and feet, in particular) through, as well as your mind.

Next stop: Everest!

(Only joking, I don't think my mother's nerves could bear anymore wild adventures from me!)

Constance Barter (2011 Gosden)



One Elephant... One Idea...

In my last year at the University of Bath reading International Management and Spanish, I helped set up an organisation called ElephantBranded. The idea was that it would be a little project to keep me busy in my last year but after 6 months, (it was set up in February) we had won various awards, sold products to the likes of Google and are now stocked in John Lewis stores nationwide. We are also appearing in the new BBC Three series 'Be Your Own Boss' and have sold bags all over the world.

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One Elephant.. One Idea..



We have learnt a huge amount and I wanted to explain a little about what we do and suggest to anyone that is thinking of getting involved with or setting up a business that it is an amazing opportunity to learn and do something fun. You just have to be prepared to work hard instead of watching Eastenders!

Here is a bit more information about us!

About ElephantBranded:

We have two core values which will never change. Firstly, for every product we sell, we donate something that aims to improve the lives of people living in poverty or difficulty. Secondly, all our products are ethically made and sourced with maximum benefit going to our producers and suppliers. Nothing is produced in harsh factory conditions and no child labour is used.

What do we do?

Under the umbrella of One Elephant... One Idea, our aim is to redefine the way people shop. We want people to buy ethically sourced, high quality and competitively priced goods whilst making a positive contribution to poorer communities in Africa and Asia. Not only does this enable us to differentiate ourselves from the competition but it also enables us to develop and more sustainable business model. Put simply, we are looking to maximise on the rapidly growing demand for sustainable and ethically sourced products.

At the moment our product range consists

of bags, cases and other accessories which are tough, durable and cool. They are made from recycled, locally sourced cement bags in Cambodia and are reworked by local villagers to create unique products. Each one is handmade and all of the villagers received an elevated wage to help them escape from subsistence farming.

For every product sold, we donate educational goodies (bags, notebooks and pens) to children in Africa and Asia.



We work closely with organisations on the ground in Africa and Asia to make sure that our donation products are hand delivered directly to the people that need them. That way, you know that when you buy one of our products, you are making a positive difference to somebody that needs it.

For more information and updates, please follow the links below or email us info@elephantbranded.com:

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What happens now?

Now, James and the team run the business on a day to day, operational basis. I am now working for BP in the North Sea region, based in Aberdeen. As a result, I have now taken a big step back but speak to James and the team over the weekends to help ElephantBranded continue successfully.

BP is an incredibly different but amazing company to work for. However,

ElephantBranded has given me a massive amount of experience which is very transferable to the corporate world. Although it has been hard work, I've loved it and would recommend it to anyone.

Tim Mendelsohn (2007 Sutton)



SA RUGBY TOUR BLOG TO THE ST JOHN'S EASTER RUGBY FESTIVAL – APRIL 2012

DEPARTURE

It's Sunday morning - we leave this afternoon. I woke up two hours before my alarm. After what has been quite literally months of training (big thanks here due to everyone who has helped out, particularly those not touring: Ben Hazel, Mr Lumsden, Mr Richardson and the U16As) we're going to go put it all into practice.

Personally, packing has taken me three days. I guess that for some team members it took half an hour. I absolutely know that there will be someone running - panicked - around St John's looking for the mouth guard they left on the kitchen table. That person might be me. Excitement being a very weird and uncontrolled emotion, it's come and gone. Sevens - and my invisible try - got me up for it. Getting our kit made a good few people jump around. If we're mistaken for a group of over energetic, noisy juniors as we leave this afternoon I wouldn't be surprised.

On a more serious note, all 25 players and 3 coaches are leaving with the intention of doing the College - the community which has alternately nurtured and put up with us - proud. Whether they be Lower 6th, who'll return to lead their own little rugby dynasty, or Upper 6th, who will walk off the pitch after playing Klein Nederburg on the 9th of April having finished their stint at the top, everyone wants to perform. We have a lot to live up to. Better make sure I don't miss any sleep on the plane then. *Callum*

FIRST MATCH V CORNWALL HILL COLLEGE

Upon arrival at the High Performance Centre, the squad had their first glimpse of the style and scale of South African rugby compared to that which we know. Not only were the crowds significantly larger, more noticeable was the colossal size of some of our opponents, as we truly saw why rugby is an impact sport! However this only fuelled our excitement as we prepared for our first encounter. We expected to be slightly rusty following months away from the game, but managed a highly encouraging display against spirited opposition. New faces showed ability alongside more seasoned players to gain a victory which furthered belief amongst the squad. From this early success, we moved on to St John's College to take on Paarl Boys High, stopping at the Apartheid Museum along the way to experience the diverse nature and dramatic history of this amazing country. *Toby*

SECOND MATCH V PAARLS BOYS HIGH

Before I start this match report, I should explain that I'm writing with concussion and that any spelling mistakes hereafter are the responsibility of one of Paarl Boys' props. That might give you an idea of what is to follow. But it would be unfair to be too negative. Paarl Boys are the second best team in South Africa. They have the heaviest player in the tournament, weighing in at 128 kg (20 stone, and a full 4 stone heavier than me, our heaviest player). They outweighed our front row by 150 kg, and the rest of the team by an average of 20 kg per person. A Crusaders scout said that the greatest difference between the two sides was weight. St John's headmaster said losing to Paarl by less than 100 points was an achievement.

So when I tell you we lost (Paarl Boys 72 - Lord Wandsworth 0), I'm telling you that we were beaten by a genuinely great side. Paarl had the kind of dynamic attack that would make Stuart Lancaster quiver, their defence was organized and effective, and I can't describe their scrum as anything but earthquake-like. With all credit to the team, we played every second at the highest pitch we could. Particular mention goes to those lads who wouldn't shut up, who always told us we needed to push on, who let us leave the pitch with our heads held high. Who made us run back to every kick off.

As far as the actual match is concerned, our game plan was to go fast and wide. Our reasoning was that if we could get outside the 'bigun's' in the pack and run at their wings we might stand a chance. In defence we would match their physicality around the breakdown and pressure their backline, counter-rucking when we could.

We had our chances, and if the kicks had gone our way we could have racked up a few points in response. It might be the cliché of losing teams, but we really can hold our heads up after that. If any of us have the energy to, that is. As far as our preparations for the next match go I've gained some weight - apparently so much that I can shear two metal bolts and crash down to the floor as I spectacularly break a chair. Everybody laughed, of course. *Callum*

COACHING IN SOWETO

We were at Soweto Touch's training ground, and I had begun to feel quite sentimental. Of course the kids were alternately lovely, hilarious and skilled beyond belief (as Cookie found out when he was stepped then gassed during training). Of course the situations many of them came from brought home uncomfortable truths about development, social mobility and ordinary suffering. But what was exceptional was the presence of something ubiquitous and British: Adele's plush yelp. When I looked again there were quite a few lads staring into the middle distance.



Believe it or not – and given our situation at the moment it really can be difficult to believe – there are some things more important than rugby. Without intending to become melodramatic, we did something more important than beating Cornwall Hill or losing to Paarl. Quite a few of the guys knew that before we went, and I think we all do now.

And, if you happen to visit Soweto and see a few kids running around in ridiculously oversized LWC rugby jerseys, give them a wave. But if you see a bright pink number twelve Soweto touch jersey, watch your inside shoulder. His step is a thing of beauty. *Callum*

THIRD MATCH V ST JOHN'S

That memorable trip to help coach the children who lived in the township provided a reminder of just how privileged we are, with crowds of children fighting to get shirts and shorts. We left Soweto with a sense of perspective that we took into the biggest game of our lives, St John's College on a Saturday in front of crowds exceeding 11,000. Huddled together, listening to the largest crowd we had ever and will most likely ever play in front of, was a highly emotional and unforgettable moment that will stay with us forever. In an incredible performance, the team showed the spirit that had carried us through many previous encounters, leading the hosts till the final few minutes of the game. However, a late try denied us a win that would have been the greatest achieved over the years, leaving us dejected but proud. In retrospect, had we been more clinical, this was a game we should have won, the 8-5 result not reflecting how dominant we were at stages. *Toby*

THE FINAL MATCH V STANDARD BANK'S KLEIN NEDERBURG

BOYS WIN THEIR FINAL MATCH 41 -12!

First, it was the banners. A big picture of a scrum packing down, with St John's and Standard Bank written all over, was hanging

from a fence. Our matches are usually announced in assembly. Secondly, it was the dining hall. Comparisons were made to Harry Potter, and disappointment voiced that the ceiling didn't reflect the weather conditions outside. Our dining hall – lovely as it is, and beautiful and plentiful and all round wonderful as the food Mr Jones conjures within it is – hasn't got a vaulted ceiling.

Thirdly, it was the opposition. They were thick jawed, thick bearded and even more thickly legged. Our opposition often has bigger hearts than biceps, bless them.

Fourthly, and finally it was the big screen. There was a big screen above the pitch, and stands large enough to hold ten thousand. I'm not even going to bother comparing. Rugby is on a slightly bigger scale out here.

'We were born and rais-s-s-ed in a, summer ha-z-z-e Bound by the surprise of our gl-o-o-ry days.'

A heavily distorted Adele was bellowing out from a van, parked by the side of the pitch. The team was scattered over a grassed bank. Some passed balls, some talked. The sun – it was now past midday – was beginning to relax down from its hottest peak. *Callum*

This match was to be the last time many of us pulled on Wandsworth colours and the team displayed its quality, playing free flowing and expansive rugby to crush the opposition. Gathered round on the pitch following victory, this was a fitting and highly emotional end to both the tour and many LWC rugby careers. *Toby*

Callum Cant and Toby Ward (2012 Hazelveare)



It's a small world...

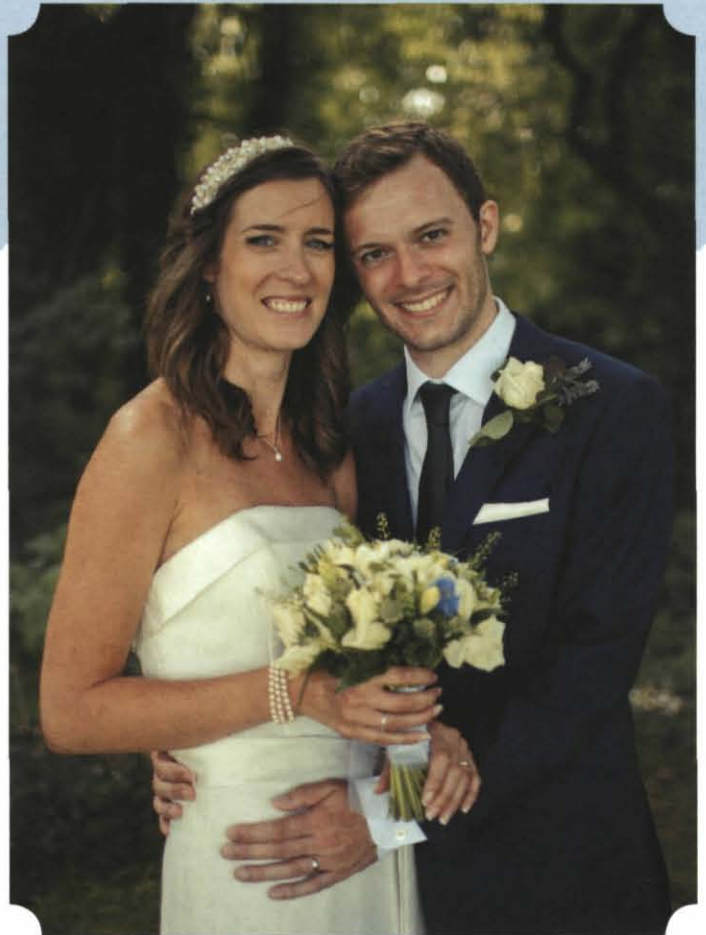
After a miserable August, September 1st 2012 dawned sunny and bright for the wedding of Nick Vivyan and Sally Eastcott. A unique wedding, because both of them are the grandchildren of Sternians.

Sally, from Swanage, is the granddaughter of Glenn Eastcott 0275, aged 91, who was at Lord Wandsworth College from 1933 to 1939. Glenn was a pharmacist in Bicester who retired to Swanage to be close to his son Nick Eastcott, a hospital administrator and his daughter in law Alison, a teacher. Glenn now lives in a care home in Swanage.



Nick Vivyan's maternal grandfather is Jim Allen 0173, also a student at Lord Wandsworth College (1930-36). Jim is now 93 and lives independently in Keynsham near Bristol where he still maintains a lively interest in writing his memoirs, poetry, sport, current affairs and community and church life. He was an industrial librarian at Mardon Son & Hall, later part of Imperial Tobacco. Jim had two sons and a daughter, Liz. Liz met her husband Doug at Exeter University and their first son Nick was brought up in Nottingham.

Nick and Sally met as undergraduate students at the London School of Economics ten years ago; he was studying Government



and History, and Sally, International Relations. Nick now lectures in Political Science at Durham University and Sally is the Director of Afrikids, a Ghana based child rights organisation.

It was not until relatively recently that they became aware of their grandfathers' common educational heritage. At their wedding Sally's father paid tribute to the positive influences both Sternians, Glenn and Jim, had had on their grandchildren.

Liz Vivyan

The Rev

I'm not at all sure how it all came about, but I was accepted for ordination training in July 2006 and signed up to the STETS ordination training course, studying through local tutorials with regular training weekends down in Salisbury over three years. It was hard work writing all those theological essays, much harder than the marking other students' attempts at Classics essays (!!), but I managed to meet all my deadlines (yay!) and completed the course, as well as juggling Latin, Piano and Violin teaching, and the Hellings clan.

As a result, I was priested in Winchester Cathedral in July 2009, so 'Reverend Tara' served as Curate in the parish of Alton, and I then was appointed Vicar of Crondall and Ewshot starting just before Christmas 2012. Life has been really busy since we arrived- I have met lots of new people, but have also bumped into a number of local Sternians, rather taller and more mature than I remember! What a wonderfully small world!

Tara Hellings (former academic staff (1991-2001) and Housemistress at Gosden (1997-99))



→ News from the Staff Room

SALVETE

GARETH PEARSON joins us as Deputy Head from January 2013 from Wellington College where he was a housemaster and teacher of mathematics. He is a qualified rugby and tennis coach and an experienced military trainer. Gareth is married with two small children.



JACKIE DAVIES joined us as Assistant Head, Academic in September from Hethersell Old Hall School where she was Deputy Head. She teaches chemistry and has a keen interest in music and sport. Jackie's daughter Jess, has also joined us in Junior.

JAMES HINE also joins us in January as Head of Junior and teacher of history from Downsend Preparatory School in Leatherhead. James enjoys cricket, squash and golf and is married with two children.



ALISON FISHER has joined us as an Additional Language Teacher from Barrow Hills. She is an enthusiastic hockey player and coach, has a passion for music and singing and has three little boys. Alison is a Gosden tutor.

EMILY HAGGER came into the English department from Burlington Danes Academy in London. Emily is a professionally trained dancer, singer and actress, and marathon runner so well equipped to work at LWC! She is a tutor at Park.

HOLLY HUNTER has joined us as Art Teacher and Artist in Residence and is very familiar with the boarding school experience as her parents used to run a boarding house. She is a tutor at Junior.

BEVERLEY LANE is teaching mathematics and joined us from Badminton School in Bristol. She keeps fit by skiing, hill walking and running and has twin daughters who have joined us in the 4th form. Bev is a tutor at Haygate.

VINCENT MURTAGH has joined the Chemistry department and School House as a tutor with a PhD and over fifteen years research experience. He is a keen footballer and photographer.

AHMED MUSLEH used to teach biology at the ACS International School in Cobham before coming to LWC in September. He also enjoys football and many other sports, particularly sailing and once spent six months as a member of a round the world ocean racing team. Ahmed is a tutor at Hazelveare.

WEBSTER RICHARDSON joined us from the Gloucester area in the Design and Technology department. He is an assistant Scout Leader and has a wide variety of interests and hobbies. Webster is a School House tutor.

We also welcome JUSTIN SCHOENFELD who joined us as Language Assistant for a year from Hamburg in Germany. He enjoys music and is a welcome trombone player in the school band. Donna McPhee has joined DT part time from City of Portsmouth Girls' School.

VALETE

DAVID IBBOTSON is covered elsewhere in this magazine.

TRACY JOHNSON joined LWC in 2007 as Deputy Head with responsibility for Pastoral Care and Discipline. Tracy is a great administrator as well as a teacher. She has extensive knowledge of good practice in boarding schools and guided the College through two ISI boarding inspections. Through her 'Listening Ear' program, older pupils have become positive role models and helpers for younger pupils. Tracy taught physics and was very popular with her girls, helping them grasp a subject so traditionally dominated by boys. She has also taken a leading role in tutoring some of the more challenging pupils, with great success. Tracy has taken up the headship of Gateways School in Leeds and we will miss her colourful shoes!

CATHERINE ASHURST (*nee Bell*) joined the MFL department in 2009 and quickly became known for her love of all things Hispanic, organising trips to Spain and regular film evenings. She was a tutor at Junior and heavily involved with hockey. Catherine goes to resume her studies and we wish her well.

SIMON MATTHEWS took over the mantle at Junior House from Mike Featherstone on his retirement in 2006 and he and Catherine

quickly established a great family atmosphere in the house. He taught history at all levels very effectively (who can forget those legs in tights and that evil moustache on Tudor Banquet evenings) and reinvigorated Junior level sport at LWC with all members of the house being involved in one team or another, so that they are well prepared for the rigours of sport in the senior school. Simon has also been instrumental in the establishment of the Saturday morning activities for Juniors where his enthusiasm was infectious.

CATHERINE MATTHEWS came to the Design and Technology department three years ago to teach textiles. During that time, she introduced the subject to many pupils who had no idea they would enjoy it so much. Catherine is a gifted teacher, and we wish her, Simon and their Sternian sons, Michael and Jacob, the best of luck at Bromsgrove.

MONICA SINCLAIR-SMITH came to LWC in 2005 and quickly established herself as a key member of the Art department. She has developed print making and photography and forged strong links with Junior House pupils, both as a teacher and resident tutor and latterly with Gosden. She will be greatly missed but we wish her all the best with her new appointment as Head of Ceramics at Bryanston.

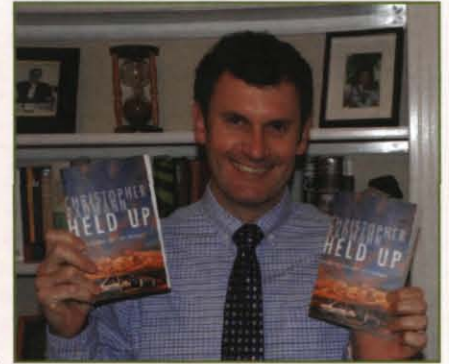
TESS ST CLAIR-FORD was only with us for two years but such was her impact at LWC, it seems longer. English and Drama teacher, founder of the weekly Creative Writing Club, Toastmaster supporter, consultant to LWC News, netball and tennis coach, Gosden tutor, not to mention her editorship of The Sower, all undertaken with her trademark good humour, she will be much missed. We wish her well at The Harrodian in South London.



CHARLES WYNDHAM came to the Design and Technology department in 2007 and quickly became hugely popular. He was a fantastic resident tutor at School House and involved himself completely with LWC life. Nothing was ever too much trouble for Charlie and he was always willing to help out at Sternian events. He ran football here very successfully, coached rugby and cricket and don't let's get started on his fishing trips. He returns to his native Norfolk,



appropriately to Wymondham College. We also said good bye to LUKAS GUNTHER who was our German Assistant for 2011/12, Tracey Joad who taught Economics part time, Jane Bailey who taught Biology for a year and is now going to teach skiing and Sarah Clinton who was Head of Junior Science for a year. Our best wishes to them all.



Finally, don't forget to look out for Head of English, 6th Form and Enrichment, CHRISTOPHER RADMANN'S novel 'Held Up', published by Headline Review. 'Held Up' is set in South Africa and is described as a tense crime thriller centred on a father who young child is kidnapped and the transformation he undergoes when facing the raw emotions of fatherhood. His publishers have described Chris as a "brilliantly talented new writer".

Gill Kelly

The Sternians Trust Fund

The Fund's primary objective is to ensure that those who enter upon their education at Lord Wandsworth College do not have that gift taken away from them through an adverse change in financial circumstances. Grants are made towards fees, with priority for supporting pupils in their examination terms. The policy is to make grants out of investment income, with donations being invested to increase income.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2012:

- Assistance was given to one pupil, for the year to Summer 2013
- Donations amounted to £14,000
- Investment income increased to £21,500 against £18,100 in 2011
- Total funds at the year end rose to £526,700 from £464,200 at the end of 2011

It was perhaps surprising that only one pupil was helped in 2012. The grant of £3,000 per term from the autumn term was the lowest in any year since 2007. That year was, however, followed by three years when a total of 10 pupils were assisted with fees; the incidence of applications for assistance is unpredictable but there is reason to expect that they will increase in the future. In the 10 years from 2003 to 2012, grants totalled over £100,000.

2012 did not benefit from a major legacy, after the Cutner legacy in 2010-11, but funds rose by over £62,000 through donations, undistributed investment income and an appreciation of £30,000 in the market value of investments. In times of falling yields on investments, it is good to be able to report that the Fund's investment income has remained at over 4% on the seven funds in which the money is invested. Nevertheless, in relation to senior fees of £19,000-27,000 pa currently, an investment income of about £22,000 pa does not look a lot. We need many more regular donations (only £10,000, including tax recovery, in 2012 from about 70 donors) to make sure that we can keep pace with rising fees. It is a disappointment that the centenary year of 2012 did not produce any appreciable increase in supporters.

Summary of the accounts

(subject to independent examination of 2012)

£'000	2012	2011
Income:		
Donations including tax recovery	12.0	18.3
Legacy	2.0	50.0
Investment income	21.5	18.1
	35.5	86.4
Expenditure:		
Grants	3.0	9.0
Trustees' expenses	0.2	0.3
	3.2	9.3
Surplus	32.3	77.1
Gain/loss in market value of investments		-11.9
Increase in funds	30.2	65.2
Funds at start of year	464.2	399.0
Funds at end of year	526.7	464.2

Hugh Podger -

Chairman of Trustees
January 2013

Trustees:

Chairman Hugh Podger
Honorary Secretary Edward Walker, Honorary Treasurer Paul Richings, Clive Butler, Richard Janaway, Ray Coop (up to June 2012), Dudley Lewis, Richard Saunders, Independent Examiner Ben Forman

STERNIANS' ASSOCIATION AGM

Saturday 26th May 2012 at Lord Wandsworth College

1. Welcome and apologies: Clare Datta (Chairman) welcomed the members. 39 members attended the AGM. Apologies were received from Scott Harrower (Treasurer), Richard Gribble and Melvyn Sanders who were unavoidably absent. Their apologies were accepted. The Chairman also asked those present who were not full members to identify themselves for the record.

2. Minutes of the 2011 AGM (published in The Sternian 2011): These were available for inspection. They were approved by the meeting and would be signed by the Chairman when possible as an accurate account of the meeting.

3. Births, Deaths and Marriages: The Chairman read a list of deceased Sternians which had been notified since the last AGM (to be published in The Sternian).

4. Ratification of Constitution: The Chairman gave thanks to all who had submitted comments on the draft revised Constitution. Special thanks were given to Hugh Podger and Clive Butler for the time and effort they had invested.

Concern was raised over additional point 3(b)vi (the right of full members to vote by proxy, either electronically or by post) in terms of the additional financial cost of postage and the extra time it might take to count postal and/or electronic votes.

It was noted by Hugh Podger that the proxy votes could be sent out with the Sternian magazine which would avoid additional costs. Ed Walker stated that a member of the College staff could be called upon to count the votes if need be. The Chairman put forward the view that this type of voting is a way to engage with the younger Sternian and is the best possible democratic position for the Association in the future.

The inclusion of point 3(b)vi in the Constitution was agreed by 19 votes for, 1 against.

Peter Anderson proposed the inclusion of supporting the Foundation as one of the Aims and Objectives of the Sternians' Association. He voiced that the school has come on leaps and bounds but that he was disappointed that only 10% of pupils are Foundations.

The inclusion of a specific reference to supporting the Foundation in the Aims and Objectives was agreed by majority vote. It was agreed that the Committee draft the wording for approval at the next AGM.

The inclusion of Section 3(d)ii which refers to the rights and privileges of Former parents was agreed by all. The additions to point 4(b) were approved by all.

The inclusion of point 6(h) was passed by 18 for and 1 against.

5. Treasurer's Report

In the Treasurer's absence, the Chairman gave an overview of the accounts and budget. Members were informed that Scott Harrower came on board as Treasurer in July 2011 and that he is a Chartered Accountant with Morgan Stanley.

The Chairman gave a vote of thanks to Hugh Podger and other members of the accounts working group which were Hugh Podger, Clive Butler, Ian Ellis and Bob Hunt for their help with the accounts after the last AGM. A fully coded system has now been implemented and is working well. The 2012/13 budget showed a deficit of £3,286 which is mainly due

to an increase in Royal Mail costs. However, Gill Kelly has sourced a mailing house which has offered significant cost reductions on this year's Sternians magazine (£4,900 budgeted, reduced to £2,700). The budget will therefore be revised based on these figures.

Ed Walker (Staff Liaison Member) reported that he had spoken to the Bursar about the budget for next year and the need for more funds to accommodate the rise in costs. He explained that unfortunately, the Bursar could not increase the funds but will bear this in mind for future.

6. Trust Fund Report

Hugh Podger (Trust Fund Chairman) explained to members that the Trust Fund supports pupils whose families have fallen on difficult financial times by contributing to fees in critical examination years (fifth form and upper sixth).

Hugh thanked Paul Richings, Peter Booth, Ben Forman and the other Trustees for their contribution over the past year and thanked Gill Kelly and Kate Chernyshov, (Development Director) for all of their behind the scenes support.

Hugh reported that the current fees vary from £18,240 for a junior day pupil to £27,090 for a senior full boarder. He highlighted that this is high compared with the Trust Fund's yearly interest of £18,100, which is used to give assistance.

The Trust Fund has grown considerably over the past year largely due to the £135,000 legacy received from Arnold Cutner which increased the annual return by £5k (one third).

A recent plea for donations resulted in only 8 regular annual donors in addition to the 62 donors already secured. This added just under £400 to the investment income. Hugh appealed for further regular supporters.

Hugh pointed out that the accounts shown on page 48 of the recent Sternian magazine were in fact incorrect due to a printing mix-up.

Ed Walker voiced his sincere appreciation for the Trust Fund having seen several pupils assisted through the scheme.

A member queried whether donations are tax deductible if your place of living is the USA. Hugh Podger confirmed that UK based tax payers could gift aid their donations but suggested that any members living outside of the UK check the rules with the local taxation office.

Chris Worsley asked whether it is possible to target those who had previously received support from the Trust Fund for donations. Hugh Podger confirmed that this is something that the Trust Fund Board of Trustees would like to do, but plans for it had been put on hold in the changeover of staff from Peter Booth to Ed Walker. This approach will be revisited.

Nick Brittain asked whether it is better to place funds with the Trust Fund or the Foundation. Clive Butler, a member of the Trust Fund Board of Trustees, admitted he was slightly biased, but suggested that as the Trust Funds assists parents who have fallen on hard times with the margin of fees, that the School actually ends up better off this way.

A vote of thanks was given to Hugh Podger and the other members of the Trust Fund Board of Trustees for their hard work and dedication over the past year.

7. Chairman's Report

As ever it has been a very busy year for the Sternians' Association as a whole and for its many members.

The Chairman gave a brief summary in a chronological order starting from the first event after the last AGM.

The Committee have met more regularly this year which has brought greater benefits and involvement. Gill Kelly, the Sternians Administrator, continues to do a wonderful job organizing so many of the events.

Hugh Podger suggested that anyone wishing to get involved with the mountaineering club should contact David Minnikin.

A vote of thanks was given to Gill Kelly (Sternians Administrator) for her hard work over the past year.

A vote of thanks was given to Clare Datta (Chairman) for her sterling efforts as Chairman over the past three years in office.

8. Officers for Election

Chairman: Clare Datta was standing down as Chairman having served the maximum three year term. Chris Huffam (A700), who left LWC in 1970 and has been involved in the Sternians' Executive Committee for the past 12 years as Regalia Officer, was proposed by Chris Gibbs, seconded by Hugh Podger and elected.

Vice-Chairman: Chris Gibbs was proposed by Brian Reeve and seconded by Chris Worsley and elected.

Secretary: Vicky Macleod was proposed by Hugh Podger and seconded by Ed Walker and re-elected.

Treasurer: Scott Harrower was proposed by Nick Brittain and seconded by John Bacon and re-elected.

Staff Liaison: Ed Walker was re-elected.

Trust Fund Representative: Dudley Lewis was re-elected.

Independent Examiner: Ben Forman was elected.

Archivist: Guy Butchers was elected.

Regalia: Chris Huffam was re-elected.

Chris Worsley was re-elected as a General Member of the Executive Committee. The outgoing Chairman reported that several other Sternians had voiced interest in joining the Committee and that they may be appointed in time.

Registrar: Graham Barnes was proposed by Brian Reeve and seconded by David Wagstaff, but not elected to position with 9 votes against, 9 votes for and the remaining votes abstentions.

The following were voted by all as Vice Presidents:

Ed Coetzer, Head of Sutton House, was elected.

Dave Machin, was re-elected.

Soma Singh, was elected.

Ed Walker, was re-elected.

Any Other Business

Brian Reeve queried the costs of the website. The outgoing Chairman explained that these was for maintenance and website support. Brian asked about timescales for uploading news and information, as he was keen that photos from Charles Elsdon appear on the site and had noticed that they were not there as yet. The Secretary offered to check that this upload happened asap.

Bob Hunt proposed a vote of thanks to Gill Kelly and Kate Chernyshov for all of their wonderful work, particularly in a year in which Gill had been recovering from illness.

The Bournemouth Reunion raised £295 for the Sternian Trust Fund and £270 for the Foundation.

The outgoing Chairman thanked members for their attendance and contributions and closed the meeting.

Officers of the Association

President

Sir Humphrey Prideaux OBE DL

Executive Committee

Chairman	Chris Huffam
Vice Chairman	Chris Gibbs
Hon. Secretary	Vicky Macleod
Treasurer	Scott Harrower
Regalia	Chris Huffam
Reunion Secretary	Chris Gibbs
Archivist	Guy Butchers
Sternian Editor	Gill Kelly
Trust Fund	Dudley Lewis
Member	Chris Worsley
Staff Liaison/Development	Edward Walker
Administrator	Gill Kelly
Independent Examiner	Ben Forman

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Tennis	Richard Kimber 01256 860338
Netball	Laura Pick 01256 860361

Vice Presidents

(Elected for 3 years. Maximum 12 in number, to be elected at the AGM).

Elected June 2012

Edward Walker (June 2015) Dave Machin (June 2015)
Eduard Coetzer (June 2015) Soma Singh (June 2015)

Elected June 2011

Richard Janaway (June 2014) Fergus Livingstone (June 2014)

Elected June 2010

Tony Eysele (June 2013) Richard Kimber (June 2013)

The Sternians Mountaineering Club

Officers:

President	Hugh Podger
Chairman	Gordon Pitt
Hon. Secretary	Peter Everall
Hon. Treasurer	David Minnikin
Meet Secretary	David Minnikin



Making the Most of 2012

As a Modern Languages student at Durham University, I am lucky enough to have the opportunity to take a year out of my studies to travel abroad and improve my language skills whilst absorbing a foreign culture and expanding my horizons. So you would think after 6 months spent working at Disneyland Paris followed by 4 months working in the Intercontinental Paris Le Grand Hotel in central Paris and finally a month studying in Florence, Italy I would be looking forward to a long relaxing summer before embarking on my dreaded final year at university? No, not me.



After a few weeks at home, I began my job at The Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships as a Retail Assistant in one of the many kiosks located around the club. As a team of three girls in the smallest kiosk next to Court 1 with a great view of Murray Mound (or Henman Hill if you prefer) we began our fourteen days of selling tennis ball key rings, championship towels and mini rackets. Of course this job had its perks: seeing tennis players and celebrities walk past, getting to watch tennis during our long lunch breaks and being a part of the amazing atmosphere that is Wimbledon. The fact that it was the first time a British man had made it to a Men's Wimbledon Final for 74 years



was just the icing on the cake. So despite the extensive commute up the A3 from Church Crookham and the long hours, the job has brought me more memories and friends than any other job I've procured over the years. And just a week later I would actually be able to top that experience....



It all began in 2010 when my mother suggested that we sign up to be Games Makers for the London 2012 Olympic & Paralympic Games. Not really knowing what this entailed I finished my application in 20 minutes and forgot all about it. Then two years later in January 2012, as I was taking the busy Paris metro from work to my little apartment in the 7th arrondissement, I received a phone call which startled me so much that I fell up the stairs of the metro station. I was being offered by LOCOG (London Organising Committee for the Olympic & Paralympic Games) a role as an NOC Assistant working alongside a French speaking team of athletes and officials within the Athletes' Village. I then embarked on a 5 month training programme involving at least one trip a month from Paris to London to learn about the Arrivals & Departures System, how they could buy a bigger TV for their flats, and, most importantly, how to drive THOSE BMWs.

Finally on 14th June 2012 I put on that unmistakeable uniform and headed on the Javelin to the Athletes' Village for my first shift to work with Team Togo alongside 3 other Games Makers. They were a small team with more coaches and



dignitaries than athletes but so friendly and welcoming, I even became a sort of maman to the 13 year old swimmer Rebecca (the youngest athlete in the entire Games). We were fortunate in our role that no day was ever the same: from acting as athletes in the rehearsal for the Opening Ceremony to showing the athletes around Buckingham Palace. Of course this meant some flexibility on our part: I remember having to get a taxi to the Village at 4am to drive their star athlete Benjamin Boukpeti to the airport. However, it wasn't all

working at crazy hours, we were lucky enough to watch some incredible sport, including tennis, diving, canoe slalom and athletics. Being in the Village was special too: seeing world class athletes at their most relaxed, meeting the Duke & Duchess of Cambridge and Prince Harry, and trying to remain calm when Tom Daley and Rebecca Adlington walked by. But enough name dropping. It was an utter privilege and a once in a lifetime opportunity to be a part of such an extraordinary event and to meet such amazing people from all cultures, ages and backgrounds. It was essentially my experience from the Olympics that made me choose at the last minute to do the Paralympics as well, this time working with Belgium, and saw what obstacles they have overcome to pursue their dreams. They truly are 'superhuman'.



So after an incredible and hectic summer, I returned to Durham for my final year with none of my student loan remaining, but the memories and friends I have made were my salary. The thanks from strangers in the street for all my hard work made the long hours worth it and the standing ovation we Games Makers received during the Closing Ceremonies brought tears to my eyes. It was an honour to represent the Great British public and I hope that the Games have inspired many of us to do more volunteer work and to be proud of what our nation has achieved; I certainly am.

Laura Holden (2008 Park)

The Headmaster wonders if he appointed the right team?!





