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In September, we embarked on the academic year with renewed direction and enthusiasm. By January, news reached us of a mysterious virus afflicting a city in a distant country. By 20 March 2020, that virus was somewhat closer to home and our doors were shut. A tale of thwarted energy and ambition, of education set on hold? Not at all, for through the spring, Framlingham College embraced, in the most remarkable way, the possibilities of Remote Learning. We adapted to our new circumstances, learnt, talked and stayed connected. Kitchens became classrooms.

It wasn't our school in the fullest sense, how could it be? But it was an inspiring demonstration of resilience, creativity and determination from both staff and pupils, spanning nearly every aspect our College's being, from the academic, to the theatrical, musical, artistic, sporting, and even culinary!

For some, Remote Learning came easily, for others it was difficult. Our public exam candidates suffered the most, with the awarding of grades a process racked by confusion and doubt. As individuals and as a community, we faced unexpected challenge and adversity, but true to our newly-published 'Vision 2025', we lived our lives through the values of Perseverance, Integrity, Courage, Kindness, Aspiration, and Respect.

This issue of the Framlinghamian is a true reflection of this most extraordinary year. Moreover, it is a celebration of all the people who breathe life, energy and laughter into the Framlingham College community.

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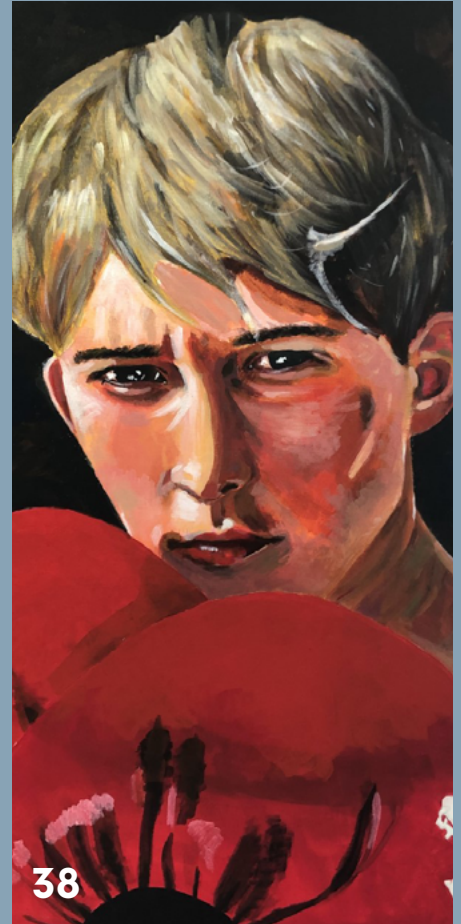
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THE PRINCIPAL'S VIRTUAL SPEECH DAY

Why is it, when we recall our school days, we rarely think of sitting examinations?

Our memories are much more likely to be of those surprising and defining moments of friendship, of the teacher with whom we found a true connection, of that particularly glorious sun-and-shadow streaked afternoon on the cricket pitch, of being poised nervously waiting in the wings for our cue; perhaps they of the final, rain-sodden steps of a Gold DofE expedition, or of collecting a prize on speech day, or of that lingering feeling of warmth and familiarity from the day-to-day life in your House. These are the things that we remember, because these are the things that form and shape who we are.

Parents, on the other hand, think of how their children grew, and the uniform bill that went with it, and the maturity they acquired, how they learnt to carry themselves, shake hands with confidence, hold an adult conversation, show gratitude rather than teenage entitlement. We teachers remember the immature boy who finally became a responsible young man, the shy Year 9 girl who left school a confident and composed young woman, the awkward teenager who discovered his love for music and never looked back, the carefree daughter who eventually found her focus in science and chose medicine as her career.

We might not dwell on them fondly, but examinations are an important part of the learning process.

Our Year 11s and 13s deserved the opportunity to prove themselves in their examinations, to demonstrate what they knew and their skill in articulating it. I share the frustration they must feel after months of revision. I take heart that

they will receive the qualifications they worked for and from the character and resilience they, and indeed all of our pupils, have shown in the face of the pandemic. That character has been forged, at least in part, at Framlingham, in the hundreds of ways in which we prompt, nurture and encourage our pupils to grow, mature and make memories. I am proud of them.

How can you learn if you don't make mistakes? How can you have good judgement if you have never made a bad decision? How can you problem solve if you have never been puzzled? How can you be determined if you have never been knocked back? How can you enjoy success when you have never dealt with failure? Winston Churchill once said that success is stumbling from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm. Making mistakes and bad decisions, being puzzled and knocked back, dealing with failure is crucial if we want to keep learning.

I believe that each of our young people - your children - can be proud of their own individual learning journey this year.

There will have been high points and low points, times when things just clicked and times when they have struggled. And it is in those moments of difficulty that they will have learned the most. When you learn from your mistakes, you are a little less fearful the next time around. We want to develop in our pupils is a curiosity about the world, a spirit of enquiry and a willingness to take risks that takes them further in their reading, their questioning or their research. An intellectual curiosity that leads them to ask questions like:

What are the implications on society of asking 'Are we Cyborgs'?



This was the title of Ronnie Beale's Extended Project Qualification. If we ever needed an example of curiosity and inquiry, here it is. The EPQ has taken Framlinghamians on many varied and fascinating journeys: from Eliza Bowditch's study 'The Elephant in the Room: A Study of Plastic Waste in the Orthopaedic Operating Theatre' to Ben Chapman's 'How can the Management Techniques of Different Personality Types in Sport be used to Good Effect in the Business World?' The EPQ allows you to probe and delve into one particular topic in great detail – why wouldn't you want to do this?!

Poetry by Heart was a terrific competition that challenged many pupils to explore poetry and develop their public speaking skills. An outstanding performance by Year 10 pupil Ruby Boddy saw her not only win the school competition but go on to become the Suffolk Poetry by Heart winner.

Debate and discussion are at the heart of intellectual enrichment.

Our Mock Election hustings were at times raucous, always opinionated and highlighted how articulate our pupils can be. Having an active interest and awareness in the global political landscape is vital and this year, 13 pupils

represented the College at Model United Nations events in Geneva and The Hague. I am delighted that we have at least 12 pupils who have chosen to study our newly introduced Government and Politics A Level in September.

Our Business BTEC pupils entered the Student Investec Challenge, in which over 6000 teams compete to manage a portfolio of shares for a 3-month period. 500 teams moved to the semi-finals (3 from Framlingham) and one of our teams reached the final, one of only 8 teams nationally to do so - a terrific achievement.

Success takes many different forms: Raziya Isse and Millie Crewe received offers from Oxford University for PPE and Biomedical Sciences, respectively. Raziya and Millie are fine examples of what can be achieved through ambition and hard work. I am equally proud of the Year 12 pupils who retook their Maths and English GCSEs. It takes an inspiring gutsiness and determination to re-sit a GCSE in Year 12.

I love singing hymns in Chapel, not least because voices together are so uplifting. Lucy Bloore, in her role as Director of Music, fills the school with the joy of music every day. Music at Framlingham is both inclusive and ambitious. The Autumn Concert had phenomenal percussion, a ukulele band, and local school children joining our singers for an Andrew Lloyd Webber tribute. Our choir has been on tour

to Italy, our Carol Service included the inaugural staff choir, and our BTEC musicians performed their gig in the HPT – just some of the musical highlights this year.

The hugely entertaining 'One Man, Two Guvnors' revealed the depth of dramatic talent that we have in our pupil - and indeed staff - body. Oliver Moore was outstanding as the lead, handling audience interactions like a true professional and showing real comic talent and timing in his delivery. Robert Monaghan displayed a mastery of physical comedy in his performance as Alfie, but my Olivier Award goes to Mrs Biggs, who, night after night, had the questionable pleasure of being hidden under a lamp shade and soaked by fire extinguisher foam. It was hilarious.

We have many talented artists, as you will have seen in our captivating virtual Art exhibitions.

The regional Anna Airy exhibition earlier this year featured Fine Art from our many Year 13 Artists, as well as sculptures, paintings and textiles. Filmmaker & photographer, Jake Mermagen, has had his work used in national advertising campaigns for Hotel Chocolat, and more recently Bullards Gin - two of my favourite things funnily enough! Jake has also been shortlisted for the Norwich University of the Arts "Beyond the Frame" competition. Jake sets a fine example as someone who has embraced all areas of school life – sport, music, the arts – and does so in an understated and humble way. He is one to watch for the future.

Mr Myers-Allen loves statistics, especially when it comes to the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards. Rightly so, with so much to celebrate - 177 Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards this year. Out of more than 1000 schools in the Central Region we were 7th in awards received. And, as Mr Myers-Allen will say, per capita we are undoubtedly at the top. A brilliant achievement for all our pupils and my thanks to all the staff who make this possible.

Being able to pick yourself up when the chips are down is not easy. Being able to pick others up when you are up against it, is even harder. Sport, of all things, teaches you how crucial it is to do exactly that. Our pupils work hard, they are committed and they don't give up, either on themselves or each other. As a result, we have achieved extraordinary things both collectively and individually in the world of sport.

Highlights include the U18 and U15 rugby squads on tour in Europe. Taylor Hein-Jones and Jake Mermagen were

both selected for the England Independent Schools' Lambs National XV. The U16 Rugby 7s team reached the final of the Uppingham School 7s, beating much larger schools en route. The 1st XV team had a tough season, but the score lines didn't reflect the commitment, camaraderie and spirit that the boys displayed week in, week out. Always gentlemen, always gracious in defeat, never deterred for long.

In Hockey, our U18 Girls' Hockey team finished as joint National Champions in the England Hockey Investec Schools' Championships (Tier 1). We did not have the pleasure of beating Repton in the final due to the pandemic, but our girls were incredible throughout, and in a similar vein, our U14 Girls' Hockey secured a bronze medal at the England Hockey Investec Schools' Championships (Tier 1).

For an athlete to achieve national recognition requires not just talent, but also the most remarkable dedication. We congratulate Georgie Gardens, Olivia Buchanan, Ollie Jusz and Daisy Ford for selection for their respective England Hockey teams. Will Lamprell won the bronze medal in the shot at the England Athletics Indoor Championships and additionally has been chosen to train with the Northampton Saints U18 squad next year, two years young.

It is a huge regret that we are not able to celebrate similar achievements in cricket, as I know there would have been, and I think in particular of those Year 13 pupils denied a final season not just upon the Back, but in so many other ways, too.

This year, we say goodbye to several long-standing members of staff: our sports pitches and grounds have been tended and loved by Barry Meadows for 29 years; Sue Carr has been the much-loved Matron in Stradbroke for 23 years. Both Sue and Barry retire this year and we thank them for their magnificent service to the school. Sue Hobson joined the school in 1996 and has been a truly inspirational Head of Psychology. Karina Cavalcanti has been Head of ESL for 20 years, during which time she has celebrated the countries, cultures and languages of our overseas pupils with great enthusiasm, ensuring that all feel supported and valued. Clive Norton retires after 24 years. He has been Deputy Head Academic and has taught Maths and is a teacher with high expectations and a wry sense of humour. Also retiring this year are Julia Tye from Maths and Kate Caiger from French. Mitch Turner leaves us to go to Finborough and Diane Duchene returns to France after a year as our French Assistante. Tom Caston has been our Deputy Head, Pastoral for the last five years and he leaves us to take up the Headship of MPW in Cambridge. Many

pupils have benefitted from Tom's empathic, child-centred and committed approach to pastoral care. The pupils of MPW are lucky to have him as their Head.

We wish all our staff leavers happiness and fulfilment in the adventures that await them.

And to our Year 13 leavers, I wish you fulfilment and happiness in all that you do. Your school days are in theory your best days, but I believe the best is always yet to come. What you leave with is, I hope, a strong sense of yourselves, a confidence to face challenges head on, the wisdom to make good decisions, warmth in your hearts, and gratitude for all you have met and for all that you have experienced. When Abraham Lincoln's son started school, he wrote to his son's teachers asking them to teach his son certain values. He wanted his son to know that for every enemy there is a friend, for every scoundrel there is a hero, for every crooked politician there is a dedicated leader. He wanted him to learn how to lose gracefully and to avoid envy, to laugh when he was sad and to know that there is no shame in tears. He wanted him to have faith in his own ideas, even if everyone told him he was wrong, to learn not to follow the crowd, and never to put a price tag on his heart and soul. Have the courage to be impatient and the patience to be brave. I hope that as leavers, you too have learned these things.

And now is the time to take those experiences and use them to make a difference in the world.

There have been many things lost or left unfinished as a result of the pandemic, and all of you in some way will have felt this loss. Whether personal to you, or a shared disappointment amongst friends, I know that we have all had to let things go, or put things on hold, which is never easy.

On 20 March, Lockdown was enforced and we had to close our beloved buildings. As we stood in the cold upon the front for a final service, I felt the spirit of our community as you listened quietly, gave a half-decent rendition of Jerusalem, and in a frenzy of shrieking and stampeding embraced the joy of our Easter Egg hunt! Since then, Remote Learning has become, dare I say it, second nature. I know that you have continued to learn. Your kitchen or your dining room has become your classroom. You've connected with your teachers in a different way – a positive

way – as barriers have been broken down and new levels of understanding reached.

You have continued to question - albeit by pressing the raise-your-hand icon - you've discussed – albeit in the chat bar – and you've achieved. And my word you've been so creative – you've found a joy in making things, in being outside, in cooking, in photography, gardening, building, singing, and in dozens of other ways. It is at this point, if we were together, that I would ask you all to give each other a round of applause – you, your teachers and your parents. Without the enthusiasm, patience, open-mindedness and adaptability of us all, I am not sure how well things would have gone.

We've had virtual art exhibitions, virtual concerts, short films, Come Dine with Me. We've had assemblies, staff songs and chapels, messages of kindness and support. We've been treated to interviews as part of our Inspire! series, we've had motivational talks from our parents, giving us an insight into the world of buying stocks and shares or being an entrepreneur. Year 12s have had University Days and have started to think about what to study at university and where. We have been introduced to new staff through interviews and webinars, we've had virtual Open Mornings... in fact nothing seems impossible now that we are living in a virtual world.

And yet. Something is not right.

Human beings need physical contact. We need to look one another in the eye, sense how others feel, respond to their body language, pick up on the subtleties of our communication. It just isn't possible through a screen. We need to be physically present with each other, and without it, we are not quite whole.

Every corner of this school is crying out for your footsteps, laughter, hustle and bustle. For life, in other words.

Gradually, we are getting there. The buildings are finding their purpose once again.

Roll on September, and a new academic year with a clear purpose, a clear direction and a clear vision.

Thank you.

MRS LOUISE NORTH
PRINCIPAL OF THE COLLEGE



GARRETT HOUSE

2019/20 was without doubt a very odd year, but not without its highlights for Garrett House!

As ever, there was a buzz of excitement about the new year and the opportunities that may arise. The boys gave their all for just short of two terms and acquitted themselves well in all house competitions.

The house was ably led by Nicolas Garcia Hernández, with Jack Taylor and Cam Cooke as his staunch Deputies. They were supported by Rob Monaghan as Senior Prefect as he was also Head Boy. As a team they worked very well together, which really benefited the house.

I take this opportunity to wish the class of 2020 the best of luck for the future; it was the oddest year in a generation with no exams at the end of it. The boys coped well in trying circumstances and I have no doubt they will do well in their next adventures, whether it be in the world of employment or University, or heading off for a Gap year. They have been good role models for the younger boys to look up to and I hope they strive to be the best they can possibly be!

JON SLAY
HOUSEMASTER





KERRISON HOUSE

Fortitude, resilience, kindness, integrity.

This has, and always will be, the Kerrison way. And, from my perspective, never has a group of boys demonstrated those values in such a remarkable fashion. Saying goodbye to the leavers was particularly hard and untimely this year. Being my first group of boys seen through from Year 9 to Year 13, it was with extraordinary poignancy that our virtual farewells took place. But such is the astonishing nature of the House and the boys that this did not overshadow the most incredible of concrete achievements. After longer than anyone can recall (and believe me, I have checked!), Kerrison was awarded the Stock Shield. An incredible effort by the boys in the most testing of times and a testament to everything they are; for what it's worth, pride doesn't even begin to cover it.

The unity, camaraderie and, above all, the spirit is unique to this House, to these brothers. Boys, families and the staff team pull together as one and with a singular vision underpinned by fortitude, resilience, kindness and integrity – it is a true honour to work with them all.

Trophies, however, like pandemics, are not permanent or what matter. It's people. Relationships. And therein lies the essence of my pride. To work with, support and watch a generation of Kerrisonians grow up is nothing short of a personal privilege.

We have come a long way in five years. Just imagine what we will achieve in the future.

#kerrisonpride #kerrisonbrothersforever

STEVEN FRENCH
HOUSEMASTER



MOREAU HOUSE

Moreau had an extraordinary year facing many changes and challenges, but our indomitable House spirit carried us through.

For the first 8 weeks, Mrs Cavalcanti stepped in to run all things Moreau, while Mrs Myers-Allen recovered from an operation. We had a new matron, Natalie Lees, new pastoral tutors, Miss Andres and Miss Green, and new prefects who were ably led by Head of House, Mini Dunham. Thanks to a lot of hard work and amazing teamwork the year got off to a seamless, cracking start. Moreau girls worked hard and, supported marvellously by their academic tutors, were rewarded with numerous academic commendations. Sports teams triumphed and there was plenty of fun to be had from week one with House Singing providing a focal point for fun and integration. House evenings were aplenty and brought us all together. As well as chilled film nights in common room we also enjoyed a cake decorating workshop, carving pumpkins, a visit from the Bodyshop, pancake feasts and dip days, pebble painting and arty-socials, and of course our Christmas Charity Raffle, raising money for the College Charity of the term. Christmas went eco-friendly with home-made decorations adorning the common room and a living tree donated by Emma Williamson, which we will bring in to House each year. When the time came to go into lockdown, we left the Moreau mallard, our adopted house mascot of the spring term, sitting on a clutch of eggs and guarding our HQ whilst Moreau girls dispersed and House spirit continued online, undeterred.

The summer term really made relationships with tutors and pastoral staff incredibly important and lockdown strengthened bonds between all involved. The support and feeling that we were all in it together became a comfort and we devised ways of having fun together whilst physically separated by miles. House events continued as we made cakes together, puzzled over quizzes and had craft nights making all sorts of things, and we even had younger siblings and families joining in. Every week we had a house assembly, with the majority of Moreau checking in and saying hello – you could hear and see the genuine excitement of girls waving from Armenia, Spain and Germany, and the feeling of being connected to the House and the campus was uplifting.

One standout moment for Moreau which brought a lump to many throats was Mini Dunham and Eliza Bowditch's initiative to continue with the House dance – we were all given a track and a mission to record a few seconds dancing to it. Mini and Eliza then compiled it into a video, which we played during a Wednesday assembly – it was so happy and a really positive boost for all of us.

HELEN MYERS-ALLEN
HOUSEMISTRESS





PEMBROKE HOUSE

The start of 2019-2020 was an exciting time as we sought to use this year to truly embed our sense of togetherness and build on our aspirations.

Starting the year's journey with us were 21 new girls, bringing with them goals and dreams which we looked forward to helping them nurture. Our international exchange students fitted in as well as they have ever done; some ultimately extending their stay into a second year which was just fantastic. We had families hosting them during exeats and at weekends just because they wanted to – because they loved the friendships they made in our multi-cultural community. That's the true extended Pembroke Family. House life buzzed and our House nights were fun and inclusive and included an array of events, from sparklers on Bonfire Night to Secret Santa at Christmas. It is not an understatement to say that the girls committed to absolutely everything they did this year; academically, on the sports field, on the stage, in concert and in friendships. Despite achieving an outstanding number of 1st places in various competitions - of which we are very proud - our true successes came in our ability to support each other. We created an environment where so many were willing to step up and try new things, to fill in the gaps, to take risks when, in reality, that 'thing' was completely new. That's brave. That's brilliant and that's what being in Pembroke is all about.

In the summer term, we were all forced to adapt due to COVID-19 and this saw an early realisation that it was more important than ever to keep connected.

- Remote House Assemblies were reinstated to occur every week (Wednesday morning) during remote learning. Most of these focused on well-being, managing our emotions and keeping the girls motivated and connected.

- We continued with our remote House events throughout lockdown. We had competitions 'offline' (baby photo competitions, visual quizzes, puzzles, reading recommendations, good news stories.) as well as 'online' events such as quizzes, scavenger hunts, google animals, bingo -all on a Wednesday evening every single week at 8pm for all to attend (including those overseas and their parents/families too if they wished).
- We celebrated our House Dinner remotely through a video montage.
- I wrote regularly to parents to tell them how proud I was of the girls and how special they all were.

No one could ever have anticipated that this year would include the closure of school buildings and switching to online learning in the summer term of 2020. However, whilst 2019-2020 will go down in history as one of the strangest we have all ever experienced, what I know more than ever is that we have an incredible community: The Pembroke Community. We all wondered what impact the virus and our new way of working may have on us but ultimately, neither COVID-19 nor lockdown meant there needed to be a change in our vision. In fact, it became even more important for us to keep in touch, for the girls to continue to do their best and to aspire to be the best they could be in order to ensure good mental health and academic, sporting or musical progress. Our motto shifted a little from #togetherness to become #TogetherApart. Whilst the buildings cried out for the buzz of the girls and their busy schedules, achievements and successes still continued and I was so proud of them all for how, in their individual ways, they navigated their own way through. They pushed and pushed for success, even when things were tough, and they were rewarded with the Douglas Shield once more; testimony to the fact that



the girls really did follow their vision to consolidate all that they had achieved previously. More important than winning that shield however, was the way the girls managed themselves during the period of remote learning and how they looked to help each other and proved themselves #TogetherApart.

One stand-out moment from the summer term was in response to our remote House Dinner video - our creative response to being unable to have our dinner in April this year. The video was posted on Facebook and a group of OF ex Pembroke girls from the previous Housemistress' times commented on what they saw. One comment struck me, "Paradise doing us proud!" I had no idea that Pembroke had that nickname but what a wonderful memory those girls had of being at school and in Pembroke. I really hope that is the same image and memory that our current girls are creating for themselves or have created. It touched me. I know that a community who look out for each other as Pembroke girls do is a rare thing to find but, whilst we are not perfect, we seem have it here. Buildings don't make a community, people do. And all of the girls, past and present, will always be a part of Pembroke.

Our key achievements (not exhaustive nor in any particular order) give a flavour of life in Pembroke House 2019-2020:

- We continued with our Pembroke Families to encourage vertical interaction across year groups in House and began to use them in House events, (like our games night).
- We added an electronic keyboard to the common room (on loan from my family for the duration I am HM) to encourage musical knowledge amongst the girls.
- We added NowTV (using 3-month vouchers) to the main common room to encourage movie nights at the weekend with the boarding girls.
- The girls requested biscuits at break in the common room through our forum, so we initiated this for them.
- We introduced specialists' teas in the kitchen: mint, chamomile, raspberry etc. to support mood and wellbeing.
- We introduced tear-off compliment slips in the entrance to foyer which the girls could share with a friend to boost their wellbeing.
- We introduced more regular House breakfasts of hot chocolate and croissants so that the girls had reason to get together and enjoy each other's company as a community.
- We continued with the '12 days of Pembroke Christmas'.
- We completed an anti-bullying questionnaire to find out what was really happening in House and appointed an anti-bullying ambassador who attended The Diana Award training.
- We reorganised the boots and bags rooms so that the girls grew to appreciate the spaces they had in House and so that the House could be kept as clean as possible – this encouraged them to take greater responsibility for the community in which they lived.
- We added more cutlery and glasses to the kitchen once more.
- We added more books to the Pembroke library on the ground floor and invited Pam Riley (Librarian) in to talk about books and reading to the girls.
- We were assigned a link nurse (Sally) to enhance relationships with the medical centre and encourage body positive discussions.
- We increased our communication with the SENCO in order to support girls who needed this.
- We introduced 'an evening with your HM at home' for year groups; fish and chips or a curry night depending on age/preference.
- House Assemblies had particular sub themes related to the overall #progress theme of the year.
- Remote House Assemblies were reinstated to occur every week (Wednesday morning) during remote learning. Most of these focused on well-being, managing our emotions and keeping the girls motivated and connected.
- We continued with our remote House events throughout lockdown. We had competitions 'offline' (baby photo competitions, visual quizzes etc.) as well as 'online' events such as quizzes, scavenger hunts, google animals, bingo etc. on a Wednesday evening at 8pm for all to attend (including wider families if they wished).
- Tutors kept in very close contact with the girls throughout lockdown and this made a huge difference to their progress. They were able to meet as a group and as individuals too.
- We celebrated our House Dinner remotely through a video montage.

KATY WILLIAMS

HOUSEMISTRESS



RENDLESHAM HOUSE

The first two terms of 2019-2020 were a lot of fun for the boys of Rendlesham House.

As ever, the year started well with the House Singing. The House belted out a slightly modified version of Wonderwall with gusto and Ronnie Beal worked wonders with the Part Song boys to produce a brilliant acapella version of 'Can You Feel The Love Tonight' – one of the best Part Song performances the House has ever produced.

The highlight of the first term was the victory in the Senior Rugby in the mud of Dickson's. Two straightforward wins over Garrett and Stradbroke were followed by a showdown with a strong Kerrison team. After going behind, the boys rallied brilliantly to win 10-5; a win made all the more impressive by the make-up of our squad being over 50% Year 11 boys.

The House Dinner was a great success this year, with a fantastic speech being delivered by guest speaker Julian Manyon, former ITN War correspondent, detailing his remarkable experiences as the only British reporter in Argentina during the Falklands conflict.

Our time in school ended in March with a feeling of what might have been, given that all our strongest inter-House sports (hockey, cricket, golf, tennis, sports day) didn't happen! However, we made the most of the time that we had in 2019-20 and I am extremely grateful to the boys of the Upper Sixth – in particular, Head of House, Sam Ponty – for the leadership they showed and the example they set.

MARK LAVERY
HOUSEMASTER



STRADBROKE HOUSE

Little did I know what was in store for the House and the College in this year, but I did know that this would be my last year as Stradbroke Housemaster after 13 years at the helm.

Having spent 17 years in total in Stradbroke House, its blood runs through my veins, and the rich experiences I have enjoyed looking after all the boys who have been in my care have shaped the person I am today. Over the years, the boys have risen to all the challenges presented to them and having failed to win the Stocks Shield in 36 years, the boys went on to win it for the 7th year in a row! I could not have been prouder to have led such a phenomenal House.

Our new Year 9 students were a fantastic bunch, and we were blessed with a beautiful sunny afternoon for their induction. We made a good start to the term, ably led by Eddie Darley and Adam Knight, and enjoyed taking part in the House competitions, walking away victors in the House squash and Steeps competition.

Telling the boys that this was my last year as Housemaster was tough but we were lucky and blessed to be able to hold our House Dinner on Saturday 7th March, only thirteen days before schools were shut. Some very special guests were able to attend the evening, including my very first Head of House, Nikko Cheung.

It was a wonderful evening to wish the boys farewell and wish them all the best on their onward journey with a new Housemaster. Mr Dan Falvey was appointed, and I am sure he will lead the House phenomenally well. I wish him all the very best too.

BERNARD DYER
HOUSEMASTER





VICTORIA HOUSE



Victoria House started the year off with a fantastic win in the Main Song category in the House Singing competition, with all the girls putting in a tremendous amount of effort to pull it off.

As well as this, we celebrated coming third in the Part Song category and winning Senior House badminton.

Unfortunately, we didn't get a chance to prove our dancing skills at this year's house dance, even though the girls had already started working so hard on that (well done Livi and Eliza). We also didn't get to show the rest of our sporting and academic potential due to COVID-19, however the Vic spirit still remains. This year's speech day was one that really showed our academic side with a terrific 40 prizes awarded to the girls - a fabulous achievement.

We were very fortunate for our house dinner to have fallen at the beginning of the year, as it meant that we were able to

enjoy a wonderful evening in each other's company. A space-themed night created an atmosphere that I will remember forever.

I'm extremely happy to have been a part of such a special house for the past 5 years, it really has been a home away from home. We have to thank all of the fantastic staff that supported us and without whom the house would fall apart. Sadly, we didn't get to end our year in the way we would have hoped but I am so grateful that everyone is safe and still supporting each other through these uncertain times.

Congratulations to Cara as new Head of House, as well as the other Vic prefects, Martha, Alice, and Rose. Carry on having fun and keeping the Vic spirit high. Keep making Ms. Alvis proud - you certainly made me proud.

MARY ALVIS
HOUSEMISTRESS



CHARITY

Robert Monaghan took the Charity Committee to new heights with brilliant leadership and enthusiasm. The committee also recruited a cohort of Year 12 students, further bolstering numbers and generating fresh ideas – ‘guessing the sweets in a sweet jar’, being the most talked about, if not the most successful.

Such leadership and commitment was reflected in the Charity Chapel where students, using the KJV of the Bible passage from 1 Corinthians 13, reminded us that the word LOVE is best translated as ‘Charity’.

“Where there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. But Charity never faileth.”

Such love was evident in the numerous ventures to raise funds – such as Home Clothes Day, Christmas Jumper Day, Candy Cane sales and in the various chapel collections. Charlie Kent put forward an excellent proposal that we support the ‘Help for Heroes’ charity and the committee did well to raise some £2000 for that cause. But it was the address given by a member of the staff, Jeanette Thomson, that will never be forgotten. Having recently lost her husband Brian, who was also a legendary member of the support staff, she made a bid that we collect funds for the St Elizabeth’s hospice in Ipswich. With Xavier and the Stradbroke boys in support, it was a deeply moving chapel and the community responded by raising over £2000.

With the onset of lockdown, the more practical endeavours of the committee were placed on hold, but not before the committee, supported by Mrs North, performed one final hurrah – with an Easter Egg hunt on the last day before lockdown. With many Upper Sixth facing an end to their school career that was more a whimper than a bang, this event proved to generate a great deal of community spirit and reflected the ‘Love’ so beautifully expressed in the 1 Corinthians passage.

REV. BRYNN BAYMAN

CHAPLAIN



CHAPLAIN

“Then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves”

PHILIPPIANS 2

As we started the New Academic Year under fresh leadership, this passage from Philippians was supported with a sense of optimism. New beginnings bring opportunity for wisdom, fresh enthusiasm, and guidance. All these attributes were evident in the sermons by Mrs North as she took the helm. This was further complimented with chapel talks from sages such as Mr Boatman, Dr Noble, Mr Salisbury and the Chaplain. But it was the voice of the students that seemed to ring fresh and true. Millie Crew outlined her vision for renewed vigour in saving our planet and James Cowell (as Pastoral Prefect) took his role to heart. James illustrated with his life and example that we all have the capacity to evolve from a “grumpy teen” to a mature spiritual leader and inspiration to his peers. His numerous sermons, worship, and ability to sell Christianity with enthusiasm and contemporary appeal will be long remembered in the College.

The Church calendar was as vibrant as ever with a very well attended Harvest Service in St Michaels and then a luncheon up at the College, where many in the community had their first chance to meet Mrs North. Remembrance Service and the Carol Service were both conducted in the Chapel to a full congregation and a wonderful sense of commonality. A commonality enthusiastically expressed in the final Chapel of 2019 and a rendition of the twelve days of Christmas, like never before.



Bill Rimmer

The Confirmation Service of 2020 proved to be a ‘tour de force’ with a packed congregation, twenty-three Confirmands and wonderful music from the Choir. It also proved to be the very last service and large school event before COVID-19 Lockdown. Miraculously there were no negative health implications from the service, considering some 150 members of the congregation partook in the Eucharist, with Bishop Martin presiding.

As the pandemic took hold, the Community spirit and need for Chapel life became even more apparent. Regular weekly worship and sermons continued all through lockdown and our community remained united, supported, and even entertained – most notably by Eddie, Mrs North’s dog and Rev B’s garden shed and greenhouse.

If the lockdown taught us as a community one lesson above all else, it was the power we already possess as a community with a resilience to weather the pandemic. It seems only fitting that St Edmundsbury is both our patron and the patron saint of pandemics. As a College and as a Community we are in very good hands.

REV. BRYNN BAYMAN

CHAPLAIN





NEW PHAB CLUB AT FRAMLINGHAM COLLEGE

THE ONLY ONE IN SUFFOLK!

Phab Club is a national organisation founded in 1957, which is all about 'bringing people together of all abilities on equal terms to make more of life together - breaking down community barriers, reducing social isolation, and creating opportunities for disabled people to enjoy the same activities and challenges as non-disabled people, side by side'.

We are thrilled to announce that the College Phab Club welcomed its first guests from the local community on Wednesday, 26th February. The magic of the occasion is summed up by Year 11 pupil, Lottie Rowland:

'To say we were excited is an understatement. A few weeks of hard planning resulted in us spending a wonderful hour and a half with two lovely sisters and their Mum. We had some drinks and biscuits, whilst chatting to the many adult Phab Club supporters that had come from far and wide to be with us. To 'break the ice' we made name badges before decorating Rose's specially home-baked sugar biscuits, an activity which was as messy as it was delicious! Being so caught up in the moment, we couldn't believe how quickly the time had flown by. At the end, we were all sad to see our new friends go, but a promise of a return means the group still has much to look forward to.'





Inspired and supported throughout by distinguished O.F., Chris Sneath, M.B.E., Janine Williams (National Development Manager) and various other aficionados, our Phab journey began in earnest back in September 2019. Preliminary preparations included a number of visits and presentations, most notably a trip to the House of Lords for Phab's Volunteer Awards, where we were treated to the wisdom and charm of Phab's Vice President, Baroness Campbell of Surbiton... as well as some particularly fine scones, clotted cream and strawberry jam! Since then, we have recruited a team of College pupils whole-heartedly committed to the realisation of a programme designed to be of profound benefit for all; pupils with caring personalities, and eager to bring their creative ideas and positive energy to our Club. As Year 12 pupil, Rose Dorber, observes:

'Being a part of the College Phab Club will allow me to give back to the community in so many ways, but most importantly, working with our guests and seeing them interacting with the activities we plan will be inspiring for everyone.'



A 'remote' Youth Club for
Teens with and without
disabilities available on ZOOM
from Framlingham College!

'Virtual' Phab Club



Available on WEDNESDAY afternoons from 4.15-5.30pm on ZOOM from SEPTEMBER 30th, with further meetings on: 7th October; 4th & 18th November and 2nd December 2020. 'Virtual' Phab Club offers a fun and safe environment where teenagers with and without disabilities can get creative and socialise, without fear of compromising COVID-19 restrictions. Activities to include a Phabulous Quiz, Character Bingo, Name that Tune, Show and Tell, The Scribble online Pictionary game and many more...

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Phab inspires and supports children and adults
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The Club is based in the **Sixth Form Centre** and is held every other **Wednesday afternoon, from 4.15 - 5.30pm**. Volunteers ('Hosts') meet every Wednesday to plan and work out the types of activities that might amuse our 'Guests' e.g. arts & crafts, music, board games, puzzles, table tennis and computer games.

Not surprisingly, the number of guests has already grown significantly, but if you know of anyone in the locality who might benefit from joining us, do please let **Janine Williams** know (tel. 01825 749826 or 07910 556588).

MARK ROBINSON

DEPUTY HEAD (CO-CURRICULAR) | HISTORY



CAREERS

The year started with an event targeted at Year 10s. About 60 students attended, and they talked in small groups to parents and staff about their respective careers.

The 5-minute bell forcing them to move onto the next person meant the conversations were short, intense and focused. Careers on display included Law, Business, Property and Engineering, but more importantly there was a general theme which pervaded all conversations – finding a good career is all about finding what excites you.

The well-established Year 12 careers trip to London was a COVID-19 casualty, but the summer term provided opportunities for some exciting innovations in our careers provision. Year 12 interviews took place over Teams, which gave another dimension to the experience. The usual skills of

good communication and strong eye-contact were still hugely relevant, but the students also needed to consider elements like the backdrop and lighting, and, of course, deal with inevitable IT issues. As our world changes, the ability to present oneself positively in this type of setting will only grow in significance. The parents and governors who conducted the interviews were very complimentary about the students, and we are hugely grateful to them for the time and professionalism they gave to the process.

We were also able to bring more universities directly to Year 12s. A day was dedicated to university applications with guidance on the application process and advice on writing personal statements. Students were also able to hear from different universities about more specific course areas. A representative from Falmouth spoke about art-related courses and a lecturer from UEA gave insight into humanities courses. Leeds, Loughborough, Sheffield and Nottingham Trent also



led workshops, and it was extremely useful to hear directly from subject specialists at these universities and be able to ask them questions: another innovation which will continue beyond COVID-19.

Careers talks were taken to a new level during lockdown with the implementation of the Inspire! series of interviews. The idea was to unite and stimulate the whole College community by hearing from people, both the famous and the less well-known, who have had interesting careers and experiences. Our guests gave us an exciting mix of inspiration, motivation and perhaps even comfort. Sean Dyche, manager of Burnley FC, spoke not only about his career but about the challenges of looking after players during lockdown, while Tabitha Goldstaub spoke powerfully about her career in the Artificial Intelligence industry and, perhaps more importantly, informed our female pupils that areas previously dominated by men are now open to women too.

Achievements were varied, but the key theme was hard work and the pursuit of personal satisfaction – Dara Nasr is the Managing Director of Twitter UK, Stuart Watts rowed across the Atlantic with three friends, and Andy Halliday is the Team Manager for England and GB men's hockey. It was good to hear from those connected with the College as well. Geraldine Buckingham was a gap student in 1996 and is now Senior Managing Director for BlackRock in Hong Kong. OFs played an important part. Daisy Cooper (P97-99) is now the Liberal Democrat MP for St Albans, Imogen Slaughter (V92-94) is an actor, and David Bull (Z80-87) has experience as a medic, a TV presenter and as an entrepreneur. In the dark times of lockdown these conversations were a welcome escape for students, staff and parents.

CATHERINE CRANMER

ASSISTANT HEAD OF SIXTH FORM

ACADEMIC MATTERS

Despite school closure from March onwards and the various restrictions that continue to influence our lessons, there is still much to celebrate about the 2019/20 academic year, perhaps more than ever.

Teachers and pupils showed amazing resilience and adaptability as we moved to online lessons and, whilst there will never be a substitute for being in a classroom, our academic programmes continued to be delivered in a highly purposeful manner. Examination results were very encouraging with 70% of A Level Grades at A*- B and 48% of GCSE Grades at 9-7 (A*/A). Our BTEC programme continues to flourish with 63% of grades at D*D* to DD (A*A* to AA).

Outstanding performances were achieved by Year 13 students Eliza Bowditch, Millie Crewe, Rufus Easey, Beth Farrow and Will Gladwell who were all awarded three A* Grades. There were also outstanding performances at GCSE by Year 11 students with Christina Wehmeyer and Rebecca Yardy achieving eleven and ten Grade 9s respectively. There were many other fine performances which deserve to be celebrated and the very large majority of our pupils achieved their targets at Sixth Form and GCSE. Our talented and creative teaching staff also deserve congratulations for the significant part they play in inspiring and supporting our pupils on a daily basis. 2020 saw the retirement of two longstanding Heads of Department in Karina Cavalcanti (ESL) and Sue Hobson (Psychology), and we wish them every happiness in the next stage of their lives.

DAVID ASHTON

DEPUTY HEAD (ACADEMIC)

What changed with regards to the teaching of your subject/ activity as a result of COVID-19?

The biggest change was adjusting to teaching lessons via Teams for all departments during the school closure.

1

Which (change) made the greatest impact?

Teachers really missed seeing pupils and the buzz of the classroom.

2

What will you hold on to post the pandemic?

We have learnt a lot more about how we can use technology as part of our teaching and other professional activities.

3

4. What was the one stand-out moment from the Summer Term?

Hearing parents and pupils praise teachers for how well they adjusted to teaching in a remote fashion.

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5. Did the pupils teach you anything through lockdown?

Pupils showed us how resilient and adaptable they can be.

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MUN AND STUDENT LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Last year, pupils from Years 11, 12 and 13 attended two different conferences: MUN in The Hague and The Student League of Nations in Geneva. Both of these are incredible opportunities for pupils in so many ways. Academically, pupils represent a different country or council with the responsibility to speak on behalf of their country or body at the conference.

Preparation in terms of research makes the whole experience far more worthwhile and of course broadens their horizons even further. The conference itself is modelled on the UN and in the case of Geneva, located in the UN building. Socially, pupils are able to meet a truly international group of people, brush up on their language skills and debate at a high level if they so wish. It is the most fantastic blend of cultural and political exposure with the added bonus of travel and adventure.

GERALDINE CLARKE

ENGLISH | HISTORY | HEAD OF ACADEMIC STAFF DEVELOPMENT

ENGLISH

In November, our Year 9s were 9th in the UK for their scores in the Wordmania competition – a fantastic result.

The FC Year 11 English Literature Essay Prize saw Lottie R crowned as winner with Daisy F and Rebecca Y as runners-up. Our Y13s also attended the English and Media Centre conference again and were really impressed by poet Raymond Antrobus's incisive contributions in particular; his acerbic but heartfelt poetry really struck a chord.

Our Senior School 'Poetry by Heart' competition final was as competitive as ever and Ruby B was a deserved winner. Ruby recorded videos of her recitals for the Regional Competition and found out in May that she was the County Champion too!

In January, Year 10 and Year 12 were fortunate enough to take part in acting coach Simon Bridge's Shakespeare masterclasses – it was wonderful to see the whole of Year 10 up and moving and engaging with *Romeo and Juliet* as performance as well as text. At Framlingham College, we really value these opportunities to be challenged, stretched and engaged and the event was a perfect mix of the highbrow and the accessible.

Even though we were not on site for the Summer Term, the Year 9 Detective Story Competition continued and saw Jonty W emerge as a worthy winner. Fortunately, the written word is something which can (with relative ease) transcend COVID-19 and a bit of enforced time can always be spent profitably if you have a book...

MR L GOLDSMITH
HEAD OF ENGLISH



Essay prize trio



During Y10 session



PBH final



MATHS

2020 has brought new challenges to educating our students in the art of Mathematics.

The department really came into its own with our use of OneNote and self-marking exercises that we could monitor remotely: our students were used to using websites and online resources that allowed for immediate feedback from the other side of the screen. Whilst we missed having the students in the classroom, we are incredibly proud of the effort shown and the progress made with our pupils.

Our Year 13 and Year 11 pupils worked particularly hard, and many were disappointed not to show off their skills under proper examination conditions. This hard work was not forgotten, and the results of our students are testament to their positive attitude and perseverance. Particular congratulations must go to Rufus Easey who achieved A*s in both Mathematics and Further Mathematics.

Before the lockdown, Framlingham students benefitted from the variety of trips and extra-curricular maths on offer. In November, Year 10 pupils went to Trinity Park for a day of enriching activities, problems and lectures that inspired and entertained. Highlights included the Dragon problem solving competition, the Columbus Cube stacking challenge, and the 'Mathematical Mistakes' talk by Emily Grossman, which explored previously believed 'truths' of "left-handed people have a shorter life expectancy" and other questions.

Maths Inspiration lectures have remained a highlight for our Further Mathematicians, who went to Cambridge in December for the event. Important questions such as: "What



is the Mathematics of juggling?" and "Are you as powerful as a kettle?" were presented with humour, passion, and precision. During the summer holidays, Maths Inspiration moved online to "Virtual Inspiration talks", with Years 8, 9, and 10 having the opportunity to attend. The lectures explored mathematical curiosities from the world of music, sport, games and lotteries. None of our students won prizes from these 'lotteries', but that - mathematically speaking - was to be expected.

UKMT continue to provide us with engaging Mathematics puzzles to get all year groups thinking.

- In the Intermediate Maths Challenge conducted in February, 5 students celebrated Gold awards (Charlie Alabaster, George Peal, James Tennant, Louis Francis-Smith and Ming Ho Tse), along with 7 Silver awards and 24 Bronze awards.
- The Senior Maths Challenge was more testing this year; however, Framlingham students came away with 5 Silver awards (Gaby Antoci, Eddie Darley, Adam Knight, Will Gladwell, Jevons Chan and Connor Slater) and 6 Bronze awards.
- Our annual highlight of the Year 8 & 9 Regional Maths Challenge brought one of the final large events in early March, with 25 different school participating from across the county. The rounds of cross number, shuttle, group task and relay allowed students to practice teamwork and problem solving.

We look forward to another year of reasoning, logic, and mathematical conundrums.

HELEN MCCARTNEY
HEAD OF MATHEMATICS

SCIENCE

The extraordinary events of 2020 threatened to have a lasting effect on the future careers of many of our Year 13 Scientists, but thankfully the abandoned algorithm and U-turn over exam results meant that the most able and enthusiastic group of A level students that we have had for many years were able to achieve the grades they thoroughly deserved.

It was fantastic (and a huge relief!) to see Millie Crewe and Will Gladwell achieve A* grades in both Biology and Chemistry – they have been outstanding students throughout their time at the College. Millie goes to Oxford University to study Biomedical Sciences and Will to Exeter to study Natural Sciences. There were many excellent grades, and congratulations also go to many others, including Sam Ponty (off to study Medicine), Rufus Easey (Computer Science and Artificial intelligence), Nic Garcia (Biological Sciences) Beth Farrow (Genetics), Adam Knight (Chemical and Nuclear Engineering), and Gaby Antoci (our HMC scholar, whose hard work and determination set an excellent example that others were inspired to follow). It was a privilege to have been able to teach these students. Not only did they work hard up to the end of their A level courses, but they also engaged enthusiastically in pre-university courses on topics such as Medicinal Chemistry. Sam even attended a lesson online while at the same time shopping for a self-isolating neighbour! I would also like to personally thank all the teachers in the Science Department for their great efforts, often in tricky circumstances, in helping these students achieve their very best.



We were also delighted to have an excellent Year 11 cohort of students. It was particularly revealing that, even though the government had already announced the cancellation of exams, students in Year 11 remained focused and worked hard during lockdown. They also showed great engagement in their pre-A level starter courses during May and June. As a whole they achieved such good mock exam results that it made allocating summer grades more straightforward. Special mention must go to the exceptional work of Rebecca Yardy and Christine Wehmeyer, but there were many other budding young scientists hot on their heels.

In the Spring term, Y12 Biologists studied for a day at Babraham Molecular Biology Research Institute (see attached photo) and, while in lockdown, undertook a “MOOC” (massive open online course) through the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine on the SARS-Cov2 virus.

DR RICHARD HIGGINS

HEAD OF SCIENCE | HEAD OF CHEMISTRY | SENIOR ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATOR



HISTORY

Just think. ‘Zoom’, ‘Remote Learning’, and ‘the R-number’ will one day become ‘historical’ concepts to be analysed and evaluated by intrepid Framlingham scholars of the future.

The oft-quoted idea that we are ‘living through History’ sometimes seems trite, but who can argue with its resonance in 2020.

None of this, however, curtailed the many opportunities and achievements of our pupils. Pre-lockdown highlights included a visit to the Sixth Form History Society from Mr John Bridges, who provided a remarkable insight into life in Framlingham during the Second World War, regaling us with tales of valour, subterfuge, romance and mishap. His book, ‘A Suffolk Town in Wartime’, revealed the conversion of Framlingham into a veritable Devil’s garden of tank traps, landmines, sticky bombs and ambush points ready to welcome any invading German.

The next Society event was the visit of Wendy Holden and Holocaust survivor Eva Clarke to discuss the incredible story of Eva’s birth on the way to Mauthausen concentration camp in 1945. Wendy’s book ‘Born Survivors’ tells the story of Eva’s mother and two other young Jewish mothers as they attempted to keep their pregnancies secret from German guards.

Although Year 9 pupils were disappointed to miss out on the WW1 Battlefields residential, during lockdown they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Encouraged to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day by rustling something up from wartime recipes, they were inspired by Mr Robinson’s suggestion of a Woolton Pizza Pie to create a plethora of other wartime delicacies.

Mr Marvell encouraged his Year 10 pupils to indulge in some Elizabethan portraiture. Our very own Sir Francis Walsingham and Mary Queen of Scots lookalikes could quite easily secure positions at Kentwell Hall.



Year 12 pupils worked hard online and began their projects. They have enthusiastically immersed themselves in topics as varied as The Russian Revolution, troubles in Ireland, US Civil Rights, British colonialism in Africa and the development of the American West.

In June, Year 11 pupils attended pre-A Level sessions online to prepare them for the Germany 1871-1991 and Tudor courses and Year 13 pupils enjoyed pre-university seminars on Victorian terrorism, the French Wars of Religion and Framlingham’s Tudor heritage.

Who knows, future Framlingham scholars may identify some elements of that wartime spirit, so eloquently described by Mr Bridges, in the determination of the class of 2020 to Keep Calm and Carry On.

JOHN MOORE

HEAD OF HISTORY



This year has emphasised the importance of Geography for the world, and the unexpected consequences that increased levels of globalisation can bring.

Our reliance on foreign supply chains, travel and imports has shown how globally connected our economy is. The pandemic has also highlighted global inequalities and the startling impact of poor governance on a population's ability to cope. All horrendous to live through, but relevant to increasing our geographical understanding of the world.

Most year groups managed to investigate different topics in the field before lockdown this year. Year 10 travelled to Felixstowe to explore how coastal management has changed over time, Year 9 returned to Great Yarmouth to measure the impact of tourism and decline, and Year 11 visited Norwich to study the sustainability of the city centre. Year 12 also visited Reading for their yearly residential trip; all the trips ensued without incident and the pupils gained a deeper geographical understanding of the topics being studied.

The Geography Society met in each half term before lockdown; the first meeting involved pupils being introduced to the Bank of England and Financial Times competition to write an article about "The environment, the global economy and climate change".

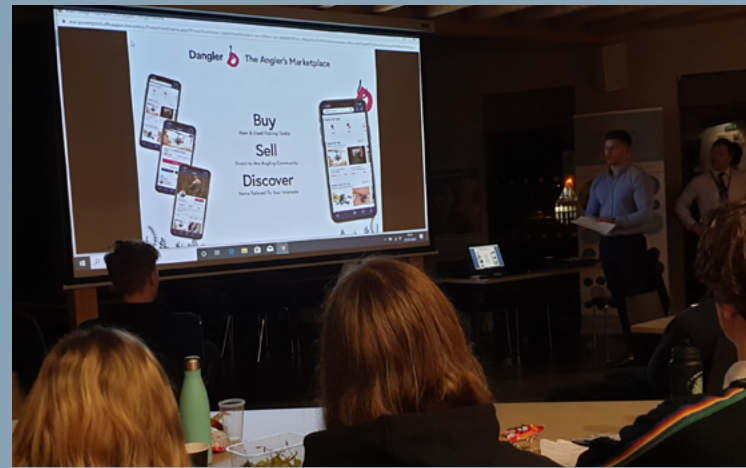
In November we welcomed Rachel Lambert and Jane Rodens, Area Planning and Enforcement Officers for East Suffolk Council, to introduce the pupils to the world of planning.

In our final talk, Paddy Bishopp came to speak about how entrepreneurialism can be encouraged in rural areas through programmes such as 'Shout About Suffolk' and how this can aim to halt rural decline.

Three pupils have gone on to study Geography at University this year and we wish them all the best in their future studies.

We also say a fond farewell to Mr Caston and thank him for all his work in the department over the years, his excellent teaching, and his unfailing support of the pupils.

EDWARD NEWMAN
HEAD OF GEOGRAPHY



COMPUTER SCIENCE

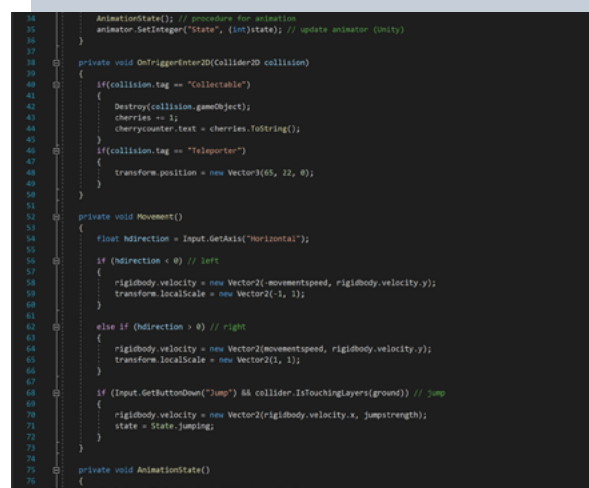
After another summer of successful results, the Computer Science department kicked off the year by looking into programming and algorithms across all year groups.

After 4 years at the school, it is exciting to see our pupils across a variety of ages becoming confident and competent coders. The scholarship programme is well established and we witnessed the development of an excellent object-oriented simulator model by David Wills this year, which was magnificent. Our A Level pupils attended a day event programming robotic simulations at BT Adastral Park, which broadened their understanding of the course. The Computer Science department also welcomed a BTEC qualification to

our suite of curriculum offerings, which saw the completion of lots of practical projects including video games, websites and the building of a bespoke desktop PC. Owing to the closure of schools we were unable to make our annual trip to the Computer Science Museum and attend the Scratch Off Competition. However, we moved all teaching online and a stand-out moment was the amazing Apps that some Year 9 pupils produced using App Lab. Our GCSE and A Level pupils completed independent programming projects during the remote learning period, which truly dropped them in at the deep end; many excelled under the difficult circumstances.

JOHN HARROD

DIRECTOR OF COMPUTER SCIENCE



PSYCHOLOGY

The beginning of the Psychology course consisted of a variety of topics, and starting with Social Influence sparked an interest for many pupils due to the range of sub-sections, research studies, and in-class activities such as mind maps.

The booklets provided encouraged pupils to be clear about their learning as they were building revision material at the same time as learning the course. In addition, the structure of the lessons and resources given helped pupils immerse themselves in their learning, as they could read ahead and prepare for the lessons. Filling in the current booklet helped consolidate ideas and highlighted the topics one was less or more confident with.

The combination of learning Social Influence alongside Ethics and Approaches helped build an overall understanding and was useful in being able to apply one to the other. Furthermore, the real-life application of the Memory topic drove the pupils to learn more and be interested in the research and findings. Research methods, which is a vital aspect of the Psychology course, allowed pupils to truly grasp what Psychology as a subject is, thus underpinning the study of the other topics.

As there were no formal mock examinations in the Summer term, we finished our scheduled topics earlier than planned. This allowed the end of the term to be focused on widening our knowledge around Psychology and exploring aspects we could not have if the mocks examinations were still happening, which helped to motivate the pupils through online school.

HOLLY STEPHENS

HEAD OF PSYCHOLOGY



BUSINESS & ECONOMICS



The introduction of BTEC Business, along with our existing offering of A level Economics and A level Business, has meant that it has been a busy year.

The ever-changing economic and business landscape in which we live has meant that lessons have been easily applied to current affairs, with Brexit and COVID-19 being a great source of discussion and debate. A highlight for the BTEC pupils was that they were further able to apply their knowledge to local businesses. In an exam in January, they were able to produce a marketing plan for Suffolk Escape Rooms following a trip there and extensive research on the industry. This resulted in some excellent exam results.

Business has also come alive on an extra-curricular basis, with Dragons Den and Business Challenge activities for Year 10 and Year 11 respectively. The 'Tycoon' competition carried on from the successes of last year, with four companies being granted loans from the Peter Jones Foundation. This has meant that pupils have started their very own enterprises selling

mints, scrunchies, metal straws and scrap books.

However, trading was put on hold due to COVID-19.

The Business and Economics Society once again had some excellent talks given by parents with topics including: globalisation; real estate; wealth management; insurance; logistics; and career progression within business.

The major highlight of the year was the College's performance in 'The London Institute of Banking & Finance Investor Challenge'. Titanic Investments, (Theo Salsby, Ben Sunderland, Arthur O'Toole and Tom Crothers), made the final of the UK-wide school Stock Market Challenge in which 36,860 pupils traded in 9847 teams of four from 996 schools. Of these, Titanic Investments were one of only 8 teams to make it to the final and managed to finish in 3rd place overall. This was a huge achievement and one that they should be very proud of.

MIKE MILNE

HEAD OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS



MODERN LANGUAGES

CLICK AND TYPE

In a very unusual academic year, we had some highlights.

On 26th September 2019, to mark the European Day of Languages, Mr Dyer and Mr Sedeño took A Level College pupils to spend the morning at the Prep School where they assisted with French and Spanish lessons. Our international pupils also gave us a taste of Russian, Slovak, Romanian and Armenian language and culture.

In October, we enjoyed a tapas evening at 'The Lemon Tree' with the Year 11, 12 & 13 Spanish pupils. Back at the College, the Spanish Film Society watched "Motorcycle Diaries" a biopic based on the life of Che Guevara – both events were very well attended.

In February, our Year 8 & 9 Spanish pupils enjoyed a morning out to Woodbridge School to see the Spanish play "Primera Cita...", a very humorous play about a teenage couple organising their first date!

The Languages Department took part in the regional MFL, 'Have Your Say' role play competition. Connie Henriques and James Tenant were due to represent Spanish for Year 9. Will Lamprell, Finlay Bloore, Ollie Pearson-Smith and Henry Moore were due to represent Spanish for Year 10, and Tabby Walker and Bella Vendy were due to represent French for Year 11. At the Prep School, Mr Wade and Mrs Sedeño also prepared pairs from Year 7 & 8 French & Spanish classes. Everyone was very excited about the event scheduled to take place in



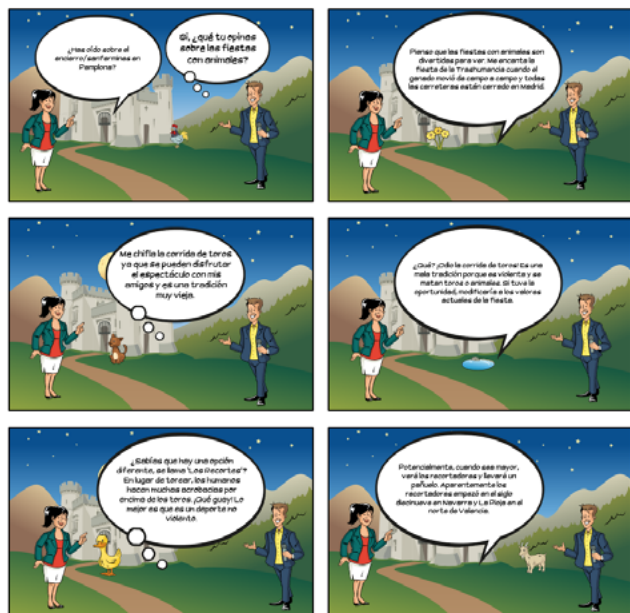
Colchester in March, but unfortunately it had to be cancelled due to COVID-19.

And then, remote learning started, and we must praise our pupils for their hard work and commitment in languages. They did a variety of activities, from creating comics to recording videos. We did some tasty tapas cooking and many of them enjoyed making the "Tarta de Santiago" at home as we can see in these photos.

Finally, our congratulations go to the A Level and GCSE language pupils who, despite the challenging circumstances, achieved excellent grades.

JUAN SEDEÑO
HEAD OF SPANISH

LAS FIESTAS CON ANIMALES



RS AND PHILOSOPHY

September 2019 was the positive start to an academic year that was to surprise us all.

We had determined as a department that RS and Philosophy were curriculum subjects that could help to equip our pupils in identifying values to live by and to assist them in coping with uncertainty. We had also resolved also as a department to make more use of One Note and other digital resources. The unfolding year was to give us good reason to succeed in both endeavours. One highlight during the school-based learning in the Spring term was our highly stimulating visit to Ely Cathedral where we considered the Cathedral's role as a witness to faith and its expression in art. It is likely that this trip on March 1st was one of the last educational excursions before lockdown was applied.

The second significant excursion of the year was our adventure into the challenging world of remote teaching and digital communication. Many pupils discovered during this time how vital self-motivation was to their success. It was a challenge to engage rigorously with a class of disembodied voices, but we had many thought-provoking lessons nevertheless. We explored moral issues such as the desire for a Utopian world and how human nature contributes to it, and philosophical topics such as whether the mind is in fact just the brain. If there is one thing the pupils taught us during these months, it is that a pupil with a yearning to learn has an advantage over their peers.

PETER GILES

HEAD OF PHILOSOPHY & RELIGIOUS STUDIES



PE



What a year! The PE Department, however, tried their utmost to carry on as normal and lessons went digital during the lockdown period, practical lessons included.

One of the highlights of the Year 9 PE Core and Sport Science Programme involved the whole year group climbing Everest. This was achieved without anyone leaving their homes. Each pupil and member of staff was tasked with climbing stairs (2681 sets of stairs) - a tremendous achievement by all! As a department, we felt that keeping up the physical lessons was just as important as the theory lessons. Other activities included: a 1km time trial against staff to beat 4 minutes 20 seconds; the completion of over 400 reps per students in a High Intensity Interval Training session; and the completion of the 64 Challenge which involved either running 6.4km, biking 64km or running 3.2km, and star-jumping 32 times. These were just some examples of how we did our best to engage, activate, and inspire from a distance.

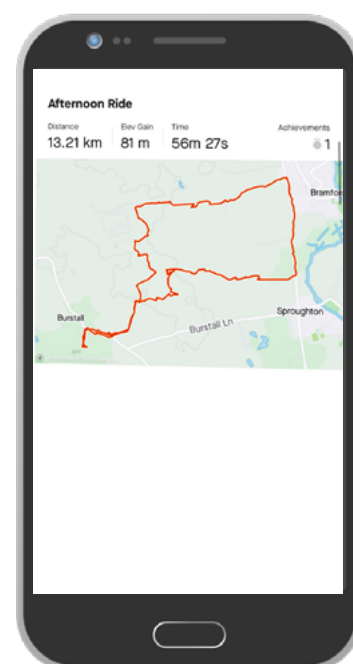
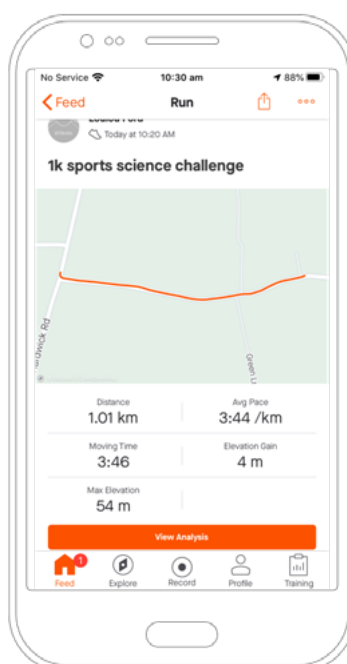
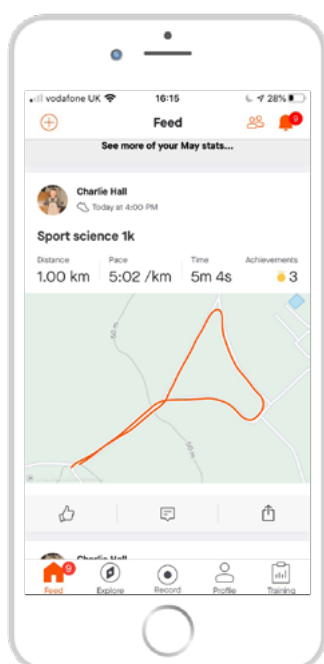
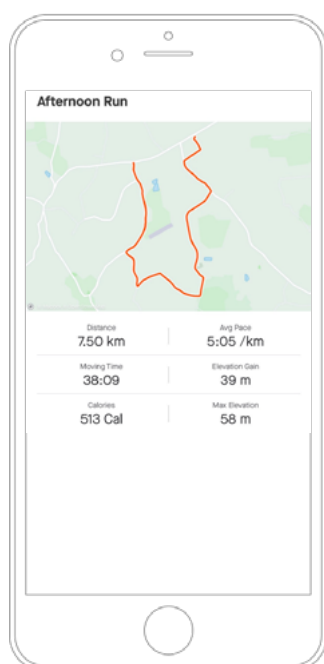
We continued with the PE Society for our A level students and held a debate online through TEAMS which worked well. Congratulations to the group for their collaboration efforts for that one. The groups also competed in producing some fantastic bids to host the 2032 Olympics in Framlingham and

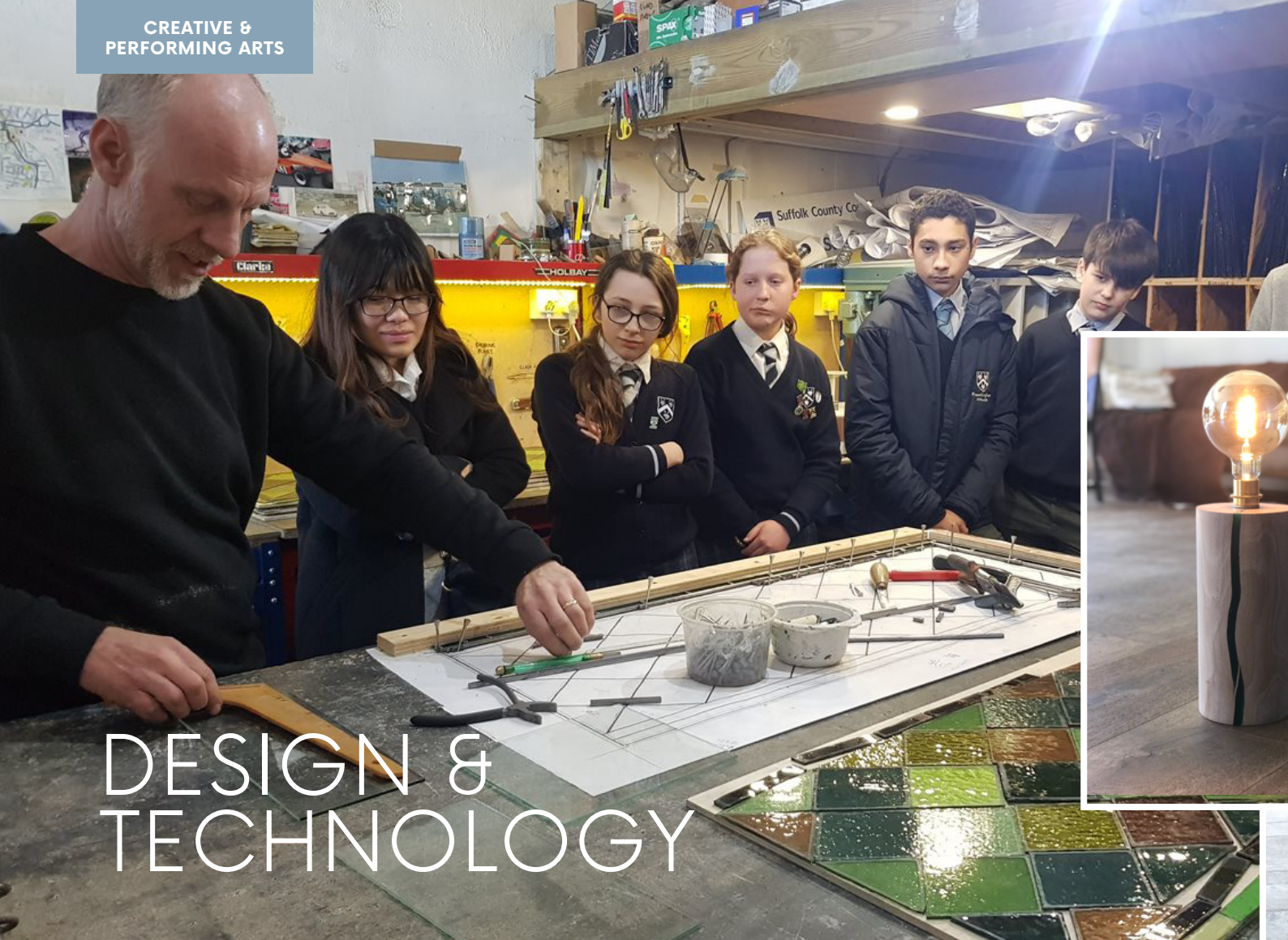
the East Anglian region. The students used the knowledge from the Global Sporting Events topic to come up with various ways – economically, socially, sporting, and politically - to ensure their bid was the successful one. It was great exploring the local area and the fantastic facilities at the College in coming up with proposals. Pre lockdown, the Sixth Form PE groups participated in our 'normal' PE Society and they held a debate about whether the best leaders are those that are prescribed into a group. The pictures show such an event in action and the winning team (which included our Year 13s who leave this year).

Although formal exams didn't take place, pupils' results were once again excellent, and the department was really pleased with the grades. This year saw our first BTEC Sport group through the whole course and we were delighted with the results for all the students. Congratulations to Charles Kent achieving D*D* and Fred Heldreich D*D (this equates to A*A* and A*A at A Level respectively) in particular. Also, well done to Jack Taylor, Taylor Hein Jones, Mimi Dunham for achieving DD (equates to AA at A Level). At GCSE level, congratulations to Liv Buchanan, Georgie Gardens, Freya Faulkner, Matt Addison, Louis Francis Smith, Jacobi Bishopp, Grace Nicholls, Grace Robertson, Robin Waddington, and Tom Yarrow who all achieved grade 8s and 9s. At A Level, we were once again pleased with the outcomes. Congratulations to Beth Farrow for her A* and Jonty Lecompte and Emma Williamson for their A grades.

CHRIS GANGE

HEAD OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION





DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

The Academic year 2019-20 brought yet more change and challenge to the Design & Technology department, but in usual fashion, pupils responded with real creativity and ingenuity.

The addition of new staff members, David Bullock (D&T Technician) & Emerald Green (Teacher), brought fresh ideas and expertise, and again pupil numbers increased on previous years.

Pupils in all year groups enjoyed wide-ranging 'design and make' tasks and proved again that the quality increases year on year, from the Year 9s' silver jewellery and amplifiers, to the Year 12s' turned wooden bowls. Pupils also ventured outside of the classroom more than ever this year, with a programme of educational trips to local members of the Suffolk Craft Society. Designers' workshops taught pupils how to create stained glass and how to make glass jewellery.

In Year 11 and 13, pupils approached their coursework projects with great enthusiasm and worked tremendously hard, right up until the imposition of 'lockdown', which kept them out of the workshops. Ranging from garden furniture and homewares to motorcycle parts and fashion accessories, pupil projects demonstrated great imagination and skill, and so it

was a shame that many were unable to finish their products. The pupils' determination to complete, despite the uncertainty, was inspiring however, and this resolve continued during remote learning.

Departing Year 13 pupils have gone on to study degrees in Product Design, Mechanical Engineering and Design for Industry, and one pupil has decided to set up her own business, designing, making and selling her own products.

JAMES BUXTON

HEAD OF DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY





What changed with regards to the teaching of your subject/ activity as a result of COVID-19?

Pupils, of course, missed out on workshop time, meaning many did not get to finish their practical projects. During remote learning lessons we focused instead on design communication skills and theory knowledge.

1

Which (change) made the greatest impact?

Remote teaching and learning accelerated our progress in using Onenote. Pupils used this platform to receive and post their work, allowing teachers to give direct feedback in real time, and pupils were also able to collaborate on group projects. Notably, our cross-curricular project for the year combined DT, Art and Computer Science.

2

What will you hold on to post the pandemic?

Using Onenote. Pupils accumulating a digital portfolio, as opposed to a paper-based one is advantageous in so many ways, including being greener!

3

4. What was the one stand-out moment from the Summer Term?

Receiving pictures from pupils who'd managed to finish their products from home. Without having proper workshop facilities or materials, a few pupils managed to find resourceful ways of finishing their products anyway!

4

5. Did the pupils teach you anything through lockdown?

Some pupils were a huge help with technology; at times they were talking me through ways to resolve issues with Onenote and Teams.

5

ART & DESIGN

Here are the highlights of Framlingham College Art & Design in 2020:

Our A-Level pupils had their work displayed in the regional Anna Airy exhibition, with some receiving offers on their work. This featured Fine Art from our many brilliant Year 13 Art Scholars including Mille Crewe, Claudia Clay, Yeeman Yu, Eliza Bowditch, Amelia Slater, Eleanor Petherham & Rosie Church, as well as sculptures from Jonty Ward, paintings from Isabelle Tone and textiles from Mini Dunham. Filmmaker & Photographer Jake Mermagen had his work used for the Hotel Chocolat national campaign and Bullards Gin on National TV. He was also shortlisted for NUA "Beyond the Frame" competition and is currently studying Film-making at Nottingham Trent University.

Record numbers of pupils are going on to further study in the Creative Visual Arts, with Jemima Napier, Darcey Hayden, Tilly Lockhart, Amelia Slater, George Farrant, Jonty Haddon and Isabelle Tone all starting in 2020 or 2021. OFs Missy Crewe, Holly Moriarty, Will Sharp, Tracy Latter & Ollie Ruddock all achieved places at their first choice of University having left the College more than a year ago, proving that Art stays in the soul of our artists even after they leave.

The department launched its inaugural Art Scholars Programme this year, which led to many exciting opportunities, including the following: workshops with practising artists and in unexpected media; a cinema trip; gallery visits; and the pupils' own exhibition. This has been a bumper year for Art Scholars so it has been great to get everyone together doing practical tasks, with Year 9 being helped by Year 13, and seeing our Scholars working together on collaborative work.

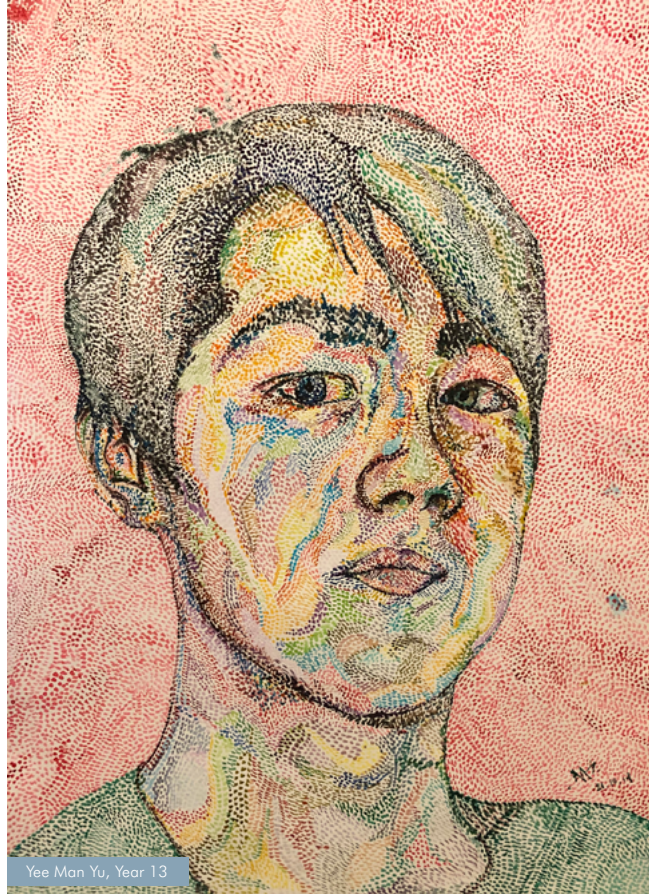
In place of our usual physical exhibition in Pauls Court we had YouTube premieres of Virtual Exhibitions of the GCSE & A Level work. This enabled the beautiful outcomes created by our talented students in Year 11 and 13 to be seen and shared by many. There has never been more Art from Framlingham College "out there".

SUE TANSLEY

HEAD OF ART



Jonty Haddon, Year 13



Yee Man Yu, Year 13



Millie Crewe, Head of School & Art Scholar - Mama and Papa final piece



Max Day, Art Scholar, Year 11



Art Scholars workshop with Freddie



Poppy Simmonds, Year 13



Darcey Hayden, Year 13



Hugh Clarke, Year 11



MUSIC

We started the Autumn Term with choral performances at the Suffolk Festival of Performing Arts – Cambiata and Cappella Lumina worked hard to prepare their programmes in just a few weeks.

For the 3rd consecutive year, Cappella Lumina were awarded the Under 20 Choral championship cup. The two choirs shared their performances with a packed chapel in the Autumn Concert. The first half was a celebration of ensemble playing in the senior school, while the second half of the concert moved to the HPT and involved our largest choir (Cantus) and orchestra along with choirs from SET Saxmundham and Robert Hitcham's Primary School.

The Andrew Lloyd Webber theme resulted in a range of performances from individual choirs as well as a showstopping grand finale with the massed choir and orchestra. This proved to be a memorable concert – joyful, entertaining, and moving in equal portions.

The Choir Tour to Sorrento in February was a highlight of the year both musically and socially. Over 35 members of our 70 strong choir flew to Italy to give choral performances and experience some of the incredible culture of the area. We enjoyed a tour of Pompeii, underground Naples, pizza making at a local farm and daily ice cream testing! Our performances were polished and musical, with venues ranging from Sorrento Cathedral and Basilica to our final concert in a residential home, which was extremely moving and is still talked about as the best moment of the trip, due to the warmth of the audience, and the joyful, reception we received from them, including demands of an encore of a piece that had them all in tears. We made amazing memories and loved every minute of the trip with our fantastic pupils.

Our Scholars' Concert gave our Music scholars from the Prep and Senior Schools the opportunity to perform as soloists and in small ensembles. Talent and commitment were evident in every performance, clearly showing the scholarly approach of these young people. As part of the Scholars' programme, we also ran a conducting workshop (which was enormous fun – it is harder than it looks!) and enjoyed inspiring concert trips to hear Cimarron with Catrin Finch and the astounding Courtney Pine.



Sorrento Cathedral



Summer Term

The Summer Term brought many changes to the way in which we could deliver Music to our students. Much of the teaching became more theoretical, with practical tasks being independent. Technical limitations meant ensemble rehearsal and performance was tricky. However, 'The Spring of Hope' gave our students the chance to record performances, poetry and share artistic responses, and this brought a much-needed artistic lift to the term. A highlight was being able to record 'Raspberry Beret' in our recording studio. Being together (although socially distant) was a fantastic reminder of how much we still needed each other. The staff choir performance for speech day was really moving as well – when we were so far apart from each other it was lovely to hear voices singing together.

LUCY BLOORE

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC



DRAMA

In August 2019 the Drama department had an exchange with the Moscow International Film School.

We spent the first week working on a collaborative performance with the Russian students based on the tales of King Arthur, which we performed to an audience of around 350. Alongside a heavy rehearsal schedule, we managed to see all key sites in Moscow, including St Basil's Cathedral and the Kremlin. Moreover, we enjoyed being on the stage in Stanislavsky's home and a private visit to the National History Museum, which houses a world-famous collection of woolly mammoths.

The entire trip was slickly managed at every stage by students from the Film School who researched and presented every extraordinary site. The second part of this amazing trip was a stunning visit to St Petersburg, travelling by train on an ancient overnight sleeper (think 1960s Bond – 'From Russia With Love') and returning to Moscow on the bullet train and being catapulted into the 21st century. Six talented Drama students (including an OF, Jimmy Rutherford, Oxford Stage School) came along for the trip.

At the end of the Autumn Term we put on our school production of 'One Man Two Guvnors'. With a live band and lots of audience participation, it was fun to experiment with some outrageous and hilarious physical comedy and a great script. Oliver Moore headed up a talented cast and it was a thrill to direct such a gung-ho group of young actors and musicians. The theatre technicians built us an amazing set for the performance which also gave our student stage management team a real challenge with the show's swift transitions and very different locations.

In the Spring term, Drama was focused more on academic Drama with year 11s preparing small group pieces; monologues and duologues for their practical externally examined examination. Students presented work from 'The Importance of Being Earnest', 'Journey's End', 'My Mother Said I Never Should' and 'Our Country's Good'. Year 10s and 12s spent their time devising original pieces of theatre using 3 different types of stimuli: art; poetry and film. Their good work had to be shelved over the lockdown period but is being revived and tweaked ready for performances in the HPT before the end of the Autumn half term.

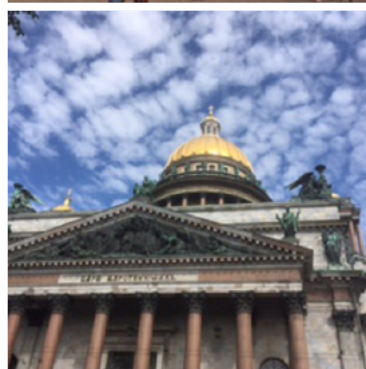
We had been preparing a cast for the Edinburgh Fringe 2020 with a fun and provocative production of 'The Importance of Being Earnest' – this is now postponed until theatre life begins again...

DOROTHY ENGLERT

HEAD OF DRAMA & THEATRE



Stanislavsky's House



Basil's Cathedral - Kremlin



Outside Bolshoi



Lenin, Stalin and Rasputin



Outside Chekhov Theatre



One Man Two Guvnors





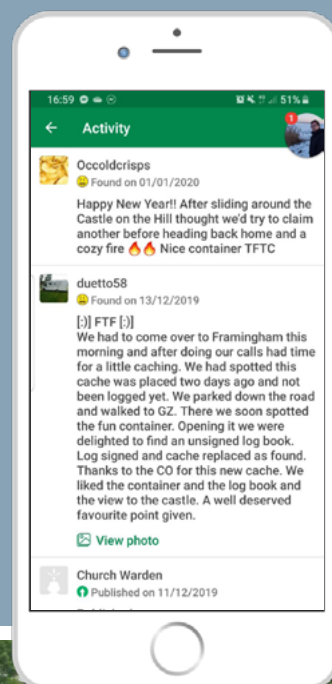
FRAM RANGERS

Fram Rangers grew in popularity and in number this year, enabling more pupils than ever to participate in their volunteering option of choice.

Our existing Year 11 and 13 instructors relished the opportunity to work with new members and, in doing so, developed their communication skills, their confidence and their camaraderie.

We added a variety of new activities such as cooking, go-karting and geocaching to the programme, with the latter activity producing great excitement when one of the geocaches placed in the Framlingham area by our Year 10 Rangers received 22 visits and averaged a 4.5 star rating! Our Rangers continued to amaze us when designing, engineering and building their own go karts – especially impressive, after two or three initial attempts, was their ability to finally master the art of braking when they reached the bottom of the hill!

JOHN HARROD
DIRECTOR OF
COMPUTER SCIENCE





CCF



Despite the enforced temporary closure caused by COVID-19 in the Spring Term of 2020, Cadets WO1 Robert Monaghan, WO2 William Gladwell and Acting Flt Sgt Niall Pearson-Shaul led the CCF admirably this year.

The most notable highlight for the RAF was its performance at the RAF Air Squadron Trophy Easter Area Competition. A further highpoint was when both the RAF and the Army took part in a 48-hour exercise at RAF Barnham in Thetford to mark the occasion of their biennial inspection. The Inspecting Officer was Colonel A D Fairbanks Weston TD CStj DL VR, (Chairman of the Suffolk Reserve Forces and Cadets Association and Honorary Colonel of the Suffolk Army Cadet Force) accompanied by the Principal, Mrs J L M North.

They were both hugely impressed with the camaraderie, teamwork and leadership skills exhibited by the cadets throughout the weekend. This year also saw the retirement of Sqn Leader Bob Skitch whose illustrious career at the College spanned three decades. During that time, he had been part of all three sections of the CCF and, in turn, leading the Navy and RAF sections.

WO1 India De Labillière assumes command of the CCF for 2020-2021, ably assisted by WO2 Cara Swinburn and Acting Flt Sgt Pearson-Shaul for the second year in a row. We also welcome Mr Sedano, Mrs Styles, Miss Green and Miss Andres as potential officers.

MARTIN MYERS-ALLEN

ACTING HEAD OF THE PREP SCHOOL & DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR





DofE

The Duke of Edinburgh scheme involves challenge and never was this truer for the programme than in the year that COVID-19 struck.

However, the pupils at Framlingham College met this challenge and more. We proudly awarded 188 Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates, officially placing us 5th out of over 1100 schools in the Central region competing against those as far north as Hull, as far south as London and as far west as Shropshire. For the second year running however, this same data placed us, on a per capita basis, in 1st place. What an achievement!

MARTIN MYERS-ALLEN

ACTING HEAD OF THE PREP SCHOOL
& DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR





Year 13s having played their last 1st XV match

1ST XV

Following the significant success of the 2018-19 season, there was much optimism ahead of the start of the year, with a number of pupils returning for their second or third year at 1st XV level. The pre-season camp was very successful, and it included a competitive fixture with Stowe School, who were also based at the College in late August. It was here that Bishop's Luke Parker, on exchange from South Africa, introduced himself to all those watching with an outstanding performance. The majority of fixtures followed a familiar pattern – some incredible rugby, a real and tangible investment emotionally and physically from the players, and an inexplicable ability to allow the opposition to take control of matches, usually in the third quarter. Whilst results may not have been comparable to those enjoyed one year earlier, this does not tell the whole story in terms of the quality of rugby that the team played and the commitment that they gave to the cause.

Kodie Holloway led the team with huge bravery, which was allied to his quality as a rugby player and his ability to play in a number of key positions. He scored all four tries in the dramatic win against RGS Colchester and was a driving force throughout. The loss of Luke Parker after only 2 matches was a real blow to the side, but as the term progressed it was pleasing to see the development of the likes of Harry Williamson, who scored the last minute try to secure victory against The Perse



Taylor Hein

Jake Mermagen and Taylor Hein-Jones represented the Independent Schools' National Lambs XV

School, and Isaac Powell, who represented Northampton Saints U16s. Taylor Hein-Jones had another sensational season at full back – unbeatable in defence and unstoppable in attack! Taylor and Jake Mermagen both represented the Independent Schools' National Lambs XV with distinction, whilst Josh Sanyang played for the Eastern Counties U18s.

I would like to thank the Year 13 pupils who gave so much to the College during their time with us -they will not be forgotten. I would also like to thank Mr Turner for his coaching input and Mr Robinson for his expertise and support on the touchline. Co-Curricular Colours for Rugby were awarded to: Taylor Hein-Jones, Max Russell, Haydn Macaulay, Rob Monaghan, Josh Sanyang, Jonty Lecompte, Kodie Holloway, Harry Williamson, Henry Bevan, Jake Mermagen, Charles Kent and James Cowell.

NICK GANDY

DIRECTOR OF SPORT



1st XV squad



Ken Bowden of Blue Door Construction (Tour Sponsor) with Kodie Holloway 1st XV captain



EUROPEAN RUGBY TOUR

This was a Tour in the truest sense of the word – 4 countries in 8 days with two playing squads. There were matches against Dutch, Belgian, German and French opposition as well as visits to places such as Phantasialand, Disneyland Paris, Amsterdam and the Racing 92 training facility. The U18 and U15 squads played entertaining and ambitious rugby throughout, and both lost only one game against the very professional SC Frankfurt 1880 club in Germany.

The Tour was a great success on every level and enjoyed by all. The atmosphere at RCC for the final matches is something that will live long in our memories and we were fantastically hosted throughout the trip by the opposition clubs. The Player of the Tour Award was given to Harry Williamson.

I would like to thank Blue Door Construction, and their Director Ken Bowden, for their sponsorship of our playing kit. A number of parents crossed The Channel to support the teams and this was very much appreciated. I would also like to thank the staff who accompanied the trip – Messrs Turner and Finbow, Miss Henry, and our physiotherapist Elizabeth Pickering.

NICK GANDY

DIRECTOR OF SPORT



1st XV fly half Jake Mermagen with players from SC Frankfurt 1880



Touring party at Racing 92

European Touring party



Touring party in Stade de France

COLTS XV

2019 may not have been a vintage year for results, but it certainly was in many other aspects for the Colts XV. They played with great flair and endeavour and made significant progress as the term advanced. The demolition of Bishop's Stortford was almost the perfect performance, but the season will be best remembered for the characters involved, their dedication, spirit and infectious sense of humour. It's been a real pleasure!

JOHANNES MYBURGH

HEAD OF CRICKET DEVELOPMENT & GOLF

CHRIS GANGE, HEAD OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

MARCUS MARVELL, HISTORY

ALBERT XV

The Albert XV demonstrated passion and dedication to rugby throughout the season. The squad struggled for results but always played for each other. The players were regularly complimented for the spirit in which they played the game and even though results did not go their way, they never gave up. The nature of the Albert XV meant that players had to be ready to represent the 1st XV if there were injuries and a number did this admirably. Alex Ward was an ever-reliable kicker and Baily Farrant always played with grit and determination. The speed of Tom Crothers and Connor Slater on the wings was always a threat. Alfie Fairbanks-Weston must have a special mention as our Captain, who always led by example and had a fantastic season on the pitch.

MIKE MILNE HEAD OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS



U18 7s squad at Cambridge RUFC event



U18 VII - Plate winners of Northampton Saints and Redrow Homes 7s

U18 & U16 - SEVENS

Unfortunately, the pandemic meant that our pupils missed out on the experience of taking part in the Rosslyn Park HSBC National Schools' 7s, which was a real disappointment to them. The U16 and U18 teams did however show real promise in the competitions that they were able to play. The highlight of the 7s term was undoubtedly the U16 squad reaching the Final of the Uppingham School 7s, beating Stamford School, Bedford School and Denstone College in consecutive matches. They fell just short in the Final against the hosts. The U18s lost in the Plate Final to Stamford School in the same event.

Our U18 squad retained the Plate Trophy at the Northampton Saints and Redrow Homes 7s event and also took part in a triangular competition in Cambridge against Cambridge RUFC and Hills Road Sixth Form College, which they won.

NICK GANDY DIRECTOR OF SPORT

U15A

The U15A Rugby season was one of many ups and downs, however this was rounded with great development across the team. Standout performances throughout the season came from William Lamprell, Joseph Graves, Noah Bowden and James Hicks, who all impressed with their resilience and character when times became tough through injury and match results. The European Rugby tour saw the team play against 4 different teams, winning 3 out of the 4 games and losing 1 match by only a single point. The Tour enabled the players to experience fantastic rugby and also come closer together as a group for the final half of the season. I have been incredibly impressed by the calibre of players within this team and wish them well going forward in their rugby careers.

MITCHELL TURNER GAP TUTOR

U15B

The U15B squad can be very proud of their collective efforts this season. Despite not quite managing to win a fixture, the boys produced some phenomenal displays against tough opposition. With exciting attacking runners and a dogged, determined defence, the team grew in stature through the season and gave many a good team a very tough afternoon. Regular standouts included Josh Slay, Rufus Maile, Dennis Hay and Thomas Blundell, however the entire squad worked exceptionally hard and showed commendable team spirit.

MR J. BUXTON HEAD OF DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

U14B

The U14 boys had a tough first season of rugby at the College, but that is not to say that it lacked effort and heart from the boys. The season was gearing itself towards our final game of the season against Bishop's Stortford, where the boys managed to grind out a herculean win against a very physical side. The final score was 14-5, with 2 rolling mauls converted by the very able boot of Freddie L. This was testament to the way the boys trained and what they had learnt as the season progressed. Our game against RHS was fiercely contested and on another day, it would have gone the other way.

It was great to see a number of our boys achieving representative roles in the Northampton Saints Player Pathway. I look forward to hearing how the boys progress with their rugby.

BRYNN BAYMAN CHAPLAIN



U14B Team 2019

GIRLS' HOCKEY



Girls' 3rd XI Hockey

1ST XI

In what ended up being a National Championship winning season, it began with some uncertainty and trepidation. The 1st XI had lost a substantial number of starting players from the season before but it turned out that any such fears had no foundation as the new group more than rose to the challenges in front of them. The squad enjoyed an extensive pre-season with a trip to Repton and home matches against New Hall, and they retaining their Kings' Canterbury Birley's Tournament title for the fifth consecutive year. The group maintained a ninth consecutive Saturday fixture list without losing a game, which is perhaps a record on the schools' sport circuit? This included a quite brilliant away trip to Haileybury that resulted in a stunning performance against a very strong team to win 5-1.

The newly-formed Tier 1 Cup produced much drama. In the pool stages a thrilling 2-2 draw with the much-fancied Cranleigh School was followed up with determined performances against St John's and Reigate to ensure a home quarter-final with St George's College. A stunning performance saw the game end in a 1-1 draw before we secured the win on penalty strokes; Beth Farrow was the heroine by saving two of the opposition's attempts. The congestion in the fixture list caused by the COVID-19 outbreak meant that the team had to travel to play Trent College in the semi-final the day after. On a cold and windy day, Framlingham swept to a 3-0 lead, with Georgie Cantrell converting two penalty strokes, only for the team to concede right on half time. The second half was a nervy end-to-end affair. The score could easily have been 6-6 at the end of the game but it finished 3-2 to Framlingham and the girls had earned a place in the Investec England Hockey Tier 1 Final against Repton School. Unfortunately, despite postponements, this was cancelled due to lockdown. Therefore, the girls were awarded the title of joint National Champions; a simply stunning achievement for all concerned.

I must mention Emma Williamson, who not only captained the team superbly but played brilliantly all season. She is a simply outstanding character and she should be very proud of her four years in the 1st XI.

JAMIE KINGSTONE

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SPORT | PHYSICAL EDUCATION

2ND XI

With a significant number of Upper Sixth players returning to the side, the 2nd XI had a firm foundation from which to plan their campaign. For Allen, Bahar, Bowditch, Dunham, Mears, Reader and Slater, it was their third season in the team - a fine achievement, particularly as they all contributed so much to make both the matches and training so enjoyable for everyone over that time. This year's captaincy was shared amongst that group, and that collective approach worked well, as ideas and opinions were discussed and aired in a sensible and responsible manner.

Any pre-season optimism was abruptly cut short in the first match against a talented Perse Under 16 team. Their side had reached the latter stages of the national competition in 2018-2019 and their quality showed as they won 6-3. As it turned out, those 6 goals proved to be half of the term's total number conceded, as the defence of Dunham or Robertson in goal, and a combination of Swinburn, Reader, Moore, Gee, Faulkner and Uthwatt-Bouverie, quickly learned from that experience to become a very reliable unit. They were helped in thwarting opposition attacks by the skilful and energetic midfield, with Salsby, Arnold, Allen, Mears and Bahar to the fore in this area of the pitch. In attack, Slater and Bowditch led the line well and there were some encouraging performances by Birch, Fiske, Green and Jackson, which bodes well for next season. Perhaps the number of goal scoring chances created could have been higher as the team sometimes struggled to break down packed defences. This was certainly the case at the County round of the Tier 4 competition, where our failure to score cost us a place in the regional final. This was frustrating for all, particularly as none of the five sides we played on the day, four of whom were first teams, managed to score against us. Hopefully, the players returning next season will have taken notice of the excellent example set by this year's leavers, with the performance in the final fixture against Gresham's 1st XI being one that should set the standard for the matches to come in 2020.

ROBERT EARL

SPORTS COACH

3RD XI

The Girls' 3rd XI had a lot of fun this season – results may have been mixed but enthusiasm was always high. A young side made great progress over the season, with the highlight being the 3-0 win against Royal Hospital School which included a sublime individual effort from Hattie. Jas and Amelia were always calm and collected in defence, which complemented Lillie's more exuberant approach perfectly. India and Lucy showed impressive stick work whilst Lauren and Rita were a force to be reckoned with in midfield. Ellie and Rebecca were as reliable as ever and distributed the ball effectively from defence. Issy used her tremendous turn of speed to cause the opposition problems and Lily and Martha gave us great options out wide. I am hoping they will all be able to build on this next year as we only lose one year 13 player – the ever-reliable GK Minnie. They may not have always been totally focussed in training(!) but they certainly delivered on match day and I will remember this season and this group of girls with great fondness.

KATHY GARDENS PHYSICAL EDUCATION

4TH XI

The 2019 – 2020 Hockey season saw a strong performance from the Girls' 4th XI, finishing with a respectable two wins, two draws and two losses. The team showed much improvement through the season as the girls stepped up and developed into the senior game, holding their own against some physical teams. They showed great grit and determination in matches, even when the scoreline was against us. Special mention must go to Rosie Atkins for some outstanding work between the posts and to Bea Estringana for always leading a unique warm up!

EMERALD GREEN DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

U15A

The U15 Girls' Hockey team enjoyed a promising season and we concluded with four wins and three losses. Pleasingly, five of the squad were invited to train with the 1st XI with three making their first team debuts over the course of the year. The girls as a whole continued to go from strength to strength as the season grew, with many using their improved indoor knowledge to aid them with their outdoor game. I look forward to seeing this group build on their current hockey knowledge and technique as they move into the Senior programme at the College next year.

U15B

The U15 B hockey team made tremendous progress across the season, and I was incredibly impressed with their work rate in some really tough matches. A difficult start to the season, with losses, soon became wins once the team were able to solidify good formations and develop some patterns of play on the

training ground. The most notable and pleasing result of the season would be the turn around from a 4-1 defeat to Norwich School at the start of the season, to the 2-1 win at the end of the year. A thrilling game saw Framlingham College hold on to the lead in a very exciting battle indeed. Other wins came in games against Woodbridge and Haileybury. Outstanding seasons from Maddie Blunden, Sophie Ogilvie and Amy Spaul. However it has to be said that the girls attitude and resilience made them a pleasure to coach.



Girls' 4th XI Hockey

U14A

The Girls' U14A had a remarkable season in 2019/20. In total, their season lasted for 6 months and they competed in nearly 30 fixtures and scored just shy of 100 goals in the process - culminating in a bronze medal at the Investec U14 Schools' Tier 1 National Finals.

The journey started back in September, and within the first three weeks of term they were crowned County Champions, with wins over Woodbridge, Ipswich High, St Joseph's, RHS & Ipswich. Either side of this tournament, regular Saturday fixtures against The Perse, RHS, Norwich, Ipswich and Bishop's Stortford College prepared the group for the first round of the Regional Finals after half-term.

Framlingham finished 1st regionally at the end of the day's play, winning all six of their matches against Stephen Perse, Felsted, The Leys, Haileybury, Gresham's and The Weald to progress to the East Finals later that month. It was here that Framlingham booked their place in the National Finals, after a draw with The Perse and wins over Sevenoaks and The Weald. Further regular Saturday fixtures against Norwich, Gresham's and The Perse, as well as a handful of girls representing the U16 Indoor squad at the Indoor National Finals over the winter break, gave the group the best possible preparations for the National Finals at the end of February. Two group wins and one defeat saw them contest Repton School for the Bronze medal and they emerged victorious by 1-0.

With a handful of these girls from Framlingham Prep, as well as a number representing the College in the U16 Indoor National Finals, the future seems bright for hockey at the College.

SAM ROWE HOCKEY COACH

U14B

The U14B girls showed grit and determination in very tough conditions over the course of the term. There was a real mixed level of ability in the squad, ranging from beginner to potential A team squad member. We had some very tricky games with a few unfortunate losses, some closely contested matches and towards the end of the term even some narrow wins, which shows the pupils' hard work. The majority of the girls had never picked up a hockey stick before coming to Framlingham College, so to see the progression the team made as a whole was most pleasing. The girls worked hard and were very encouraging to one another, which has allowed the beginners in particular to grow in strength and skill. All the girls should be really proud of their efforts!

U14 NATIONAL FINALS

Framlingham College's U14 Girls travelled to the Lee Valley Hockey & Tennis Centre to compete in the U14 Tier 1 Investec Schools National Finals on Tuesday 25th February. Having been crowned East Champions back in November and after a thorough preparation in the run up to the tournament, Framlingham were placed in a pool with Kingston Grammar School, St. Peters York & Loughborough High School. It was the latter who Framlingham faced in their first match and they got off to a dream start with Anna Cogdell scoring twice in the opening minutes. Framlingham remained on top for the majority of the game and all three points were secured when Beth Gardens added a third with just minutes left on the clock.

Next up was St. Peters York, who started the faster of the two sides and shot into the lead and despite the girls' best efforts they entered the half time break trailing 0-1. Poppy Dring-Richardson's clever rebound brought the sides level and Anna Cogdell's penalty corner gave Framlingham the lead but St Peter's earned and converted a penalty corner of their own right at the death for the game to end in a 2-2 draw. A win versus Kingston Grammar School would secure a place in the final or draw or lose and play for 3rd/4th place. Kingston started the game the stronger of the two sides and took advantage, racing into a 2-0 lead. Framlingham once again found a way to get back in the game, with another penalty corner from Anna Cogdell and despite all their efforts they were unable to get back on level terms, losing 2-1.

Repton would be the side Framlingham would face in the Bronze Medal match after finishing 2nd in a tight Pool B. The opening exchanges were nervy and even; both sides had opportunities to take the lead through both open play and penalty corners but neither could find a way through. An excellent passage of play resulted in Anna Cogdell converting from open play and giving Framlingham the lead, followed by a mature few minutes that resulted in a 3rd place finish and a bronze medal.

In what has been a long and eventful term for this group of girls; placing 3rd in the country is a fine reward for their efforts both on and off the field and adds to what has been an incredibly successful year for the College's hockey programme.

HOCKEY NATIONAL SELECTIONS

As the 2019/20 Hockey season began, Framlingham College were thrilled to announce that six pupils had progressed to the England Hockey Further Assessment Camps.

Midfielder Georgie Gardens (Year 11), defender Sam Wash (Year 12) and goalkeepers Ollie Juszt (Year 13) and Beth Farrow (Year 13) were all selected for the U18 age group and attended the Camps in September 2019 at Lilleshall NSC. Ollie is no stranger to England Hockey having won a bronze medal with the U18 squad at last year's 6 Nations Cup. Sam and Georgie were selected for England U16s last year and were aiming to go one better this year. Both Georgie and Beth were selected to compete in the Futures Cup in August, playing for their Performance Centre squad, the Saxon Tigers. Further down the school, Olivia Buchanan and Daisy Ford, both Year 11 pupils and integral squad members of the College 1st XI, were selected for the England U16 Camps.

These pupils are following in the well-trodden footsteps of many sports scholars at Framlingham College who have gone on to pursue a Hockey career alongside their studies. Five Old Framlinghamians, (Sophie Sunderland (2013-15), Molly Redgrove (13-18), Abby Gooderham (13-18), Tabby Billingham (17-19) and Rose Winter (13-18) are currently on full Hockey Scholarships at top US universities, and recent leaver, Lottie Summers (04-19) has been selected for the GB Hockey Elite Development Programme.

These selections and nominations reinforce the school's commitment to supporting its talented athletes, helping them achieve their full sporting ambition through the 'Pathways to Sporting Excellence Programme'.

Ultimately, the following students made the final England Selection; Ollie Juszt (U18 Boys), Georgie Gardens (U18 Girls), Daisy Ford (U16 Girls) and Oliver Buchanan (U16 Girls). Owen Lloyd was selected for Wales (U18 Boys). Congratulations to all!

JAMIE KINGSTONE

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SPORT | PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Boys' 1st XI Hockey

BOYS' HOCKEY

1ST XI

The boys' season was cut short by the COVID-19 outbreak but it can be looked back on with real pride. This was as good a team as the boys have had in my time at the College, largely thanks to the simply outstanding Ollie Juszt in goal. The England U18 shot-stopper produced world-class displays throughout the season to help maintain an impressive record. After winning the East Indoor Title and playing impressively at the National Finals they continued into the outdoor season.

An impressive Saturday record saw them play some attractive, attacking hockey and there were fantastic wins against the Perse 3-1, Felsted 5-1 and Bishop Stortford College 1-0. The National Tier 2 Cup saw a very tough first round draw against U16 National Finalists Stamford, and in a really tough game the team went down 1-0 despite Eddie Darley's heroics in goal - a quite superb display. The boys then entered the Tier 3 competition and recorded fine wins against Langley and Culford to see them one game away from a National Semi-Final. They could quite easily have gone all the way to the title if lockdown had not interrupted their progress.

I must end by thanking the very talented Cameron Cooke who captained the team by example on the pitch; an extraordinarily talented player who I hope fulfils his potential in the years to come. The Upper Sixth who worked so hard through the years on the pitch will be missed and I thank them for their efforts.

JAMIE KINGSTONE

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SPORT | PHYSICAL EDUCATION

2ND XI

P: 7 W: 2 D: 1 L: 4 GF: 9 GA: 10

It was very pleasing to see so many players put themselves forward for selection for the 2nds. With this increase in numbers came an improvement in quality, and the fact that so many were from Year 11 bodes well for next year. To have a goalkeeper of Darley's quality play every week was a huge bonus. Agile and brave, he kept the team in many of the close games by making numerous impressive saves. The defence was largely based around him, not least because Kilburn and Keitley-Webb were the only two recognised defenders in a squad made up of midfielders and attackers. The captain, Ponty, took it upon himself to fill the void at centre back and it is to his credit that he performed so well in an unfamiliar position.

The regular midfield screen of Monaghan and Harry Williams provided some much-needed cover at times. In the offensive midfield roles, numerous players had pitch time: Bishopp, Iaccarino, Moore, Cockle, White and Ollie Raymond were often the ones rotating on and off the pitch.

Up front, our attacks were often limited by a lack of width which led to congestion in the D. The forward line, which mainly consisted of Francis-Smith, Hearn, James, Sunderland and Waddington, did its best to create openings at goal but clear-cut chances were often hard to come by. The failure to score cost the side dearly in the competitive matches against Bishop's Stortford, Felsted and R.H.S. 1st XI.

ROBERT EARL

SPORTS COACH



Boys' 2nd XI Hockey



Boys' 3rd XI Hockey



Boys' 4th XI Hockey

3RD XI

The 3rd XI had a successful and enjoyable season, although their defensive vulnerability was exposed on more than one occasion. However, the attacking players managed 22 goals in the 5 games that were played and there were notable victories over The Leys School, The Perse School and Felsted School. Fred Duffield and Henry Williams captained the side with distinction and the overall strength and depth of the squad demonstrated that hockey remains in rude health at the College, with a number of those involved progressing to the 2nd XI.

NICK GANDY

DIRECTOR OF SPORT

4TH XI

The Boys' 4th XI Hockey had a short 2019-2020 season, but they showed great effort in the time they had! We saw an excellent hockey debut from Adam Knight, whilst David Wills played with both composure and skill, leading the team from the back. Their 'Football Manager' skills were put to good use, with student led side-line management showing great initiative and understanding of working as a team. A brief but enjoyable season, with constant support from crowds of friends and family on match days adding to the atmosphere and team morale.

EMERALD GREEN

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

U15A

Following on from a successful year as U14s, where they reached the East Finals and became Suffolk Champions, the U15A's had yet another good season as a year group. In the short, sharp return to school after the festive break, the boys faced a testing first few weeks, drawing with Felsted's U16s and losing competitive games against both Gresham's and The Perse – both of whom had been opponents in last year's East Finals. However, it best prepared them for their opening round match vs Kimbolton in the Independent Schools Hockey Cup, the first time the school had entered this event. In some challenging conditions, it took a last-minute equaliser followed by a penalty shoot-out win to progress to the next round.

Regular block fixtures vs The Leys, Culford and Bishop's Stortford allowed the group to progress - with a handful of the boys knocking on the door of the 1st XI and featuring in some midweek games. The ISHC 2nd round match was against Felsted, who provided yet more stiff competition, but the squad edged a close 2-1 victory. An away trip to Whitgift in the quarter-finals was the reward for the win but unfortunately for the group, they had their eyes opened as to what the level is like at the very top of schoolboy hockey in this country. Sadly,

the season was then curtailed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but there are a number of boys who will no doubt be in and around the 1st XI squad in 12 months' time.

U15B

The U15B's had a very encouraging season. Having started well with a big home win against Greshams, the boys showed a real desire and determination to have a positive season. From the keeper at the back, James Hicks, to the forward, Josh Little, every single player made large strides with their hockey, showing plenty of ability and a willingness to learn. This was reflected by the fact that so many of the boys made appearances in the U15A team. The highlight of the season was a 10-0 win against Culford School. The Player of the Season was Josh Little, whilst the Most Improved Player was Aidan Swartz.

GHG

U14A

The U14 Boys had a challenging season but it was very pleasing to see the way that they developed over the course of the year. They were always willing to push and grow to ensure they played the best hockey that they possibly could. The results did not always tell the whole story and the final game played against Felsted was undoubtedly the pinnacle of the season - to come away with a 1-1 draw was a huge achievement. Not only was it an excellent demonstration of how far the boys had come, it was a fitting way for them to end their Year 9 sporting careers.

GML

U14B

The U14B boy's had a mixed season with 3 wins, 3 losses and a draw. The team opened up with 3 losses, to turn this around showed real strength and courage from the boys. This was then followed up with a great performance against the Ley's. The highlight of the season for me was the number of players who represented the team throughout the season, consistently we would take 18 players to away fixtures. This developed a real team atmosphere and a strong core of good hockey players. I commend the boys for all their efforts over the season and I look forward to hearing how their hockey goes in years to come.



Hockey Boys' U15A XI



Boys' U15B Hockey



Boys' U14A Hockey



Boys' U14B Hockey

INDOOR NATIONAL HOCKEY FINALS

U18 GIRLS

Framlingham College's U18 Girls' Indoor squad headed to Bromsgrove School to compete in the Super 6s National Indoor Schools' Finals on Friday 10th & Saturday 11th January. Travelling as East runners-up, the girls had prepared brilliantly for the tournament and were ready to prove themselves on the National stage.

Their first pool game saw Framlingham play St George's College, with Framlingham taking the lead through Georgie Cantrell. St George's soon responded and kept pushing for the winner but some excellent corner defence prevented this. However, with less than a minute on the clock, St George's found a way through, resulting in a 1-2 defeat for the girls. Dean Close were the next opponents for the girls, who took a two-goal lead into half time through Paula Preissner & Georgie Gardens, before scoring three more in the 2nd half (Preissner 2, Hettie Meadows) to secure all 3 points.

Their last game of the day saw familiar opponents in Repton and the team needing a result. Repton took the lead early on, before Framlingham equalised through Preissner, but, just before half time, Repton re-established their lead. Framlingham equalised once again through Cantrell and with the score at 2-2 either side could have won. But, with both teams making clearances off the line in the latter stages, neither side could secure all three points.

The state of play saw Framlingham needing to beat Wakefield by 5 clear goals and relying on other results to secure a spot in the semi-finals. The girls carried out their part of the deal, scoring five (Cantrell 3, Preissner, Meadows) without any reply from Wakefield, meaning that if Repton lost against St George's then a 2nd place finish was possible. However, that game resulted in a 3-3 draw thereby denying us a semi-final place and the girls were left to reflect on their 5th place finish.

U16 GIRLS

The U16 Girls joined the U18 Girls on Saturday 11th at Bromsgrove School as East Champions to compete in the Super 6s National Indoor Schools Finals.

RGS Worcester were Framlingham's first opponents and despite dominating the opening half, the girls found themselves 0-1 down at half time. The second half mirrored that of the first, but eventually the goals flooded in (Dring-Richardson 4, Buchanan) which resulted in a 5-2 win. Their second pool game saw



U18 Girls' Squad

Framlingham face Newcastle Royal Grammar School and, after a slow start, we took the lead just before the half time break through Anna Cogdell. Newcastle equalised which kicked Framlingham into life and five second half goals (Cogdell 2, Mann, Buchanan & Dring-Richardson) saw the girls secure a 6-2 win.

Sunday saw Framlingham open the day's play against St Teresa's with both teams holding a 100% record. In a cagey opening to the game, both sides created yet failed to convert all of their chances, going in 1-1 at the break. St Teresa's were simply the more clinical of the two sides in the second half, despite Framlingham playing well, and ran out 4-2 winners. This made Framlingham's last game versus Dean Close effectively a quarter-final, with the winner securing a spot in the semi-finals. Two goals in a minute, both from Cogdell, saw Framlingham lead at half time, and goals from Buchanan and Cogdell in the second half secured the girls' ticket to the semi-finals.

It was once again Repton who Framlingham faced, who had been unbeaten in their pool. An end to end first half saw Repton take the lead before Framlingham pegged them back through Cogdell and the sides were level at the break. As the second half progressed, both sides matched each other and some excellent goalkeeping at both ends kept it level. But, with minutes running out on the clock, Repton found a higher gear and three goals in the space of two minutes saw Framlingham knocked out at the semi-final stage, and in doing so securing a top 3 finish.



U18 Boys' Squad

U18 BOYS

The U18s travelled to Whitgift School as East Champions and began with the tough task of playing against the reigning champions, and eventual winners, Whitgift. A sterling first half performance saw the score level at 1-1, with Cameron Cooke scoring a penalty stroke after an Owen Lloyd penalty stroke was saved by a defender's body on the line. Unfortunately, when defender Sam Wash hit his head and was concussed early in the second half, the pressure told and Whitgift scored three penalty corners to earn the three points. This was a performance that the other results in the pool proved to be a very good one.

A little bit of reshuffling was required, with forward Haydn Macaulay stepping into Sam's shoes at left board for the remainder of the tournament - a job that he did really well. A fine win against Millfield in game two meant that the evening game with Repton would be a crucial one. Framlingham started the brightest and pounced on a number of good opportunities to take a well-deserved 3-1 lead, only to make three crucial errors that lead to three superb penalty corner executions and an agonising 4-3 loss.

The final game against an excellent Altrincham Grammar saw the best performance of the tournament, with a 3-3 draw against the eventual semi-finalist from the group. This was a Tournament of fine margins, where two late goals in two matches cost the team a place in the last four of the National Indoor Championships.



U16 Girls' Squad

JAMIE KINGSTONE

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SPORT | PHYSICAL EDUCATION



U19 Team

NETBALL

1ST VII

With a first team made up predominantly of senior experienced players, who had learnt and refined their craft over their time at the College, this season was always going to be a promising one. The girls had an excellent pre-season tournament and took some vital learnings from the match play at Bedford Modern School in early January. We played Felsted in our first game and, with a slightly depleted squad, it was a tough ask. Nevertheless, the girls took this loss and were hungry to be better next time around. It soon became an unbeaten season as the girls stomped on to show progress and exceptional winning desire. A thrilling, close-fought game against RHS showed class leadership from our captain, Millie Finbow, and excellent defence from our circle. The girls were learning how to win together and eradicating the turnover ball, which was crucial. More brilliant performances meant victories came our way against Culford, Greshams and Bishops Stortford respectively.

As our final fixtures fell foul to COVID-19, it was a tough way to cut an outstanding season short. It goes without saying that this was a first-class squad who grew as a team during the matches they played. Always professionally lead by Millie Finbow and Amelia Slater, this team's legacy will be one that will be hard to match.

Qualifying for a Regional Final is no easy feat and so congratulations to all squad members - Millie Finbow, Olivia Buchanan, Polly Haste, Millie Crewe, Emma Williamson, Amelia Slater, Mini Dunham, Freya Faulkner, Charlotte Mears and Eliza Bowditch.

LUCY COLLISHAW

HEAD OF NETBALL

3RD VII

The season started with a tremendous 25-22 win at Felsted, where the Framlingham side built up a big lead by half-time, only to see Felsted gradually eating away at their advantage. In a nail-biting affair, the final whistle was blown with Framlingham just claiming the win. Sadly, this then became the season of illness and injury - by the 5th match we had to call on 16 different players, impacting our ability to perform as a unit, although the 29-15 win at Culford saw a great team performance before losing Keisha to A&E.

The last match we managed to play before COVID-19 restrictions brought the season to a finish was another tense affair, seeing us go down 9-10 to Bishops Stortford as they scored with the last move of the game. There were too many people involved this season to mention individuals, however, I would like to wish the Year 13 pupils Rosie Church, Scarlet Angove and Keisha Brickwood-Hilaire well in the future and thank them for their contribution to College Netball.

KATHY GARDENS PHYSICAL EDUCATION

4TH VII

The 4th team had a fantastic start to the season, winning their first game 27 - 9. Playing with a large squad, the team were highly supportive of each other and readily stepped into different positions when needed.

An enthusiastic and fun team to coach, all the players must be commended for their commitment and dedication during training and matches, leading to some fantastic wins last season.

ELIN EGGER

BUSINESS | ECONOMICS | HEAD OF TEACHING & LEARNING

REGIONAL FINALS

On Saturday 25th January, our U19 and U14 Netball teams travelled down to Stanborough School to compete at the East Regional Netball Finals, having qualified before Christmas at the Suffolk netball finals.

U14S

The girls' campaign got off to a somewhat shaky start. However, they soon found their rhythm and began to play some brilliant netball, going on to beat Norwich School, Samuel Whitbread Academy and St Clare's School. They very narrowly missed out on a semi-final spot, coming third in their group section. This was a fantastic team effort, with some outstanding play from Lou Lou F, Alicia P and Natasha R. The future is very bright for this team and I am excited to continue with their development.

U19S

Wow, what an incredible day for this team! After a great start beating Stephen Perse Foundation, the girls went on to beat Gresham's School and Brentwood School. Losing to St Edmunds' College (the eventual U19 Regional Winners), the girls were placed 2nd in their group and secured a semi-final spot against Felsted School.

The girls were outstanding in the semi-final, and with such a fine line between defeat and a place at the National Finals, one turnover ball, which Felsted converted and then scored off their centre pass, led to a final score of 11-9.

We then played Bishop Stortford High School in the 3rd-4th place game. A thrilling match ended 9-9 at the end of regular play, so extra time followed. This ended 11-11, so the match went to golden goal with nothing separating the two teams. Sadly, they were the first to score! A game of such narrow margins, with only 3 goals between 4th place and going to the National Finals! I was so proud of the leadership shown on the day and of the resilience and determination from the whole squad.

Congratulations to all squad members: Millie F (C), Emma W, Amelia S, Rita G, Eliza B, Polly H, Millie C, Mini D and Charlotte M.

It goes without saying that netball is going from strength to strength at the College. We are a school that competes exceptionally well in our local area. I am striving to ensure we work relentlessly towards success in the wider netballing region and have no doubt that with the talent and work ethic we have, the girls will soon begin to reap the rewards.

LUCY COLLISHAW

HEAD OF NETBALL

U15A

With some players away at National competitions, the U15A team needed to pull together from the very first match. They kept working to improve in training and looked to implement those skills into match play. This group of netballers improved match-on-match, with both their skill level and their physicality, and the score lines did not always accurately reflect the competitive netball that they played. Defensively, Chi Chi, Lydia, Tabby and Emma combined well to make life hard for the opposition and the centre court was controlled well by Hollie.

DONNA FINCH SPORTS COACH

U15B

The U15Bs had a tough season, with many oppositions pushing their ability and challenging their game. Despite this, morale stayed high and their work-hard ethic never faltered despite the results on the card. The team had some great wins against Felsted School, Culford School, Bishops Stortford and Norwich High School, proving that persistence and ability can triumph even through the toughest of matches. The girls' attitudes and manner towards the sport are what made this team such a pleasure to coach and this season such a great one.

ANJA WIMMER GAP ASSISTANT

U15C

The group's tenacity and persistence within the Netball season have been spectacular, with great performances from Amy Spaul, Frankie Lorimer, Amber Duff, Maria Aguilar Martin and Maddy Mann. Although the season was difficult, with results not always going our way and with many matches finishing with close results, the group continued to stay positive and managed to show development throughout. Amy Spaul, Maddie Mann and Amber Duff were able to push into the B-side through their hard work and determination to improve throughout the season. A great effort by all and best of luck for the coming year!

MITCHELL TURNER GAP TUTOR

U14A

The U14A team were a delight to work with and impressed from the start. They worked well as a team and listened to feedback. The team improved and grew in confidence throughout the season, even though wins were hard to come by. Alicia worked hard to maintain a strong defence against some equally strong attacking opponents and Loulou was a strong and stable link through the centre court.

DONNA FINCH SPORTS COACH

U14C

The U14C Netball side made great progress this year considering their lack of experience. Katolo Bruce-Miller and Lizzie Davies provided much of the energy and precision and were subsequently pushing for places in the B team. Matches against larger schools were always likely to be tough, but the side played with great resolve and in good humour. The highlight was undoubtedly the hard-fought 9-3 victory over RHS.

MARCUS MARVELL HISTORY

GOLF

It was another successful year for our golfers, with lockdown actually offering an opportunity to develop individual skills at a time when many other sports could not be played.

It was heartening to see that George Jackson, Theo Wild and Callum Pearce had all attained single figure handicaps by the end of the school year, with the likes of Henry Moore and Fraser Johnson not far behind.

The College's relationship with Aldeburgh Golf Club was formalised at the start of the year with the development of a membership scheme for our students. We are grateful to David Wybar, the secretary at Aldeburgh GC, for facilitating this.

The team played The Perse School for a place in the ISGA National Finals in January but fell agonisingly short, whilst George Jackson, Callum Pearce, Henry Moore and Fraser Johnson were selected for the Suffolk U16 Golf squad.

NICK GANDY

DIRECTOR OF SPORT

CRICKET

A number of players have been successful in representing their counties during the winter and restricted summer programmes at county age group level. Two, however, took that a few steps further and did it at senior 1st XI level this summer.

Fred Heldreich, who is a member of the Northamptonshire County Cricket Club Academy and would have been our 1st XI College captain, continued to impress on the cricket front and was included in the Suffolk 1st XI squad. They played a number of T20s when restrictions were relaxed and cricket was allowed to be played. Later that summer, Fred was also asked to attend some observations with the Young Lions. He now leaves us as a Year 13 and is planning on spending his winter in Australia at the Darren Lehmann Cricket Academy, where many aspiring professionals before him have trained. He is also hoping to study at Loughborough University the year after. We wish him the very best of luck in these ventures.

Sophie Singer, Year 10, also made her 1st XI debut for Suffolk ladies this summer, which was a fantastic achievement considering her age. Sophie is an attacking top order batter and has also been nominated to attend the Sunrisers Cricket observations along with a number of other girls on our college programme. On top of these achievements, Sophie has also been elected as an Elite Player Programme participant on the Suffolk Cricket pathway which starts this winter.

MR CHRIS GANGE

HEAD OF PE AND CRICKET





MCC FRAMLINGHAM HUB

Now in its 3rd year, the Framlingham Hub is certainly well established, and many parents, coaches and teachers from across the county and Eastern region are aware of its reputation and what it offers.

The numbers being nominated were close to 100 people this year and we saw our first intake of a Girl only Hub (U15), and what a success this was. The continued enthusiasm to be part of such a programme has meant the strength of the participants is growing and growing.

The cricketing opportunities within Suffolk are limited, but for some this Hub provides a clear stepping stone back into the county system, and for the vast majority of others, a chance to have the confidence and opportunity to be a better club cricketer, making the overall pathway stronger within the county. This is mainly down to well-planned sessions delivered by high-quality coaches, meaning these young people are getting similar standard sessions, thus helping to minimise the gap. As a result, we are now seeing more and more of the Framlingham Hub participants, past and present, trialling for the Suffolk County programmes, with a good number being selected for them.

Along with others, I run the Suffolk Cricket trials and it is clear to see that the standard is getting closer. Personally, as the manager of this Hub, these sessions are the highlight of my week and I love being a part of this great initiative - especially as I was a state school cricketer. The attitude of the players has been tremendous, as it has been in previous years, and they all display excellent commitment and determination to want to get better at cricket and learn from the coaches during each Hub session. Parents continue to drive up to 1 1/2 hours to attend such sessions (3-hour round trips) which supports the need for such a Hub in the county/region.

We have kept the same coaching personnel, which is excellent, and are lucky to have a great group of coaches that understand the Foundation's aims and what the Framlingham Hub is all about: fostering the love of the game; to continue to stay involved in cricket; and be the best that you can be. A big thank you to Mr Marvell, Mr Earl, and our visiting coach, Mr Farrant.

MR CHRIS GANGE

HEAD OF PE AND CRICKET AND MANAGER OF THE MCC FRAMLINGHAM HUB PROGRAMME.



TENNIS

Tennis at the Senior School is offered to all children, and the coaching programme is successful, not just on a developmental level but also at a performance level.

Saul Hindmarch in year 10 is currently ranked number 1 in the East region and number 9 in Great Britain. The school also has a number of other county and nationally ranked players.

The Tennis events started in October with our U15 girls' team of Georgie Gardens, Tabby Walker, Lucy Garrard and Tatti Hearn competing in the regional finals at Redbridge. With a loss against Forest School and a win against The Perse, the girls finished in 3rd place.

In the senior students' event for children in years 11-13, our boys' team of Ben Sunderland, Theo Salsby, Henry Williams and Ming Ho Tse, had wins against Hills Road A and B and The Perse, but lost out to a strong Felsted team in the regional semi-final. The girls went one step further. The team of Georgie Gardens, Mimi Salsby, Lucy Garrard, Florence Culley, Amelia Bidwell and Tatti Hearn won against New Hall, Moulsham and Hills Road. They progressed to the regional final where they came 4th overall.

The National events (Glanville and Aberdare cups) began in March. Both the girls and boys teams had progressed to the regional semi-finals with wins over Bishops Stortford and Norwich respectively but, unfortunately, the events were not able to continue after this point.

RICHARD DAYNES

HEAD OF TENNIS





YEAR 13 LEAVERS 2020

SURNAME	FORENAME	HOUSE
Abery	Leo	Rendlesham
Allen	Poppy	Pembroke
Andrews	Freya	Victoria
Angove	Scarlett	Victoria
Antoci	Gabriela	Pembroke
Bahar	Faith	Moreau
Beal	Ronnie	Rendlesham
Bone	Ellie	Pembroke
Bowditch	Eliza	Moreau
Brickwood-Hilaire	Keisha	Moreau
Capel Cure	Milo	Rendlesham
Chapman	Benjamin	Kerrison
Church	Rosie	Pembroke
Clay	Claudia	Pembroke
Cliff	Isabella	Pembroke
Cooke	Cameron	Garrett
Cowell	James	Kerrison
Crewe	Millicent	Victoria
Darley	Edward	Stradbroke
Dunham	Jemima	Moreau
Easey	Rufus	Rendlesham
Fairbanks Weston	Arthur	Kerrison
Farquharson	Olivia	Moreau
Farrant	George	Kerrison
Farrow	Bethany	Moreau
Finbow	Emelia	Pembroke
García Hernández	Nicolás	Garrett
Gladwell	William	Stradbroke
Green	Barnaby	Stradbroke
Haddon	Jonty	Garrett
Haste	Polly	Victoria
Hayden	Darcey	Victoria
Hein-Jones	Taylor	Kerrison
Heldreich	Frederick	Stradbroke

SURNAME	FORENAME	HOUSE
Holloway	Kodie	Kerrison
Howell	Georgia	Victoria
Isse	Raqiya	Victoria
Jones	Niamh	Pembroke
Juszt	Oliver	Rendlesham
Kent	Charles	Rendlesham
Knight	Adam	Stradbroke
Kobayashi	Shion	Garrett
Lecompte	Jonathan	Rendlesham
Lockhart	Matilda	Moreau
Macaulay	Haydn	Kerrison
Mayall	Poppy	Pembroke
Mears	Charlotte	Victoria
Mermagen	Jake	Kerrison
Monaghan	Robert	Garrett
Napier	Jemima	Moreau
Ogiewoyi	Osatoekh-imwena	Pembroke
Petheram	Eleanor	Pembroke
Ponty	Samuel	Rendlesham
Reader	Faith	Pembroke
Ruddock	Chloe	Moreau
Russell	Maximus	Kerrison
Sanyang	Joshua	Garrett
Sendrea	Alina	Victoria
Simmonds	Isabella	Moreau
Slater	Amelia	Victoria
Taylor	Jack	Garrett
Tone	Isabelle	Moreau
Welsh	Oscar	Stradbroke
Williams	Harry	Stradbroke
Williams	Henry	Kerrison
Williamson	Emma	Moreau
Yu	Yee Man	Victoria

COMMON ROOM MATTERS

The global pandemic that arrived in the form of COVID-19 this year had a profound impact on the teaching profession and the shape of education in both schools and further education.

It was perhaps with little surprise that in his final year, Clive Norton would still be training colleagues in the art of Teams and OneNote to prepare them for the challenges ahead. Clive was one of three long-serving members of staff to retire this year and will be remembered by generations for his passion (especially around Six Nations time), knowledge and empathy for his students. Sue Hobson and Karina Cavalcanti had also both served the College for over twenty years and can now enjoy their richly deserved retirement, having dedicated themselves to helping others for so long. Selfless, warm, considerate and dedicated would sum up all three and we wish them all the best for the future.

Tom Caston leaves us to take up a Headship at MPW in Cambridge, having made his mark as Deputy Head Pastoral over the past few years, and he will no doubt continue with the relaxed and welcoming open-door policy that endeared him to so many in need of support. We were also unfortunate in having to say goodbye to Kate Caiger, Ning Fulford and Julia Tye, who could all be considered as unsung heroes in the school. Their commitment, expertise and generosity, however, did not go unnoticed by those fortunate to have been taught by them and their presence will be greatly missed by us all. Laura Pembele completed her NQT year in the Science Department whilst in Languages they said “au revoir” to Diane Duchene. Mitch Turner was our final leaver having served with great distinction in Stradbroke and the Games Department for several years before his appointment at Finborough School.

Saying farewell is never easy and to do so remotely was doubly difficult. Nevertheless, the impact that these colleagues have made over many years in so many different spheres of College life will be felt long after we’ve finished teaching online and wearing masks.

MARCUS MARVELL

HISTORY



Sue Hobson (second in from left)



Clive Norton (bassist)



Tom Caston





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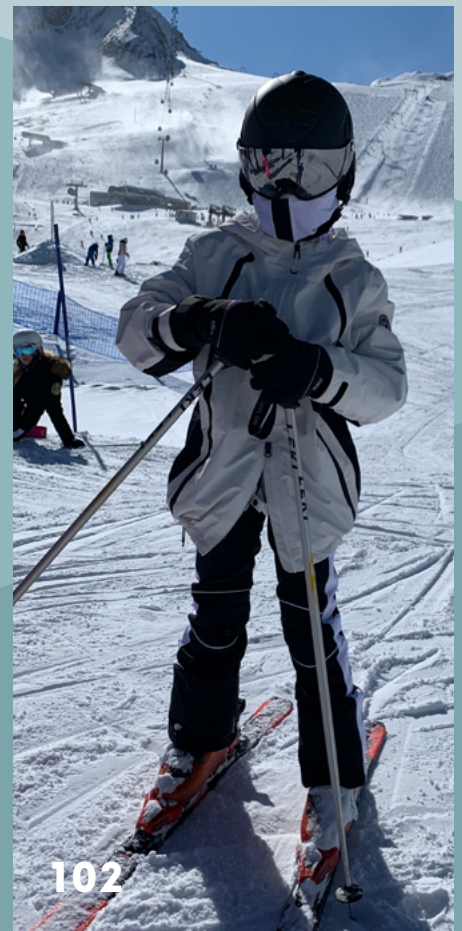
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A WORD FROM THE HEAD

2019/20 was Matthew King's final year at the helm of the Prep School and rounded off nearly five years of service.

This final year will be best remembered as the first year we all had to cope with the restrictions brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. Matthew King left at the end of the year. It was difficult to arrange a big send off for Matt, or any of the other much-loved staff who have helped shape the Prep School over their many years. Nevertheless, Matt's legacy will never be forgotten. He was a kind man with an enormous appetite for education. I wish him and his family well and would like to thank him for the work that he did.



It was a bizarre year, dominated with virtual learning and the dogged determination to offer the best education that we could during lockdown and the restrictions. The Prep School was always mindful of the impact of the lack of social interaction, and adapted new approaches to compensate, whilst looking to the future. My role has been to look after the Prep School to see us through the worst of the pandemic. Jonathan Egan will be at the helm soon and I can think of no better person to take this wonderful Prep School forwards.

MARTIN MYERS-ALLEN

ACTING HEAD OF THE PREP SCHOOL | DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

EARLY YEARS



Undoubtedly this has been the most unusual year here in the Early Years.

We started in September in our wonderful new facility, looking forward to our first year of being together as the Early Years, then ended it back in school but separated again.

Despite the disruption though, the year has had many highlights for us. It has been a joy to see the way the children have worked together exploring resources to create buildings and Percy the Park keepers Park. I particularly enjoyed the way the children retold the story of the 'Big Bad Wolf' and made a very interesting stew with soapy water for his tea.

My best and proudest moment was "Our First Nativity". It was wonderful to see the confidence with which the children in Reception learnt their few words and delivered them to a packed audience with courage and joy. It's such a special and warm feeling watching young children perform the well told story and it meant a lot to be able to perform to such an enthusiastic crowd in our own environment.

Lockdown meant learning to teach in new ways and us all getting used to recording ourselves and using various digital platforms to keep learning going, particularly in Reception. For me, getting the opportunity to see the children in their own environment and to see the variety of ways in which a task could be approached was inspiring, interesting and sometimes amazing.

On our return, life was very different. We missed each other even though we were only yards apart, however it did inspire a lot of note writing in Reception as they wrote letters to send to Nursery next door. Amazingly, and in no small part due to the excellent teaching from Miss Poacher, the children made good progress and retained their keen interest in learning.

RUTH STEGGLES
HEAD OF EARLY YEARS



PRE-PREP

The Pre-Prep department had many highlights over the year.

In the Autumn Term, the children went on a number of school trips including creating Christmas decorations at Kersey Mill for the Year 1s. The Year 3s went on their annual trip to Ipswich Museum to journey through time and learn about the Ancient Egyptians.

The highlight of the Autumn Term, however, was the Christmas production of 'Countdown to Christmas' following a family's fraught preparations leading up to the big day!

In the Spring Term, Year 1 & 2 managed to visit Orford Castle and learn about 'The Wildman of Orford' which was then linked to some very impressive story writing on their return.

Year 3 went around Framlingham looking at the different types of shops and why tourists would visit the area. They then completed a very muddy walk back to the College where hot drinks and snacks were enjoyed by all.

The Pre-Prep school council met once a term, when it discussed how to improve the playground and the reward system. The children were delighted to see how their discussions and ideas came to fruition with new playground equipment and football goals.

Links between home and school were strengthened by the introduction of SeeSaw, an app which provided parents with pictures and updates on what the children were doing each day. This then became an invaluable tool during lockdown and the online learning of the younger children.



Year 1 & 2 trip to Orford Castle



Year 3 trip to Framlingham



Year 1 trip to Kersey Mill



Year 2 & 3 singing practice with Rob Rogers



Ralph Reader



What changed with regards to the teaching of your subject/ activity as a result of COVID-19?

We have continued and extended our use of SeeSaw in Year 1 & 2 so parents can see what the children are doing at school. This is invaluable as our parents are currently not allowed on site. Children have increased their independence by carrying their belongings and walking independently across to the classrooms in the morning - a great lesson in how children can achieve when given the opportunity.

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Which (change) made the greatest impact?

The use of SeeSaw as the online learning platform. We are fortunate that the younger children have more flexibility than some of the older children and this allowed us to continue as before - as best as we could - being mindful with learning materials and keeping as safe as we could whilst not compromising the learning provision and experience that the children had.

2



Year 3 on Five Bridges walk

What will you hold on to post the pandemic?

A much-needed improvement in my IT skills, still some way to go but a reminder that we never stop learning and can still achieve and improve so much in areas that daunt us.

3



Year 2 after school club

Year 3 lining up for ice cream

Year 3 on Five Bridges walk

4. What was the one stand-out moment from the Summer Term?

Being back in school, watching the children all back together again and enjoying being with each other. Den building and paddling in the dam. Ice cream eating at The Queen in Brandeston.

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5. Did the pupils teach you anything through lockdown?

How resilient and wonderful they can be, taking it all in their stride and bouncing back into school life with the enthusiasm that they did. Keep on smiling!

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JUNIOR PREP

The year started with the much-anticipated Year 6 camping trip to Birch Hall Adventures, idyllically situated within the Hamford Water National Nature Reserve area in Essex.

With the emphasis on teamwork and challenge (whilst having plenty of fun along the way) pupils enjoyed a vast array of activities, from building fires to sailing alongside seals. After action-packed days and long evenings spent singing beside the campfire, children returned to school with life-long memories and both new and reaffirmed friendships; not to mention sleepy heads and plenty of washing!

The onset of the Spring Term saw Year 5 enjoying and utilising their theatrical skills as they rehearsed hard for 'Ali Baba & The Bongo Bandits'. The pupils approached this challenge with plenty of gusto and courage, and a seemingly fitting crescendo beckoned. Alas, the curtain call never came as their admirable efforts were curtailed by the pending lockdown. That said, the children dealt with this bitter disappointment impressively and the skills learned will prove invaluable in future productions and beyond.

Also that term, Year 4 enjoyed learning all about the Anglo-Saxons, and their learning was brought to life with a trip to the West Stow re-enactment village. Pupils enjoyed handling artefacts and trying on costumes from this time period.

Finally, another standout highlight was the Junior Prep quiz team's highly successful performance at the area heat (Suffolk & Norfolk) of the Inter-School General Knowledge Quiz Championships. The team did superbly and finished the day by lifting the winning trophy - a place in the National Finals secured!

JAMES LOVERIDGE
HEAD OF JUNIOR PREP



Milo Nisbet looks to take Oak Sledmere's wicket before the sun goes down



Junior Prep School Quiz Team - Florence Moore, Team Captain William Hazelgrove, Archie Bloore, Ella Redstall



School quiz results

MATHS

Several positives have been achieved in the Maths Department this year, despite the challenges faced.

The Prep School hosted our combined Year 8 and 9 Maths Challenge morning in the Rowley Hall. We had over 50 pupils participate in the mixed year teams, competing in four different events that included problem-solving, mental gymnastics and relay races. The two winning teams went forward to the Regional Finals at the College in early March, gaining a creditable 5th place out of thirty or more teams.

Early in the year, a group of 28 more-able Year 7 pupils visited Yarmouth Racecourse as part of a STEM initiative sponsored by the Racing to Schools initiative. It was a fascinating insight into the numbers involved in racing. The pupils learnt a lot about probabilities, imperial measures, dieting requirements and calorific intake - as well as speed calculations and the unique distances such as 'furlong' used. Despite some tricky weather, much fun was had, especially when the children got to dress up in jockeys' silks!

The UKMT Junior Maths Challenge was postponed until June when it became an online competition. It was heartening to have 70 of our Year 7 and 8 pupils take up the challenge. This surpassed previous numbers and resulted in 17 bronze, silver and gold certificates being achieved - one of our best recent results. Lily Green gained the Best in School performance.

FCPS introduced a 'Wall of Fame' for Athletics achievements, and despite lockdown the school achieved a record 1200+ certificates in the previous 12 months. This enthusiasm for learning at home looks set to continue and more importantly has consolidated their class learning. Well done to Set 7.1 and Year 4 for gaining the most class certificates.

The Maths Department also ran regular popular activities such as darts, card games and board games that tested the children's arithmetic skills. It is fair to say that Mr Means' classroom wall now has a few extra holes from errant missiles!

Another success has been our remote teaching. The maths staff have embraced the online platforms, and a plethora of resources have been generated over the last 6 months. These have really enhanced our own class teaching, alongside the interactive boards already being used. This is an exciting and ongoing process and fits in well with how maths is being taught at the College.

Overall, 2020 has been a success amongst adversity and we look forward to heralding our many pupils' achievements next year as well.

SIMON MEANS
HEAD OF MATHEMATICS



Poetry by Heart - Oscar



Poetry by Heart



Daniel Bayman
Poetry by Heart 2019



Bedtime Stories



The Big Read - Year 4

This year, pupils across the year groups continued to enjoy an exciting and varied curriculum in English.

We welcomed Mrs Sedeno and Miss Bridges to the department and at the end of the year, we said goodbye to Mrs Norton who will be very much missed.

Poetry by Heart was our first event of the year, with pupils in Year 5-8 learning their chosen poem to present to their classes and Daniel Bayman and Oscar Ward winning the final – many thanks to Mr Goldsmith and Mrs Shercliff for judging.

This year, we launched 'The Big Read' at the Prep School: an initiative to inspire our pupils to read for pleasure. We held a Readathon event and raised a total of £1389 for 'Read for Good', an organisation working with children's hospitals across the country to provide books and storyteller visits for poorly children.

Visiting author Sarah Moore Fitzgerald held an inspirational talk for our Year 8 pupils about the ideas behind her award-winning novel 'A Strange Kind of Brave'. Some of our able writers attended a course at the Red House in Aldeburgh to work alongside Anne Stairmand and Rob Parkinson and produced some fantastic short stories as a result.



The Big Read 2020 - Year 2



Sarah Moore Fitzgerald Visit



This year's World Book Day theme was 'Bedtime Stories' and we reminded ourselves of the joys of a great story and how childhood stories inspire a love of literature from an early age. In Year 8, pupils worked exceptionally hard to prepare for their Common Entrance exams. Mim Marvell demonstrated significant progress over the two-year CE course. As a result of her tremendous hard work, she was awarded the prize for English.

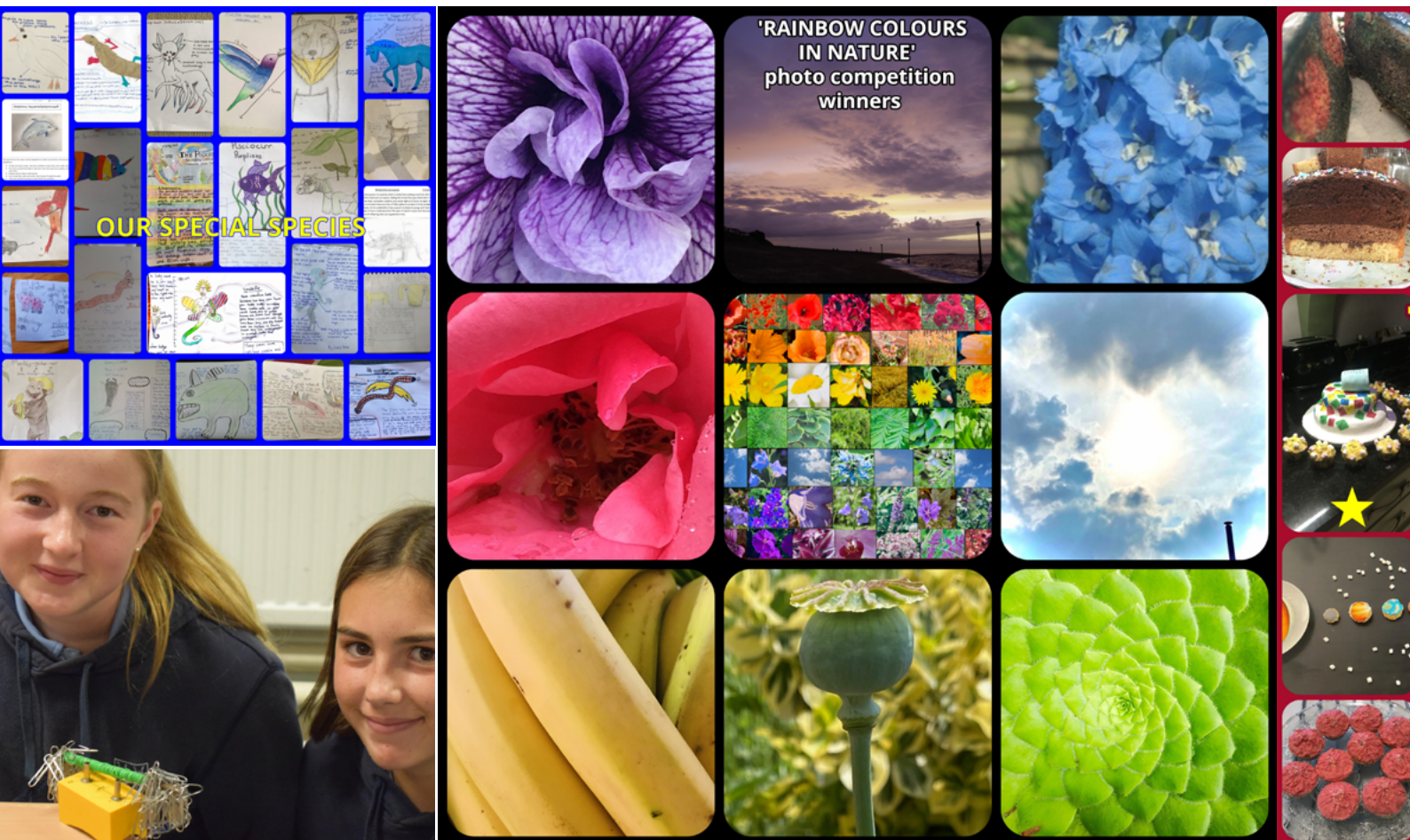
Pupils adapted quickly to the transition to online learning in the Summer Term. We were so impressed with pupil engagement, as well as the independent learning skills developed over the term. Pupils from across the school wrote some fantastic poetry

on the theme of 'Hope' and captured a variety of emotions experienced by young people at a time of great change.

Congratulations to Lottie John, George Davidson and Esmee Barnes-Blackburn for winning the Reading prizes.

I am very proud of the work that pupils and staff have contributed to the department this year.

LUCY MANNING
HEAD OF ENGLISH



SCIENCE

At the start of the academic year, Year 7 had a memorable trip to Great Yarmouth races for a Race Day, courtesy of the 'Racing to Schools' charity which was formed by the British Horseracing Association (BHA).

The event was set up to encourage schools to match up their classroom curriculum in both Maths and Science to real world situations. All our pupils got a set of jockey silks to wear and we were able to visit the 'jockeys' room', the sauna and even the 'weigh-in room', where questions were asked about how a jockey can lose weight.

All the equipment used was inspected, allowing the children to discuss the design and its function. At regular stages, the pupils were tested with some tricky calculations ranging from unit conversions to statistics and speed distance calculations. The children also experienced the parade ring and watched the first race.

The racing program was also discussed, with questions raised such as: how and why does the handicap system work? Students had a chance to choose their runner using the information

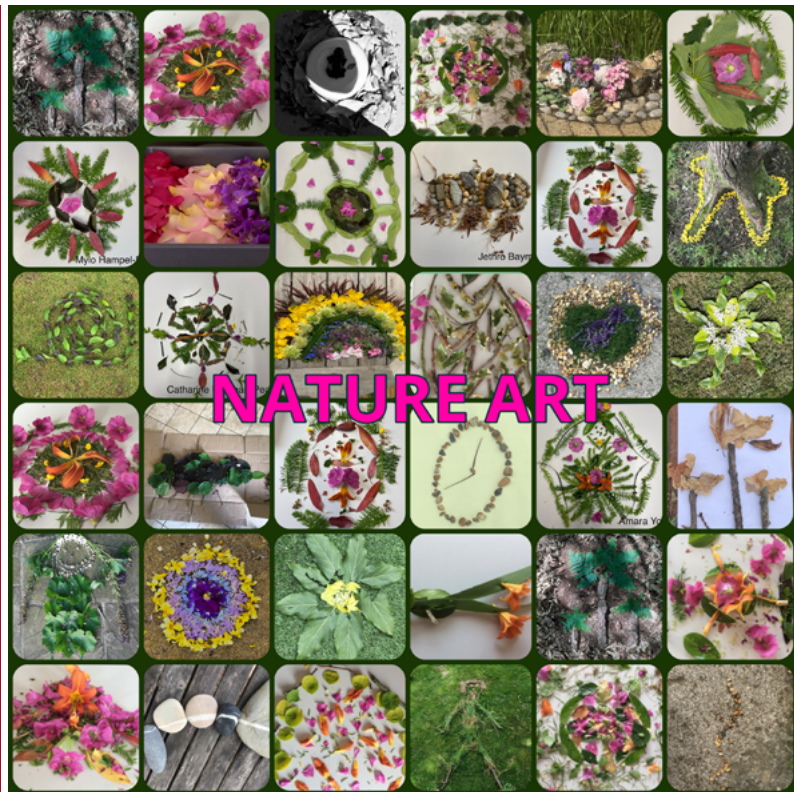
available on each horse and to be within 5 metres of the horses as they raced past at 30mph was just exhilarating, and will be remembered for years to come. It was a majestic and fitting finish to a most enlightening day.

Year 4 pupils had the amazing opportunity to sit in a very large tractor from Kerr Farms. The Pupils learnt about the role of farmers and how food gets from the field to the table. A huge thank you once again to Mr Kerr for this valuable educational experience.

We held lots of mini science competitions within the classroom, such as 'Who can Make the Strongest Electromagnet?' as well as our 'I Can' science STEM sessions (the Squashed Tomato Challenge was particularly entertaining!).

During lockdown, our usual Science practicals were, for the most part, put on hold. When the Year 8 pupils had finished their syllabus, we started to focus on baking and the science of cooking. The year ended with a 'Science Bake-off' which was won by Lilly Green for her Periodic Table bake, Amelie Bull for her Day and Night themed cake and Lottie John for her Space cake.

Unfortunately, also due to lockdown, we were never able to hold our eagerly awaited yearly Science Week. We did however manage to run some of the usual competitions remotely such as 'Marble Runs', 'Rainbow Colours in Nature', Photography Competition, Special Species designs Nature Art, and Nature Quizzes. Congratulations to all these winners.



RESULTS:

MARBLE RUNS

Henry Warren, Esme Milne, Henry Powell

RAINBOW COLOURS IN NATURE

Lilly Green – close up of a purple flower

Scarlett McNeill – close up of a blue flower

Zoe King – close ups of green plant and pink flower

Seb Drury – blue sky

Mylo Hampel-Rey – green seed pod

Emma Ogilvie – bananas

Suzanne Adams (George's mum) – lilac sunrise

Henry Warren - rainbow compilation of garden flowers in his garden

OUR SPECIAL SPECIES

Oscar Ward, Sophia Slay, Georgie Powell.

Esme Milne, Elly Rampton

NATURE ART

Isabella Hughes , Lizzie Styles, Esmae Barnes-Blackburn, Ella Redstall, Summer Dring-Richardson

NATURE QUIZ

Ben Currie, Tommy Bell , Emma Ogilvie,

Felix Norris, Scarlett McNeill

SONJA MOON

HEAD OF SCIENCE | ACADEMIC CO-ORDINATOR

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Pupils at the Prep school continue to study foreign languages with great interest and curiosity.

During October half term 2019, a group of 27 excited Year 7 pupils travelled to Paris via Eurostar with their teachers. We walked along the Seine, visited the Musée D'Orsay, Le Louvre, les Champs-Élysées, l'Arc de Triomphe and of course we climbed La Tour Eiffel. Pupils ordered food in restaurants and cafés and tried a range of different dishes. The crêpes au Nutella were always extremely popular!

A number of Year 8s were invited to join the Year 9 trip to a Spanish play called "Primera cita". This was a most enjoyable, entertaining and educational event.

Ms Sedeno's classes worked with songs and singing to improve pronunciation and fluency. One stand out moment was Amelie Royall and Emily Blois's performances of 'Aux Champs- Élysées' which can be heard as the title track to the Year 8 video, while Oscar Ward delivers an impressive performance as Hercule Poirot in 'Le Mystère au Manoir'.

Pupils continue to produce outstanding work in a variety of different formats, from presentations to videos, reciting French poetry and performances. It is a joy to hear foreign languages being spoken around the school and to witness the excitement of the children taking part.

Here is a video link of some of the work of year 7 and 8
<https://framlinghamcollegeprep.fireflycloud.net/parents-1/languages-by-year-7-and-8---song-by-amelie-r>

DOMINIC WADE

HEAD OF LANGUAGES





COMPUTER SCIENCE

Year 6 enjoyed a visit to BT Adastral Park for a Crumble Robotics day which featured several programming tasks and challenges led by industry experts.

The day culminated in a line-following challenge; a group of our students came 1st amongst the schools in attendance. The success of the trip led Mrs Royall to set up a Crumble Robot

after-school activity - watch this space for more competitions in the future!

Year 8 received an afternoon instruction on Cyber Security from Cyber First, which taught them the importance of encryption and its use on the Internet.

Alongside these experiences, our Prep School students continue to excel and advance their programming knowledge in a range of languages and ways. Tommy Bell, Oli George and Fin McGovern have impressed, learning to code 2D games using the Python programming language, and there are several others looking to follow in their footsteps. Lockdown gave students a chance to create an App using Code.org which showcased the creativity we have here at Framlingham College Prep School.

JOHN HARROD

DIRECTOR OF COMPUTER SCIENCE



HUMANITIES

Despite the onset of COVID-19 in early March, this has been a highly productive year in the Humanities department.

I would firstly like to congratulate all pupils studying History, Geography and Religious Studies on their resilience, determination and independence during our remote learning programme. All staff in the department remarked at what a joy you were to teach and how impressed they were with your 'can-do' attitude. Some Churchillian speeches specially recorded for our 75th VE day celebration by Year 7 and 8 stand out in the memory and helped conjure up a communal feeling of reflection and respect, just when it was needed.

Year 3 and 4 have continued to enjoy their learning on the Egyptians and Year 4 loved their outing to West Stow, which they managed to sneak in pre lockdown in early March. Trips such as these help to bring the subject matter to life, and it has been such a shame that so many other trips have been missed this academic year. 2021 looks set to be a more promising in this regard though, and hopefully, we will be back on the road for abundant Geographical and History adventures sooner rather than later.

Year 6 were, as ever, fascinated by our local topic on the village of Brandeston and wowed that so much history, some of it rather gruesome, is linked to such quaint and pleasant land. Tales of the Reverend John Lowes, who was tracked by famous witch-hunter general (quite the job title) Matthew Hopkins, continue to amaze and astound. History is at its best when right on one's doorstep.

Year 7 have been encouraged to relinquish the sat-nav and improve their map skills in Geography lessons. This has been supported by virtual trips on Google Earth to Ipswich Waterfront and beyond. Year 8 should also be very proud of their work on sustainable living in the Summer Term, many taking to the online world to construct their very own eco-homes and cars (Tesla had better watch out).

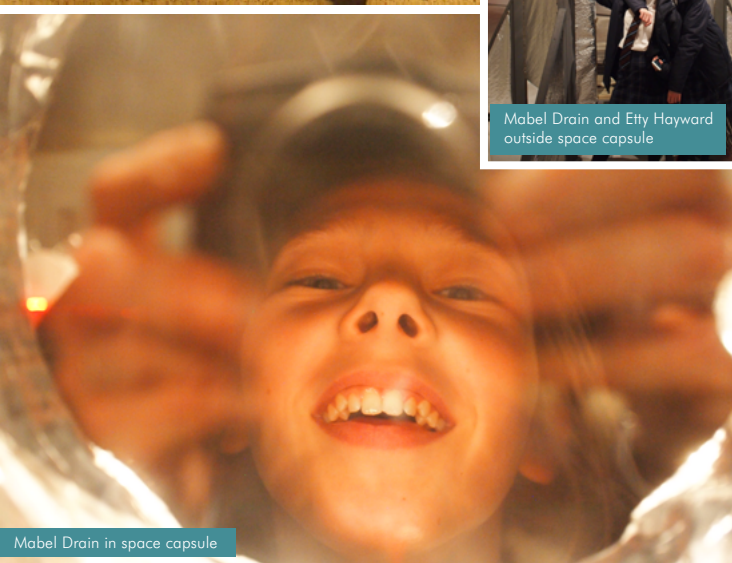
Finally, I would like to extend my thanks to my colleagues working in the Humanities department. Your hard work, continued positivity and child-centred approach to learning has been nothing less than inspiring.

MR JAMES RIDGE
HEAD OF HUMANITIES





The group assembled on the Design Museum stairs



Mabel Drain in space capsule



Mabel Drain and Etty Hayward outside space capsule



Mr Wade and pupils designing Martian houses



Relaxing in a Martian house



Ella Ogilvie experiencing Martian aromas

ART

Other-worldliness had crept into our creative lives some time before the pandemic made its presence felt.

In January, Year 7 visited the 'Moving to Mars' exhibition at the Design Museum, where they contemplated the possibility of life on the red planet. A thematic project ensued, in which all manner of space-age artworks were produced: clay models of Martian houses; buggies; rockets and inter-planetary paintings and prints. We also spent some time designing aliens, having seen notable examples from science-fiction.

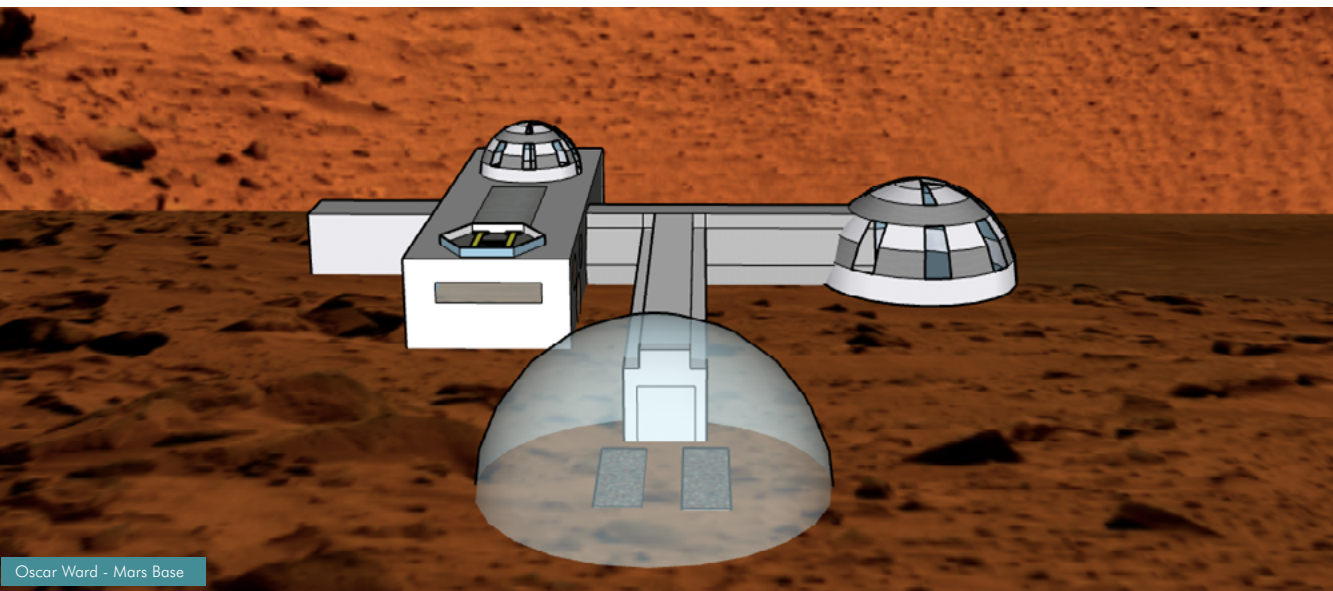
This was, as ever, a memorable interlude in the earth-bound existence of FCPS art. The Autumn and Spring terms had seen the usual creative whirl, among the highlights of which were Year 4's spirited depictions of Easter Island heads and Year 6's delightful bird sculptures, which, in the end, more than justified the time they took to make. Year 8 made a particularly memorable job of the evergreen Joseph Cornell Box project and Year 5 made atmospheric studies of Brandeston Church.

We were honoured by the award of Art Scholarships to Mimi Wilson and Rosanna Johnson. Mimi's extraordinarily lyrical and skilful ink drawings, along with her liking for dragons, were justly recognised, as were Rosanna's paintings, drawings and inventive, ambitious ideas.

The annual Young Art East Anglia competition brought record success, not in terms of numbers but in the level of award. Of the twelve successful entrants, Ruby Phillips was awarded Second Prize overall and Milo Nisbet's and Theodore Gandy's entries were Highly Commended. The 'Moment in Time' theme had inspired a world of imaginative, individual ideas.

And then, suddenly, the brushes, pastels and pens were stilled and the art room left silent for a Summer term like no other . . .

CHRIS LENTON
HEAD OF ART



Mimi Wilson - Camper

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

As always, a very busy year for D&T; many projects were attempted and all pupils, from Year 4 to Year 8, were constantly involved in being creative.

One of the highlights of the year to March was the hotly contested 13+ Scholarships, which ended with both Rosanna Johnson and Dan North being awarded half D&T Scholarships (with, respectively, Art and Sport): Rosanna, for her contrasting work at the artist end of the design spectrum; and Dan, in the more technical world of architecture and logical design. Another highlight was the annual DT trip to the Design Museum, which this year was hosting an exhibition entitled 'Moving to Mars'. This was a fantastic show, with live film from the NASA Mars Rover shown on a huge screen, numerous models and artefacts from the European and other space programs, and historical art work, films and full-size Mars habitats as designed to be used in the next few decades. The pupils found it absolutely fascinating, as well as being wowed as always by the incredible Design Museum building. If you haven't been, go. Year 8 pupils were busy working on their Personal Projects, with a few completed by the end of March, when, of course, it all came to an abrupt stop...

COVID-19 meant that D&T teaching shifted online and became much more a series of smaller projects with a lot of designing and learning how to use online design programs. SketchUp featured a lot for Years 7 and 8, providing the 3D design element, along with Homestyler (interiors), Canva (graphic design) and Publisher, Word and Powerpoint for presentations. Year 6 looked at: making animals from fruit; creative 3D hearts to cheer up their families; designing a crazy golf course; Easter cards; packaging snails for a UK market;

pasta picture frames and a Superhero outfit for themselves. The 30-day Lego Challenge was a hit across all year groups, along with a succession of recommended programmes to watch online or on catchup TV. Many organisations, including the Design Museum, produced weekly projects to challenge, interest and stretch the pupils.

Year 7 also looked at redesigning their bedrooms, finished their Mars projects to design homes on the red planet, looked at recycling and how they do it at home and then completed a project to design fashion shoes or trainers.

Year 8 tackled the making of lockdown music videos, with some incredible films produced, as well as designing camper vans, studying their favourite designers, thinking about the city of the future and throwing themselves into a wonderful project to make a phone holder from recycled materials to allow handsfree video chatting. The creativity was amazing, with ideas ranging from old metal farm machinery and Lego, to cardboard boxes, and even a boxing glove. Fantastic work. Many of them also worked on personal projects that could be made at home, from furniture to fencing and many other things too numerous and varied to mention.

Congratulations to Rosanna Johnson on being awarded the Year 8 DT Prize for 2020 - and to Florence Collins for the AJ Martin Prize for Care and Perseverance in Hand Crafted Work.

If there's a phrase that sums up our lockdown D&T lessons, it was my off-repeated mantra to the pupils - "Go be creative" - and they most certainly were.

SIMON CULLUM

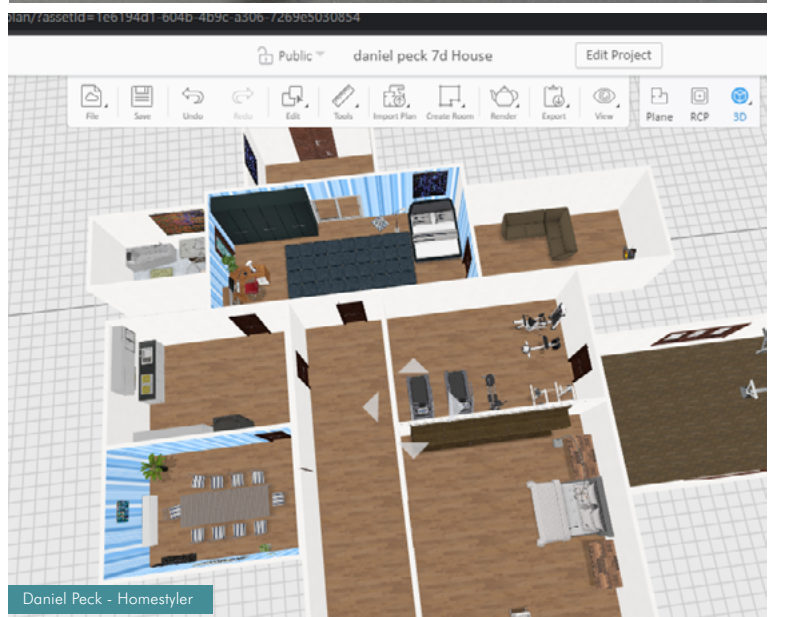
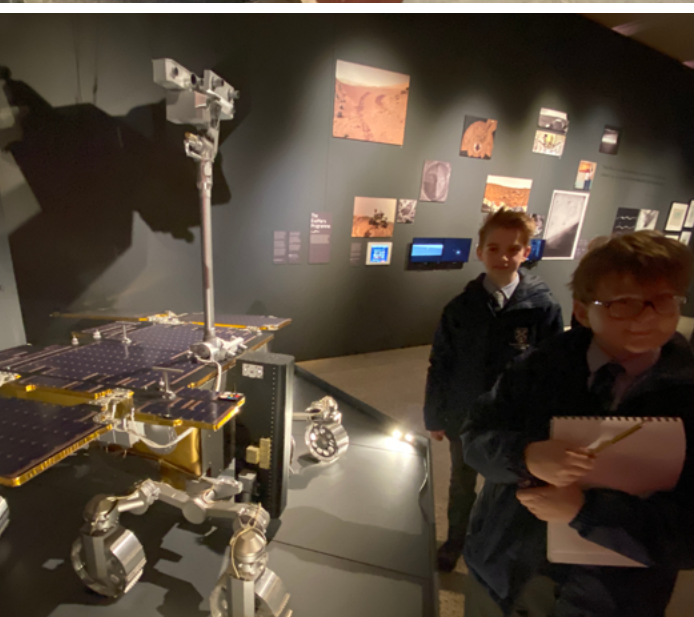
HEAD OF DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY



Henry Warren - Go Kart



Rosanna Johnson



Daniel Peck - Homestyler

MUSIC

AUTUMN TERM 2019

October

Music Scholars' Trip to see 'Courtney Pine' on 19th October – amazing performance and an inspiration to all.

Showband rehearsals begin for 'A Christmas Carol'. Edgar Reader, Sebby Adams-Eaton, Tommy Bell, Oli George, Thea Wilson, Oscar Franklin and Rafa Sedeño, plus RR on keyboard and Mrs R on flute.

Recitals

Years 4-8 on 14th Nov and 5th December and for Year 3 and PrePrep on 27th Nov. Sixty performances in all.

PrePrep Christmas Production 'Countdown to Christmas'

A longer and more demanding show this year as Year 3 were included, as well as Reception and Years 1 & 2, and it was a delightful performance with great singing and acting.

Senior Production - 'A Christmas Carol'

A splendid effort from all the cast with both singing and acting. Two drummers in the band who took it in turns to be on stage and in the band. The band had rehearsed separately from the cast, as usual, and then joined in for show-week.

House Singing - 'The Lion King Medley'

Red House won this year. Everyone in the whole school was involved and that after the terrifying annual rendition of 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' after Christmas Lunch.... Mr Rogers's least favourite musical moment but at least everyone has a lot of fun!

Carols 'round the tree – Rowley Hall

This was the first time we were forced into Rowley Hall from the weather, but it was a heart-warming event with lots of enthusiastic singing (some a little OTT at times), with staff, children and parents all enjoying lots of songs, both traditional and more up to date.

Carol Service 2019

Our yearly trip to The College Chapel to partake in the FCPS Carol Service with beautiful readings and performances. The Girls Vocals sang 'Jesus Child' and 'Diamond Bright' and our Junior Vocals sang 'One Christmas' and 'Midwinter'. We enjoyed the usual carols with the congregation and good hearty descants from the Girls Vocals.



SPRING TERM 2020

January

Music Scholars' Workshop on Wednesday 15th Jan.

On Thursday 30th Jan FCPS and FC Trip to see 'School of Rock' in London. Sebby Adams-Eaton in the star guitarist role in the West End. Absolutely fabulous performances by all the cast but very special for us to see him being so brilliant!

Music Scholars' Concert

On Fri 31st Jan we held our Music Scholars' Concert in the Chapel at Framlingham College. Fabulous solo performances by Tommy Bell (recorder), Thea Wilson (viola) and Sebby Adams-Eaton (guitar) and then they joined together and played a baroque Trio by Babbell with lots of expression and finesse.

FCPS Spring Concert

On February 7th all the main groups performed: So Funky Monkeys, Junior Vocals, Strings 'n Things, The Cambiata Choir (+ Mr R on oboe in his first, and last, appearance on his main instrument), the Music Scholars' Trio, the Ukulele Group, Girls Vocals and the Orchestra. A splendid night of great music and everyone doing their very best, as usual.

Recitals

Two more (at school) recitals – one for Year 4-8 on 3rd March and another on 11th March for Year 3 plus PrePrep....so another 43 performances.

Junior Production

– 'Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits'

This was ready-to-go, both with singing the songs and the Show-band, but then we were all sent home. Rehearsals continued until it was obvious that the absence from 'normal school' was going to be prolonged.

Online Lessons

Instrumental and singing lessons continued for many online and thanks must go to the visiting music teachers for their efforts to keep this going.

Lockdown Recitals

Two online 'lockdown recitals' with a further FIFTY performances which, in the light of how tricky it was to have rehearsals and get piano parts made, was a miracle. Thanks to everyone who played and bravely faced a computer screen not knowing who, or how many, might be watching.

Band Night and Drummer's Bash

We were well on the way to being ready for these two events in the first half of the Summer term, but at least we did get three Year 5 drummers to join in the second lock-down recital.

ROB ROGERS

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC





DRAMA

We were delighted to present the Senior Production of 'A Christmas Carol' at the end of November 2019.

Bob Cratchit's opening line of, "Probably the most famous Christmas story of all" sat well against a backdrop of winter nights and forthcoming festivities. Working tirelessly every Thursday after school from September, the cast perfected their performances right up to 'Play Week'. We are always incredibly fortunate to devote a full week prior to the opening night to honing and fine tuning all aspects of the production; from developing characters and stage presence to finalising songs and music, lighting and costume, make up and sound. Every pupil learnt so much from their experiences.

Ebenezer Scrooge, the main character, was to be involved in almost every scene in this play. Therefore, the decision was taken to give the part to two pupils who would perform for half the play each. Finn McGovern and Oliver Nisbet undertook the challenge with great aplomb and managed the transition between the two seamlessly, with the change in actor cleverly mirroring the change in Scrooge as he went through his ghostly lessons.

Children often equate the magnitude of a role to the number of lines spoken. This performance will long remain an example of exactly why this is not always the case! In amongst an entire cast of talented young pupils were those who did not speak a single word. 'The Children of Ignorance and Want', played by Mia North and Emily Blois, and the puppeteers of the 'Ghost



of Christmas Yet to Come', played by Florence Collins, Rafa Sedeno and Grace Callaghan, were silent throughout and brilliant too.

A highlight of our productions is always the involvement of the show band. Made up of pupils (whose average age was twelve), the sounds produced were phenomenal. Mr Rogers' leadership of the band on this occasion turned out to be his last before retirement but what a way to leave; the band was superb.

Whilst the Senior Production was taken to the stage, sadly the same opportunity for the Junior Production didn't arise and will forever go down as the play that never was. The Year 4 & 5 children ably rehearsed 'Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits'

throughout the term, only to have the opportunity to perform stolen from them by Coronavirus. However, their positive spirit and willingness to practice up to this point was welcomed and celebrated. The same could almost be said for the Year 6 Shakespeare Production but, with adjustments, the production evening was transposed to an online event, and what a fabulous evening it was. Monologues, songs and group choral speaking all rehearsed at home and brought together on the night.

This was a year to remember for Drama, and one where all those involved continued to shine bright.

BRUCE WILSON

DEPUTY HEAD (CO-CURRICULAR)

FOREST SCHOOL

We had a fantastic year exploring and creating down in the Forest School area.

Weekly visits from the KS1 classes and Saturday morning sessions meant that the woodlands came alive with chatter, exploration, creativity and friendship.

Despite lockdown, we managed to explore all of the seasons during our sessions. The end of the summer gave us an opportunity to explore wildlife, looking at the animals that live in our beautiful grounds. As autumn arrived, we explored colour and made some beautiful Andy Goldsworthy-inspired art. On the windier days, we designed kites to take full advantage of the space we have.

As the days grew shorter, we started to focus our work around the fire. Not only did this provide us with warmth, but we learnt to respect the fire circle and how to keep ourselves and our friends safe. Marshmallow toasting and popcorn popping was always a favourite snack, served with some fruit teas. We used simple tools to create Christmas decorations and savoured some time singing songs around the fire.

The new life of spring gave us a renewed energy to explore the plants in the woodland. We started to notice how they change throughout the year, as the first signs of spring began to appear all around us. Although a truncated year, we enjoyed every minute in the woods.

JO DRURY

TEACHER OF KEY STAGE 1 & 2



Autumn



Kites





U11 Boys' Rugby Team Talk



U11 Boys on Tour

RUGBY

U13s

The U13A team enjoyed a truly memorable season, remaining unbeaten in all forms of the game. The best performance of the 13-a-side season probably came in the season-opener against Felsted School, whilst there were also emphatic victories against the likes of The Perse School, RHS and Bilton Grange. Overall, the team averaged over 50 points in every match and only conceded 9 tries all season to remain unbeaten. The team were winners of the Northampton Saints Redrow Homes 7s at RHS, qualifying for the Finals Day at Franklin's Gardens but, unfortunately, the lockdown was to scupper their ambitions. We are delighted that the vast majority of the squad have chosen to continue their education at the Senior School and we will watch how they develop with great interest. The U13Bs also experienced an unbeaten season which should be commended. They worked hard in training and deserved every success they gained.

U12s

The U12s season was one of many ups and downs, however, there were many positives to be taken away from the season. Varying individuals showed great improvements, from Rafa Sedeno displaying great speed and strength on the ball to Daniel Peck highlighting his tremendous tackling ability. A highlight of the U12B season was an away win against the Finborough School U12As. The boys put on a fantastic display to beat a strong side and really demonstrated how far they have come, both individually and as a team this season.

U11s

The U11 had a season of two halves, playing in competitive fixtures with a huge amount of heart. Matches were fearlessly contested, and you could never rule out the dogged nature of our boys looking to score tries from anywhere on the pitch. As the season progressed so did the quality of our rugby. Ball movement increased, as did the footwork, and also the passion the boys showed for the game. On reflection, the results would suggest it wasn't a competitive season, however, this could not be further from the truth. Matches were tight and well contested.

U10s

Just below them in age, the U10s remained undefeated until half term, including on tour and at the Framlingham College Festival. Great progress was evident, and a strong sense of teamwork shone through. The boys responded well to the RFU rugby values and they matured well as a group.

U9s

The U9 season was full of development – they came on a long way from their early matches in January, learning from previous experiences along the way. Lessons gained from sport can be powerful, and this is certainly the case for these boys.

U8s

The U8s enjoyed a season full of success and learnings - a cohort that was made up of only 7 boys in the whole of Year 3, but they played 15 matches winning 13 of these and just drawing the other 2, scoring 335 points as well - quite a remarkable set of results! Training sessions pushed these boys, who also enjoyed playing with their Year 4 counterparts. The boys have picked up key skills, not just in rugby, but in the etiquette that surrounds match day protocols.

NICK GANDY

DIRECTOR OF SPORT



U13A Boys' Rugby



U13A Boys' Rugby in action



U11 Boys on tour



U13A Boys' Rugby Team at RHS



U10 Boys' Rugby huddle

NETBALL

Our netball season kicked off with our U9s in the Autumn Term.

We were lucky enough to have a talented group of Year 4 sporting girls who led by example and paved the way for our Year 3s who were new to the fixtures circuit and the 5-a-side high five netball set up. The Cs remained unbeaten throughout whilst the As lost just one re-match against Orwell Park. Generally though, you wouldn't know the lack of experience of these girls - they looked confident on the court and took to netball like ducks to water.

Come Spring Term, netball became the focus for our U11s and U13s teams. They did not disappoint. The U11s dominated their season with the As showing their superior skills on the court against all our local opposition and the B-D teams often playing mis-matched games against A-C teams. This was an especially talented group of girls - a handful were part of the Suffolk County scene, and Jess Lamprell was selected for the Satellite Programme. The U11C & D teams were largely undefeated - Bs fought well against their main A team opposition and the As were only truly stretched and challenged during IAPS Regional Competitions and tour. Entering the St Faith's competition for the first time allowed us to encounter some different opposition. The U11As finished fourth overall, arriving to snow on the court. Victories against St Albans High School, St Mary's Juniors, Highgate, a draw with St Aubyn's and a narrow loss in the play-off with The Perse meant that they missed out on a medal, but the defeat was against the eventual winners.



FCPS Netball



U11 Netball



U9C Netball



U9C Netball



FCPS 5ths



U9B Netball



U9A Netball Team

February saw FCPS host the IAPS Small Schools U11 Tournament. We were lucky enough to enter a team this year who proudly finished third overall. A wonderful way to kick start their half term and it was achieved off the back of a successful weekend tour to North London and Hertfordshire.

At the top of the school, our U13s enjoyed a mixed season but one where improvement and development was clear to all. The 1st VII cemented their positional play early doors with a weekend tour to North London. Here they demonstrated some quality netball, a gritty attitude and effort levels that could not be faulted. They had to play hard against the likes of Belmont, Berkhamsted and Heathmouth, asserting themselves on the court. Hannah Grace Strover was nominated on countless occasions as 'Player of the Match', an individual deserving a special mention and one with a bright netball future, I am certain. They returned to participate in the Regional IAPS Tournament at Felsted where they returned with bronze medals from the Plate Competition. Highlights include matches against Bishop Stortford College, Bishopsgate and Edge Grove. It was also an opportunity for our U12s to unite and play together for the first time. They gained a pleasing win against Culford School, a draw against Langley and a loss against Edge Grove. The results do not reflect the improvement shown just over the course of the one day.

The 2nd VII's flourished over the season, clocking up some impressive results along the way and only challenged by Felsted late in the term. The 3rd VII's worked hard in training and matches, with their enthusiasm and passion for the game clear for all to see. Cracking performances for this team included those against Town Close, Finborough, Culford and Orwell Park. Both 4th and 5th VII teams had good seasons with a mixture of great wins and some losses. These girls demonstrated huge improvement in their footwork and ability to feed the ball into the D.

Netball was lucky enough to finish 'unharmd' by the disturbances of COVID-19, and for many in Year 8 this was their last chance to represent the Prep School. As ever, they should be proud of their performances - on and off the netball court - and each and every student was a total pleasure to coach.

GEORGINA KINGSTONE

HEAD OF PREP SCHOOL GAMES & PHYSICAL EDUCATION



HOCKEY

GIRLS' HOCKEY

It has been another fantastic season of progress and development on the hockey pitches for the girls of Framlingham College Prep School. Right the way through the school, the girls continue to 'punch above their weight.'

At the top end of the school, the 1st VII girls lost 3 games all season, playing 48. They were County Champions, IAPS East Champions and finished as Runners-Up at the IAPS National Finals at Repton, receiving their medals from Great Britain International, Esme Burge. Beth Gardens was awarded 'Player of the Final'. Five of these girls were part of the successful U14 Framlingham College squad that won a National Bronze medal.

The other senior teams often found themselves playing against a 'team up' from the opposition, which is another indictment of the strength and depth of hockey at the school. These games were often very well matched and an excellent challenge for the girls.

At U11, there was a similar amount of success on the competitive front, with the U11As ending the season as In2Hockey East Champions and IAPS East Champions, culminating in a golden goal quarter final defeat at the IAPS National Finals at Haileybury School. Meanwhile, the other teams at this age group participated in a challenging Wednesday fixture card, recording as many victories as defeats and allowing the pupils to be suitably stretched and challenged on a regular basis.

U9 proved themselves to be yet another promising age group with a huge amount of potential. The As were rarely matched in terms of skill and were playing a mature game by March – their U11 season for the next two years will surely be exciting.



U11 and 1st Girls' Hockey Tour Medals



U9A Girls' Hockey



U11A Girls' Hockey - Pip Stimpson



U11C Girls' Hockey



U11A Girls' Hockey - Evie Tassell





U11B Boys' Hockey



U9A Boys' Hockey



U11C Boys' Hockey



U9 Boys' Hockey - Raff



U9 Boys' Hockey - Harry



1st Boys' Hockey OP Tournament



U9A Boys' Hockey - Jack

BOYS' HOCKEY

The Senior Boys' hockey teams at FCPS have shown another term of effort and improvement. The 1st team were runners-up in the County Cup and finished 3rd in the IAPS regional tournament at Bedford School. This meant they qualified for the National Finals at Cheltenham College. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic they were unable to test their mettle on a national stage. The 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th teams all recorded more wins than losses and reports from coaches was of a group of boys who worked exceptionally hard in training to develop their game.

The Under 11s had a challenging term of fixtures but remained resolute in their pursuit of developing as a group. The U11As gave a good account of themselves in both the County Finals at the beginning of term and in the IAPS East Finals, both held at Framlingham College. Additionally, the U11B-D teams had successes during their Wednesday fixture cards and saw plenty of movement within the squads throughout the term.

Boys U9 teams enjoyed festivals hosted by Framlingham College and weekly matches on a Friday. The B and Cs mostly played a maximum touch format of the game (4 v. 4) which we hope to roll out next year in earnest. The U9A team holds both ability and enthusiasm, so great to see so many seek further participation year-round outside school with local clubs.

SAM ROWE
HOCKEY COACH

EDWARD MARLAND
HEAD OF SENIOR PREP

VIRTUAL SPORTS DAY

Covid meant we had to think outside the box when it came to Sports Day - reluctant as we were to be defeated!

With the help of our brilliant staff, Framlingham College Prep School posted videos with instructions on how to compete in a whole host of events from welly wanging, to continuous skipping, distance cycles, target throws, egg and spoon races, etc. Pupils were able to measure themselves against bronze, silver and gold standards, gaining points for their house in the usual fashion.

On Friday 26th June, pupils from Nursery through to Year 8 competed at home, in a field, on the beach – drawing on siblings, fathers, mothers, aunties, etc for assistance. It was truly a whole family affair. Year 8 pupils Mim Marvell, Ben Currie and Ned Hayward kicked off the day leading whole school Team Warm-ups to get everyone fully fired up and a break was factored in for some classic family picnics at lunchtime.

Bruce Wilson – Jessica Lamprell

Apart from our Virtual Sports Day, Track and Field athletics became another victim of the COVID-19 Pandemic. However, before this descended upon us, Jessica Lamprell had started making a big impact on the U13 Girls Shot Put scene around the country. During January and February, Jessica won four prestigious events culminating in the South of England Indoor Championships held at the Lee Valley Indoor Stadium. This is a tremendous achievement considering that Jessica is competing against girls a year older than herself. It all bodes well for next year when I hope that Jessica will go on and smash more and more records.



Toby Milne



Pip & Teal Stimpson



Scarlett McNeill

VIRTUAL SPORTS DAY RESULTS

Overall Positions

Constable 26.4
Britten 25.8
Gainsborough 25.7
Wolsey 24

Top Year Group Performances Year Group Pupil Points

Nursery: George French 24pts
Reception: Allegra Young 22pts
Year 1: Albert O'Connor 35pts
Year 2: Aramis Young 33pts
Year 3: Felix Stockwell-Jones Quinn Gandy 40pts
Year 4: Jethro Bayman 37pts
Year 5: Esme Milne 38pts
Year 6: Freya Drury Milo Nisbet 45pts
Year 7: Nicolas Urghart-Pearce 42pts
Year 8: Oli Nisbet 43pts

GEORGINA KINGSTONE

HEAD OF PREP SCHOOL

GAMES & PHYSICAL EDUCATION



U13A Girls Team - Regional Champions

TENNIS

Tennis at the Prep School continues to go from strength to strength.

A huge number of Prep School children are involved in the tennis coaching programme and every child from Nursery through to Year 8 has the opportunity to play tennis. Many children have individual lessons and we also offer group tennis to all ages.

Twelve of our Prep School pupils have been involved in County Training this year. In the 8 and under age group: Aramis Young, Lucy Dinmore, Charlie Parry, Pip Mellish and India Newton. In the 9 and under age group: Amara Young and Catharine Urquhart-Pearce. In the 10 and under age group: Tom Cooper. In the 11 and under age group: Mia Spaul and

Evie Tassell. In the 12 and under age group: Alfie Paffett and in the 14 and under: Beth Gardens.

The highlight of the year was when the U13 Girls' team of Beth Gardens, Evie Newton, Anna Cogdell and India Prince competed in the regional finals at Redbridge in October. They had qualified having won the county title. With wins against Belfairs Academy and Queenswood School on the day they became regional champions which was a fantastic achievement.

RICHARD DAYNES
HEAD OF TENNIS



Year 2 Tennis Squad



Emily Blois



Lilly Green



Ness Kerr

EQUESTRIAN

The riding activity was in full swing at the start of the academic year with pupils from Year 2 through to Year 8 joining us for our weekly sessions at Valley Farm. The Riding Team also participated in show jumping during the Autumn term at Tophorn and the pupils benefitted enormously from this experience. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 and the ensuing lockdown, our competitions were put on hold in March.

SONJA MOON

HEAD OF SCIENCE | ACADEMIC CO-ORDINATOR



Ness Kerr




Framlingham
COLLEGE
Prep School




Framlingham
COLLEGE
Prep School





Swimming workshop



IAPS National Finals - Toby Jackson wins Silver



IAPS National Finals



Sam Jackson, Charlotte Bell, Audrey Tovey and Grace Gurr

SWIMMING

We had an amazing start to the Autumn Term in 2019 with Toby Jackson achieving 2nd place in the National finals at the Olympic Pool in London. This has inspired many of our existing swimmers to achieve great things in the pool.

Records tumbled in the Inter-House Gala in the autumn of 2019 with many children achieving PBs and breaking school records. Trophies were presented in front of an audience of approximately 60 people. There was a tremendous atmosphere with lots of cheering!

We hosted two separate friendly swim meets between Orwell Park and Morton Hall gaining first position overall in each swim meet. This was an opportunity to introduce a taster for some of our younger swimmers to elements of competition swimming. This experience was well received.

A group of 31 swimmers attended the regionals at Culford School in BSE in March, with Audrey Tovey, (Head Coach), Elaine Cogdell and Dawn Foskett. We were represented in all age groups with relay teams and individuals battling for a position in the National Finals at the Olympic Pool in London which was due to take place in June. Sadly, due to Covid this event did not take place.

A group of swimmers were privileged in attending a master class with former Olympian, Nick Gillingham. The students were exuberant and put their new-found skills and knowledge into practice!

AUDREY TOVEY
SWIMMING COACH



Maria, Oli, Sevin and Daniel at Walberswick



Daniel and Oli crabbing

BOARDING

It has been a superb year in the Prep School boarding house, and the corridors have been filled with laughter, independence and incredible experiences for all boarders.

We took part in themed evenings, big movie nights, trips to the cinema and even a Christmas outing to Snape Maltings, and boarders were left with memories that they will cherish for years to come.

As the year progressed, the dorms soon became full and boarders found friendship, skills and talents that they might not have uncovered in the classroom. A particular highlight of mine was heading to Brandeston Village Hall playing fields to play games and watch the sunset together, shortly followed by hot chocolate when we got back home.

I want to say a HUGE thank you to my team for supporting me in my first year as Head of Boarding. To the Gaps and Boarding Tutors – thank you for showing me the ropes and getting stuck in, and to Mr Ridge for being my sidekick through it all. As we move into the next academic year, I hope to see the boarding house becoming even busier as we make more memories together!

CLAIRE BRIDGES

HEAD OF BOARDING



Maria Garcia-Alegre



Christmas Brandy



Sevin Shong



Oli, Daniel, Alberto, Maria and Sevin



Mr Ridge and Miss Anthony



Friday Night



SKI TRIP

Over February half term 2020, Year 6-8 pupils from the Prep school went on a fabulous ski trip to Austria.

The ski resort of Saalbach-Hinterglemm was like a winter wonderland. The beautiful chalet was perched on the side of the slopes in a crisp white valley and pupils passed the evenings tobogganing in the deep snow. Supper in the chalet was always a feast of Austrian dishes using produce from the farm which the chalet was a part of.

The skiing was superb for all levels of skiers. We had groups of beginners to quite experienced skiers and all were able to learn more and improve from the local instructors. We were also very lucky to be able to ski on the glacier in Kaprun and in the resort of Zell am See.

The World Cup downhill and Super-giant slalom took place in Saalbach-Hinterglemm when we were there, and pupils were able to watch some of the world's best skiers competing.

DOMINIC WADE
HEAD OF LANGUAGES







Year 6 had a hugely successful residential trip to Birch Hall Adventure Centre, Essex.

Although not far geographically speaking, it was a world away in so many respects.

The trip aimed to offer children the chance to forge and strengthen bonds, to lead and to be led, and to challenge themselves whilst leaving their comfort zones. It certainly achieved all of these things and was also a lot of fun!

The centre was set on a farm which adjoined a National Wetland Nature Reserve – a really idyllic spot which had a true feeling of wilderness. In true 'Swallows & Amazons' style, tablets, social media and online music videos were swapped for oars, tree-climbing and Mr Roger's campfire sing-alongs.

Children started the trip by erecting their tents and readying their kit for the first tent inspection – something they seemed to really enjoy! After that the days were punctuated with numerous outdoor activities, free play and eating! Highlights this year included kayaking, seal-spotting, high ropes and archery.

The pupils also enjoyed a moonlit game of 'The Smugglers' Challenge', which essentially involved them having to solve a clue whilst evading the attention of the 'Coastguard' (aka teaching staff). Campfire talent contests and marshmallow toasting were also firm favourites for the staff and pupils alike.

The children really were fantastic company, and they did both the school and themselves very proud indeed. Well done them.

DOMINIC WADE
HEAD OF LANGUAGES



MY EXPERIENCE AS HEAD BOY



Throughout my time at the Prep School, I always had a secret ambition to be Head Boy.

I remember sitting through final assemblies where the Headmaster, either Mr Myers-Allen or for most of my time Mr King, would announce the Head Boy, Head Girl and Prefects for the following year. I dreamed of hearing my name and stepping up to the stage, shaking the Headmaster's hand, receiving the tie, and looking forward for the year to come, so was lost for words when I received the letter which told me that I had been chosen to be Head Boy. I immediately understood that the position came with a high level of responsibility, which I would have to live up to.

Mr Marland described my role as Head Boy and the responsibility I carried in my first Prefect Meeting. A central part of my role was being a link between the students and the staff and resolving any issues to make the school day and events run smoothly. In a personal letter to me, Mr Marland said that it was all about having the right balance between being one of the 'boys' and remembering that I am representing the School at all times. Every Tuesday, we had a Prefects' Meeting, where we would mainly stick to Mr King's agenda, but occasionally straying off path into wide ranging debates.

During the first couple of meetings, the two Senior Prefects, Ned Hayward and Mimi Cooper, and the Head Girl, Amelie Bull, and I were all sitting tentatively at the table, surrounded by the senior staff. When asked about what our peers didn't like about the school, the room fell silent. Eventually someone spoke and volunteered that everything was fine. However, we all grew into our positions and after the first few meetings got into the 'swing of things', and weren't so nervous at the prospect of making constructive criticism and offering potential solutions.

I never forgot the responsibility I had being Head Boy and the fact that I was a role model, but I was still able to have fun with my friends. I still played games of touch rugby on the field and the occasional football match, which increasingly became more competitive as we all became teenagers. At the back of my mind was Mr Marland's advice about getting the right balance.

COVID seemed to come from nowhere and affected everyone. All our lives changed dramatically and certainly my life as Head Boy did. We still had a weekly Prefect Meeting, where the subject of conversation changed from the smoothness of the school day to how we could improve online learning. Communication became more difficult, as there was no

shortage of technical issues with Microsoft Teams, but we got there in the end. Online learning was difficult for everyone, and from discussions in recent PSHE lessons, I can tell you that no one would like to repeat that experience, and we all realised how important having face-to-face learning is and something that we now shouldn't take for granted.

During lockdown, Amelie and I had to also work on our speech and Speech Day song. We originally came up with two ideas, which we put forward to each other; however, because of the restrictions, we were only allowed to meet outside and discuss. Through Teams and outdoor meetings, Amelie and I were able to collaborate on the song. We wanted to involve our year group, as we wanted this to be a send-off song as well. Though the majority of my peers were moving up to the Senior School, some were leaving for new schools and would be missed.

We knew that recording the song and filming a video would be difficult, as we were right in the middle of lockdown, but we found a way that would work. We came up with the idea of people sending videos of themselves saying what they enjoyed about the school. We tried to fit as many people as we could into the video, but with the song being just under four minutes, it wasn't easy to make sure that everyone was included. We filmed on a hot and sticky morning, and, after many retakes, eventually completed a run-through with minimal mistakes. When we watched the final version on Speech Day, we could not have been happier with the outcome; it seemed a fitting finale to a year that for so many reasons was like no other.

So many people helped me to fulfil my dream of being selected as Head Boy, from teachers to friends, too many to name, but I owe you all a tremendous debt of gratitude. Also, though I was in a figurehead position, it was always a team effort.

I truly enjoyed my time as a Head Boy. Though parts were challenging, I am sure it helped me to be a better person and I will remember this year with tremendous pride throughout my life.

DAN NORTH
YEAR 9

OUR LAST SCHOOL YEAR

Our last school year at school was not exactly a normal year.

In September no one had a clue what Remote Learning was or Microsoft Teams. We thought that it would be a year filled with great activities and lots of school trips, not a lockdown and a global pandemic!



The first term started, and we fitted straight back into school life. It was quite relaxed on the first few days as we did some teambuilding, and got our new timetables. Soon after that the workload gradually increased, preparing us for Common Entrance. In addition to all the hard work for Common Entrance, we had to spend a lot of time preparing for the Senior Production of the 'Christmas Carol', which was a great opportunity to spend some time working on something other than preparing for exams!

During the Spring Term we started to hear more and more about Coronavirus. We were all unsure what was going to happen next and if schools were going to close or not. We all remembered the day that we were told that we had to go home, and nobody was sure if we were going to return before the end of the school year.

To start with, online learning was a very strange experience as no one had ever done it before so it took quite a long time to adjust to. Although it became the new normal, we still missed the interaction with other people. As the term commenced it became less likely that we were going to have our Leavers' Programme at the end of the year. As a year group we were all frustrated and angry because we had been looking forward to it from the start of the year.

By the end of the Summer Term, we were finally allowed to go back to school for the last few days of term, but it was completely different from the school that we were used to! We had to try and social distance, there was sanitiser at every door we went through, and we could not play in the same way as before. The Summer Term is such a fun term as there are always plenty of things going on, like cricket, tennis and athletics, the trip to Skern Lodge in Devon, the Leaver's Dinner, Sports Day etc but we tried to make the best of COVID-19 and leave the school with many happy memories of our time there.

AMELIE BULL
HEAD GIRL

ACADEMIC MATTERS

It has been an extraordinary year; the final term being dominated by the spread of COVID-19.

However, the response from staff to this pandemic has been really impressive, with an almost seamless transition into remote teaching which has enabled learning to continue in all subject areas. Teachers adapted, changed and, in many cases, completely rewrote schemes of work. This was something that nobody could have predicted, and I am grateful to colleagues for the way they rose to the challenges they were faced with.

Now in my third year as Academic Deputy, I have continued to provide staff with a range of opportunities to develop their teaching skills, through Twilight workshops, INSET activities and a staff library. Lesson observations provide the evidence that the quality of teaching is being improved all the time, with a greater emphasis on stretch and challenge in lessons. Rigorous online assessments provide staff with a clear understanding of pupil progress and potential, and encourage the refinement of plans to meet their specific needs. The current Year 8 will be the last cohort to complete Common Entrance examinations. We then begin work on our exciting new vision for the 7-9 Curriculum, with a new subject launched in Year 7 called 'Learn to Learn' and the introduction of formal project work in English.

Due to the pandemic, there were no Common Entrance examination results, but we were still delighted with the approach taken by pupils in the final few months as they prepared for the move to their Senior Schools - 82% of the pupils moved on to Framlingham College.

We had a number of significant staff departures, with **Rob Rogers, Jan Norton and Sally Thomson** all retiring. Combined, this equates to nearly 70 years of service at the Prep School, inspiring and transforming the lives of hundreds, maybe thousands of children! Their professional attitude right to the end, especially under such unique circumstances, was truly impressive and they deserve a long and happy retirement. We also said goodbye to **Carlos Reynell** after 21



years of service, **Susie Dring** and **Isobelle de Podesta**, and thank them for their hard work and dedication during their time at the Prep School.

On the Scholarship front, Prep School pupils excelled once again, with Framlingham College awarding 11+ and 13+ Scholarships to a number of our pupils.

11+ SCHOLARSHIPS:

Etornam Anku	Academic
Xanthe Eilledge	Academic & Music
William Hazelgrove	Academic
Grace Gurr	Albert Memorial
Daniel Bayman	Drama
Charlie Whelan	Drama
Maya Christopher	Sport
Freya Drury	Sport
Jessica Lamprell	Sport
Philippa Stimpson	Sport
Evelyn Tassell	Sport

13+ SCHOLARSHIPS AND CONTINUATIONS:

Rosanna Johnson	Art & DT
Lilly Green	Academic
Ned Hayward	Academic
Charlotte John	Academic
Edgar Reader	Academic
Thea Wilson	Academic & Music
Camille Wilson	Academic & Art
Riley Nicholls	Albert Memorial
Daniel North	Albert Memorial
Freddie Paffett	Albert Memorial
Thomas Bell	Computer Science
Oscar Franklin	Music
Ben Currie	Sport
Poppy Dring-Richardson	Sport
Bethany Gardens	Sport
Felix Lagerberg	Sport
India North	Sport
Alexandra Pearson-Smith	Sport
Joseph Slater	Sport

MR DARREN BILTON
DEPUTY HEAD (ACADEMIC)



LEAVERS' DESTINATIONS

SURNAME	FORENAME	DESTINATION
Anderson	William	Framlingham College Senior School
Bailie	Mimi	Framlingham College Senior School
Bell	Thomas	Framlingham College Senior School
Brayshaw	Emily	Framlingham College Senior School
Brown	Gwenyth	Framlingham College Senior School
Brown	Gwen	Hartismere High School
Bull	Amelie	Woodbridge School
Burrows	Noah	Framlingham College Senior School
Callaghan	Grace	Stowe School
Carman	Harriet	Gresham's School
Carvill	Eleanor	Framlingham College Senior School
Cockle	Miriam	Framlingham College Senior School
Collins	Florence	Framlingham College Senior School
Cooper	Amelia	Framlingham College Senior School

SURNAME	FORENAME	DESTINATION
Currie	Ben	Framlingham College Senior School
Dring - Richardson	Poppy	Framlingham College Senior School
Duffield	Edith	Framlingham College Senior School
Franklin	Oscar	Framlingham College Senior School
Gardens	Bethany	Framlingham College Senior School
George	Oliver	Framlingham College Senior School
Green	Lilly	Framlingham College Senior School
Gurr	Myles	Framlingham College Senior School
Hamilton -Wright	Cassian	Framlingham College Senior School
Hay	William	Framlingham College Senior School
Hayward	Ned	Framlingham College Senior School
Hook	Katie	Framlingham College Senior School
Innes	Arabella	Stowe School
Jackson	Toby	Millfield Senior School



SURNAME	FORENAME	DESTINATION
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Johnson	Rosanna	Framlingham College Senior School
Lagerberg	Felix	Framlingham College Senior School
Marvell	Mim	Royal Hospital School
McCausland	Ophelia	Framlingham College Senior School
Nicholls	Riley	Framlingham College Senior School
Nisbet	Oliver	Framlingham College Senior School
North	Daniel	Framlingham College Senior School
North	India	Framlingham College Senior School
Paffett	Freddie	Framlingham College Senior School
Pearce	Sebastian	Framlingham College Senior School
Pearson-Smith	Alexandra	Framlingham College Senior School
Powell	Edward	Framlingham College Senior School
Prince	India	Ampleforth College
Rampton	Rosie	Gresham's Preparatory School

SURNAME	FORENAME	DESTINATION
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Slater	Joseph	Framlingham College Senior School
Sledmere	Florence	Framlingham College Senior School
Smith	Freddie	Framlingham College Senior School
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Thompson	James	St Joseph's College
Wayman	Matilda	Framlingham College Senior School
Westmacott	Freddie	Framlingham College Senior School
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Wilson	Camille	Framlingham College Senior School
Wilson	Thea	Framlingham College Senior School
Yarrow	Lucy	Thomas Mills High School
Young	Poppy	Thomas Mills High School



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26th January 2021

To be held via ZOOM

Newmarket/ Bury St Edmunds 2021

Date and Venue TBC

London, July 2021

22nd July 2021

At The Lansdowne Club, London

DINNER & SUPPER DATES

Devon & Somerset Supper 2020

12th September 2020 (Cancelled)

Suffolk Supper 2020

17th October 2020 (Cancelled)

Norfolk Supper 2020

12th November 2020 (Cancelled)

London Supper, January 2021

26th January 2021 (Cancelled)

SOF Annual Dinner

27th March 2021, at Framlingham College

Newmarket/

Bury St Edmunds Supper

Date and Venue TBC

London Supper, July 2021

22th July 2021 at The Lansdowne Club, London

Hong Kong Supper

Date and Venue TBC

Northern Gathering 2021

Saturday 14th August 2021,
at The Royal Scots Club, Edinburgh

Suffolk Supper 2021

At Framlingham College - Date TBC

Norfolk Supper 2021

Date and Venue TBC

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I entered my second year of my second term in March 2020 as President of the Society of Old Framlinghamians as the country entered lock-down in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Pupils at Framlingham College and the Prep School at Brandeston Hall were sent home and commenced a long period of high-quality online tuition. During the last weeks, it has been heartening to see the school open again to boarders and day pupils, all operating under strict COVID-safe procedures. Yet, as I write this, we are facing the return of restrictions on our daily activities as the nation continues to combat the Pandemic.

It is unsurprising that all organised Society functions and gatherings and most sporting activities planned to take place from March for the remainder of 2020 have been cancelled. However, I am delighted to report that a huge amount of communication between OFs has continued to take place. Not only have successful Trustee, Finance Committee and Council Meetings been held using Zoom at the times laid down in the Society's Rules, but more OFs have attended some of these meetings than on previous occasions, most noticeably at the Annual General Meeting! Indeed, it was most pleasing to have the active participation of OFs living overseas and some of our younger members, who would not normally be able to attend because of difficulties caused by work or residence at university or having to travel long distances to our meetings. All the normal actions were completed virtually, including election of officers, elections to Council and elections of Honorary OFs!

As Kate Jackson, the OF Coordinator, was placed on furlough from March until September, I am most grateful to our Hon Gen Sec, Ruth Elwood and to Suzie Angove, Senior Team Administrator at Framlingham College who have stepped up to support me to ensure that good liaison and necessary administrative processes between the College and the Society were maintained.

When it became apparent that most OF activities would not be held this year, I was grateful that the Finance Committee agreed in April to my proposal to return over half of the annual grant towards the Operational Costs of the Society to the College. Particular thanks go to the OFGS and the OFRC who generously forfeited most of their subgrants for 2020. I received very appreciative messages from the Principal and from the Chairman of Governors following our return of funds.

I offer my thanks to Ruth Elwood who volunteered to be Copy Editor for the OF Section of The Framlinghamian this year during Kate Jackson's absence. Ruth's efforts are greatly appreciated. The Framlinghamian will be published online only this year as a result of the COVID Pandemic. No decisions have been made yet about next year's edition.

OFs will recall that last year's printed copy of The Framlinghamian included a leaflet where I asked if individuals would wish to receive their copy of The Framlinghamian in future as a printed copy or just have online access. Both the Society and Framlingham College are keen to reduce waste and costs, especially postage costs, linked to the publication of The Framlinghamian. I am most grateful to all those who have responded by email or surface mail – and returns are still trickling in. However, 3,455 copies of The Framlinghamian were sent to OFs by post (excepting the post -1980 Overseas Leavers) at the end of last year. As I write this (in September), only 543 replies to the questionnaire have been received – a 16% response rate – which is hugely disappointing. 290 have opted for online access, 181 for a printed magazine and 6 for no magazine at all. Sadly, the response figure includes 66 copies which were returned as 'Gone Away'. If you have yet to respond to the survey, please email or post your preference to the OF Coordinator at Framlingham College or to me. If your details on the SOF Website are out of date, especially your contact details, please update them or notify the OF Coordinator of any changes.

It has been a 'different' experience being President of the Society in 2020. I have missed the pleasure of meeting colleagues and friends at meetings, suppers and dinners very much, with only one SOF supper being held this year. Furthermore, since March, all of my associated activities as a Governor of Framlingham College have taken place online. Provisional plans have been put in place to hold the January 2021 London Council Meeting and Supper in London on 26 January 2021, but, of course, whether this takes place or not will depend on the state of the Pandemic closer to the time. As many of those who support these functions are of the 'older generations' - like me - it is quite understandable that they will wish to keep safe and avoid unnecessary risks and consequently only attend if they feel that it is safe to do so.

I close with my thanks to all OFs who have emailed me with good wishes in the past months. I hope that everyone remains safe and well and I look forward hugely to meeting you face-to-face again, safely, in the not too distant future.

Simon Dougherty
PRESIDENT SOF

YEAR 13 OF PRIZES 2020

Profiles of the two Moreau Scholars can be seen elsewhere in this magazine.

The two Moreau Scholarship winners are:
Sam Ponty and Amelia Slater.

OTHER PRIZE-WINNERS ARE:

The Karen Buttenshaw Prize for 5 years exceptional service to the College

SOF Samuel Ponty

Y13 Jonathan Hulley Cricket

SOF Fred Heldreich

Y13 Singing

SOF Alina Sendrea

Y13 Tennis (Boys)

SOF Henry Williams

Y13 Tennis (Girls)

SOF Ellie Bone

Y13 Foreign Travel Award

SOF Scarlett Angove

Y13 English and Journalism/Media

SOF Raqiya Isse

Y13 Netball

SOF Millie Finbow

Y13 Boys' Hockey

SOF Cameron Cooke

Y13 Rugby

SOF Kodie Holloway

Y13 Golf

SOF Jonty Lecompte

Y13 Girls' Hockey

SOF Emma Williamson

Y13 Instrumental

SOF Jake Mermagen

Y13 Wallace Creative

SOF Claudia Clay

Y13 Foreign Travel Award

SOF Scarlett Angove

Y13 Albert Award

SOF Eliza Bowditch

Y13 Albert Award

SOF James Cowell

Y13 Drama

SOF Robert Monaghan

Y13 International Students' Prize

SOF Yee Man Yu



Kodie Holloway



Robert Monaghan



Millie Finbow



Jake Mermagen



Emma Williamson

DINNERS & SUPPERS

Unfortunately, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the only SOF supper to take place in 2020 was held on 23rd January, in London at the Lansdowne Club. Supper organiser and Hon Gen Sec, Ruth Elwood reports as follows:

On Thursday 23rd January, 34 Old Framlinghamians attended the first and last supper of 2020 at the Lansdowne Club. The Lansdowne hosted the Society well, with a fantastic supper and an unobtrusive, efficient service.

During the speeches, Society President Simon Dougherty thanked Alex Henney for the organisation of the supper at this new venue, as well as thanking the members of the OF Society who had travelled from afar to attend the supper. He welcomed Mark Robinson, the co-curricular Deputy Head, who spoke of the developments and achievements that the College and Prep School have seen of late.

To conclude, Nigel Parsons provided an incredible speech on his personal experiences throughout his life, having recently published his book 'Manouche: Living with the Gypsies of France'.

This was a very enjoyable supper which was well attended; hosted in comfortable surroundings.

Those present were: Alex Henney (Z 84-95), Andrew Lillie (K 57-65), Andrew Wright (R 48-57), Berenice Wiedemann (P 15-17), Brian Smith (S 53-57), Charles Blackmore (K 65-75), Chris Essex (K 69-75), Clive Smith (S 54-60), Dave Lewins (S 72-77), David Carr (S 67-74), David Turnbull (R 54-59), Douglas Thomson (K 53-61), Duncan Cooper (S 72-77), Humphrey Truman (G 49-52), Ian Foster (K 45-53), James Ruddock-Broyd (G 46-52), John Waller (S 70-75), Kate Jackson (P 84-93), Luke Quartermaine (K 11-16), Mark Robinson, Deputy Head (Co-Curricular), Michael Spencer (R 51-58), Nick Jacob (K 67-75), Nigel Burnip (S 58-65), Nigel Parsons (R 64-68), Norman Porter (K 54-59), Peter Howard-Dobson (R 65-69), Peter Mayo (K 89-94), Richard Sayer (S 56-61), Richard Warner (S 70-77), Roger Marriott (S 50-54), Ruth Elwood (P 80-84), Simon Dougherty (G 60-67), Simon Ray-Hill (S 72-77), Tim Lewis (K 72-77), Zornitsa Markovska (V 15-17).

Photographs from the evening illustrate that, "a good night was had by all!"

Apologies for not naming everyone in the photographs...



L to R: Peter Howard Dobson (R)
& Nigel Burnip (S)



L to R: Brian Smith (S), Clive Smith (S), Alex Henney (Z), President Simon Dougherty (R), Nigel Parsons (R), Peter Howard Dobson (R) and Nigel Burnip (S)



L to R: Berenice Wiedemann (P) and Zornitsa Markovska (V)



L to R: Luke Quartermaine (K), Andrew Wright (R), Humphrey Truman (G), Ian Foster (K), Richard Sayer (S), Roger Marriott (S), Norman Porter (K) and David Turnbull (R)



L to R: Dave Lewins (S), Duncan Potter (S), Richard Warner (S), Tim Lewis (K), Simon Ray-Hills (S)



L to R: Nigel Burnip (S), Ruth Elwood (P) & Brian Smith (S)



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L to R: Ruth Elwood (P) and President, Simon Dougherty (R)



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FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY

During a time of national crisis, it is always encouraging to believe that the very worst of times will bring out the very best in all of us; regrettably, this is not always the case.

In respect of Freemasons however, crisis or no crisis, this is an every day occurrence with some of the basic principles of Freemasonry being 'Faith, Hope and Charity' with Lodges across the country responding to whatever local, regional or national problems with offers of assistance, whether they be material – Freemasonry donates in excess of £30m per year to a range of good causes, projects and charities – or community based projects such as transport schemes for the elderly, or meals on wheels for those unable to shop during lockdown. Everywhere you look, Freemasonry is touching lives in a positive manner and most of the time, doing so quietly and without fuss, simply because it is 'what we do'.

And so to COVID-19.

Lodges across Suffolk needed no encouragement to stand up and be counted when the crisis started to bite. Sensibly, the United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE) and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk were quick to provide advice, and the Grand Master, HRH The Duke of Kent, took the decision to suspend Freemasonry a full week before the Government ordered lockdown. This, however, didn't mean that we all shuffled off to our respective homes and hid away until the coast was clear.

Across the County, indeed the Region, co-ordinated projects got off the ground at breakneck speed with the funding, manufacturing and distribution of personal protection equipment (PPE), not just in Suffolk but in co-operation with Norfolk, Cambridgeshire and Essex masons, PPE was supplied to care homes and NHS facilities who were either running short or simply run out.



Pastoral care to the elderly and isolated took priority as the importance of social contact and the ability to keep meaningful communication with families and friends became obvious. Suffolk, along with the rest of the UGLE masonic family, acquired smart tablets to allow those who were vulnerable or unable to visit loved ones access to the outside world via Zoom, Skype, MS Teams and a whole range of digital communication options.

The effects of social isolation also had repercussions in respect of basic living, as the ability to source regular food supplies was proving exceedingly difficult for some. As a result, a number of Provinces were quick to launch a masonic 'meals on wheels' service, or 'Square Meals' to give it the proper title.

Food parcels and even hot meals were cooked and delivered using the full range of masonic resources, from the use of the kitchens at masonic centres to the social networks usually reserved for 'normal' masonic communications, with individual

Brethren taking the time to drive around delivering to the ever grateful recipients – Freemasons and non-Freemasons alike.

So, whatever you think you know about Freemasons, whatever myths, legends and conspiracy theories you have read, we are simply one of the oldest sociable and charitable fraternities in the world.

Framlingham College has its own Lodge. The Old Framlinghamian's Lodge No 6683 meets 4 times a year; one is at the College and is open to past pupils, relatives of pupils, staff and connections to the College or prep school. To find out more about Freemasonry or specifically the OF Lodge, please contact Gary Duce (K72-78) via email: L6646@suffolkmasons.org.uk or on 07850 350363

HERE AND THERE



Ken Mayhew - 103 - receiving football shirt

Picture: Paul Chesterton – Dutch Embassy

KEN MAYHEW | FULLY FLEDGED CANARY

Thanks to the alertness of Norfolk correspondent, Colin Wigg, we have the following based on an article in The Eastern Daily Press:

Normandy veteran, Ken Mayhew, now aged 103, has long been a keen supporter of Norwich City Football Club. The Norwich City goalkeeper during the 2019/20 season is Tim Krul, a Dutchman. In January 2020 Ken was invited as guest of honour to the away match versus Tottenham Hotspur, at the new Tottenham Hotspur stadium. And a special event ensued.

OFs will remember that Ken is just one of four living knights of the Military Order of William – the highest honour awarded to people who have served in the Netherlands. Before kick-off, in acknowledgment of Ken's distinction, Tim Krul presented him with a special Norwich City shirt, describing his meeting with the veteran as "an honour". Despite Ken's distinguished presence, the Canaries battled bravely but ultimately unsuccessfully on the field.

Norman Porter

AN IPSWICH SUPPORTER



JO CRESDEE & MEL LEWIS SUFFOLK BABIES

Jo Cresdee and Mel (née Tuckwell) Lewis, whose friendship began in Pembroke during their schooldays in the 1990s, featured strongly in an article published in the EADT at the height of the coronavirus crisis. At a time when young mothers and mothers-to-be might have been feeling painfully isolated, they provided vital support through their business, Suffolk Babies, by deciding to live-stream free interactive baby and toddler classes, post-natal fitness, and other support services.

The aim was to help combat social isolation and feelings of anxiety among parents of babies and young children who were confined to their homes. Also, with regional hospital ante-natal and birthing classes being cancelled, Suffolk Babies was the only provider of free antenatal education and support for pregnant women across the whole region during this time. Jo, the CEO, was quoted as saying: "Suffolk Babies was founded to make a change to the way early parenting is supported in Suffolk. We firmly believe in building a community for parents, to help them through a time of massive change, which can be difficult or stressful without the right assistance and care."

We applaud this wonderful contribution of two Framlinghamians to their local community, both for the inventiveness and ingenuity shown and for their contribution to the welfare of others in the wider community. The values promoted at the College do find a wider and subsequent



Jo Cresdee, Suffolk Babies CEO, who teaches all the online baby and toddler and antenatal classes and Mel Lewis who teaches online post natal rehabilitation exercise classes. Picture: RUTH LEACH

resonance. Jo and Mel do stress that this is a-not-for profit company and that they rely on money made from their paid classes to fund the free ante-natal services they provide (working in partnership with the NHS to free up their time) to families across Suffolk. In order to expand and reach more people they are intending to move their Kesgrave HQ to a bigger unit in Martlesham.

To do this, and to expand their services and offer more funded places on their courses, they need fundraising support. So, as well as applying to a number of grants, they are also launching a crowd funding campaign and would hugely welcome support from voluntary donations from OFs. Their donations page is <https://suffolkbabies.co.uk/donate/>



One of Suffolk Babies classes before the coronavirus crisis



CHRISTINA JOHNSTON

SWEENEY TODD
THE DEMON BARBER OF FLEET STREET

CHRISTINA JOHNSTON | BACK IN SUFFOLK

Christina Johnston is now living back in the UK, having launched her singing career as a coloratura soprano in Prague with the Prague National Opera.

Not only that, but she is actually living back in her home county of Suffolk with her OF husband, Slava, and is typically deploying her talents in support of good causes. As with many other artists, her plans for 2020 were seriously disrupted by COVID-19 and the repercussions on her career have been acute. A concert at Kenwood House with Jose Carreras had to be cancelled and plans to offer entertainment at special dinner occasions also fell victim to the pandemic. Here in Suffolk, Christina had been singing to residents in local Nursing Homes, but that too had to stop during lock-down.

However, undeterred by these problems, Christina decided to showcase her talent digitally and perform weekly "Classical Suffolk" nights from her home, where she streamed the live concerts from a converted outbuilding. A GoFundme fundraising page was set up with the help of a sound engineer with a familiar Framlingham name, Richard Garrett!

Christina is clearly pleased to be back in her home environment and to be once again part of what she calls "a wonderful and kind community." It's great to have her and Slava back in our midst and let's hope that it will not be long before she can be seen and heard performing live again.





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I am most grateful for the interesting and topical reports and images sent in by the 5 correspondents who have responded to my annual trawl for contributions to the “With the Services” column this year.

On a personal note, I relinquished my appointment as a Trustee of the RAF Benevolent Fund at the end of May 2020. I was surprised, delighted and hugely honoured to be appointed as a Member of the British Empire (Civil List) in the New Year’s Honours list 2020 for voluntary service to RAF Personnel and Veterans. I was fortunate to attend an investiture by the Duke of Cambridge in February, prior to lockdown, accompanied by my wife Maggie, my younger son Philip (G85-95) and daughter Clare (V88-98). I continue to support Service Veterans as a Governor (Trustee) of the Royal Star and Garter Homes.

ROYAL NAVY

From the senior service, a most welcome note from our loyal correspondent Commodore Rob Bellfield RN (K81-83) received in July 2020:

"Well, 2020 is full of surprises! I was expecting to be on Terminal Leave in July with my final termination date after almost 37 years of service being 30th August, however I find myself writing to you from the Middle East and still very much in uniform as a Commodore, or a 1* Rear Admiral in USN ranks. The early termination of my previous job as the Commander of the Devonport Flotilla, due to re-structuring as part of RN Transformation, meant that I would be at home as COVID-19 started to take its hold, so I volunteered to assist with an Individual Augmentation role, expecting something such as helping to distribute PPE, but instead I was asked if would go out to Bahrain for 6 months. Not quite what I expected!

So, I'm now 2 months into command of Coalition Task Force

(CTF) Sentinel, the military component of the International Maritime Security Construct (IMSC) - a coalition of 8 nations that provides a maritime military presence to deter state-sponsored interference with maritime trade in the Gulf area. CTF Sentinel is built around US, UK and Australian units but also includes extensive commitment from Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and the UAE. The Gulf, or Arabian Gulf if you are from one of the nations on the western shores, or Persian Gulf from an Iranian and accepted historical perspective, remains on a tightrope with the continuing tension between the US and Iran - with consequences of the US max-pressure campaign having a significant impact on Iran and the wider region. IMSC and CTF Sentinel was set up in the summer of 2019 in response to the Iranian seizure of the British-flagged tanker Stena Impero, preceded by the attempting seizure of the BP tanker British Heritage. CTF Sentinel warship presence either side of the Strait of Hormuz has helped to keep the situation calm in the maritime but as ever in this region, you never know what is around the corner!

While it is difficult to predict anything at the moment, I hope that I will be back in UK in early November and by then, fingers crossed, we hope to move back to Suffolk on completion of our barn conversion in Dallinghoo, near Wickham Market.



Cdre Rob Bellfield travelling through an empty Heathrow out to Bahrain



The Bellfield Barn – Dallinghoo



Cdre Rob Bellfield

We're all looking forward to returning to Suffolk; Zoë's mother lives in Woodbridge and her sister in Hasketon - so lots of family around, and Jemima (our yacht) will return to her East Coast roots!

While I'm thoroughly enjoying my final operational tour with the RN, I'm also looking forward to new challenges with a second career. My revised termination date is now June '21, which gives plenty of flexibility with job hunting but hopefully the employment market will bounce back and something interesting in Suffolk, wider East Anglia or London will emerge!

Sailing is clearly on hold and Jemima is out of the water in Gosport, waiting for her return to Levington on the River Orwell, where I bought her in 2008. Imogen is team racing

Fireflies at Leeds University and about to go into her third year and will have her RS 200 at Waldringfield on the Deben. I hope to save sufficient funds to get back into the OK Dinghy fleet on my return - with the World Championships in UK in 2022; my dinghy sailing "final fling". Probably competing against my former teacher Ben Falat!

This might be my final contribution to the Services Postbag - but you never know! I look forward to catching up with Suffolk-based OFs - finally meeting up with Tim Woods, who I keep missing."

Rob, many thanks for an interesting and topical update. I look forward to an opportunity to meeting up with you in person on your return to Suffolk.



Socially Distanced Handover of Command at DEVONPORT - Cdre Rob Bellfield

ARMY

Just after the deadline passed, I received an email from Lieutenant Colonel Phill Moxey MBE, Royal Anglian (R91-95), who wrote:

"Hideously late, I'm really sorry, but we have been in the midst of moving jobs and moving house.

I have just handed over command of 1 R Anglian after a truly wonderful 2.5 years. It has been a professional high point and an immense privilege. And it's been a pretty busy few years as well - marked by 7 months in Kabul in the first year and then moving on to resetting our foundational skills in the second year. But then along came Brexit and COVID-19, both of which have necessitated a heavy battalion involvement - most especially in response to the coronavirus pandemic. We have provided the muscle where required across London - including the set-up of the Nightingale Hospital at the ExCel and also to London Ambulance Service and then latterly to set up testing centres. In all instances the soldiers did us proud and showed just how agile and responsive the Army can be and how it really does remain the trusted go-to institution to deliver UK resilience.

But everything good comes to an end and so we move on - the unit are readying to return to Kabul in the autumn and I have moved back to Army HQs to take over as a SO1 in Field Army HQs Plans Branch - with another no-deal Brexit looming, the continued impact of COVID-19 on our lives and the impending Defence Review it promises to be a busy time.

I attach a photo of the family on the day I was towed out of camp having handed over command. And I trust you have a photo of the Times article of Paul and I, should you wish to use it?"

Indeed, I do have an image of an extract of the article published in The Times on 11th April 2020. Phill, many thanks for your update. Good luck in your new appointment. I remember well moving from an 'in command' role to a post in a Command HQ - I hope that the culture change is manageable! We look forward to next year's update.



Lt Col Phill Moxey and family after he had handed over command

NHS Nightingale hospital brings twins Phill and Paul Moxey together on the front line

Lucy Fisher, Defence Editor, Neil Johnston
Saturday April 11 2020, The Times



Phill and Paul Moxey at NHS Nightingale Hospital

Lieutenant-Colonel Phill Moxey and Paul have crossed paths professionally for the first time

SERGEANT DONALD TODD (R/CJ/MOB)

Twin brothers, one a senior army officer and the other a surgeon, have been brought together at the NHS Nightingale field hospital.

One of the 42-year-old Suffolk-born men was involved in building the 4,000-bed centre at the ExCel centre in London, while the other will help to save lives there.

Lieutenant-Colonel Phill Moxey, commanding officer of 1st Battalion, the Royal Anglian Regiment, led a team engaged in the nine-day conversion of the exhibition halls into hospital wards. His brother Paul, a vascular surgeon at St George's Hospital in south London, is on call to assist the medical team at the Nightingale, which received its first patients on Tuesday.

It is the first time the brothers' paths have crossed professionally. Paul said: "I think the Nightingale is a triumph for NHS England and the army team that have put it together so quickly. It shows what we can do as a country when we put our minds to it and has taught the NHS a lot about breaking out of the silos we all work in and collaborating with other teams to achieve a common goal. Long may it continue after Covid is defeated."

Phill has served in Northern Ireland, Iraq and Afghanistan. More recently his troops have been among the 200 military personnel helping to construct the Nightingale. Soldiers in the Royal Anglians, known as the Vikings, will continue to support NHS workers at the site.

Highlighting the similarities between the army and his brother's profession, Phill said: "Both have required a degree of sacrifice, patience and tolerance on the home front. Both roles require calmness under pressure, leadership and constant education."



Maj Marcus Massey June 2020

Major Marcus Massey CEng IMechE REME (G 88-97) wrote in June 2020:

"I write in unprecedented times for us all, but also one of considerable flux for me personally albeit lately the mist is starting to clear. For the latter half of 2019 and the early part of 2020, Army life was as steady as I had experienced in the past 16 years. I was enjoying my life as a Career Manager in Glasgow and had been appointed as the Deputy Chief of Staff (DCOS) of 51st Infantry Brigade and Headquarters Scotland starting in August 2020. A job which I knew would be much higher tempo but one I was really looking forward to. Unfortunately, the global pandemic bolt from the blue struck and what precipitated was a phone call late one Friday evening in March resulting in me assuming the DCOS role the following week. Not only was this extremely short notice, even for the Army, it would also involve the standing up of a Joint Military Command (JMC) for Scotland in support of the COVID-19 activity codenamed by the MOD as Operation RESCRIPT. Logistically this was difficult too; home was in the Dales, I was living in a flat in Glasgow, the HQ was in Stirling but was due to move to Edinburgh in late 2020 and, despite my key worker status, the ability to move between these various locations was curtailed by the moral obligation to minimise unnecessary movement. There is now a light at the end of the tunnel with the move of the HQ confirmed for early 2021 and my move into a quarter in Edinburgh firmed up for early July. However, less of the personal dynamics and more of Operation RESCRIPT. Since mid-March, JMC Scotland has been providing Military Assistance to the Military Authorities (MACA) across the nation, which covers 32% of the land mass of the UK, includes 93 inhabited Islands and has devolved power to set their own policy (which at times

has diverged from the UK significantly). This assistance has broadly fallen into three areas; planning and liaison, delivery of testing, and assistance to PPE (mask fitting and supply chain management). Crisis management and planning are intuitive functions for any military officers and our teams embedded in Scottish Government and the National Health Boards have made a significant contribution bringing these skills to bear. However, we have also delivered less routine activity such as running Mobile Testing Units (MTU). As I write (mid-Jun) we are still running 23 MTUs and have delivered testing across the nation specifically displaying utility in the remote areas of the Highland and Islands. We also have supply chain specialists embedded in the National Distribution Centre and are holding troops at readiness for any emergent tasks.

RESCRIPT hasn't been the only show in town either; concurrently with lockdown we have deployed a Battle Group to Afghanistan from their base in Northern Ireland. The quarantine requirements and geography providing considerable frictions to say the least. To cap it all we also have the NATO Very High Readiness Battle Group that has had to maintain its readiness for operation from their base near Inverness. The 3rd Battalion the Royal Regiment of Scotland have essentially continued to train through lockdown within social distancing protocols! A frenetic but extremely interesting period with no end in sight and the potential of the Conference of Parties 26 (climate change conference) in Glasgow in late-21 I suspect my report next year will be as newsy!!"

Marcus, thank you for your very interesting report. I hope that your personal move went well. We look forward to your next 'episode'...

ARMY



Maj Ben Kendall 'On The Rift'

Major Ben Kendall COLDM GDS (G98-01) sent me an update in July 2020:

"I am shortly to hand over command of Number 3 Company (Little Iron Men) in the Welsh Guards, to whom I have been attached for the last two years. It has been both a privilege and hugely rewarding experience, and one I will remember fondly. Trips to Kenya, including a few close calls with some interesting wildlife, plenty of ceremonial duties across London and Windsor, and most recently involvement in the national effort against COVID-19. I won't forget, and my shoulder certainly won't, the annual Officers vs Sergeants Rugby match, with the inevitable enormous Fijian opposition, nor one or two trips to the Alps, even if more uphill than down.

As ever, two years is your lot, and the next role beckons; we are off to Berlin, where I will be attached to and work within German Army Headquarters. Fortunately, Gemma's office is also in central Berlin, whilst Harry and Max are at just the right ages to pick up a little of the local lingo. I am hoping that a few preparatory months in a Windsor nursery will help to cure the eldest's recent love for the goosetep!"

Ben, thank you for your interesting news. I hope that you enjoy Berlin. I visited West and East Berlin many times before the Wall came down and a couple of times after. However, I'm sure Berlin has changed enormously in the 19 years since I last visited!

ROYAL AIR FORCE

In June 2020, Senior Aircraftman (Technician) Rob Goldsmith (R10-15) wrote:

"After completing my 3 years of training I'm currently working at RAF Lossiemouth as an aircraft technician on Typhoons, delivering Quick Reaction Alert (QRA) abilities for the North of the UK.

As we speak, I'm at an isolation facility in preparation for a short 2-month stint in Lithuania, helping NATO achieve Baltic Air Policing over the Russians. All I know is that the bars are open over there and they aren't here!"

Rob, I hope that you had an interesting and safe time in Lithuania and that you continue to enjoy Lossiemouth.

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Lt Cdr	PHG	Moore	RN
Lt Cdr	SM	Kontek	USN
Mne	L	Ives	RM
Col	JC	Campbell	L/RA
Lt Col	JRC	Bunce	R Sig
Lt Col	AG	Fryatt	ALS
Lt Col	TD	How	RTR
Lt Col	PC	Moxey MBE	Royal Anglian
Maj	MPD	Massey	REME
Maj	BM	Kendall	Coldstream Guards
Gp Capt	AA	McCord	RAF
Gp Capt	H	Edwards	RAF
Flt Lt	JK	Owen	RAF
Flt Lt	D	Rose	RAF
Plt Off	D	Moran	RAF
SAC(T)	R	Goldsmith	RAF

Simon Dougherty (G60-67)

JULY 2020

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

This year, the Society was delighted to invite nine College staff members to join the ranks as Honorary Old Framlinghamians, namely: Tom Caston, Rev. Brynn Bayman, Neil Jackson, Julie Calver, Audrey Tovey, Terrie Calvert, Daley Thompson, Chris Tripp and Calin Pirvu. Of the nine, at the time of writing, we are pleased to welcome the following, who have accepted their invitations and provided the following details:



TOM CASTON

I am in my fifth year as Deputy Head Pastoral at the College and have run (from the College's side) the Moreau Scholarship process. This has given me fantastic contacts with some wonderful OFs and real insight into the workings and philosophy of the SOF. I am about to move to pastures new, but will remain in the area. I have coached cricket and rugby at Framlingham and thoroughly enjoyed that aspect of my work at the College.



REV. BRYNN BAYMAN

Rev. Bayman has been the Chaplain at Framlingham College since 2016. Previously he was Chaplain at Wellington College and ordained at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. He was educated in South Africa and supports the Springboks!



NEIL JACKSON

I have been teaching golf to pupils at Framlingham College and the Prep School for 25 years. I started coaching in 1995 when Nigel Johnson was Headmaster at FCPS, formerly known as Brandeston Hall. It has been a real pleasure to see the enjoyment and progress in golf over the years and a joy to witness students reaching their full potential.



JULIE CALVER (nee Tye)

I am Suffolk girl born and bred from the Framlingham area.

I joined the College in July 1989 on YTS in the kitchen whilst I studied at Suffolk College, going on to qualify as a Chef. In 2001, I then had the pleasure of becoming Matron at Brandeston Hall, where I lived in until 2014. I have seen many a young person pass through and flourish at the school, and it makes me proud to say I had a part in their upbringing. Last year I was extremely lucky to have Reverend Bayman marry Terry and myself in the Chapel at Framlingham. We had our reception at Brandeston Hall, and it was the happiest day of my life, if very emotional as I spent most of the day in tears. Out of school I like to enjoy the Suffolk countryside and wonderful coast, and I am an avid season ticket holder at Ipswich Town, supporting them through the ups and downs, mostly downs at the moment. I also enjoy spending time in the garden at our home in Saxmundham and at our static caravan in Norfolk. It's true to say The College holds a special place in my heart.

HERE & THERE

OVERSEAS BAG

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Once again this edition of the 2020 Yearbook contains a bumper crop of articles from over 250 emails received/sent. Genuinely many thanks for giving me such a huge editing task to do again!

2020 has clearly been an exceptional year and I'm delighted that despite lockdowns around the world, you have kept in touch. However, due to setting up and running the COVID-19 Support Hub in our village, I need to apologise that I have not had time to proactively contact you since Christmas. There have also been fewer OF gatherings around the world, but I hope 2021 will allow a renewed effort to organise these and I'm very happy to help. A huge thank you to the organisers who did manage to stage events, usually with the excuse of having David & Ann Copeman scheduled to visit on their ill-fated world cruise.

This is now the 15th year I have been editor of the Overseas Bag and I have immensely enjoyed the role and have visited a number of you overseas during that time, especially to mark the 150th anniversary. I would be delighted if one or more of you would be happy to take this role over for the future. It is very rewarding and as a member of the website team, I would be happy to support in any way I can e.g. local reunion lists etc. Please drop me an email if you would be interested. In the meantime, happy reading!

AUSTRALIA

Brett Bailey

BRETT BAILEY (K58-65) has moved from Canberra to Woonona, New South Wales. His partner Sue tells us that Captain (now Sir) Tom has been a constant happy story on the news. Brett has not painted for quite some time but has fortunately been included in several exhibitions showing previous work. Hopefully he will soon be inspired to pick up a paint brush again. They had just acquired an 8-year-old cocker spaniel rescue dog who is a wonderful companion.

Brett goes on to say in May 2020, "We had planned to be with dad (**PETER BAILEY (K34-38)**) for his 98th birthday on 28th March but with travel restrictions in place, that visit has been postponed. We are in regular phone contact with him and with the wonderful staff who care for him. Fortunately, he is safe and well." He also supplied an updated email address.

Peter Bartlett

PETER BARTLETT (K58-65) responded to an enquiry from me to check OFs on west coast of Australia had not been badly affected by a bad storm in May. Peter reports "We did have some substantial wind gusts and torrential rain but it had little effect on Pen and I. However, the beaches took a battering.

As far as COVID-19 is concerned, being retired, that has also had little effect, apart from having to queue to enter shops and being unable to 'dine in'. The main change we have noticed is the increase in people using the parks and cycling (whilst maintaining social distancing)."

Phil Bower

PHIL BOWER (G65-74) reported at the start of the year on the bad fires that had engulfed parts of Australia: "the main (only) road from SA to WA is closed. At present there are around 300+ trucks (from plain old semis to doubles & triples) as well as a heap of tourists stuck around Caiguna with dwindling supplies themselves and, of course, bummer all in the way of aircon. Latest estimates are that the road may stay closed for another week. Therefore, the only real way to get anything into WA is either by boat/ship, by air or via the top end, unless the brave/foolhardy want to risk a dirt track crossing where there is no vehicle fuel or water for a very long way. And there's not much in the way of breakdown rescuers either!

Statistically, at the time of writing, we have around 1500 homes and countless animal stock destroyed; one fire alone

destroying 400k hectares of bush and I believe is still going. One third of Kangaroo Island (Adelaide) has been destroyed. The heat is so intense that it melts cars. Some of these fires have been raging since August last year and there are around 100 fires in NSW/Queensland that are out of control. Human deaths are relatively low, (but each is utterly regrettable and sad), less than 20 I believe.

And yet, when walking the dogs one day recently I happened to come across a prat in the bush burning plastic off copper cabling, with no water to extinguish the burn and not even a shovel for dirt..... he was about 2 feet away from the bush..... such is the nature of some of our species!!"

I contacted Phil and others about the impending visit of David & Ann Copeman in March during a world cruise. Phil said that Perth was about 4½ hours away – "close enough to be interesting but far enough to be away from the "big city" hustle..... It is bigger than when we first visited 20 years ago..... there are genuine traffic jams now! As cities go, it's heaps better than Sydney, Melb etc."

Phil had just finished reading **CHRIS SHAW'S** book and his review was "Not bad at all. Worth the effort and the fee." Phil also sent me links to a load of YouTube videos he had put together with his music.

I mentioned that his name had come up at the London Supper in January 2020 where the following contemporaries of Phil and I were present - **DAVID CARR (S67-74)**, **NICK JACOB (K67-75)**, **JOHN WALLER (S70-75)** and **CHARLIE BLACKMORE (K65-75)**. He recalled all the names and said "I heard that Blackmore went into the military but other than that, I have no knowledge of the paths followed by the others. Carr used to be a really good soccer player, I recall he scored a fantastic goal at Brandeston one day putting the ball past **PADDY PAYNE** from close to the halfway line. Everyone was stunned on the day."

In March, Phil wrote to me under the spoof heading of "my dogs went digging". In reality he had had a 5 metre date palm removed along with a fence & had to lop the big tree for the JCB to gain access. He said "It was fun standing in the JCB bucket & being lifted 5 metres up to chainsaw the tree limbs! It's all smoothed over now & we're into the next phase of terraforming that area. "



Phil Bower - Date Palms

We exchanged thoughts on our respective countries' handling of COVID-19. 21st March saw everything shutting down in the UK, even the good old British boozer. "There are similar things going here but not quite the same. I had a conversation with a neighbour who was actually trying to justify hoarding stuff! People are sheep and sheep have no common sense. Food here flies off the shelf as fast as everything else, including toilet paper!! One donkey actually believes that the virus is a US creation spread by a "tourist" in Wuhan going round touching everything & coughing etc. etc. It is what it is. If everyone remains sane then the damage will be less. But there will be damage and the fact is we haven't "peaked" yet. Still it could be worse – all the Earl Grey could've gone!!"

Phil was in touch in April and then again in May after their storms. He reported "No problems here. Lots of wind damage – fences down etc. but no structural issues. Dreadfully sad to see the UK in such a state. Restrictions slowly easing here – closed borders has helped immensely."

Phil reported that his older brother **NIGEL (G58-68)** hit 70 the following month & had put together a little YouTube video. Weather was cold at 22C during the day and 9C overnight "having to wear jumpers again..... But we had some rain which is always welcome, especially since we re-turfed the lawn recently, all 260sq/m of it. When we re-turf the other area, some other monkey will get paid to do it! Shortest day has just been & gone so looking forward to sunshine again!"

Nick Carlton

NICK CARLTON (G63-70) in October 2019 recounted to **CHRIS SHAW** that he had had a very pleasant stay with **CHRIS HALL** in HK in August. They exchanged views on the current concerning situation in HK. All was well at the time in Perth, with retirement keeping him busy. He also enjoyed his latest trip to the UK, where he went to Felixstowe (where Chris is from) a couple of times, which is very nice these days with some good restaurants and a refurbished pier.

In January I let Nick know of the death of June De Whalley, who he had met a number of times in recent years. Nick's sister had also let him know that June had died peacefully at home, just a few days after last visiting: "She was a truly lovely friend to have and I will miss visiting her. I am currently in Tokyo... my son is very interested in Japan so we are having a trip together and it has been great. Getting the Bullet Train tomorrow to Kyoto for a few days and then back to Perth. On 14th March I'll be off again to Penang for a couple of weeks so it's a pity that I won't be around for an OF meet up with **DAVID COPEMAN** and **PETER HOLLINS**."

On 2nd March he was in touch to say that he had just seen on Facebook the sad news that **TONY NEUBROCH** had died the previous day. He had been back in touch with him last year after his visit to Fram and they chatted a few times; reminiscing about sailing at Orford etc. Tony was living in the US and had had an operation for cancer a few months ago.

He attached a picture of the CCF RAF section visit to RAF Wattisham in the winter term of 1968. Tony is standing behind my left shoulder, 7th from right. Tony's father was Station Commander of RAF Wattisham at the time. See obituary section for more details on Tony's life.



Nick also found this one from the 1966 school photo where he is behind Rev Singh and **JOHN MAULDEN (G45-50)**, and one away from **CHRIS HALL (G62-69)** and **MIKE BEVERLEY (G61-69)**.



On 26th May he gave the following unexpected update that he was in the UK "I am currently in Ipswich. I was in Penang when the Emergency Order came out in Malaysia, Singapore closed its borders and there were no non-stop flights to Perth ... so decided to get the non-stop from KL to London. Staying in my old house which I sold to my sister and have been enjoying the spring and early summer weather in Suffolk - garden lovely and a short walk into town through Christchurch Park. Will head back to Australia at some point but not relishing the journey or quarantine when I get there and that it will be difficult to travel overseas again so making the most of some time here now.

My wife and son are fine in Western Australia and no reported major damage from the storm - just a lot of clearing up. She had only recovered from clearing up after a storm a couple of weeks ago. I am sure I will have plenty of jobs waiting for my return though.

Good that we can get out and about here and have been enjoying the Suffolk countryside - even a couple of swims in the

North Sea. It has been a good time for some photography - here is a familiar sight from last evening".



In June 2020 he provided the following update to **BRYAN PEARSON (S45-47)** and his wife Celestine in Hawaii: "I'm still in Ipswich but have flights to Perth booked on 8th July ... I'll then be slammed into quarantine for 14 days before I can get home ... not looking forward to the ordeal! Then there is no overseas travel for the foreseeable future which is why I haven't been in a rush to get back. The leftie Premier of Western Australia even has the border closed with the rest of Australia.

All good here in Suffolk ... has generally been lovely weather and we are set for another good week. Have been out and about with lots of walks and beach time at Thorpeness ... have had a few swims and the water is pleasant ... have that refreshing glow afterwards!

Have been to Pin Mill quite a bit and walked through the woods and down river which is always a great walk, especially at high water. Went sailing with a friend last week ... down river from Woolverstone to Harwich Harbour ... the river was pleasant but blowing a bit with wind over tide in the harbour so a bit of cool spray ... a nice broad reach back, just as I remember my sailing days there in the 70's.

As you saw the pubs are still closed and the Butt is doing takeaways but I haven't been tempted ... not quite the same.

Coming back from Thorpeness normally drive through the countryside around Fram ... have done quite a bit of photography as the evening light shows up the countryside so well. The school is closed. Stopped at the church at Swilland the other day which has an interesting tower. It is good to be in quiet Suffolk with all the bad news and strife in the world!"

In correspondence with Bryan Pearson I believe Nick may have returned to his home in Australia on 8th July.

Jim Coe

JIM COE (Z80-89) at the turn of the year was safe and well at Eurongilly. "Fires are about 50kms to our East - so no threat at this stage. Looking forward to the end of another dry year and hoping for wetter times ahead."

In early January he responded to an invitation from **COLIN LIPMAN (R53-61)** to meet up with **DAVID COPEMAN (K42-49)** and his wife Ann, when visiting Sydney on 5/6th March. Unfortunately, they were unable to make either of those dates.

Robert Craig

ROBERT CRAIG (K55-59) wrote in January about the visit of Dave Copeman to Brisbane: "We haven't got together for a while, (since the 150 years anniversary, since we had an enjoyable meal at the Belgian Café in the city organised by Chris and Rebecca) and I don't mind booking at a riverside restaurant for an evening meal, probably Southbank or possibly Regatta/Portside."

Robert Creasy

ROBERT CREASY (G55-59) hadn't been affected by the storms around Perth.

Amy De Selincourt

AMY DE SELINCOURT (M17-19) does not live in Western Australia but did find herself there when lockdown came into force in March 2020. She said on 24th March: "I am now stuck in Australia after they have just shut their borders. This is not the most ideal situation as I had a flight home booked for Friday. So the last few days have been very stressful and now it is just the fear of the unknown."

On Sunday I lost my job due to the virus and then hockey was cancelled completely just hours later. So everything that I had going on has stopped and now I have no income which is my main worry, because I know that I won't be able to support myself for too much longer. I have had to move out of my house in a suburb called Manning so that I can save money on rent, so I will be moving to a place called Canning Vale shortly. I am lucky enough to have a car as the club provided me with one when I came over in September."

A few days later Amy was able to get home.

Julian Ellis

JULIAN ELLIS (M72-76) and his wife Charmain live near Sydney and reported during the fires that apart from horrendous smoke some days and concern about the destruction of life (human and animal) and property, they were unaffected.

Bob Fox

BOB FOX (R66-71) wished the SOF President "Kung Hei Fat Choi!" and stated a preference for the online version of the

magazine in future. I expressed concern about the forest fires. Bob says: "As I live in Sydney, next to the sea, I'm in a relatively safe spot ... for the time being! We do get ash clouds that dump burnt wood everywhere, so we are very aware of the situation and are very concerned for those (and animals) who live in the countryside. I'm afraid I'll not be in town to join Colin Lipman and other OFs in March, but hope I'll be around for any forthcoming events."

Mike Garnett

MIKE GARNETT (R53-55) at Christmas sent a brief note to wish us a very Happy Christmas and 2020. He said: "The landscape is not looking too good in many places due to a ruinous drought that has probably sent hundreds of families into poverty and/or despair. I reckon we will see an increase in the price of meat, dairy and fruit products as a result of limited production."

I see that the RAF Club is the venue for the Annual Dinner in March. I wonder whether you might arrange for the Light Horse Statue to be moved to London so that it can sit as a centre-piece for the Dinner?

I hope the Brexit dramas are coming to a satisfactory conclusion and as a result, that trade with us and New Zealand are put on a firm footing. When the UK entered the European Union it decimated the fruit and dairy industries in Tasmania and New Zealand."

The President arranged for the statue to be present at the annual dinner and Mike attached a picture of the full size Statue at Kyneton, unveiled about the time of the 150th big OF Dinner in the Hunter Valley, hence the connection. Sadly, the dinner was cancelled.



At the New Year Mike reported that the fires this year were the worst that he could recall. He said: "I cannot understand how we rely on volunteer fire-fighters, surely they should be paid. And for Sydney to go ahead with their New Year's fireworks is madness – apart from anything else, it is not a good look!!

Last week I put my name down for two hours of tennis this morning which in hindsight, was probably a bit unwise because it will hit 43C by the time I get on court!"

Mike also supported going to an online version of the magazine.

John Gates

JOHN GATES (S44-48) and his wife Ruth spent Christmas with their youngest daughter Sarah and grandchildren in Woolworth near Brisbane. John and Ruth are regular Bridge players and still enjoy a workout at the gym. "Afterwards I feel so much better & refreshed".

They spent a quiet New Year at home at Maroochydore. They would have liked to have met up with David & Ann Copeman when they visited Brisbane in March, but they don't feel comfortable driving into Brisbane any more, plus they were due to leave a couple of days later on a cruise, circumnavigating Australia for 4 weeks. During this cruise they were hoping to meet up with **BRYAN PEARSON (S45-47)** and his wife Celestine in Hawaii having been regularly in touch beforehand.

In early April, John wrote the following message to **BRYAN PEARSON** and myself: "Hopefully you are OK health wise and have not been affected by this Virus which is causing havoc worldwide, but mainly through Europe and the USA and of course the UK.

Your cruise organized for mid-April will now be a "NO-NO", and no doubt you are self-isolating, or if not officially, then to safeguard yourselves.

We went on our 8th March cruise to go right around Australia & Tasmania, but on the 4th day whilst on the sea to Tasmania and at 5.a.m, the Captain announced on the Tanoy system that our cruise was being terminated. We continued on to Tasmania (before the virus got there) and then returned to Sydney. The Captain said arrangements would be made to get all passengers back to their homes safely. In fact the cruise line, (Princess Cruises), did absolutely nothing - a very stressful time. Ruth managed to contact our travel agent, who in turn booked us a flight from Sydney to Maroochydore on the 18th, and we got home safely. Because we had not left Australian Waters we were informed that we did NOT have to self-isolate, however our doctor has advised us to stay at home if possible due to our ages, just going out for post etc., no more than once a week early morning so rarely run into anybody.

In fact, the days pass quite quickly, what with exercise, walking, playing games, reading, computer etc., communicating with friends mainly overseas etc.

Nobody knows how long this situation is going to last, but my guess is at least until the end of this year. Our trouble Bryan is that we are getting older by the day, time is not on our side. Quite apart from that the financial markets are not helping, with interest rates at 0.25%, just have to wait for the eventual recovery."

Also, in early April, John reported that he had spoken to **PETER BAILEY (K34-38)**, but of course couldn't go and see him. He is quite cheerful & said he had a very good 98th birthday on

the 28th March. It is great a number of OFs near to Peter's care home keep in touch with him.

Ann Hogarth

ANN HOGARTH (V85-87) provided an update from Perth in May: "Things here are relaxing a lot re COVID-19 and the schools and all the associated kids' sport is back on with vengeance now (not to mention elective procedures - like wisdom teeth extractions, which my 16 year old had this weekend - being allowed again!!), so we have been in a bit of a whirlwind! Unfortunately, my cousin has also just passed away in the UK, (not from COVID-19 but from a huge stroke), so that has all been a bit frenetic too!

We are now allowed, I think it is 100 people in non-essential gatherings in WA, so I am sure we can have an OF Dinner now!! I am not sure how many OFs there are in Perth though!! (over a dozen)

I don't think we have really had our first wave of COVID-19 yet we had very few cases - but I think that is probably more due to population density than anything else ... people forget that the whole of WA has about the same population as LA I think it is, so it is bound to spread like wildfire there in comparison to here!

The storms actually turned out to be a bit of a wet squib - actually another example of the media lathering everyone up into a state of panic! I think it hit a few places harder than our area ... but really it was just about as bad as a good howling UK storm!!

Anyway all going well here, as I hope all is with you and all other OFs! Very best wishes and let's hope the lovely English summer UV light will kill off a good deal of this bug!!"

Ann was back in touch again and mentioned that she keeps in touch with **HOWARD ROBINSON** (Biology). He went over to stay with them in Perth a couple of years ago. When Ann and her family were back in the UK in January 2020 they managed to catch up for lunch at "The Kings Arms" in Ombersley where he and his wife Louise now live. Ann says this is apparently where King Charles II was supposed to have stopped on the way to see some tree he hid in.

A good time was had by all and this is a lovely picture of Ann with Howard.



Peter Hollins

PETER HOLLINS (K70-76) and his wife Sally very kindly offered to meet up with **DAVID AND ANN COPEMAN** when their world cruise visited Perth on 17th March.

They gave them a comprehensive tour of both the city and local vineyards, combined with a visit to their home. You can read David's full report below.



Peter was back in touch late May to say: "All good here, the media beat up was a lot worse than the storm! Lockdown continues but should be easing further soon. I know what you mean re no visits – my Mum who lives in Kent has had only one visitor in 6 weeks – and that was a cleaner!"

Colin Lipman

COLIN LIPMAN (R53-61) on reading the Framlinghamian magazine in January was pleasantly pleased and surprised to find a "Lipman" being Head Boy at Framlingham. "Academia was not one of my bright spots, however we hope we all improve with age! To find a Lipman, not knowing if he is related, being Head Boy without warning comes as a shock. We have had success on the Rugby field + other sports, but not one who achieved scholarships! I must find out more about this Lipman family - Chris do you have an email address / contact number? Thank you for the Magazine - good reading as usual." [turned out that he was not related in any way to **JOE LIPMAN (R12-19)**, one of the 2019 Moreau Scholars]

"Fortunately, Lexie and I have not suffered from the fires, but we know many that have.

So far we have 8 OFs who will welcome David and Ann Copeman to our shores in March - hopefully more will attend."

The meeting with **DAVID COPEMAN** and Ann did go ahead on 6th March in Sydney, but with just (from left to right) Ann, Lexie, Colin and David attending due to the crisis. See another picture at the end.



Neville Marsh

NEVILLE MARSH (S53-61) was in touch days before Christmas to say that the Great Dividing Range near them was currently shrouded in smoke from the bushfires out west but fortunately they had some respite from the recent high temperatures. These had touched 50C in parts of Queensland earlier in the week. Although they were spared bush fires at the time of writing, they knew friends and loved ones in Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia who were finding it tough with lives lost and many homes destroyed. "We pray for rain which should arrive on Christmas Day – it would be a wonderful present indeed."

Neville and Alison spent a week at Christmas at Coolumb by the sea and they did get some much needed rain. "Not very Christmassy but we desperately need it. We are happy to sit outside with our roast dinner and watch the spectacle!" He had been speaking to **PETER BAILEY** regularly, but he is becoming very frail and his memory is fading.

After Christmas Neville started organising an OF lunch to meet up with **DAVID AND ANN COPEMAN**. The Queen Mary 2 docked at Fisherman's Island in Brisbane. As that was way out of town, they arranged to meet near to ANZAC Square.

The convivial lunch took place at the Phat Elephant Restaurant. Below is a photo with David and Ann Copeman:



Standing are **NEVILLE MARSH (S53-61)**, **ROBERT CRAIG (K55-59)**, **DAVID COPEMAN (K42-49)**. Seated Alison Marsh, Carolyn Craig, Bev Rutter and Ann Copeman.

"It was good that Bev Rutter could join so soon after Nick's untimely death last June."

After meeting up, Neville sent the following report: "David and Ann were fairly stoic about missing a greater part of the Asian sector but they were happy to be on dry land once more and looking forward to meeting the Sydney and Fremantle old boys. They are a lovely couple and seemed so pleased that we had made the effort to organise a lunch."

David and Ann continued on to Sydney for lunch with Colin & Lexie Lipman and then to Fremantle for a meeting with Peter & Sally Hollins. It's a pity that the entire Asia leg of the cruise had to be cancelled.



Bob Munro

In late November, **BOB MUNRO (R56-60)** was in touch with **NORMAN PORTER (K50-57)** about the sad death of his brother **MURRAY (R58-65)**. He said: "It all seems a bit surreal, even though we knew he was in a lot of pain, and I guess we were just not ready to face the inevitable. [See obituaries]."

For us, summer starts (officially) on 1st December, but we have already had some very hot days. Coupled with an extremely dry winter and spring, the soil around us for many, many miles is devoid of moisture, (and we are not called the 'Flatlands' for nothing - see attached photo) so as soon as we do have some wind, that soil becomes a dust storm! And the dust covers everything, and gets in everywhere. Breathing for some folks becomes, literally, a case of life or death.

And then there are the bushfires, which are horrendous - so far Victoria has been spared any bad ones, but as I said, summer hasn't really started yet. Australia is a very harsh country. Despite that, I love it!"

He gave further details to me at Christmas. "For us in Mildura, it looks as though it is going to be very hot on Christmas Day and for a few days afterwards, (38C on Wednesday increasing daily to 44C on Saturday (100F to 111F). Fortunately, we have plenty of life-giving fluids in the "special fridge" in the shed!! I look forward to reading about the activities of fellow

OFs in the full versions of the OF News etc."

In early January he sent an update on the fires: "Another (unwelcome) statistic:- I have just heard on the 10am news broadcast (7/1/'20), that if the total of all the fire fronts currently burning were joined together, then the front would stretch from New South Wales to Afghanistan! How can man control that? And to put things into a slightly different, (but also unwelcome) perspective, this little personal snippet may be of interest: Some friends of ours have a son and daughter-in-law who live on Kangaroo Island, about 200kms SSW of Adelaide, and 20kms off the coast. Kangaroo Island is also experiencing a very bad fire, approx. 1/3rd of the Island is under threat. We are likely to have another 6-8 weeks at least of this current trauma."

The headline news in the UK at the time gave an estimate of 500m or more animals killed in the fires in Australia. The size/scale is amazing when compared to the UK.

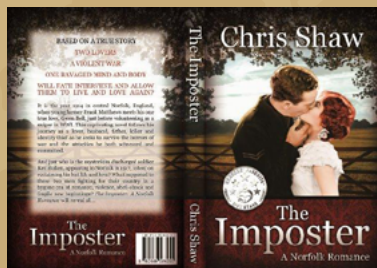
Andy Ripley

ANDY RIPLEY surprised us by turning up in Queensland rather than his previous home of Singapore. He provided a new address and said that he had left Earth Hour back in 2014 and started a new marine conservation organisation called Citizens of the Reef.

Chris Shaw

CHRIS SHAW (K50-56), as always, has been extremely good at keeping in touch both with me, and with OFs throughout Australia/NZ and other parts of the world like Hong Kong. A huge thanks for his time doing this.

At the end of October 2019, I congratulated him on his book *The Imposter*, which I had just finished reading. I noticed a reference to a Captain John Rankin and Chris confirmed this was in deference to our own **DR JOHN RANKIN (K47-56)**, who was head of Kerrison in his time; a great table tennis player and all-round good guy. Chris reported that he was 60,000 words into a follow-up, that was liberally sprinkled with OF names, which, since the action takes place in East Anglia in WW2 is not beyond the bounds of possibility.



In early December Chris hadn't heard any word about OFs in distress in NSW or Queensland to fire threat. On Christmas Day, Chris & Rebecca had my kind of meal consisting of prawns, crab, lobster, scallops and lots of cold bubbles.

Chris's sister sent him a 1956 school photo to him that his parents had been keeping. He had it framed and hung above his desk. He sent a photo of his study with a small touch of East Anglia in the tropics of North Queensland! The picture above the school photo is *The Ancient House* in the Buttermarket in Ipswich.



On Boxing Day, he sent Christmas greetings to our family and said that he had just received the SOF News digest, and for whatever reason had been going through the Obituaries. "I guess it's an age thing. I came across Brian Aldiss's entry.

His name is not unknown to me nor Rebecca since he was a science fiction writer, and she a reader of same. The spelling of "renowned" is "renowned", and for an author that may rankle a tad, even from beyond the grave! Maybe you could rehash the entry so he may rest a little easier? [I did immediately]. I've just been doing the last? edit of *The Enforcer*, the sequel to *The Imposter*, so my spelling-senses are on high alert.

I had a bout of pneumonia over the Christmas period, which wasn't a whole heap of fun. Much better now; just need to get the energy levels back and things will be fine again.

Have had a fine long letter from **JOHN LING (S49-56)** about his Norfolk Supper appearance, his 'round the world' trip, his Sydney dinner, and his stay in Cairns, about which he was very complimentary.

P.S. My daughter presented me with my Christmas present on Boxing Day. It was one of those beautiful, long paper bags with a string handle. Yet another bottle of wine, thought I; a Golden Thread theme throughout my life. Turns out it was a large bottle of homemade Worcestershire sauce! Still capable of being surprised!"

Just before New Year, Chris was in touch again with some fascinating stats on the recent fire in Australia: "So far, 4.6 million hectares have burnt out in Oz, with 3.6mH in NSW alone. On the farm in Norfolk, we didn't know about Hectares, we dealt in acres, so a rough translation goes something like this:

$4.6\text{mH} = 4.6 \times 2.5 = 11.5 \text{ million acres} = 17,700 \text{ square miles}$

This compares with East Anglia comprising approx. 5,000 square miles.

That's just for perspective. The fact is also that all the wildlife had been killed in this area is a horror of different proportions. That's koalas, kangaroos, wallabies, snakes, spiders, and all the bio-diversity (flora and fauna) that comes from being an isolated continent from 150 million years ago. Sad, sad, sad.

For several years after I arrived here, I didn't understand the importance, the huge areas or the ferocity of bushfires. Then I got to see some footage of fire travelling in excess of 100mph through the crowns of Eucalypts, driven by storm winds, sometimes of their own making, but travelling much faster than a car with a family can go on country roads. That's when the reality of what bushfires are all about hit me. They are to be mightily respected, as are the volunteer firies who go out to battle them. Aerial water-bombers from mostly helicopters have improved fire-fighter considerably, but with dry, windy conditions, fires that are mostly lit by lightning from dry storms take off in wilderness areas and just keep going."

He finished off by pointing out that the Aussies had won the Boxing Day test match against the Kiwis, and the Sydney to Hobart yacht race went off without a hitch. "All our OFs are safe so far, so 2020 bodes well, even though Mike Garnett has to sleep in 40C temps!" Little did we know what was to come.

After being in touch with a number of OFs around New Year he had the following to report on those who could have been in danger from the fires.

"MIKE GARNETT (R53-55) said he was fine and safe, but was keeping a weather-eye on the Macedon Range, which is not that far from him. We took a walk with him when we stayed and found the Hanging Rock Winery, which supplied us with samples of its wares. But for now, Mike's safe.

BOB AND MARIA MUNRO (R54-60) in Mildura, which Bob points out is a hell of a long way from anywhere, have had temperatures in the high 40'sC, which is a very serious situation. However, not only are they safe from fire threats at the moment, but Bob is thinking of putting a sweater on this morning as the temps have dropped to the mid-teens! That's desert living; huge changes in temperature and humidity. He hates the humidity, I love it, but they are safe and well.

PHIL AND DEE BOWER (G65-74) in WA have had equable temps but have a potential cyclone bearing down on them. At worst it's a Category two, and will have devolved into a rain depression by the time it gets to them, so if he puts the plugs in his boat, it will fill with water and not blow away - that's my advice anyway, but they too, are safe as well.

In Cairns we have 30C, 80% humidity, sunshine with the occasional showers at night, and the scenery is almost Irish green. A month from now, the frightening bushfires should be out and we may be in the news with a Cat 5 cyclone coming down our throats. Welcome to Australia!

Everyone in Oz is keeping up with the news surrounding the bushfire situation, and how our volunteer fire fighters are standing up. Usually, they are needed for a couple of days in restricted areas, but this year things have really got out of hand. Being in the middle of a long drought has not helped the situation, nor has the prohibition of fuel reduction or not maintaining fire breaks in National Parks, but that's another story.

I'll phone **COLIN LIPMAN (R53-61)** in Sydney tomorrow. I have only his business number. By the way, Penrith, just west of Sydney City, has a temp of 49.7C yesterday! Railways buckle, and roads melt, and an Aussie put a pork roast in his car in a tray, shut the door, and he and his family ate roast port after eight hours! Only in Australia!"

Chris was saddened to learn of the passing of **JOHN EDWARDS (K45-55)** in early January. He was a contemporary of his in Kerrison. "A bon vivant, and all-round good egg. I gather he did some sterling service for the College. Coming out from under a three-week bout of pneumonia myself, I have to say, "there, but for the grace of God, go I." I'm sure John will be sadly missed, and I send condolences to his family and friends. I remember him telling the story in the dorm one night, about a holiday he spent in Europe. He tried to get a lift by hitch-hiking but it appeared that no one wanted to pick him up.

Finally, he shouted to one driver, "Be a sport!" The car screamed to a standstill and a couple invited him to join them.

They were Australians, and thought he was to, for using the word, "Sport!" I emailed that story to him several years ago and replied in awe that it had taken place in the early 1950's, and how the hell did I remember that so much later? I have the sort of mind that remembers odd stuff, but does not recall what I had for breakfast this morning!"

Chris's wife Rebecca is a big expert on Henry VIII and is a dab hand at needle work. Chris sent a photo of her largest work which she had just completed. It shows Catherine of Aragon pleading with King Henry VIII not to divorce her. It's taken from a life-sized portrait in Westminster Palace that Rebecca got permission to reproduce, for her own use only, by the current Curator.



Some stats, for what they're worth: Frame 3 feet 5 inches square. Sewing area 2 feet 6 inches square, containing 239,000 stitches and took 18 months to complete. If you look back to previous picture of the other five wives, the second, (Jane Seymour), has a frame of 2 feet 7 inches x 1 foot 9.5 inches, and a sewn area of 1 foot 8.5 inches x 1 foot, at around 80,000 stitches.

In March, Chris reported that his book, *The Imposter*, had been accepted by the Australian War Memorial shop for sale there. His argument was that it helps to explain some of the origins of PTSD, albeit in WW1 context, and also explores many facets of that four letter word, 'Love,' as it applies to life within marriage.

We were all familiar in the UK with the shortage of loo paper at the start of the pandemic. It seems to also be a problem in Australia as Chris writes: "You may catch up with the story of panic-buying of loo paper because of the Coronavirus in Oz! Why this should be no one seems to know because of all the problems surrounding that virus, gastro-intestinal problems are not among them. However, most Australian supermarkets have run out of stock."

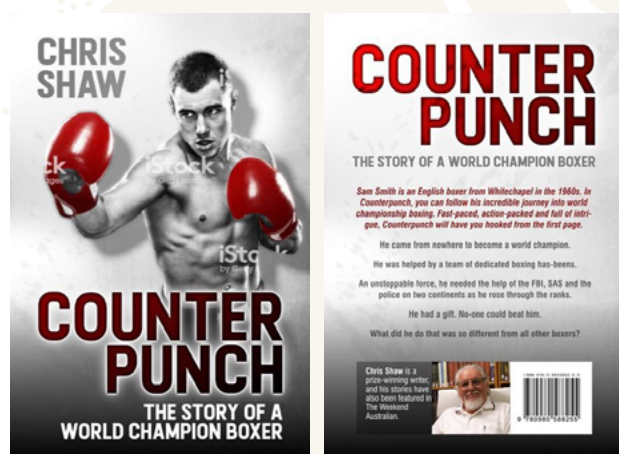
At this point his story seems the same as in the UK, but in Australia they have a unique solution: "The Northern Territory Times newspaper, however, has left eight pages unprinted to act as emergency loo paper, should the need arise! I thought that was very entrepreneurial, and got a hearty round of applause from the rest of Australia."

"Stood in a long queue at the supermarket which was taking forever to move. I coughed and said to my wife, 'I'm sure this cough has got worse since we came back from China!' Instantly, no queue!"

During lockdown in April, Chris was back in touch with news of his latest book on boxing and that his editor was looking to completely re-write the sequel to *The Imposter*.

He sent hearty congratulations to **SIMON DOUGHERTY (G60-67)** too, for his being awarded an MBE.

He described their retirement village as: "Well, we have a bit of a ghost town in the village, with all the social distancing we need, but we are a very vulnerable group with people not only in their 80's and 90's, but most of us have co-morbidities too. As a complete opposite to that scenario, the couple two units down from us were halfway through a bike ride from Adelaide to Perth, which is just shy of 3,000km (1,200 miles in



my grade 10 brain). He's 78, and 62kg and has been cycling since 1977, having just clocked up his 500,000km! This in itself a feat, but then, as I did, you realise that not only is there the natural worlds that he passes through, but the politics, the economics, the cultural differences as well. Imagine cycling from Alaska to Patagonia, or from London to Sydney, through Iran, Pakistan, Tibet and China. What a challenge! And here I sit pecking away at my keyboard, lost in my vivid dreams that I write down!

In early May he gives an incite into his next book: "I had written a story of a Whitechapel lad who was doing some boxing on Saturday nights, and through a series of happenings (this was in 1964-66) became the Welterweight Champion of the World. Just a nice little story of 100K words. She had me re-visit it and give separate voices to the characters. The main character, Sam Smith, became Denis Waterman (Terry from Minder, or Jerry from New Tricks), and his Manager became a Jewish character I had known in my time as a medical rep

in N W London, Golders Green, who couldn't pronounce his 'w's, "vith which ve all 'ad a little trouble when ve all vent to the States, my boy!" So, that was a chore, but she has taken it on board and instead of calling it 'Hammer and Tongs,' it's been re-named as "Counterpunch." I wrote it for my Dad who had done some boxing in his youth, as had his Dad I believe.

While she is editing the boxing story, I'm re-writing *The Enforcer*, as a follow on from *The Imposter*. Since she gave me 26 pages of notes about how *The Enforcer* could be improved, I have knuckled down and made a start. I do have the time.

So, we are well and busy. I will be doing Billy Connolly hair impressions by the time this is over! At the moment it's a rough equivalent of Buffalo Bill Cody. The Management of the village set up a special Facebook page just for us, and I have been contributing jokes every day under the pseudonym of Mr. Giggle-juice, as I do the bartending at the Happy Hour, which has not happened since the beginning of the year. I also put on my short story called, Gallipoli Boy, for ANZAC Day.

We've had little contact with the other villagers, but as soon as the restrictions are lifted, we shall all be out there on camping chairs with our sundowners discussing the daily vicissitudes of family and friends, sitting on our verandas. We will have to get rugged up a bit as winter is coming. We haven't had a day under 30C since last September, which is fine by me, but Memsahib produces her winter heat all year round so summer is not her friend."

After some more exchanges on Covid and his book publishing he was: "very sad to see 'MAGS' Michael Spencer and John Edwards have passed on - two stalwarts of the College. MAGS was always kind and equable, had humour and was one of the best soccer players I've ever seen - @ Brandeston. Many great sportspeople go on to play golf in their later years. I know Gary Sobers did in Barbados. We had strangely parallel paths: he married an Australian and moved to Australia, divorced and moved back to Barbados. I married a West Indian, moved to Australia, divorced, married an Australian and stayed here. Also sorry to see Mr Pemberton died."

Chris also wrote to OFs in Hong Kong saying how he has seen HK starting to be ripped apart, and has noted the positive response from UK, USA, and Australia. To this end he connected with his local Federal Parliamentarian, Warren Entsch, about putting in a 'good word' if the occasion arises, for any SOF members wanting to come to Australia and in need of a local reference. He added: "One of the reasons for Rebecca and I coming to HK for your dinner was to establish lines of communication should this sort of thing ever become a reality. I will leave you to disseminate this information as needed to other OFs in HK."

Finally, in July 2020 he asked all of us who had bought and enjoyed his book, *The Imposter*, to give him a good review on Amazon. "There is a nutritional message here in that the more books I sell, the better Rebecca and I eat, drink and be merry. P.S. Look out for my next book, *COUNTER PUNCH*, coming soon."

Aubrey Whitear

AUBREY WHITEAR (G58-65) responded to me sending the piece that **ROBERT BOWMAN CLARKE (R59-64)** had written mentioning him. He had kept in touch with Robert since they left the College all those years ago. "I have had the pleasure of reading his successive volumes of memoirs. It's hard to escape the conclusion that he has led a life that would be too exciting for most of us."

He was very sorry to hear of the passing of **JERRY LEE (K59-64)** and recalled that the last time he saw him must have been on the occasion of an OF weekend at Framlingham shortly after they had both left. He recalled: "We were both driving back to Fram from Aldeburgh where we had benefited from a certain amount of refreshment. He had just failed to brake in time to avoid running into the back of my mother's car with which I had been entrusted for the weekend. I had some explaining to do when I got home. These things happen when you are young."

Aubrey said that in Melbourne they were currently "enjoying" the second COVID-19 lockdown, with about six weeks still to go. "Fortunately, my wife and I are living at Flinders, a quiet rural spot on the coast an hour and a quarter's drive from the city so life for us is pretty easy. We had been booked to visit our grandchildren in England and do a bit of walking in France around Easter time but that had to be cancelled as did their return trip to Australia in July. So no travel to tell you about this year. As for next year, only time will tell."

Below follows and an extract from his annual letter written last Christmas.

"Here in Australia its been the case of the good and the bad. In March we had the delightful sight of the very smug leader of our Labor (sic – they can't even spell) Party losing the unlosable election. Well, that's what happens when your key policy is to steal other people's money. In sport, which is the only thing of real importance in this country, we retained the Ashes (I appreciate this will mean nothing to my North American readers) but the real downer on the year was the predictable demise of the Wallabies against England in the Rugby World Cup. Some say our woeful performance was brought about by the absence of our star player Israel Folau who in a great display of wokeness was cast out into the wilderness because on social media he had little encouraging to say about the prospects of homosexuals and various others in the afterlife. In reality, it was thanks largely to our abysmal coach. I'm sure he had a Plan A but whatever it was it was not cunning enough to stand up to any kind of scrutiny. As Mike Tyson so eloquently put it, everyone has a plan until they are punched in the mouth. When we reached for Plan B we found it was no more than Plan A with an element of panic. In the end we were left to rely on our little brothers across the ditch to rescue us from the Slough of Despond by knocking the wheels off England's Sweet Chariot and leaving it upturned alongside Boris in a ditch. Alas they couldn't even do that. But the rest you already know!

On the domestic front, its been another good year for the fox. In the pre-dawn of a winters' morning we heard a disturbance in the chook yard. Rushing out, we were in time to see Mr Fox

disappearing over the fence having already dispatched two of our hens. The one remaining chook thereafter refused to lay or if she did she ate the eggs herself, so we sent her off to join a neighbours flock where she can live happily ever after. So ended our career as chook keepers. From now on we are getting our eggs at the market. It's cheaper!

Another surprising event this year has been the emergence of our two sons as Athletes. Tristan has at least temporarily given up his bike riding - courtesy of a nasty crash and broken wrist. Instead, he has taken to the road and has run not one but two marathons, each one in almost exactly three hours. Roland's achievement has been all the more surprising in light of a conversation I remember having with him one day when he came home from school:

Me: what did you do today?

He: played soccer.

Me: what position do you like to play?

He: goalie.

Me: why?

He: because you don't have to run around.

Anyhow, this October he ran and came tenth in a muddy cross-country ultra-marathon in the north of England – 55km with over 900 metres of vertical gain and loss. At one point he had to jump a fence to avoid what he thought was a bull. It makes me tired just to think about it.

Our travels this year began in February with a trip together with some American friends for the Three Capes Lodge walk on the Tasman Peninsula on Tasmania's south coast. Maybe it was the company, maybe it was the weather or maybe it was the scenery but this was as nice a walk as we have done anywhere in the world. An added benefit is that henceforth when the yachts in the Sydney to Hobart boat race are rounding Tasman island I will be able to envisage exactly where they are. After that, in April we headed to Europe to see our grandchildren and their owners who live in the North of England. For two weeks the weather was cool but unexpectedly the sun shone almost continuously other than at night. We had a great time with them consuming ice-cream and tripping about, one day as far as the excellent National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh. From England we decided to go to Italy in search of warmth. We arrived in Como, it was raining. We took the boat to Bellagio, it was raining. We took the bus to Lenno to walk on the Lake Como Greenway, it was raining so hard that within minutes of getting off the bus we were as wet as water rats. We walked on stoically beneath umbrellas. The only satisfactory shelter was in an enoteca where they were playing the Rolling Stones' Beggars Banquet on rotation. By the time we left, I was half man, half Sangiovese. So we headed south to Amalfi and Capri where the sun always shines. But it wasn't. It was raining. Amalfi would still have been disappointing in sunshine. Even in April it was mobbed by tourists disgorged from cruise boats where they had only recently gorged themselves on their buffet breakfasts. They were intent on doing Amalfi in record time so they could return aboard to gorge on the buffet lunch. Meanwhile the roads were clogged with buses bringing still more tourists to make the whole experience akin to being in a crowd disgorged from a football stadium. Fortunately, the

rain eased for our six day walk on the Amalfi Coast between Ravello and Positano. The going was hard. "Amalfi", we rapidly concluded, had to be Italian for "too many steps". If we were not going up, we were going down knowing that shortly we would be going up again. Not good for elderly knees!

In August we were back in Europe again. This time the weather was marvellous. First a few days in the little Swiss village of Weggis for some hiking in the mountains which never disappoints – its somehow reassuring now that we are no longer at our perihelion to find after a year's absence we can still ignore the cable car and walk up the Rigi all the way from the lake. The only drawback of Weggis is the church clock which strikes its bell every fifteen minutes, day and night. If you can't achieve a deep sleep in fourteen minutes and fifty-nine seconds, you'll be awake all night. After Weggis we had a few days back in the North of England before spending ten lovely days with our UK family on the beach in Portugal. At Faro airport the immigration officer greeted Di and me warmly and asked us where we came from before adding "I can see from your faces you are not from England". Make of that what you will. After Portugal Di and I headed to Lyon in France to begin a week's cycling holiday in the Rhone valley between Lyon and Orange. Old Lyon is lovely although the ghost of Klaus Barbie lingers still. We enjoyed the history of the old town and enjoyed the restaurants even more. In particular the Atelier des Augustines should not be missed. My only regret was that we did not have time to take the vaporetto where according to the brochure "the crew consists of hostess members who are willingly at your service". From Lyon the cycling was easy, the car drivers courteous and the scenery pleasant if lacking in a panorama splendide, as they like to say in the brochures. Once again there were cruise boats but mostly we avoided their occupants. The highlights were Roman ruins particularly the Temple of Augustus in Vienne and the Roman Theatre antique d'Orange which would have been worth making a major detour to visit.

When not travelling we have seen a lot more than usual of our local grandchildren, Fleur and Patrick together with their parents, Tristan and Sophie. Whereas in the past our duties were mainly limited to Monday pick up from day care and ad hoc babysitting, this year it has extended to full board and lodging. This state of affairs has come about because T&S decided to sell their house to buy a bigger one. Selling the old house was no problem, buying a new one is proving difficult and unlike in the Billie Holiday lyric cannot be done right now. As much as we love our grandchildren and enjoy their company, I have concluded that the septuagenarian body is not well adapted to the rigours of keeping up with the demands of a three and a five-year-old for twelve hours a day.

Finally, what of us? I am pleased to report that both Di and I feel as healthy as anyone could reasonably hope to be at our age. Di rides her bike weekly and goes to the gym almost daily. I continue to play golf although I am disappointed that golf ball manufacturers no longer seem able to make balls that travel an impressive distance when hit. Apart from that I take the simple pleasure afforded by acquiring knowledge that has no commercial use... and promptly forgetting it!

Love and Peace and good coffee to all. Di and I hope you have a wonderful Christmas with your family and that 2020 will bring you good health and great joy. For the benefit of any of you who are thinking of giving the traditional gifts this year, here is a last-minute shoppers' bulletin: frankincense is available on eBay for about \$80/kilo, myrrh is roughly twice as expensive while gold is going for about US\$1,500/oz. I have no idea what you do with the first two but with interest rates hovering around 1% you could do a lot worse if you just leave your money in the bank."

CANADA

Richard Green

RICHARD GREEN (M71-78) was briefly in touch from Ontario to say that he was happy to receive a digital version of magazine in future. He said: "I note that there was no Canada event last year - I guess distance and weather doesn't help and last year was a tough one for us, so we wouldn't have been available. My wife is recovering from a serious illness and so we're pretty much focused on hospitals and home. Fortunately things are good now so looking forward to more mobility after winter goes away."

CYPRUS

Robert Bowman Clarke

ROBERT BOWMAN CLARKE (R59-64) responded to my Christmas message to all overseas OFs and became possibly my first OF to write from Cyprus. He started off by saying how very impressed he was with the glossy Framlinghamian Magazine which he always keeps, and would hope to receive this every year.

"Just a quick update of my activities - since working as an International lawyer in the City of London, Hong Kong, Athens with the Greek Ship owners, Monte Carlo and the last 18 years running my own Commercial Consultancy in Dubai, I have recently semi-retired to my offshore base in sunny Cyprus - near to the Clients in the Gulf, but still keeping them at arm's length. As **RICHARD SAYER (S56-61)** can no doubt testify, we Solicitors advising internationally never actually "retire" as such, whether to deepest Hampshire or to sunnier Cyprus! Despite being semi-retired I have still travelled the world for Clients and sorted out little "local" difficulties for them - Dubai, Hong Kong and Monaco have not fundamentally changed over the years, they just need "patience!" and "nuance" to unravel the enigmas. Being a Fellow of Rotary International, I recently travelled through the States and gave 8 speeches to Rotary

Clubs from Coast to Coast on, 'The Ways of the World' and had a wonderful reception from the members. It was interesting to compare the attitudes in New York and Philadelphia to say, San Antonio and New Orleans and Los Angeles...a fascinating country.

In between enjoying my sailing on the Eastern Med and walking up in the foothills of the glorious Troodos Mountains here on the island, I have taken time to continue writing my books - to date, I have published 3 volumes of Memoirs - "Wicked To Fly", "Ticket To Ride" and the latest "Stick It To Survive", which came out in time for the Christmas market - all are on Amazon and at Barnes and Noble etc. I write them under my pen name of "Robert Bowman" so as to keep them separate from my professional name. I have also written a fiction thriller called "Nemesis" and an "Inside Guide to Greece", which should help a few lost souls find the right island or taverna/place for them to stay! So, five books to date and counting...

As the years go by we have lost some good friends from Fram - **KEITH TREADAWAY (R60-65)**, **RICHARD VAUGHAN-GRIFFITHS (K60-64)** and **JOHN BIRT (S59-63)** amongst them and recently in New York **ANGUS MCDOWELL (R60-63)**, but we must all still celebrate being alive and I give a shout out to **ANT COWAN (R55-64)** over there in Seattle, **PETE LOCKWOOD (R57-64)** on his Magical History Tours in Surrey, **JERRY LEE (K59-64)** behind his drums and, not least, **AUBREY WHITEAR (G58-65)** down there in Melbourne, hopefully not threatened by those wild fires!

I was recently at the College in the summer of 2018 (on my Birthday!), when the College kindly laid on a marquee for me and a few hundred others for the 60s Reunion gig and I was happy to meet **KATE JACKSON (P84-93)**, who was definitely doing sterling work behind the scenes for the OFs! I took my son along for the nostalgic ride and he was most impressed with the Students' accommodation telling me it was far superior to that he "enjoyed" during his time at the LSE in London!"

I responded saying it was great to hear from an OF in Cyprus and that I had added his books to the Distinguished Section of the OF website. There are 2 other OFs in Cyprus, in Limassol and Larnaca. I said that we had no contact details for Angus McDowell and were therefore not aware he had died and asked for more details.

He responded: "Yes, it was very sad about **ANGUS MCDOWELL**. We met at Fram whilst I think his uncle Peter Clarke was our housemaster at Rendlesham and kept in touch over the years as he pursued his international career in Accountancy and I in Law... we used to meet up in New York, in the UK and Monaco. We met each other's wives and witnessed divorcing each other's wives over the years, but it was all dynamic fun, but then came September 2001 and he sent me vivid photos of the World Trade Center Towers burning in New York - a few blocks from his apartment on Second Avenue, (was he the ONLY OF to witness that historic, traumatic event?). I last saw Angus on my latest trip to the States during the summer of 2015 and we shared a last meal together in our favourite Spanish restaurant on Second Avenue... I knew he was dying because he was being treated

for Stage 4 Cancer and we said our goodbyes... New York friends told me 2 months later he had passed away, a month after I last saw him... he was a brave soul in the end... I write about him in my latest book, but obviously changed the name... it was ironic, because I am sure he incurred his Cancer through 9/11 and that ghastly noxious cloud of asbestos/ computer parts etc that billowed over the City for days. It is not generally reported Chris, but a lot of the Police and Firefighters that day have since all succumbed to cancerous infections of one kind or another and our brave OF Angus, was also I think "collateral damage" of that terrorist attack - albeit 14 years later, although of course, no one will admit to it. R.I.P Angus.

Unfortunately, talking about Cancer - as the great Kate Jackson knows from our exchanges of emails leading up to the 60s Reunion on June 30th 2018 at Fram, I too had just recovered from 4 gruelling Ops from October 2017 to March 2018 over here in Nicosia for ridding my complaining body of my new friend Mel Anoma... or, more particularly, his evil half-brother Malignant Mel Anoma. I won that extremely close quarter battle in the end, (but only just survived a traumatic gushing haemorrhage in the middle of the night and was only "saved" by a Scottish Staff Nurse who was on night duty and knew what to do!) That's why my 3rd volume of Memoirs is called "Stick It To Survive", because they are all true stories of Survival and the last Chapter, "Met by Mel Anoma" relates to what happened to me over 4 months, in the sunny Eastern Med. I was so relieved to come out the other side, I contacted The National Trust in the UK and arranged to donate to them a lovely wooden bench in a very historic spot on my favourite Tennyson Down, on the south coast of the Isle of Wight. The Bench was made by local craftsmen and is inscribed:

"Pause here and rest your weary limbs for a while...
And Remember the History... and, maybe, your Life with a smile..."



The Bench overlooks Freshwater Bay and is in a very historic spot... in the skies above, in the hot summer of 1940 the Battle of Britain was fought by The Few... only 40 miles away across the Channel are the beaches of Normandy of 1944... and also, the same Channel waters saw the defeat of the Spanish Armada in 1588... whilst just down the coast at Hastings, William landed from Normandy in 1066 and defeated Harald in a battle that changed England forever.

I and my heirs will be responsible for the upkeep of the Bench forever, but The National Trust, knowing the true story behind the donation of the Bench, were only too willing to advise and

liaise with me on its placement and construction. They tell me it has proved very popular with all the visitors and walkers who pass by on these historic white cliffs, a lot of them from abroad. It just seemed a nice way to give something back after my close shave with "Malignant Mel Anoma" and my son and I, unveiled it in a little local ceremony in June 2018. I guess you could say the OFs now have a permanent place they could call "home" in one of the most beautiful places on the south coast of the UK.

Incidentally, even though my books are selling well over the years on Amazon etc., I have always thought about proper literary representation in the UK. I know it is not an OF strong suit normally, but do you know of any OFs presently active as Literary Agents, or in main stream publishing in the UK, (or abroad for that matter), who I might contact and discuss my literary output?

You seem to have a wrong address for me. It is therefore not surprising you could not find me on the map! For the record, Aya Napa in the west of the island is for teenagers and discos (think Ibiza!); Larnaca is like Cannes, very nice; Limassol is very Russian and full of dubious Putin-inspired shipping companies and here in Paphos and Coral Bay in the west, like the West Coasts all over the world - even in Newquay and Bristol - we have the nicest sunsets, villas and climate and there is quite a large local population of Brits, (both retired or semi-retired like me) and we have active UK3PA Clubs etc. I spend a lot of time sailing, writing and sipping wine and still advising my Dubai, Monaco and Gulf Clients. I run a monthly Current Affairs Group whose members range from retired/semi-retired professionals like me and Company Directors from the Gulf and Africa... think Lonhro, Cecil Rhodes and Lawrence. All interesting company and myriad world views!"

In a follow up email to Rob I mentioned that **PETER LOCKWOOD** had organised a trip to Pickard's grave near Amiens and that if he had had more notice he would have liked to have gone on that. "I am a bit of an "expert" on Operation Jericho to blow the walls of Amiens Prison down in February 1944, having got several books on the subject and also flown in a Mosquito Simulator enacting the Raid itself, with the actual film shot on the Raid, which was quite an experience! (Low over the Channel, then a steep climb over the coast, then level out and run down the straight road towards the Prison... they couldn't miss it because it was a dark forbidding block standing out ahead against the snow). If you are interested in Pickard, I would refer you to the movie "Target For Tonight", shot in 1941 by the Crown Film Unit in which Pickard stars as the Pilot of a Wellington crew, 'F' for Freddie... no actors were used in the production in showing a typical Bomber Command operation... it's now a Classic and available on DVD - I have it in my extensive Film Library. It's fascinating to see this famous OF (and his pipe!) enacting a typical Bomber Raid. The film won an Honorary Academy Award in 1942 and was voted "Best Documentary" in 1941. Sad to think within 2 years he had been killed, like so many others, in the fields of Northern France."

FRANCE

Thomas Otho-Briggs

THOMAS OTHO-BRIGGS (R56-60) was trying to contact **DERYK H COX**, his ex-Music Master at the College. He had seen the Hon OF citation that had been done for Deryk. Unfortunately, we don't have an email address for Deryk, so I couldn't simply forward on, but I did copy it to **DOUG THOMSON (K53-61)** who lives near him in Sedbergh Cumbria and sees him occasionally in a normal world.

As for his life in France he reports: "Things here in France are going well, but then we do not have buses, nor trains and the M25 is not bumper to bumper, and one has to remember we have roughly the same population as GB but twice the land mass."

Brian Rosen

BRIAN ROSEN (S40-46) was sorry to report in April 2020 that his elder brother, **MICHAEL ROSEN (S40-46)** (known as Michael Anthony) died peacefully in his sleep on March 18th, aged 91. He said: "Here in France we have been "locked down" for over a fortnight and of course, the situation is different in various regions. For those of us retired and living in the countryside, we appreciate how fortunate we are and there is always plenty to do in the garden. Our local roads are free of traffic, and just as it was around Framlingham 75 to 80 years ago, we find ourselves cycling or walking in the middle of the road. The town of Vienne 2km away, is deserted, free parking everywhere, but the supermarkets and food shops are open and well stocked. **SARAH (BH89-93)** our daughter, is living and working from her flat in Lyon, as an epidemiologist is of course working long hours."

It was also great to see Brian at the SOF Council Zoom meeting in July 2020.

GERMANY

Kim Dickel

KIM DICKEL (M97-98) was sad that she didn't manage to organise a Germany OF reunion in the last year, but is determined to reignite the fire as soon as possible. She was promoted to Head of Finance this year within her company and had no capacity for anything else apart from work. She says that she didn't even find the time to celebrate her birthday!

Berenike Karrasch

BERENIKE KARRASCH (P11-13) was in touch with Ruth Noble at the College, after receiving the News Digest in April 2020. She provided the following update: "Yet another year nearly has passed since I last wrote to you. I hope you are doing fine and Corona has not reached Framlingham yet. The numbers in the UK are very worrying. I hope you all are doing fine!! The College is probably closed as well?"

On Monday my new Semester (8th) starts. I am very interested how it will all work "online" with livestreams of lectures and audio-lectures. This semester I have lots of subjects I am not too keen on, like Surgery-lectures, Urology, Dermatology and Paediatrics. I am becoming more and more interested in Oncology.

I also found myself a doctor thesis. It is about dystonia patients that develop Parkinson symptoms after receiving Deep-Brain-Stimulation. I have lots of videos of about 100 patients that I have to score. Part 2 of the thesis is, finding the "sweet spot" of the electrodes that causes these symptoms.

Currently, I am helping working in the hospital here in Würzburg on the Corona-Station. Luckily, we do not have too many patients in Würzburg. There are 20 patients on the station I am working on and 15 in the ICU. But currently the numbers are going back in Germany, so that soon maybe some regulations can be lifted. I hope you and the entire staff will stay healthy! Wishing you all the Best!!! There are interesting times ahead."

Nicholas Kuhn

NICHOLAS KUHN (K09-10) let us know that his e-mail address has changed. As this was just before the deadline I have not heard back on any news from him.

HOLLAND

Peter Barker

PETER BARKER (K65-68) had enjoyed reading The Framlinghamian for the last few years, but wrote to the President saying that he understood how much it costs to produce and send. As not an active member, he said he can therefore easily just read the on-line version.

I asked him for an update from Holland: "Life goes on as normal. Like most families, we are enjoying our "children" and friends staying here over the Christmas period. We have just survived the annual New Year's blitz, when the normally socially responsible Dutch replicate all-out war with fireworks. Many go completely mad and spend a fortune, some on illegally importing very large fireworks/bombs. I am sure that the pros and cons for these types of celebrations are voiced in a similar manner in many other countries.

A couple of weekends ago, my wife, Ida and I spent a few days in Paris. When we booked the trip, we didn't know that there would be a general strike. The journey to and from Paris on the Thalys was excellent, (up to 290kph), but in Paris itself, the Metro hardly worked and the traffic was always at a standstill so we walked everywhere, every day, a free fitness work-out in the rain. Despite that, we had a very nice time visiting some of the places that we already knew, but also several new ones. Just the Leonardo da Vinci exhibition at the Louvre made it worthwhile. After this exhausting journey, I said to my wife, "well, we will always have Paris", which she didn't appreciate."

HONG KONG

William Cheung

WILLIAM CHEUNG (R96-02) received an invite to join Principal, Louise North and Martin Myers-Allen for drinks when they were planning to visit HK in February 2020. Sadly, this trip had to be cancelled.

Jonathan Hancock

JONATHAN HANCOCK (S77-86) on 12th February contacted me with the sad news that his distinguished father Andrew had died. I copied the news to the **PRESIDENT, NORMAN PORTER AND RICHARD SAYER**. Richard responded saying that Andrew was his House Captain at Fram, "and was one of those who could exercise quiet authority whilst also being inspirational."

Jonathan said: "Currently we are planning a very small family cremation and then a larger Memorial Service in June. We are looking at the 19th (his birthday) but yet to confirm. I will certainly keep you all informed once we have confirmed the date and venue."

Chris Hall

CHRIS HALL (G62-69) sent through his traditional Christmas letter and said that he met **JOHN MATHIAS (G65-69)** who was at Fram with him. He reported: "Fortunately Hong Kong got quieter in December. I went to see an exhibition of my Chinese ladies' robes and accessories in the Liang Yi Museum today with some friends. They had planned to invite me to lunch but cancelled it for fear of a demonstration in the central business district. As things turned out there was no demonstration so after the museum visit they suggested lunch again. However, I had to decline as a young friend, a student at Oxford, had had to go into hospital and I had promised to visit him. Unfortunately, he will still be in hospital on Christmas Day tomorrow, so I will visit him again. This is bad luck as he came to Hong Kong to spend Christmas with his family and spent half of his holiday in a hospital bed."

Chris was unfortunately not able to meet up with the planned visit of the Principal on 18th and 19th February, as he was working both days and already had commitments for both evenings, including a visit by **TIM KESTIN (G60-69)**.

Ian Howard

IAN HOWARD (S58-62) has as usual spent the year moving around the world. He spent Christmas in Meghalaya (India) before returning to HK till March. He therefore got involved with trying to organise OF events to mark both the visit of the school Principal and the visit of David & Ann Copeman, both of which sadly didn't happen. The last I heard was that he and **JOHN TING (G05-09)** were considering a pre-Christmas gathering.

At the end of May in an email to Chris Shaw he said: "I should be in the South of France at this time of the year, but the virus has intervened and fingers now crossed for October and a deferred departure! Nobody quite understands why but, as you probably know, HK has (so far) escaped lightly from the ravages of COVID. However, these have been more than compensated by the energy of our rioters as they move into the next (final?) stage of HK's autonomous existence."

Jenkin Leung

JENKIN LEUNG (K79-84) was in touch in late 2019 with Martin Myers-Allen in preparation for his planned trip to HK and that of David Copeman, both of which were subsequently cancelled. Jenkin is married to **JANE (KERSLEY P82-84)**.

John Ting

JOHN TING (G05-09) sent out an email in February inviting HK OFs to meet at the Hong Kong Club on the 18th March. My thanks to him for all his work on this, which came to nothing in the end.

Eddie Wong

EDDIE WONG (G97-02) heard about the visit of the Principal and Martin Myers-Allen and looked forward to meeting them in February. It was also an opportunity to add Eddie's email to the Directory.

Robert Wong

ROBERT WONG was in touch with Chris Shaw at the end of July 2020. "Thank you for thinking of us during this critical time. After I left Framlingham College, I moved to Canada in the 80's for University and worked in Canada till 1996. I moved back to Hong Kong and joined Swire Group in Dec 1996. Time flies, I have been back to HKG 24 years."

INDIA

Maaz Dehlvi

MAAZ DEHLVI (17-19) was in contact with Martin Myers-Allen and wanted some advice about obtaining a 'TIER 2' general work visa in the UK. Martin referred him on to Catherine Cranmer at the College. He also provided an updated email address. He told Martin that he would love to see him in India and show him around.

He provided an update just after the deadline, which we have just managed to include: "As you have asked for an update on what I have been doing after finishing at the College, I was playing cricket in Birmingham Premier League in Birmingham and on the other hand I was looking for a job in Birmingham and in other cities as well, but unfortunately, I didn't get any job and my visa expired so I had to come back to India. I did get a job in Finborough School as a Sports Assistant but they couldn't offer me the visa because of some reason. So, I had to leave that as well and had to come back to India. I am still looking for a job in UK through "Indeed" and some other websites, but can't find one. If you know someone who can help me in this, can you please let me know, I would be very grateful to you.

I have been in touch with most of my batch mates after school and some of them came to India in their gap year and I met them and went with them to some places which was a very good experience for me and I hope for them as well. There is one OF called **CONAL JUDGE (K17-18)** he also came to India with his family and I met all of them and gave them a good tour of my city Delhi. Now, I am waiting for Mr. Myers Allen and other OFs to come to India."

NEW ZEALAND

Richard Bearne

RICHARD BEARNE (K59-62) posted the following message on OF Overseas Facebook page: "Hi to any OFs in New Zealand. I am meeting up with **MIKE GREEN (K 59-63)** when he gets to Auckland on 10th February. Unfortunately he will be leaving on 12th. However, if there are any other OFs who would like to meet up, please respond.

I sent an email to all OFs on North Island, although some a fair way from Auckland, asking whether they were up for joining them. Mike lives fairly close to me in Devizes, Wiltshire.

I'm delighted to say that Richard, Mike and **KATHERINE JACKSON (P86-91)** did manage to meet up and Richard sent the following note/photo the day after: "We eventually got to meet up in Auckland! Mike Green's brother was unable to come as he had to return to the UK, however there was much laughter telling tales of our time at Fram! Lovely to meet Katherine, who had much in common with my wife, both being teachers. Katherine is in favour of having a proper OF meeting later in the year, perhaps in Rotorua or Taupo. Hopefully the pictures will be suitable for the magazine, with left to right Katherine, me, Mike and my wife Sarah."



Katherine Jackson

KATHERINE JACKSON (P86-91) gave a brief update saying she is an Associate Principal of a local primary school and thus will be working in the daytime, but would be happy to meet up in the evening after work.

David Newson

DAVID NEWSON (S54-63) in January 2020 was in the UK catching up with family and friends including OFs. He said: "We have caught up with several OFs of my generation including my older brother **JOHN NEWSON (S52-60)**, **JOHN ODELL (S58-63)**, **CHRIS APS (S59-63)** and **MIKE MCGUIRE (K54-63)**. John and Kathy Odell came to Nutfield, Surrey for lunch - we had a good catch up on our musical past at

Fram. I am meeting Michael McGuire for lunch later this week at Peterborough. Frances and I are flying back to NZ on Sunday."

Whilst he would be back home in Taranaki by February he felt the five hour drive to Auckland was a bit too much to catch up with Mike and Chris. He did suggest an OF North Island dinner, mentioning that one had been held 40 years ago in Taupo.



He subsequently sent the following selfie of him and Mike in Peterborough.

On his return, David was back in touch with an obituary for **DAVID JUBY (K46-54)**, a fellow colleague who had recently passed away. He had met up a few years ago with David and Roy Farman when he was still practising. You can read the obituary elsewhere in the magazine.

Let me know if you need any more information.

Colin Tremlett

COLIN TREMLETT (R47-55) responded to my email about meeting up with **RICHARD BEARNE** and **MIKE GREEN**. "Many thanks for your email re Richard Bearne meeting Mike Green in Auckland 10th - 12th February and Richard's invitation to join them. They are near-contemporaries to my years at Fram (R47-55,) but I'm approaching 84 and have mobility problems which would make the 3 hour drive to Auckland difficult, so I will regretfully decline their kind invitation.

I have recently received the latest superb edition of The Framlinghamian and would like to echo Ian Foster's appreciation for all your hard work and long hours spent keeping OFs in touch with yourself and one another."

SINGAPORE

This was another potential stopping off point for **DAVID COPEMAN (K42-49)** and his wife Ann during their world cruise. They would have been visiting Singapore on 12th/13th February. I therefore contacted a number of OFs in Singapore. As it turned out, the cruise never visited Singapore.

MARCUS DAVIES (G85-89) was away travelling at this time.

SOPHIE VON OERTZEN (M00-02) was also away at this time.

SOUTH AFRICA

Mike Bullock

MIKE BULLOCK (R55-59) sent his usual excellent Christmas message filled with news about him and his family. Here is an edited version: "Well, that just about sums up our situation as I write this edition of Bullock Moos. As both Wray and I have been recovering from knee operations this year we have done very little, "been there, done that and got the tee shirt". However we are well after our operations.



I had a knee revision in January which has taken a good eight months from which to completely recover, although I was sufficiently mobile for the caring role that I was about to fulfil. I gave up bowls for 6 weeks.

Wray had her knee replacement at the end of October and is about halfway through her convalescence. She can manage most things but cannot drive yet as she has insufficient bend in the knee. In the early days of recovery, I found out what

housework and caring was all about, not forgetting looking after the garden as well. What I soon discovered is that housework is never done.

So, from the knee operations we have had, we have "been there, done that" and we think we qualify for the tee shirt!

In between the hospital interventions we were able to get away to Whiskey Creek. Now those who have been there know that Stephen organizes some entertainment for one evening and this trip was no exception. It was arranged to celebrate Allan's 50th and coincided with a visit from Canada by Eric (Mike's sister's son) and his partner Jackie, and called the BIG 50th 'oppie skopie' (feeling thankful) music themed fancy dress. Pictured from the left are Jackie, Eric, Fiona, Daniel, Claire, Catharine, Hannah, Allan, Wray, Stephen and Mike.



For Christmas, which will be held at Allan and Catharine's, in addition to the families there will Gordon and Jenny Geddes from Zimbabwe (Fiona's parents), Catherine's sister Liz, husband Matt and family from Ireland, Fiona's sister Alison from Oz, daughter Tyler from America plus Matt's parents from Natal. Wow that's a big family Christmas. For 2020 nothing is planned... yet. Let's get better first. Love to all, Mike and Wray."

At the beginning of January 2020 I contacted Mike about the impending visit of **DAVID COPEMAN (K42-49)** and his wife on their world cruise, which was planned to be visiting Cape Town on 31st March/1st April. Mike immediately wrote out to all OFs in South Africa and took the trouble to post invites to a few who were not on email contact. Sadly, no one was available to meet them for various reasons which you can read later.

In February he was back in touch again to say that 2020 had not started too well on the health front. Last week when lifting a hot kettle, he felt something go in his shoulder which has been giving him trouble in the past, not serious enough for doctors attention. He saw him late last week and said that he should go for an x-ray and a sonar which he did. "Unsurprisingly really, he pronounced that it was "buggered" so I will now see a specialist on 24th Feb. I had arthritis in my hips and knees, so it comes with the territory that its up in my shoulder too. I am ambidextrous fortunately, but I did notice that I was favouring my left hand on general things. I normally play bowls

with my left hand, but did change to using my right when my left hip and knee were replaced with no change to my game, but about 3 months ago I tried playing with my right hand with disastrous results."

On 17th March, David Copeman advised Mike that the rest of their cruise had sadly been cancelled and that they were currently in the Indian Ocean, en route from Fremantle to Southampton. On 31st March Mike heard the news that the Queen Mary II had docked in Durban to take on supplies.

JACK CLAYTON (G2017), SIMEON SMIT (R2017) and **SARAH GRINYER (M2017)** were OFs who Mike managed to track down via old fashioned letter and for whom we now have an email address.

GARETH OBERY (G2013) said how pleased he was to hear from Mike: "I actually matriculated from Hilton College but spent time on exchange at Framlingham. You are more than welcome to update my details as I thoroughly enjoyed my time there and remain in contact with my exchange partner. I am currently at the University of Cape Town in my final year of medical school with plans to enrol in a surgical program once I have finished my community service years. I still regularly chat with **CHARLIE BULLEN (G09-14)**, who was my exchange partner. Thanks for reaching out!"

ADAM PHILLIPS (G78-83) apologised that he couldn't help Mike organise a lunch for David's visit. "Unfortunately, I cannot assist with organising a lunch for David. Although I am based in Cape Town, I have taken on a beef project in Harrismith (Free State) and will be out of town a great deal. As those dates fall on a Tuesday and Wednesday, I don't think I am the right person to assist. It might be that I am around, so please keep in touch. I have cc'd in **KAT MAINE (K84-89)**, as he is also working on the same project, although he is Joburg based."

SPAIN

Ian Foster

IAN FOSTER (K46-53) sent a nice note just before Christmas and unfortunately we have not met up in England this year due to the pandemic cancelling all our meetings.

THAILAND

Michael Regan

MICHAEL REGAN (M77-79) was briefly in touch at the turn of the year when we discussed the situation in HK and the visit by the Principal. Michael had been in touch with one OF in Thailand but he was busy renovating condominiums.

USA

Jules Arthur

JULES ARTHUR (K75-84) has been active on Facebook throughout the year travelling all over the world.

Michael Blake

MICHAEL BLAKE (K72-76) was an absolute star in coming across to the UK for the memorial service for contemporary **RICHARD JENKINSON (K69-76)**. He flew in, attended and saw his way home to Washington DC, in a matter of 60 hours. He reported: "**CHARLIE BLACKMORE (K65-75)** was in attendance and he kindly invited me to lunch and what resulted in a stay over at his country house. The man has and is continuing to lead an adventure filled life, having written two books of his exploits and I am sure there will be another in the making. I was thinking he would make a fascinating lecture guest at Fram, with a question and answer follow up for the boys and girls." [He has given an after dinner talk before in London].

Rosie Bullen

ROSIE BULLEN (M06-11) graduated from the Manhattan School of Music and sent the following update: "I am writing to thank you and the OF Society for your incredible support over the past two years during my studies and to let you know that I have now completed my Masters degree at the Manhattan School of Music, with Latin honours summa cum laude. This has been a life changing experience, full of highs and lows (right to the very end!) and something I would not have been able to achieve without the support of the OF Society.

I returned to the UK in the middle of March because of the Corona Virus outbreak, where I subsequently completed the remainder of the course online: this was not how I hoped to finish. However, I am intending to return in the fall where I hope to have a belated in person graduation ceremony, as well as a celebratory recital.

My next step is to return to New York on a three-year artists visa, which I am in the process of applying for and, if approved, I hope to be moving back during the autumn if conditions allow. Before the virus I was building up a series of gigs and connections across the city having performed at "The 55 Bar" in Greenwich Village as well as "Dizzy's Jazz Club" at the Lincoln Centre. Jazz is at the heart of everything that happens in New York and I have been so inspired by the people I've met from all across the world, who have helped make this exciting city my new base.

Though New York is going to be my new home, I am still very much planning to be a prominent presence in the UK Jazz scene. I recently released an EP with my vocal trio "Threebop" in March 2020 and we have had some great reviews from UK jazz critics. Most excitingly, I have just been nominated for Newcomer of the Year from the UK Parliamentary Jazz Awards

2020; although I have no idea what form the awards ceremony will take this year!!

My next endeavour is to record an album of my own original music, which I have been working on with my band in New York, with the support of my incredible mentors Theo Bleckmann and Jo Lawry. I'm really excited about this and I hope I will be able to get back to live gigs as soon as possible. If there are any opportunities that the school might like me to come and sing at, please let me know and I would also be very happy to hold some musical workshops when the term begins again and things get back to normal."

Niall Foster

NIALL FOSTER (G73-75) posted this lovely piece on his Facebook page back in January 2020: "Well I finally had my 15 minutes of fame and fortune! Last night at 10.15 an EF 0 Tornado blowing at 80mph went through our back yard. I was watching TV and heard the noise. I opened our back curtain to see our back fence waving like a flag and my barbecue with its cover like a sail, take off from the back porch and soar through the air onto the driveway.

I walked around the yard in the darkness with my flashlight trying to assess the damage. I went to bed at 1am thinking about all the work I had to do the next morning. We lost quite a few roof shingles, parts of the porch railing on the two of the upstairs porches were in my vegetable gardens, six of our fence sections in the back were down, the barbecue became airborne and flew from the porch to the driveway, quite a few of the downspouts on the gutters are damaged, two of our chimney caps and the back chimney is damaged, the tree between our house and the neighbors came down and took out part of their roof, and one of our arborvitae trees was toppled, other than that everybody is unhurt.

We awoke this morning to the sound of chainsaws, an even more depressing sound!

Then a miracle happened.

At 8.30 the parents of Fiona's best friend at high school (6 years ago) were at our back door with two chain saws. People from the neighborhood joined us and by 11am our debris was cleared. Then it got better as our peeps moved on to clear another 6 of our neighbor's yards finishing around 3pm. We moved from Armageddon to neat piles on the road side. Tomorrow we will deal with the insurance companies (we took over 50 photos), but I realized that we do not need any politicians promising to make America great, we are already great because we have peeps. People who identified by their first names and the neighborhood street they came from, teachers who work with my wife and people who we have not seen for several years who decided we needed help, then when they fixed us up, moved on to neighbors who they did not know.

The local TV stations all had shots of our peeps helping peeps tonight, I even saw myself hauling limbs and trunks of trees.

An awful depressing situation became a joyous celebration of people helping people, simply because they could. Thank you to them all, we are humbled and grateful for your gift."

Edgar McKean

EDGAR MCKEAN (G65-66) was briefly in touch from New Hampshire.

Bryan Pearson

BRYAN PEARSON (S45-47) regularly keeps in touch as our representative on the wonderful islands of Hawaii. In December 2019, he and Celestine were just back from Tahiti after a 13 night cruise from Honolulu to Nuku Hiva in the Marqueses, Moorea, Bora Bora and Papeete, on Norwegian Jewel. The next possible cruise was in April, 15 nights from Fort Lauderdale to Southampton, to spend a few days with the family at Mildenhall AFB, then flying back. This cruise was cancelled.

In April he reported that they were doing OK in Hawaii: "having younger folks available to do the grocery shopping, although we do venture out occasionally to buy odds and ends. We have now been advised to wear masks when we do leave the house and, of course, adhere to the social distancing and hand washing regime, also sanitising door knobs, toilet handles etc. They are being very strict on Kauai, setting up road blocks, and actually arrested a tourist the other day for not staying in isolation, but things are fairly loose here."

In June, Bryan had been in touch with **NICK CARLTON (G63-70)** who had been "marooned in Ipswich". In Hawaii they were, "just hunkered down waiting for the virus to go away. Masks are mandatory, to enter stores or offices, but apart from that we can travel freely, except overseas. The restriction on flying to the outer islands was lifted yesterday, but there is a long form that has to be completed for each leg i.e. leaving Honolulu and again at the other end when returning. Our Governor (Ige) keeps making ridiculous rules, and sits in his office throwing darts at a calendar to determine what restrictions can be lifted and when!"

Steve Pinney

STEVE PINNEY (K56-59) was in touch at Christmas to say how much he enjoyed reading the Overseas Bag. A couple of days before Christmas they had a little snow on the ground and lovely sunny days (a bit different from the floods in England).

He wasn't in contact with any OFs in America, but was in touch with **PAT ROGERS (R56-60)** who lives in France. He said: "we were going to see if we, including **STEWART BIRT (S56-61)** and **WILFRED ROLFE (S53-59)** (who we could not track down), could attend the 2018 lunch at the College for members of our vintage - but unfortunately Stewart died and also my brother **ALASTAIR (K63-67)** was not in England at that time, so we did not make it - my cousin **DAVID PINNEY (G57-64)** attended and much enjoyed the event, especially the tour of the college.

I have now been retired for five years after running my own shipbroker business, a very cyclical market with ship owners hardened to boom or bust freight rates, necessitating deep pockets or forgiving banks and eternal optimism!

We spend the summers in Connecticut and winters at our house in Venice Florida, miss skiing but make up for it with golfing, kayaking and sailing, both racing and cruising; have sailed most of the Eastern seaboard from Nova Scotia to Key West including Bermuda and the Bahamas."

He sent this great photo of him with my idea of heaven - lobster and chilled white wine.



He subsequently added: "Wilfred Rolfe was at Fram, (56 - 59 or 60), he was a farmer's son and their farm was Squirrels Hall, Walsham Le Willows, near Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk. He, myself, Stewart Birt, Pat Rogers, and Dicky Newman were all school buddies. Dicky died when quite young of asthma related illness, he used to have asthma attacks at school - did not stop us from smoking!

Having not been in touch with Stewart since being best man at his wedding, I contacted him again after his brother John died, (John and I used to meet up in Hong Kong when he was in the Gurkhas and I was in the Merchant Navy.) I was shocked to hear of his death. I have to thank the OF Society and their website listing OFs, for enabling me to get in touch with both Pat and Stewart again, enabling us to inform each other what we had been up to during the forty five years since we had last been in contact!"

Richard Rowe

RICHARD ROWE (S65-74) usually spends a fair amount of his time travelling the world advising companies, but the pandemic has stopped that for the moment. In April he said: "We are all doing our best to work from home, including our boys who are all home from school and college. Needless to say, all my international travel has been postponed. Hope you are all staying safe and well. My eldest has set-up a "9-hole" pitch and putt, (though not much putting with the state of our grass!) So keeping us amused in some off moments.

The weather is great; but the authorities have completely shut down Fort Myers Beach and chased all the vacationers away. We are not allowed any new vacationers until end of June."

In May, eagle eyed Richard spotted that India was mourning a hero <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-india-52787972> and that this was apparently the guy that beat **NORMAN BORRETT (S31-36)** in the Olympic Finals in 1948. He also reported that the weather was starting to warm up and get more humid. He was surprised they had got so late into May without really needing to rely on air-conditioning. "Just great to open up the house in the morning to a cool breeze (cool in Florida means less than 75F)."

DAVID'S WORLD CRUISE

At the end of 2019 **DAVID COPEMAN (K42-49)** let me know that he and Ann were booked on the Queen Mary, "for another and possibly last world cruise leaving Southampton on 10th January 2020. The itinerary was due to be as follows:

Lisbon	13th Jan
Messina	16th
Haifa	19th/20th
Muscat	1st Feb
Colombo	5th
Penang	10th
Port Kelan, Malaysia	11th
Singapore	12th/13th
Hong Kong	18th/19th
Darwin	26th
Whitsunday I.	1st Mar
Brisbane	3rd
Sydney	5th/6th
Melbourne	8th
Adelaide	10th
Busselton	13th
Perth	14th
Mauritius	22nd
Reunion	23rd
Durban	27th
Port Elizabeth	29th
Cape Town	31st/1st Apr
Namibia	4th
Tenerife	13th
Funchal	14th
& thereafter Southampton disembark on 18th April."	

I agreed to get in contact with OFs in the following ports of call:

- Penang
- Singapore
- Hong Kong
- Brisbane
- Sydney
- Melbourne
- Perth
- Cape Town

As a result, OFs were lined up to meet David & Ann in Hong Kong, Brisbane, Sydney and Perth with apologies received from numerous OFs in other cities.

Of course, in reality the pandemic struck and the ship never even visited the far east and therefore the meeting in Hong Kong had to be cancelled. As you will have read earlier OFs were able to greet them in Brisbane, Sydney and Perth as the virus seemed to follow them around the world. A huge thanks to those who did meet up them and all those who attempted to.



The following are few of the updates I received from David along the way:

1st February

"As you are probably already aware the dreaded virus struck again, this time with Cunard, deciding in line with other cruise lines and FCO advice, to give Hong Kong a miss. Very disappointing all round, but particularly for the residents and the local economy.

2nd February

Currently just exiting Muscat. A good trip so far. Especially the previous stop, Dubai, where met by an old friend and very well looked after. But to OF matters. Most regrettably HK, thanks to corona vitas is a no-no as far as most cruise lines, including Cunard, are heeding FCO advice. Ian Howard is aware. Bob Holland in Penang is waiting for an eye op. so have decided not to give him an additional concern by having to entertain us. Must now attend to your Aussie intros which will hopefully be virus free!

6th February

Have just left Colombo, next stop Phuket.

16th February

Sorry not to have kept you fully posted. Coronavirus responsible for cancellation of the entire Far East programme and we've been continuously on board since leaving Colombo weeks ago! Happily will be meeting up with the Brisbane and Perth OFs and Colin in Sydney. Currently in Indian Ocean south of Java and north of Australia.

6th March

Wrote to Neville Marsh

Thanks to you all for a most enjoyable and memorable, if fleeting, visit. Too bad an afternoon ship's departure ensured there was no time to sightsee, though ANZAC Square was an impressive introduction to Brisbane's attractions.

In the photo above from left to right are **ROBERT CRAIG (K55-59)**, **NEVILLE MARSH (S53-61)**, Bev Rutter, Carolyn Craig, Alison Marsh, Ann and **DAVID COPEMAN (K42-49)**

7th March

Wrote to Colin Lipman - Your and Lexie's splendid company more than made up for - despite every effort - those absences. Never mind, the sun shone and Ann joins me in thanking you both and for even escorting us back to the ship, or very nearly so - it was only a few yards beyond the terminal entrance - see picture above (right) with Queen Mary 2 in the background.

17th March

While still on world cruise and sent this message to Peter Hollins

Firstly Peter our thanks for what was a truly memorable and comprehensive tour of both city and vineyards not forgetting that wonderful view of the Swan River from Kings Park. Visiting your spacious residence was the icing on the cake. The weather was also kind to us. The heavens opened in Fremantle later on so hope your golf course also got a good soaking.

Further dampening news of a different kind after you kindly returned us to QM2. Bright and early on Sunday morning, the captain announced the rest of the cruise had been cancelled and apart from refuelling in Mauritius with no one allowed ashore. Next stop Southampton. The rest of Sunday spent organising onward flights/hotels etc. for those persuaded to leave the ship and leaving around 350 of us, who refused but were obliged to sign waiver forms. A further day's stay in port was negotiated to complete the repatriations.

You must have wondered about our non-appearance from Fremantle harbour! Not exactly on iron rations. Catering still first class, but venues reduced to the main restaurant, no pub, no entertainment other than the TV etc. and shopping outlets closed. Still have our cabin steward who looks after us well. Considering so few passengers and restrictions on those crew etc. allowed to disembark the ship appears overstaffed - but not in the right places! Don't suppose Cunard prepared to shell out for Suez C transit, so what looks like a rather tortuous routing via the Cape will only be saving about 5 days on our original schedule.

Must take a positive attitude, but not before once again thanking you for such a memorable day. Hope the first lesson was delivered without hesitation or repetition!

17th March

To Mike Bullock in South Africa

Your suspicion confirmed. Rest of cruise cancelled. Now in Indian Ocean, en route from Fremantle to Southampton. Saw Robert Craig/Neville Marsh in Brisbane, Colin Lipman in Sydney and Peter Hollins in Perth; all plus wives so more than thankful for the Australian OF introduction via Chris E. All most enjoyable.

16th April

Finally arrived back safely in Southampton and disembark!"

As post script in early August David writes:

"Apart from keeping the car battery up by a weekly local drive we've stayed very much at home with plenty still to do in the garden, even if I have to labour in short bursts these days. We are classed as shielded, with me further classified as extremely vulnerable; presumably on account of the pacemaker. Whilst one should never say never, the QM2 adventure will probably represent our last cruise which is a shame, but at 88 and Ann not too far behind, maybe the odd week-end away in, say, Norfolk would be the inevitable, but hopefully pleasurable option, not to mention seeing you again either in Fram or at the annual dinner, whenever that may be."



THE SOF APPOINTS ITS LATEST MOREAU LEAVING SCHOLARS

The fifteenth year of the Moreau Leaving Scholarships programme was, like so much else, severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The selectors had just got to the point of shortlisting five candidates from the thirteen applicants, when the first lockdown came into effect.

Over the course of the summer, hopes of face-to-face selection interviews were dashed, and so interviews were eventually held via Zoom, and Sam Ponty and Amelia Slater were selected as our latest Moreau Leaving Scholars.

They've already been in action, setting up a Facebook Group for their leaving-group and are looking forward to taking up their SOF Council Membership.

Sam is presently at Keele University, where he's started a degree in medicine – though he's had to spend far too much time rather isolated in his halls of residence.

Amelia should have been in Fiji by now, where she would have joined "Think Pacific", which runs volunteer programmes in conjunction with the Government of Fiji. Instead, she's currently working two jobs from home, and hopes to go to University next year, and pursue a career in a creative design business.



SAM PONTY

Scholar 2020-23 **PROFILE**

I joined the College in year 9 from Old Buckenham Hall School, having been awarded The Albert Memorial Scholarship. I was a Weekly boarder in Rendlesham House from the start and got fully involved with all the many clubs, societies and opportunities that were offered throughout my time at the College. This included co-curricular efforts such as DofE, in which I achieved Gold, the Peer mentoring programme, CCF, Framlingham College Rangers, and the biennial expedition, 'under African skies' to South Africa, Botswana and Zambia, helping various charities and sanctuaries along the way. I was also selected for the South African exchange programme, and was incredibly fortunate to board at Hilton College, and my memories of such an amazing exchange will be with me forever.

I am also very into my sport, playing cricket and hockey mostly, whilst refereeing various College teams during the rugby season. I took Biology, Chemistry and Economics A-levels, in which I received the grades to allow me to study my lifelong dream of Medicine – and as I write this profile, I'm already at my University. I loved being part of the College's music department, becoming lead saxophonist in my final year, and playing some amazing pieces as part of Big Band, led by my Housemaster Mr Lavery, including the Summer Concert, Cabaret, and Band Stand on the Beach in Aldeburgh.

Framlingham College has taught all of us the lifelong skills we need to become valued members of society – rising to the challenges facing us, and drawing on the strong friendships we have made. It is this bond that I hope Amelia and I will strengthen through events, both virtual and hopefully face-to-face, through which we can remember our shared time at the College whilst embracing the challenges we face in the future.

AMELIA SLATER

Scholar 2020-23 PROFILE

I joined Framlingham in 2015 as a day pupil in Victoria house, and whilst knowing no-one when I first moved to Fram, I instantly made lifelong friends who I will thoroughly miss seeing every day. I loved every aspect of school life and I will miss the environment terribly. Unfortunately, my final year at Fram was cut short due to COVID-19, however over the last five years I have contributed a lot to school life. Inside the classroom, my speciality was Fine Art and the art block was one of my favourite places, and where you'd often find me during my free time. I was extremely fortunate to be an Art Scholar in my final two years, which gave me additional support for the subject I loved. For example, having the opportunity to compete and win a Certificate of Commendation for my GCSE final piece at the Ipswich Anna Airy art competition in 2018.

Outside the classroom, I was lucky enough to be joint-captain of the 2nd XI hockey and Vice-captain of the 1st XI netball, as well as being awarded International player of the tournament during the final day of our Dubai netball tour 2018; the school trip still being the highlight of my 5 years at Fram. I loved school sports and playing in these teams gave me a huge sense of unity, sharing my passion with my fellow teammates as well as helping me to gain so many different skills and experiences, and making me who I am today. I was also lucky enough to become a college prefect as Head of Co-Curricular. This position gave me a tremendous amount of responsibility and leadership, and I thank the school for giving me that opportunity (despite my last school year being cut short).

At A level, I chose to study Fine Art, Psychology and Business Studies, and whilst I'm still undecided about my future, I'm hoping to enter a career in creative design and advertising as it is a subject I am very passionate about. But currently, during these uncertain times of COVID-19, I am taking a gap year. I am an intern at a charity called Art For Cure, alongside working to save money to hopefully go travelling. With luck, this will include joining a volunteering scheme in Fiji with 'Think Pacific', a charity founded by an OF. I cannot wait for what the future holds and I'm very grateful for Fram supporting me in my creative and sporting adventures.



I've met an incredible range of people and have some amazing memories from my five years at Framlingham and I am determined to maintain my, and all of my colleagues', connections to the College. I am extremely excited to be a Moreau Scholar and to be able to have a role in helping everyone do their best to stay in touch now that we have left and are moving on with our lives. I look forward to trying to keep our year together through various events - online and offline! - and plan to bring new, exciting events to suite everyone's passions across the whole co-curricular spectrum. I am so thankful for what Fram has taught me and I am very excited to see what the future holds as an Old Framlinghamian and a Moreau Scholar.



NETBALL

Friday 3rd January saw the College 1st VII take on the Old Framlinghamians in a tightly contested netball match.

The College girls, fresh from an intense day of pre-season training, started the game strongly by taking an early lead. However, not to be outdone by the youngsters, the OFs battled their way back into the game. Faultless shots from GA, Maddie Anthony, coupled with Ele Williamson's (WA) impeccable feeds into the circle put pressure on the College girls good start. The youngest OF on court, Hattie Williamson, battled it out with her younger sister, Emma Williamson, to add a competitive edge to the otherwise friendly atmosphere. Both strongly held their ground with almost nothing splitting their brilliant netball abilities.

By half time, both teams were fully in their stride. Millie Finbow's (GS) shooting accuracy proved pivotal for the College in the third quarter, which was complemented brilliantly by Polly Haste's (GA) effective movement around the circle. OF

Jess Wilson's debut at GK put pressure on the College girls allowing for the score line to tighten. A switch around in the OF shooting circle saw Jennie Cardin move to the GS position, whilst further down the court René Bahar took on the role of GD. This switch worked well for the OFs despite the continual defensive pressure of Charlotte Mears and Mini Dunham.

With only 2 minutes left on the clock, the game was neck and neck. With both Maddie Anthony and Millie Finbow shooting at 100%, the teams were feeling the pressure to retain possession and clinch the win. As the College's coach, Lucy Collishaw, blew the final whistle, the score stood at 32-32. An exciting end to what was a very closely contested game, which fully showcased the fantastic standard of the current 1st VII.

I would like to thank the catering staff for putting on a lovely spread of coffee and cakes as post-match refreshments, which were thoroughly enjoyed by all. Alongside this, I also want to extend my thanks on behalf of the OF squad to Lucy and the 1st VII girls for a wonderfully fun and enjoyable evening all round.

HOCKEY

OF HOCKEY VS COLLEGE 1ST XI



On 5th January the SOF fielded a hockey side against the recently highly acclaimed 1st XI.

After a few days of intense pre-season training the College must have felt somewhat confident about our less than athletic looking team. But using the experience of Alex Emsden and Ollie Yeatts, the OF team managed to secure a one goal lead just before the half time whistle. Using the momentum of that goal, the OFs accelerated, scoring 3 more to take the final score to 4-0. A great performance by all involved and brilliant goals were scored by Cam Greenhall and Alex Emsden.

The match was enjoyed by both teams and the match was played out as fun, yet competitive - as it should be. Post-game we all headed to the new Fowler Pavillion, where the OF presence was greatly felt and stories of College tales were shared between past and present pupils.

We hope that going forward this can be an annual fixture, where more OFs can either play or come along to support. A massive thanks must go out to Archie Winter and Jamie Kingstone for their hard work organising a fantastic event.

GOLF

Unfortunately, there has been no golfing activity to report since the 2019 edition of *The Framlinghamian*, as all OFGS events so far this year have been cancelled due to COVID -19.

These include the Halford Hewitt, Grafton Morrish qualifying and Cyril Gray, all prestigious former pupil inter-school tournaments. The Spring Meeting in May was also cancelled.

The Autumn Meeting and match against Aldeburgh Golf Club are scheduled for September and a match against The College and the Dick Watson Trophy, which we have won for the last four years, are scheduled for October. The fate of these is uncertain at the time of writing.

Earlier this year we were saddened to hear of the death of Michael Spencer who died suddenly on 22 April, aged 80. He had been a fine all round sportsman; a stalwart of OFGS for many years; a regular member of the Halford Hewitt team and Captain of the Society in 1996. He was still a regular attendee at OFGS meetings and matches - always good company and a joy to play with. He will be sorely missed. He was a member of Ipswich Golf Club at Purdis Heath and had been Club Captain.

James Brocks, our new Society Captain, has had an unfortunate start to his two year tenure and we hope that 2021 will see the Society back in full swing.



SHOOTING

OLD FRAMLINGHAMIAN RIFLE CLUB

There have been very few shooting events since the last magazine as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, however, The Imperial Meeting at Bisley did eventually take place in September, supported by 10 OFs.

Skipper, Kim Pope, made a couple of prize lists and was selected to shoot the international matches from Ireland, along with John Halahan. James Mehta was selected for Scotland and also took the OFs through to the St George's final, where even the legendary Sandy Walker failed to tread.

Other OFs listed for prizes were Nigel Burnip, Jon Ford, John Horton, Jon Thorpe, Jim Overbury and Steve McDowell.

Unfortunately, the pandemic meant the county matches could not take place, and regrettably there was no contact with the FC rifle team due to closure of the College Range.

Despite a difficult year, the Society is very pleased to report that Jon Ford has been selected to shoot Fullbore for England against South Africa and Kenya in Bloemfontein and Nairobi next year – subject to COVID-19 restrictions being lifted.

On 31st May, Jon emailed the Hon Gen Sec and other OFs with a request for sponsorship to raise money for the Alzheimers Society, and Team funds to assist the younger shooters, as follows:

"Some of you will know, but others will not, that I have been selected to shoot Fullbore for England against South Africa and Kenya in Bloemfontein and Nairobi next year. This will be at the ripe age of 76 (if I am still alive)!! Also it assumes that we are allowed to travel by then. Some of the Team are still teenagers and I am sure they are looking at my DOB with some concern!

One member of the Team decided to set up a system on an App called 'Strava' to try to get us to cover the distance from Bisley to Bloemfontein, 7604 miles. This can be by walking,

running or on a bike. We have got off to a good start and have covered 2646 miles, with my own effort so far being 242 miles. The younger team members are clocking in good distances by bike, whereas I am plodding along, with our dog Harry in tow, covering between 4 and 5 miles a day. It has been suggested that, perhaps, we should try to raise some money for a charity of our choosing and also for Team funds. Hence this begging email to friends, relations and colleagues.

We are due to travel to South Africa in March, so if I project forward to the end of February my likely distance covered will probably be some 1600 miles. If you were willing to sponsor me at 1p a mile this would raise £16 and if you were prepared to raise this sum to £20 it would allow me to send £10 to my chosen Charity - the Alzheimers Society, (some of you may be aware that Brenda is starting to struggle with her memory) and to contribute £10 to the Team funds. I should stress that having a good pension from HM Government, I will be fully paying my own way and the Team Fund will be used to help the younger shooters.

Should you wish to sponsor me, I suggest that I keep track of my miles and I will contact you in February with an update of how I have got on. If you were then willing to transfer the amount to my account, which I will give to you and I will then split the money into the Charity and the Team. Those of you who shoot for other National Teams will probably not want to support the England Team, so I would ask you merely give 50% to the Charity. If the tour is cancelled because of COVID-19 I will cancel the Team part of the sponsorship, but will still aim to give money to the Alzheimers' Society.

Clear as mud?

Thanks for reading this and I do hope that you feel you would be able to sponsor me, to help me keep track of where I stand I would be most grateful for a Yeah or Nay.

Very best regards,
Jon".

OBITUARIES

Compiled by Obituaries Editor, Norman Porter



Chris with his faithful companion, his Lagotto dog.

Christopher Hamilton Beal

CHRISTOPHER HAMILTON BEAL, (553-57): Died on 6 May 2020 from a heart attack in Switzerland. His ashes will be given to the sea. An army friend, Chris Tomlinson, wrote the following (edited), which was published by the Sultan's Armed Forces Association. The account is supplemented by words from Chris' profile of himself:

Chris was born on 12th July 1939 in Cardiff, Wales, son of a serving officer. After leaving school Chris was commissioned from Mons Officer Cadet School into the Royal Army Service Corps in 1960, having been a National Serviceman since 1959. During his time in the British Army, he saw overseas service in Libya, Germany, Cyprus, Sabah, Sarawak, Hong Kong and Northern Ireland. He retired from the British Army as a major in the Royal Corps of Transport in 1978.

Following his service in the British Army and after a short time in Sudan acting as the logistics team leader for a documentary film crew, he joined SAF on 8th October 1979. Having arrived in the Sultanate he undertook a short attachment in Dhofar, before becoming operations and training officer in the rapidly developing Force Transport Regiment. He helped to take

operational logistics from the "back of a Bedford", ad hoc re-supply arrangements, to a modern and integrated force-support capability in the early 1980s.

Chris was a natural adventurer and from 1984 to 1986 he played a key role in supporting the Royal Geographical Society's expedition and detailed analysis of the Wahibah Sands. He had a depth of skill and experience that was put to great use, and Chris played a huge part in preparing the Omani logistical contribution to the Peninsula Shield force that deployed to Kuwait. He ended his time in SAF as the Commandant of the Force's School of Transport.

Chris and his wife Heide ran an exclusive tourist operation in Oman after he left the army. He was deeply loyal to Heide during her battle with cancer, which she sadly lost in Oman in 2002, as well as being a great father to their daughter Natasha. In 2003 he returned to London and took on a logistics fuel project for the UN in Iraq just after the war. Later he met a fellow spirit in a Swiss Lady, Esther, so they married and he moved to Switzerland in 2008 where they lived peacefully for 12 years in a small farming village outside Bern.

He was a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and a member of the Honourable Artillery Company. Chris described himself as a keen sportsman, having played squash and field hockey to a competitive standard. With a love of horses and dogs, and trained in horsemanship, he had a deep-rooted interest in animals and the outdoors, making him a keen environmentalist. He was an active leader of outward-bound activities, especially for young people, and worked as an expeditioner, setting up successful youth projects and expeditions. A lifelong fascination and hobby of history overlaid his travels and geographical interests and influenced much of what he did.

After his marriage and move to Switzerland, he and his wife Esther shared life with their Lagotto dog. He collated a much-travelled life into some state of order, as well as writing articles covering stories and experiences collected along the way. Chris was immensely positive and would always lift the spirits of others under strain. As a friend, he was witty, warm and always patient. He was very popular with his Omani friends. He was a wonderful guide who loved to share his knowledge of the Sultanate (a country he adored), a real raconteur who was never short of a story. He was always generous as a host. In the words of his widow Esther: "He settled down, loved roaming the surrounding fields and woods with our dog and spent a lot of time reading". He will be sorely missed by all that knew him.

David John Bellamy

DAVID JOHN BELLAMY, (G51-60): Died on 9th April 2020. We were notified of his death by **JIM BUTCHART (G51-60)**. He and David started together at Brandeston in September 1951, left in 1960, and remained life-long friends. David was brother of **CHRIS (G54-64)**. He was attending hospital for treatment, but while he was there, he caught the Corona Virus, having had a long battle with Parkinsons disease. He was cremated at Hainault crematorium.

David attended Gatehouse school in Ingatestone prior to boarding at Brandeston and Framlingham. He was a Prefect, Sergeant in the CCF, member of the Squash team, runner-up in the open table-tennis competition, and played hockey and cricket, despite severe back problems in his teens. On leaving the College he started at Harrods as a trainee in the furniture department, attended "night school", and won a range of prizes/certificates in Furniture/Furnishing. He then spent three years with Kennedys, furniture makers in Ipswich, before being head-hunted back as Furniture Buyer in Harrods, until ultimately becoming a Director of the House of Fraser.

He married Tina in 1975 and lived in Epping, then, latterly, in Theydon Bois. Together they had a major interest in Mercedes Benz cars and rallies in the UK & Europe and they owned a 1958 300SL Roadster – 2 seater soft top gull-winged - only 1800 were produced. Tina became Membership Secretary and then UK President of the Mercedes Benz Club Ltd. Both had an interest in motor racing including Formula 1.



This newspaper cutting records David's ownership of a 300SL roadster which brought him second prize in a local rally.

In 1990, House of Fraser went through a process of restructuring and offered David a secondment. He became Princes Youth Business Trust Manager in Cambridge, where he was introduced to Prince Charles.

Finally, in 1994, he became Manager at the new Ongar Enterprise Centre, under the



David being introduced to Prince Charles in 1990

auspices of Essex County Council, running 20 units and 6 workshops.

David took over the organisation of the SOF annual Essex Suppers from his father, Norman, upon his death in 1988, until 2003. David was SOF Vice- President for many years.

- *Mostly contributed by Chris Bellamy*

Mullie Borrett

MULLIE BORRETT (HON OF): Widow of Norman Borrett, Mullie died on 17th November 2019, just 2 months short of her 100th birthday. The funeral took place at Weeley Crematorium on the 10th December, coincidentally the date on which her husband, Norman, had died. A reception followed at Frinton Golf Club, close to where Mullie had lived for many years. A considerable number of Old Framlinghamians attended the service and reception. Paying tribute to Mullie at the service, Anne Rowe quoted Mullie's reason for marrying Britain's most talented post-war all-round amateur sportsman as, "I fell in love with Norman because he made life fun".

She was born on 20th January 1920 in Niteroi, a town on a bay facing Rio de Janeiro. As a young child Mullie's life in Niteroi was idyllic. When old enough, Mullie boarded at school in the local convent. At the age of 12 she was sent abroad to boarding school, Sandecotes in Parkeston, Dorset. When their parents managed to come to Britain they stayed in the Hawthorns Hotel, Bournemouth. This now demolished hotel played an important role in Mullie's life as this was where she met her future husband, Norman, as his family holidayed there too. In the Christmas holidays of 1936 the Borrett and the Rowe families both stayed there. Norman, aged 19, met Mullie aged 16 and they became good friends. In 1938 Norman went to visit Mullie for two months in Rio as she had finished school and was living at home. In 1939 he asked her to marry him. Their engagement was announced just before the day that WW2 broke out.

She married Norman aged 20 on the 31st August 1940 in Colchester, where Norman was stationed. She was on her way

to the church in a taxi when the air raid sirens went off. The taxi stopped and they had to get out! The wedding did take place but only 25 people turned up as the train line from London had been bombed. The material for her wedding dress came from the famous Department Store, Swan and Edgar in Piccadilly, established in the early 19th century, but now closed. (Mullie still had a piece of material to show Anne a few years ago – a beautiful lilac/blue wool, so – for the fashion-conscious – what a shame we don't have a colour photograph.)



Norman and Mullie Borrett on their wedding day, August 1940

Her elder son, Tony, was born in 1942 whilst she was living in Newmarket as Norman was away in the army. In 1945 after the war Norman and Mullie moved to All Hallows School near Lyme Regis, where he was a master, teaching history and geography. In 1950 Tim was born, neatly dovetailed into a hockey commitment in Bournemouth.

Three years later they moved to Framlingham College where they bought one of the oldest houses in Framlingham, renovated it and lived there until 2004. Mullie was constantly on the go, entertaining parents and being a surrogate mother to numerous schoolboys, even teaching Spanish at the school. She also played tennis with her many friends whenever she could.

During the long summer holidays the family were often driven across most of Europe. Because of the amount of driving and long distances, Norman didn't tend to slow down and Mullie was once asked if she was scared by the speed. Her reply was. "I just close my eyes and hope for the best." They also had many holidays in Frinton with Norman's parents and later on, staying in Landmere spending many hours playing with the grandchildren on Frinton beach.

In 2004 they moved permanently to Frinton as Norman was largely immobile and couldn't cope with a 12th century house! In her later years, after Norman's death, Mullie loved to sit outside the bungalow talking to passers-by, and enjoyed the company of her three grandchildren and her three great granddaughters. From all the cards and letters received there was one adjective which was used extensively: beautiful, inside and out. "Mullie was a lovely lady". Mullie Borrett was a very special person and the world will now be a poorer place without her. She was one of the kindest, loveliest people and will be most sorely missed by us all.

- *Edited from a eulogy given by Anne Rowe, niece.*

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John Shuttleworth Buck

JOHN SHUTTLEWORTH BUCK, (G42-47): Died on the 13th December 2019. We learnt this news from David Pardey, son-in-law, who writes:

John Buck died in December 2019, after several years of declining health. His career at the school began adventurously enough, at the age of 11 in wartime Britain, when he travelled alone, by train, from Ambleside, (where his family had been evacuated) to Suffolk, via London. He often reminisced about his time at Framlingham, recalling the many friends he made and his enjoyment of playing cricket, rugby and hockey. He was particularly proud of his record captaining the hockey team, as they didn't lose a match during this period, helped somewhat by heavy frosts causing all their games to be cancelled!

After completing his School Certificate, John longed to join the Navy but was persuaded by his father to join him at the Bank of England, where his duties involved him in training Eddie George who went on to become Governor, a fact that John attributed to the sound start he had provided him with! Working at the Bank didn't stop his love for the sea, and he spent most summer weekends sailing at West Mersea, (where he became Commodore of the Yacht Club), frequently with his lifelong friend and fellow OF, **DUDLEY MOORE (G41-47)**, with whom he had bought his first boat shortly after leaving Framingham.

John delighted in his memories of his years at Framingham and shortly before he died, was pleased to be able to stop outside the school and marvel at how it has developed since his time there.

John's wife of 62 standing, Ann, survives him.



"Joe" manipulating a grindstone with woodwork teacher "Doody" Day

"John/Joe" Curtis Capon

"JOHN/JOE" CURTIS CAPON, (R48-56): Died on 8th April 2019, after a long illness. He was living in Walberswick. The funeral took place in Walberswick Church on 29th April. He was a much loved and much missed husband, father and grandfather.

John, aka "Joe", (Curtis was not a name he enjoyed) was one of the original Brandestonians. He featured fully in "A History of Brandeston Hall"; once as Captain of the 1950/51 Rugby Team; once carrying a chicken coop (appropriate for someone named "Capon") – made in the carpentry workshop of Woodwork teacher "Doody" Day and once in the carpentry workshop, under the watchful eye of Mr Day learning how to manipulate a grindstone – for sharpening chisels etc.

This Rugby Team picture can be thought of alongside the picture of the College 1956 team (with Andrew Hancock), which featured Brian Arthur. This one shows Brian Ellis, front row, second from right, similarly a victim of the Paris air crash.



"Joe" carrying the chicken coop



"Joe" in the 1950/51 Rugby Team



John Walden Edwards

JOHN WALDEN EDWARDS, (K44-55): Died on 12th January 2020 in Lister Hospital, Stevenage. He had been taken into hospital two weeks previously with a chest infection and never really recovered. Before that his hugely energetic input into Framlingham affairs had been curtailed by a series of strokes, one being particularly serious. A Memorial Service for John that was due to take place on 19th March at St. Giles Church, Codicote, Welwyn, had to be postponed due to Corona Virus. Similarly, a planned Memorial Service at The College has been postponed until COVID-19 precautions make it possible. John Edwards was a towering figure both within the Society and also in his service to the Governing Board of the College. It is particularly sad that his passing cannot yet be properly commemorated. His huge contribution to Framlingham College merits an extended Obituary, to compensate for the temporary lack of the richly deserved, more formal recognition of those contributions.

John had a special affection for Brandeston Hall, having been one of the original pupils starting there when it opened in 1948. He was ever-present at Brandeston Birthday parties and Speech days.

John was SOF President in 1977 and 1978, at a particularly young age, an early indication of his commitment to the Society and the College.



Mr_J.Edwards with Jack Scott (Head Boy) & Lucy Pring (Head Girl) Speech Day 2008



First boys cake cutting.

His service to the College came in his long-term membership of the Board of Governors, his Chairmanship of what was then styled the Finance and General Purposes Committee, his deep commitment to stabilising College affairs at a time of particular financial pressure, and in his energetic promotion of appeals to OFs and the wider community.

Tributes to John were fulsome. Those closest to him in College affairs were particularly conscious of his contribution to the prospering of the College. John Kerr, former Governor commented that all who worked alongside John on behalf of the College greatly appreciated his grasp of the nuts and bolts and of all those people that made up the community who were, and still are, a key part of putting Framlingham where it is today.

Richard Sayer, long-term friend and currently President of the Corporation noted that:

"We were both members of MCC. At every Lords Test I would head for the seats in front of the pavilion, in front of the Bowlers Bar, where John almost without exception would be occupying his habitual seat next to his friend, Roger, glass in hand and (in the bad old days), a cigarette on the go. He was always good company and we became good friends. I only learnt recently that John had been a good cricketer and hockey player at Framlingham. He once took 4 wickets for 0 runs for Brandeston against Eversley House in 1950 and his play at left back for the well-regarded College Hockey X1 in 1955 is remembered with some admiration by fellow team members. Richard concluded that: John read people well – his bluff style fooled me into being surprised by that skill. He was one of those people who had clear ideas and the strength of character to push them through, for the common good. He was a significant force for good."

Andrew Fane, for many years Chairman of Governors while John chaired F&GP went further:

"John probably did more for the College over many years than almost any other OF. Things were pretty challenging when I became chairman 20 years ago, but from day one of

my tenure there was John, at my side. He was always committed, always available to pitch in and advise and help, and always able to summon a resolution to a pressing problem. He deployed huge knowledge of the College in all its facets and above all he had a wonderful way with people - he would take an angry older man out for a drink, or two - he would twinkle his charm at ladies. And it nearly always worked and then we moved on to fight our next battle. He made me, as a new boy so welcome and he helped us all to steer the College forward into so much calmer waters. I will be eternally grateful to him."

James Powell, a shrewd observer from the F and GP further added:

"I joined F&GP just after John had put the schools' finances back on an even keel. To achieve this, he had been given sweeping powers which he used wisely and in a measured manner. At times he had to spend 2 or 3 days a week at the schools sorting out difficult issues. His dedication was profound and his personal commitment to the governance of the schools was exceptional. Meetings of F&GP were always business-like and straight-forward but there was always time for some, not always politically correct, humour.

Shooting with John was no different. He was a good shot and very good company. He enjoyed days out in the countryside with his friends. They were full of stories, humour and wine. John will be sadly missed by all who knew him."

There is also a family dimension - John's brother Ted, (K53-62) and his sister Sally. Ted gave us the following tribute on behalf of the family:

"John had great "presence" which was evident to all who met him and which ensured that whatever he became involved in, his views were put across strongly, but he was also always willing to put in the "hard yards" as well. This was particularly true of everything he did for Framlingham College. For so long "Fram" was John's "raison d'être" and for this reason he was involved for very many years, and made so many wonderful friends within the Framlingham circle.

John was always "big brother" to Sally and me, but we were always a very close-knit family unit, each of us fitting in, in our own differing ways! John was always very supportive of all his family, friends and acquaintances and (this hardly needs saying), he was always the life and soul of any gathering!

Thinking of cricket and Framlingham there is one little episode which John would recall almost every time we were together. For a few years after I left school I organised the OF cricket and, in one particular year, he played against the College. In the School XI was a young chap, who John and I knew very well, called Pat Daniels. John was bowling and somehow took a wicket and when Pat came out to bat, John suddenly decided that he would do his Johnny Wardle impersonation and he

promptly bowled a head high full toss, (a no-ball now - but not then). Pat had a good swing at it and got a fine touch, which was caught by Edwards Junior behind the stumps. Caught Edwards E, bowled Edwards J. Those are the facts, but the story has been embroidered in many different ways over the years. Apologies to Pat if he happens to read this!

Sally and I miss John an awful lot. I have his photo in my study which I frequently look at and smile, wondering what amusingly caustic comment would be on his lips."

As well as leaving his younger brother and sister, John leaves his wife Veronica, and two daughters, Katherine (Kate) and Victoria (Tor) and also Kate's two children, Francesca and Alexander.

Andrew W Hancock

Andrew W Hancock, (S52-57): Died on 9th February 2020. Andrew achieved enduring fame when he scored the equalising try in the 1965 Calcutta Cup, running the full length of the pitch from the England 25. On 20th March 1965, Andrew was playing on the left-wing for England against Scotland when he, scored one of the most dramatic tries ever seen at Twickenham, to earn England an unlikely 3-3 draw and condemn Scotland to the Wooden Spoon. With the last seconds of injury time ticking away and the Scots heading for their first away win over England since 1938, Hancock ran a full 85 yards down the left flank to score in the corner.

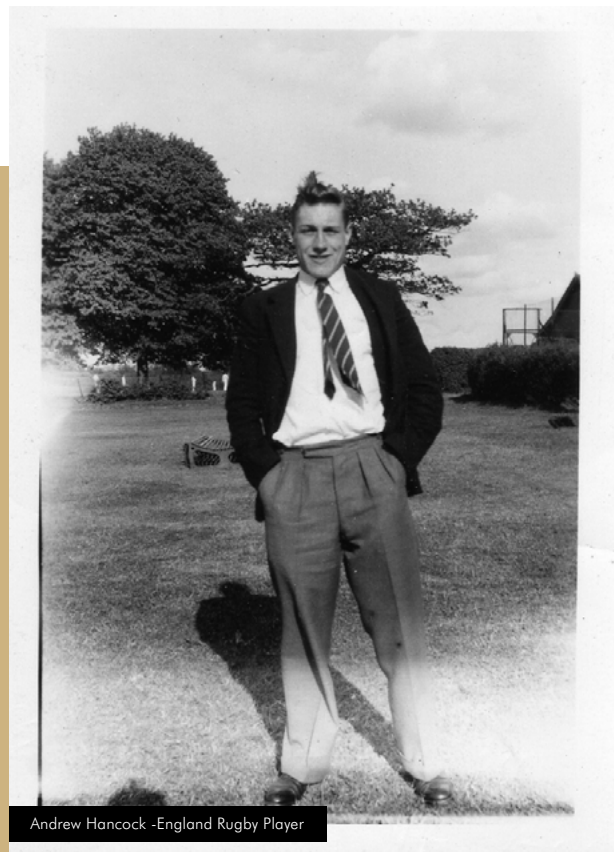
Although this was not one of England's better performances in a not very good season, Hancock's try is still listed as one of the top ten moments of the Six Nations' Rugby Union history.

This picture of the 1956 Rugby XV is particularly poignant in that it not only depicts Andrew, (capped and seated to the left



1956 Rugby - with A W Hancock

In conclusion, and to summarise the Framlingham viewpoint: John was a successful businessman. He channelled that talent, acumen and commitment back to the world of education, in the shape of his alma mater. The College and the Society have lost a hugely influential figure, a man whose energy and determination, allied to an appropriate peppering of bluff wit, made him something akin to a force of nature in College and SOF affairs. He was Framlingham through and through, and steeped in its values.



Andrew Hancock - England Rugby Player

of Captain Rob Green), but also the recently departed Michael Spencer, (front row, second from the right). Other probably familiar faces include Brian Arthur (K52-58 - back left), victim of the Paris air disaster which killed many members of Bury Rugby Club; Andrew Wright, (R48-57 - Former SOF President - 4th from right in back row); Geoff Lack, (K51-59 - Right end of back row - brother of recently deceased William Lack); and the Obituaries Editor Norman Porter, (next to Andrew Wright). As a further footnote to the above and illustrating how Framlinghamians interconnect between the generations, Angus also told us that his father had, of course, known Brian Arthur; that they may well have played together for Eastern Counties and that when he, Angus, started at Brandeston he became good friends with Brian's son, Jules Arthur (K75-84) and they remained so throughout their school career.

This unique 1965 sporting memory is, for many Framlinghamians, the full extent of their knowledge of Andy. But there was much more to him than that,

of course and we are grateful to his family, notably his two OF sons, Angus (S75-84) and Jonathan (S77-86) for the following, written by Angus:

"Prior to Framlingham, my father went to Merton Court Prep School, where, judging by the number of cups and plaques that were hidden in the loft, he developed his love of sport. He excelled not just at rugby but at nearly everything else on the sports field as well. I believe that whilst at Framlingham he represented the school at Wimbledon and could also have gone on to play hockey at a high level. He also played cricket at Framlingham and kept wicket to the (later) England fast bowler, David Larter. He often recalled with fondness, Norman Borrett's critical description of his final season for the 1st XI when he took the record number of catches behind the stumps, mainly off Larter's bowling, as "more of a backstop than a wicketkeeper!"

From Framlingham he went on to read Estate Management at London University, representing the University at hockey and rugby, before his first job took him to the Isle of Ely Borough Council. Whilst there, he played rugby for Cambridge City and Eastern Counties, before Dickie Jeeps persuaded him to play for Northampton, which was his club when he was capped three times for England. He was also invited to play for the Barbarians and, after injury cut short his international and first class career, he continued to play at Stafford Wasps and represent the county before ultimately ending his career (in his forties) at Chelmsford "Undertakers"!

Somehow, in between this commitment to rugby, he managed to complete professional qualifications as a Chartered Surveyor and Chartered Town Planner, pursuing a career in local government, eventually serving as Chief Executive for West Lindsey District Council. For the last ten years of his career, he returned to planning, setting up his own practice.

Sport however, remained with him throughout his life and he served as Chairman of the East Midlands Council for Sport and Recreation for a couple of years. He also continued to play tennis, cricket, and squash at club level wherever he went, and also took up marathon running as he turned fifty, as a new challenge. By his own admission however, he was built for speed rather than endurance and road running just increased his injury count later in life!

Sadly, this injury count included a battle with bowel cancer, although he met this challenge head-on too and having been given a life expectancy

of five years, managed to live for more than ten, before succumbing to a severe stroke that disabled him for the last year of his life. Accompanying him on a visit during this period to see his surgeon to consider some reconstructive surgery, I recall that he received little sympathy from the consultant when he confessed that he had already returned to playing tennis.

In all this, he was supported by my mother, Heather and they had recently returned to live in St Ives in Cambridgeshire, where they were married in 1965.

Sport defined my father and he loved the camaraderie and friendships that it brought him. He was fiercely competitive and hated losing. However, he first and foremost epitomised sportsmanship and I was particularly struck by one of the many, very kind comments posted by a complete stranger on one of the rugby websites, following the news of his death. It referred of course to that try:

"The best thing about this try is his reaction afterwards. You can't see it here, but he gets up and looks almost embarrassed to have scored such a great try."

He was a very modest man. My mother, Jonathan and myself remain exceptionally proud of him."

2 ANDY HANCOCK 1965

THE Twickenham crowd again rose as one to applaud another historic score, the most epic individual try by an England player and one that really should have heralded a famous victory rather than salvage a scrappy draw. England were trailing 3-0 in the final minute of a tedious mudfest and gloomily contemplating their first home defeat against the Scots since 1938. Scotland were pressing hard when the ball broke free and Mike Weston shipped the ball on to Hancock. Hancock, redundant for most of the match, had 95 yards to go and quickly rounded would-be tacklers Stewart Wilson and Iain Laughlan. Laughlan did get back to make one last effort as Hancock crossed the line but to no avail. Hancock's one regret is that in the excitement he forgot to go around under the posts and England missed the conversion that would have won the match. It was poignantly virtually his last act for England. He won just one more cap, playing the following season in Paris when he tore a hamstring early on and didn't receive one pass.



David Juby

(WALTER) DAVID JUBY, (K46-54):

Died on 22nd October 2019 at home in New Zealand aged 83. He was father of 6, grandfather of 17 and great grandfather of 10. He was a vet who had emigrated to NZ in 1967. We were notified by fellow New Zealand resident, **DAVID**

NEWSON (S54-63). ROY FARMAN (K47-

55), another NZ resident

and friend for 50 years, helped with the following obituary.



He was born to a Suffolk farming family in 1936, so grew up amidst the sights and sounds of war-time Britain. In 1946 he gained a scholarship to Framlingham. He proceeded to the University of Bristol Veterinary School where he duly qualified. He married Sally Mayes in 1957 and initially found work at practices in Tavistock, Devon and then in Fordingbridge, in the New Forest, for just one year, where he gained new experience with ponies and hounds. He then sought out overseas partnership employment options, and eventually settled for New Zealand. In 1967 the family, now including 3 children, 2 cars, and a furniture-laden caravan, boarded the Ellinis and set sail for the great adventure.

In New Zealand David began work in a partnership in Ngatea, Hauraki Plains bringing with him the professional English tradition of wearing a tie at work – a custom that did not last long. 1976 he moved to Thames on the Coromandel Peninsula to run his own practice, eventually selling it, but working part-time until 2004. In the course of his career he treated all manner of beasts, and also gained a reputation for helping veterinary students, teaching them, but also learning from them about the latest techniques and diseases. He enjoyed a reputation of having a sixth sense for diagnosis.

David enjoyed reading, became a hobby farmer (cattle and sheep) and had a wonderful house with Norfolk Island pine, eucalyptus, and a small citrus grove, with grapefruit, mandarin, lemon and orange trees. Alongside his professional work David developed a great love of wildlife, and planted trees to improve the habitat for birds. He was devout Christian and exemplified those values in his daily life. He was Trustees of a Veterinary Benevolent Fund. He was energetic, hospitable, cheerful, kind, and described as a real example of a modern man.

He leaves his wife, Fiona, 4 sons and 2 daughters, one of whom is a qualified vet, 17 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.



William G Lack

WILLIAM G LACK, (K58-63): Died on 30th May 2019 aged 74. A memorial service was held on Tuesday 18th June 2019 at St. Anne's Church, Lea Cross Bridge, Shrewsbury. His wife, Jenny, commented that he was a very modest man, and that OFs were possibly unaware of how well-known he was in ecclesiastical circles, as the one and only conservator of monumental brasses in the UK for more than 40 years. Happily, the Society did have some understanding of William's distinction thanks to the efforts of Chris Essex and who profiled him for our "Distinguished" section. William leaves an apprentice who is carrying on his work.

He was born on 13th April 1945 and reasonably enjoyed his time at the College but thought he probably didn't do enough work! He represented the college at hockey and cricket, being Secretary of cricket in his last year.

After leaving the College he had a gap year, working in light engineering, where he learnt basic engineering skills and lost half a finger in a milling machine. He read mathematics at the University of East Anglia from 1964 to 1967 and gained a BSc. The university was then in its infancy, with 400 students living in digs and taught in prefabs. This was the first year that Maths was offered and among the other 26 students was his future wife, Jenny, who had joined the brass rubbing club, a decision which had future consequences.



William with his 2 brothers, Geoffrey (middle) and Donald (right) who all attended the College, with William's wife, Jenny

After graduating, William joined a small geophysical company in Shropshire and travelled in Eire, the UK, France and Belgium for 11 years, prospecting for lead, zinc, iron ore and china clay. Jenny and William married and when their two daughters were born, it was William, now self-employed, who became a full-time dad. Thirty years ago this was a brave career choice but it was one which he never regretted. In 1977 a chance meeting with Dr Keith Cameron, who ran the Monumental Brass Society's repair workshop in Cambridge, resulted in his unofficial apprenticeship in brass conservation. He is now the only specialist monumental brass conservator in the UK and has repaired 850 brasses from all over the country and was well on the way to his target of 1000 before he retired.

He has also been writing about monumental brasses, notably collaborating with Martin Stuchfield and Philip Whittemore in the continuing County Series. These ground-breaking volumes describe and illustrate the brasses of each county. Starting with *The Monumental Brasses of Bedfordshire* published in 1992, the series worked alphabetically through the historic counties. The project grew inexorably. His work on brass conservation was widely published, and he became Hon. Bulletin Editor of the Monumental Brass Society. He also prepared thirty-two reports on conservation, and was responsible for conserving more than 1,000 brasses during his editorship.



William in front of the newly conserved Foxe brass at Ludford, Shropshire

Stephen Llewellyn

STEPHEN LLEWELLYN, (R57-64): Died in Ipswich Hospital on 8th May 2020. Ian Howard passed on this news, and also pointed us towards Stephen's latter-day career as a renowned opera buff. The following, written by Stephen himself explains how his life evolved:



I spent my professional life as a barrister - the whole wig and gown thing. 1978 until 1996 I ran my practice from Hong Kong but in 1996, shortly before the hand-over of Hong Kong to the Chinese government I left Asia and settled in Northern California. I had decided that after 32 years, my legal career had run its course, and I had my mind set on drinking a lot of Californian Chardonnays and watching birds from my beach house on Bodega Bay. Divorce put the kibosh on those plans. I moved up here to Portland in 2004. Some friends of mine who had lived here for many years had waxed lyrical to me about its sub-tropical climate; Portland is a city, they said, where every garden had a mango tree and the traditional cocktail is the Mai Tai. It transpired that I was "mis-informed." Portland's only similarity to the tropics is that it rains all the time. And forget Mai Tais — the traditional cocktail here is Double Bastard Ale from the Stone Brewing Company!

One day, the General Director brought the Board of Directors into the room and said, "I want you to meet Stephen Llewellyn. He knows more about opera than anyone else in this building." I thought, Um, shouldn't that person be you, dude? But I smiled in an aw-shucks kind of way and carried on with what I was doing. A few days later, the Director of Marketing came to me and said they were thinking of trying an experiment with "this new blogging thing", (well, it was new to him!) and would I be interested in scribbling a few words for a week or two.

This week will be my 223rd consecutive weekly blog under the soubriquet Operaman. I left Portland Opera in 2007, but the blogging continues. Somehow they have never got around to firing me!

Ian further comments with no great conviction, so we apologise if the information is incorrect, that Stephen may have been engaged to marry Dr Imani Mosley - a musicologist. He had been paralysed (quadraplegic) following an accidental fall over a year earlier, but details are similarly vague, as are the reasons for his finishing up in Ipswich. Ian notes, that Stephen, in his Hong Kong days was a member of a rather selective club to which he, Ian, also belongs, along with the late John Birt.

Stephen may have seemed to have come to opera late in life, after many years as a barrister in Hong Kong but the roots of his love for it reached back into Suffolk, and began long ago. In an interview, when asked about his operatic dream he replied: Back in about 1972 I sang in a performance of Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas* at Snape Maltings with Janet Baker and the English Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Ben Britten. I'm not sure that, for me, dream opera experiences get any better than that.



Murray Munro

MURRAY MUNRO (BH AND R 58-65), younger brother of Bob and Stuart, died towards the end of October 2019 and was finally put to rest on 12th November. The funeral service was held at Deception Bay, North of Brisbane (Qld.), not far from where he had been living. The delay due to the fact that an autopsy was necessary, as it appears that he had been dead for a few days before he was found. He was born with the spinal defect 'spina bifida', and whilst it did not affect him until he was well into his forties, from then on he started suffering numerous medical problems. And for the past few years he was, unfortunately, constantly in a great deal of pain.

After doing an Engineering degree, and trying his hand at various jobs, he gave it this all up in the early 1970s and came out to Australia to visit his big brother, via the "hippie trail" as it was then known. He had some adventures along the way, including passing from Afghanistan to Pakistan through the notorious Khyber Pass.

Not long after arriving in Australia, and deciding that this was the place to be, he decided to try and get into the Australian Army, and he succeeded. He was in R.A.E.M.E., originally as a Captain but was quickly promoted to Lieutenant and finally as Major. And he absolutely loved every minute of it, especially when he was out in the bush on exercises with his troops. From time to time he was put into doing desk jobs, and these he was not so keen on - Murray was an outdoors person through and through. And there is a lot of outdoors in Australia!

Murray had two children, and in turn two grandchildren, and he adored them all. His family is what kept him going when the pain became hard to bear. He requested that his cremated remains be scattered in the Murray River - he loved swimming in the river when he came to Mildura for a visit, the last time in 2015.

- **Bob Munro (R54-60).** (Brother)

Tony Neubroch

TONY NEUBROCH, (G61-69) died 1st March 2020 in Florida. Nick

spotted the news on Facebook, and that led him to recall a visit to Suffolk and Framlingham in 2019, when the two of them reminisced about

sailing at Orford. Tony had subsequently had an operation for cancer. Of interest to OFs will be the attached pictures, taken on the occasion of the CCF RAF section visit to RAF Wattisham in the winter term of 1968. Tony is standing behind Nick's left shoulder, 7th from right. This photo of a photo shows Fram's contribution to the cold war, with the Section standing in front of Lightning T5 XV328 of 29 Squadron, (it was retired in 1987 but its nose section still survives at RAF Bruntingthorpe). Tony's father was Station Commander of RAF Wattisham at the time, which must have facilitated the visit.



- **a recollection from Nick Carlton (G63-70)**

Nick noted that Tony's sister had posted the following:

My darling crazy-making lovable infuriating life-affirming gorgeous and hysterical brother Anthony died peacefully this morning after a week of hell. Peace at very long last. My heart is broken.

A man blessed with so many gifts, so many appetites, so much life, so many friends, so many crazy experiences. He lived the last 9 years with many highs and lows, but knew he had fought the fight and needed a good long rest. He loved words and writing, and it drove him crazy to see them misused. I would jokingly add an adverb to the word unique, and he would say something is either unique or its not, there are no degrees. I beg to differ Tony, and you can't contradict this time. You were indeed, very, very unique.





This picture shows him at the Jubilee Celebration, 50 years after the opening of Brandeston

John Pemberton

John Pemberton, (Obituary based on contributions from Michael Pemberton, Bob Williams (BH 1970- 2001) and Norman Porter (K51-57)). With the help of John Loft, former Brandeston colleague and friend.

John Pemberton passed away in his sleep in the early hours of Monday 11th May. He was the last survivor of the original staff at Brandeston Hall when it opened in 1948. After school at Haileybury and ISC, John studied at Keble College, Oxford, captaining their Cross- Country team and winning the inter- varsity Cross-Country Event in Feb 1941, and the inter- varsity 3 miles in the same year. Then, after an aborted year's further training, presumably with the intention of becoming a teacher, he joined the RAF, training as a pilot in Canada – (Manston), before returning to England. He had various RAF postings before joining the Glider Regt for which he ended up flying gliders to train pilots in the skills of towing them. He was put on stand-by, ready for Arnhem, but was then not required. After the war he spent a year at what is now known as the International People's College in Elsinore in Denmark. He then moved to the College, initially, before transferring to Brandeston for the opening in 1948.

He married Wendy, a Matron at the school and they lived in the ex-NAAFI Girls' bungalow. They had two sons, David and Michael who both went to Brandeston and the College. John was Housemaster of Green and ran the House Competition. He taught RE, Latin, Geography, PE and Games. This involved organising Sports Day and taking swimming parties once a week to the College in Summer. He escorted trips abroad with Mr Hewitt, ran a Stamp Club and was responsible for the annual firework display, with the help of Peter Arbon. John and Wendy left Brandeston in 1971 after 23 years and eventually moved to Woodbridge. He and Wendy were special guests at Brandeston's 60th birthday celebration supper in September 2008.

Bob Williams (Hon OF), served his first couple of years at BH with John, when he joined the Staff there in the summer of 1970, subsequently succeeding him as Second Master - thus, between them, occupying said position for 51 years! Bob comments how John always cherished the designation 'Honorary OF' and, right up to the point when Anno Domini finally led to their having to leave Woodbridge, he and Wendy always offered a warm welcome whenever he dropped by to visit. Bob notes how John was a great philatelist too, and far more skilled and informed in this field than he – an enthusiasm

similarly recalled by our current President, Simon Dougherty. His stamp collection, very much a thing of those times, but maintained through into later life, was always meticulously maintained! Bob further explains that it was John who, on a chilly autumn evening in 1970, first introduced him to the endeavours of a plucky small-town football team at Portman Road; timely indeed, as a ringside seat for a decade or more of European competition was beckoning. Bob not only succeeded John as Second Master at Brandeston Hall but also "picked up the torch" as 1st XI Soccer and Athletics coach, sporting disciplines that John and he had a particular affinity with.

John was a keen ornithologist, and it seems that his love of wildlife stemmed from a Brandeston friendship with another teacher, John Loft, himself a keen ornithologist, as well as English teacher. The tale is told, probably embroidered, by Michael, of how, on a Sunday morning in the early 1950s one young teacher, John Loft, decided it was the day to do some bird- watching, and took another young teacher, John Pemberton, off on his motor bike. However successful their day's ornithology was, Headmaster, DD Kittermaster was not impressed and they were reprimanded like two naughty schoolboys for missing the Sunday service! Future trips had to begin when the Sunday Service was over, usually by 10.30. The two remained in contact for the rest of their lives, as did their respective wives, but John is not convinced that he was the originator of the escapade. He does remember that the list of birds John drew up was not the only list he enjoyed making. After retirement John and Wendy spent several years living in Woodbridge, where John channelled his love of wildlife into the Suffolk Wildlife Trust. It was at one of the Trust's gatherings – an early morning visit to a mediaeval wood – that there was a chance meeting with Norman Porter, leading to reminiscing about the early days of Brandeston, and the embryonic beginnings of the History of the school, with the first contributions coming from John.

After the death of Wendy, John moved up to Yorkshire, closer to his son Michael, and it is there that he ended his many days, having just celebrated his 100th birthday in 2019.

Bob's conclusion serves as an appropriate summary of John's contribution: A fine servant of Framlingham College having, over the greater part of his teaching career, uniquely served the needs of 'the junior department' on both the Framlingham campus and then at Brandeston.

John is survived by his sons, Michael and David. His wife, Wendy, pre-deceased him. It is hoped that his ashes will be interned next to Wendy's in Brandeston's churchyard some time in 2021.



Two stalwarts -Bob Williams and John Pemberton

John & Wendy Pemberton

Derek Albert Roberts

DEREK ALBERT ROBERTS, (S49-51): *Died on 2nd February 2020 aged 84. A Funeral Service was held at St Peter's Church in Wenhamston, followed by a short service at the Beccles Crematorium attended by his family, Derek's brother Brian (S51-57) and Peter Lufkin (K53-59), a life-long friend, who writes:*

Born in Norfolk Derek spent his early life on his parents' farm near Southwold. His early experience with the Sea Scouts destined him towards a seafaring career. After leaving the College in 1951 Derek attended Warsash Naval College as an Officer Cadet and in 1953 he joined the South American Saint Line as a Junior Officer operating between the UK, Europe and Brazil and Argentina. He also notched up 2 voyages to the Great Lakes ports in Canada in early 1960. During this time, he obtained his 3rd, 2nd and 1st Mate's tickets finally leaving the Shipping line as a Master Mariner in the early 1960s to help his father on the family farm and undertook a voyage to the Arctic in 1965, under the auspices of the Fisheries Laboratory at Lowestoft. He also worked for a few months on the construction of the Sizewell A Power Station. Later that year he applied for a post with the Port of London Authority as 3rd Officer in a team responsible for the navigation on the River Thames from the Nore to Teddington Lock. In due course he was appointed Chief Officer of Marine Services and as such was involved in the two Public Enquiries into the "Marchioness" disaster before retiring in 1997 and returning to Wenhamston.

He was widely respected in both his Service career and said by fellow shipmates to be always calm under pressure and in the Local Community in Wenhamston, where he became Chairman of the Parish Council and a regular member of the PCC. He also enjoyed for many years following his retirement a weekly game of Golf with his friend Peter, which always culminated in lunch at a local hostelry where they put the world to rights. This was followed by a long walk by the Sea either at Southwold or Dunwich before ill-health restricted his physical activity.

He enjoyed his family, his two children, their partners and 5 Grand Children seeing them all regularly, even though they lived well away from Suffolk. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Michael Rosen

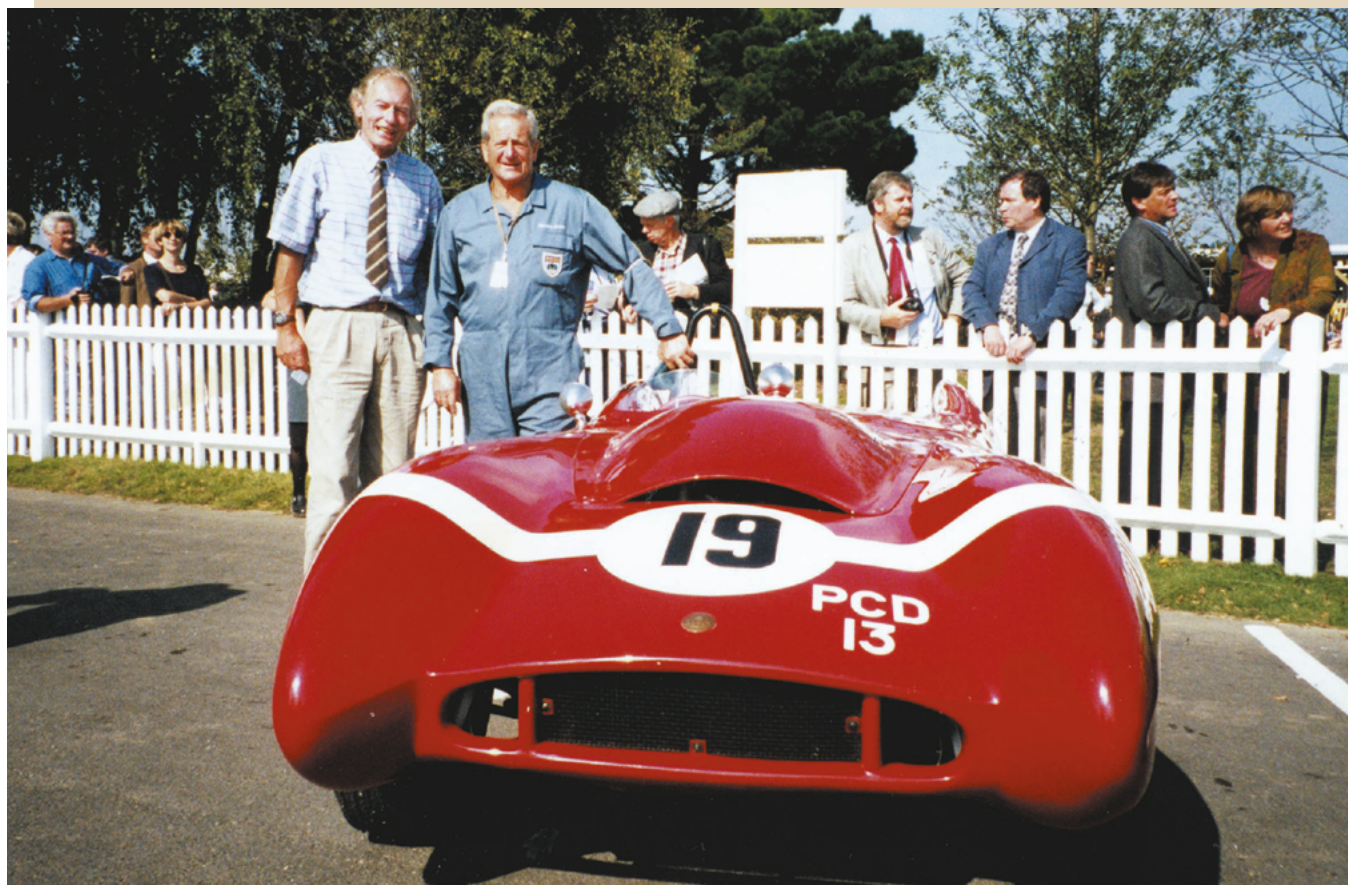
MICHAEL ROSEN (S 1940-46) (known as Michael Anthony): Died peacefully at home, in his sleep on 18th March aged 91. Mike is the oldest of the three Rosen brothers who all came to Framlingham in 1940 from Brighton, as it had been declared an area of great danger. It happened that Reginald Kirkman moved from Sussex soon after to take the headship at Framlingham in January 1941.

The three Rosens spanned 1940 to 1948 at the College and lived with their grandmother in a cottage at Parham, where the USAAF built a bomber station in 1942, so at school and home they were well placed to see wartime happenings. Mike contributed extensively to John Waddell's book of Framlingham war-time recollections "Their Swords in your Hand".

He recalled collecting details of the various allied planes and swapping them with boys at other schools. Each Squadron was identified by the letter on the tail. At Parham and several stations around, there were B17 bombers easily recognised by a large "J" in a coloured square on the tail. One pupil left his aeroplane details in the pocket of his suit jacket when it went to the cleaners who queried its existence and alerted the Police. The Constabulary thought it was part of a spy ring so attended the College in force and Headmaster Kirkman had to get all boys together while the Police made a search of the whole place including the tuck boxes. Mike's brother, **ANTHONY ROSEN (S40-48)** recalled a similar occasion, when the school was called together after boys had collected parts from a crashed plane nearby and the Military Police arrived and confiscated all the gleanings. He also recalled seeing ailing planes coming in low, with their wheels down, trying to do an emergency landing or get to base soonest. Given the proximity of the College to Parham, the boys occasionally had visits to the aerodrome and conversely some of the airmen came to the College on Sundays for a look round and a chat. Mike also recalled clearly the visit of Gp Capt Pickard to talk to the boys before he led the Raid on Amiens Prison, where he was shot down and died as he turned back for home.

He also mentioned cycling to school and seeing lots of tanks hiding between the trees. Tanks also appeared in the many other local woods. He conjectured on their reason for being there, wondering whether, being near the coast they could be there in case of an invasion, for exercises or using as a decoy. Despite the distraction of the war Michael earned the reputation of an outstanding athlete. It is recalled that in the year after the war, 1946, he did NOT win the 100 yards, nor the high jump - but won every other event, field or track, from 220 to cross country. In the book "The Second Sixty Years" Leslie Gillett wrote on page 122: "The rugger season of '45 (MP Rosen 1940-46 - Captain), was one of the best the school has ever had."

After leaving the College, Michael went into the Army for his National Service, but was regularly given leave to play county Rugby or cross-country events. After his NS he was recruited by Harlequins, also playing for South Eastern Counties against International XVs such as the Springboks, Wallabies etc. He would certainly have been selected for the England side had he



not suffered a serious back injury which finished his career and from which he suffered for the rest of his life.

He adored racing cars, and was a keen and accomplished exponent. For his 90th birthday party, held at the clubhouse of BRDC, Silverstone in 2018 his grandson produced a book of photographs. An article in "Motor Sport" of March 2005, referred to his racing days under the heading, "A law unto himself" – then subtitled, "Family fur business in the winter, motorsport come the summer." Delving amidst much technical automotive detail, we gather that Michael made his way through a range of Jaguar, Lotus, Ace-Bristol and Lister models, with various specifications and adventurous modifications, and that he raced on a whole series of world-famous circuits including Goodwood, Oulton Park, Silverstone, Monza, Bari, Brands Hatch and Reims, with varying degrees of success. He vied with, and knew the top names in the sport, such as Colin Chapman of Lotus fame, with whom he knew both friendship and conflict. Mike's mechanical expertise and resourcefulness shine through and he achieved no little success, his greatest claim to fame being, in his own words, the fact "that I survived". In the years when he was racing, over 100 drivers that he knew were killed. Perhaps it is no wonder that he had changed his name from Rosen, so as to protect his real identity. In summary, the 'Motor Sport' item concludes: "Having been lumbered with a limp by a rugby injury, this Outside Centre had been happy to carry his shirt number, 13, on his race cars. If it was unlucky for others, it might be lucky for him, he reasoned. The pictures show him at Goodwood in 1998 – but not with No 13, and driving a Lotus.



It worked and he did indeed survive and lived an active life through to a good ripe age. The family connection with the College and Brandeston remained strong. Mike's brother, Brian, taught at Brandeston, and Mike's grand-daughter, Maddie, who had been Head Girl at the Leys, Cambridge was, until the lockdown, assisting on the staff at Brandeston Hall.

- Obituary compiled from information from Brian Rosen (S40-46), James Ruddock-Broyd and Norman Porter.

Commander John Russell Simpson

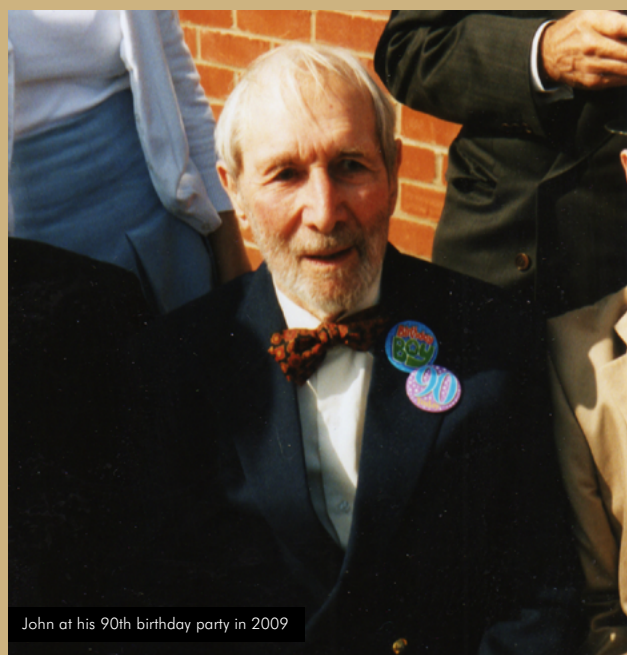
COMMANDER JOHN RUSSELL SIMPSON, ROYAL NAVY (K32-36) Born 31st March 1919, Died 4th April 2020

Commander John Simpson died peacefully in his sleep at Allonsfield House Care Home, Campsea Ashe, on 4th April 2020, just four days after his 101st birthday. He moved there in September 2019, when he left his home at 22 Mills Almshouses, Framlingham.



John sitting with Norman Porter, holding his SOF 100th birthday card

Just over a year before, on Sunday 31st March 2019, John celebrated his 100th birthday with many friends and family members from across four generations. His daughter, Helen Chapman, invited Norman Porter and Peter Howard-Dobson to join the festivities as representatives of the Society of Old Framlinghamians, which John had served so well and for so long. They presented John with a 100th birthday card from the President and members of the SOF. OF members of the family present included his son Jeremy Simpson (K56-64), his granddaughters Hetta O'Connor (P94-99) and Sophia Rogers (M94-02), his grandsons Robin Smallwood (S82-86) and Adrian Smallwood (S84-88), and his cousin Charles Simpson (K65-72). The other picture, here, was taken ten years previously at John's 90th birthday party.



John at his 90th birthday party in 2009

The other card John was given was from the College's Headmaster at the time, Paul Taylor, in which he congratulated John on his centenarian status and recalled the special role that the Simpson family had played over the years since Framlingham College's foundation in 1864. John also received two more special birthday cards: one from Her Majesty the Queen, and one from the Rt Hon Amber Rudd MP, then Pensions Secretary. In hindsight, it is wonderful that it was possible to celebrate John's life and achievements, as well as his contributions to Framlingham and the SOF, at a time before COVID-19 severely curtailed all such commemorations.

The Simpson family is perhaps the only one to have twenty-nine members educated at Framlingham College since it opened in 1865. John's grandfather, George Henry Simpson, was the first one in the family to walk through the College doors, and the line has remained unbroken to date. John was on the Board of Governors and was President of the SOF in 1975/76.

John was born in Golborne, Lancashire on 31st March 1919. He had younger twin brothers: Michael Ratcliffe Simpson (K32-40) who was killed in a car crash in 1950, aged 27, and Peter Ratcliffe Simpson (K32-40) who died in Queensland in 1917, aged 95.



John, at the age of 15

At Framlingham, John was a Foundation Scholar and a sub-prefect to Head Boy, Norman Borrett. He won the Goldsmith Prize for French, was President of the Debating Society and a member of 1st XV rugby team. In his final year in the 1st XV the comment was, ***'On the light side for a forward but is active and uses his feet well. Needs more vigour and determination, especially in defence'.***

The picture is of John, aged 15.

John joined the Royal Navy in 1936 as a Cadet under training in the cruiser **HMS FROBISHER**. He passed out third on the list of Paymaster Cadets and joined **HMS SUSSEX** as Paymaster Midshipman in the Mediterranean Fleet. During this time, in 1937 he saw action in charge of an armed Naval Patrol, manning a roadblock outside Haifa in Israel during the period of Palestinian/Jewish unrest that followed Partition in that year. He also acquired a tattoo of a tiger's head on his forearm (whether in sobriety or not, we shall never know) inked by an Egyptian tattooist in Alexandria, who clearly had never seen a tiger. John always remarked wryly that it looked more like a mouse than a tiger! From that day onwards, he was nicknamed 'Tiger' by shipmates and friends alike.

During the war he served ashore and at sea, in Scotland, in the Northern Approaches and at Lee-on-Solent, Portsmouth. After the war, in 1946, while serving as Supply Officer Lieutenant in **HMS AJAX**, the ship returned to Montevideo in Uruguay, the scene of her earlier involvement in the Battle of the River Plate in 1939. This voyage was undertaken to repatriate German Naval prisoners-of-war who had been incarcerated in neutral Uruguay throughout the War following the scuttling of the German battle cruiser, **Admiral Graf Spee**. John often recalled the extraordinarily warm Civic Welcome that the ship's company received from the Deputy President of Uruguay in a formal ceremony, just before **HMS AJAX's** return voyage to Kiel in the Baltic.

Following a Staff Course in the UK, John was based in Malta from 1948-50, returning to a further shore training post in Wetherby before being appointed Secretary to Rear Admiral John Cuthbert, who was Deputy Controller of the Navy at the time, and under whose command John had served in HMS AJAX. John was paid a considerable compliment (in Service terms) by Rear Admiral Cuthbert, who requested that John should continue as his Secretary for the Admiral's next three appointments, the final one being Flag Officer, Scotland and Northern Ireland, from 1956-58, after which Vice Admiral Sir John Cuthbert retired.



John saluting the Admiral in Rosyth in 1957

The picture is of John saluting the Admiral in Rosyth in 1957. In that same year, the family moved back to Suffolk and John returned to sea as Supply Officer in the light cruiser **HMS BERMUDA**, once again in the Mediterranean, before taking up his final Service appointment in 1960 as a Staff Training Officer at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich.

After retiring from the Royal Navy in 1962, John was employed by the Grocers' Institute in Holborn as Training Development Officer. Drawing on his extensive experience as a Supply Officer, his role coincided with the emergence of supermarkets in Britain and he travelled extensively throughout the country, lecturing and training. Moving to Cheltenham in 1977, he set up John Simpson Associates, a consultancy dealing with recruitment and selection, management and manpower forecasting and planning.

When he finally retired, he and his beloved wife Barrie moved to Wiltshire, and from there to Comberton, near Cambridge, in 1985. Following Barrie's death in 1994, John returned to Framlingham to live with his younger daughter, Helen, in Pembroke Road. In 2002, he went back to Cambridge to live with his elder daughter, Lydia Smallwood, but returned to Framlingham in 2006, following Lydia's untimely death. He set up home in one of the Mills Almshouses and remained there contentedly until he moved to Allonsfield House in September 2019.

John's was a long and active life. Despite his increasing deafness and memory loss, he remained a welcoming host who was full of stories, memories, and limericks which he was always ready to share. He was a particularly distinguished member of a distinguished Suffolk family, and willingly gave of his talents to the school that had nurtured him.

Appendix

The following paragraph is not part of John's Obituary, but its points of reference give some idea of his deep knowledge of, and commitment to, the College. It also shows how embedded he was in College history. The piece (now abridged and edited) was originally written as an introduction to the Prizes section, in the Distinguished Section on our OF website. The loss of John makes it all the more poignant.

Framlingham Prizes Speech-day at Framlingham has, for me, always released a flood of memories of people I have known and liked and admired. The Austin-Sparkes prize is usually the trigger. I remember him well. R H P Browne was another near contemporary: we played in the same scrum and both went into the Navy. I last met him not long before he was lost at sea in HMS HOOD. Martin Bulstrode was a friend for many years. I once bought a bantam cock from Percy Clarke. Before it was incorporated in the Speech-day list, the Ellis Arthur prize was presented at the OF Suffolk supper and it fell to me to present the first award. My father was one of Inskip's pupils and talked of him a lot. I knew General Inskip and Alfred Pretty. W E Winstanley was my housemaster and a lasting influence in my life. The memory of his last insult still rings in the ears: it was at my daughter's wedding and he was admiring a portrait painted by my sister-in-law; "It is remarkable", he said, "that a portrait can be so distinguished and still look like you".

For me, therefore, these prizes commemorate people: for most prize-winners, they commemorate only the names of people. Although the aim was to produce biographies of individuals, the result is almost a potted history of the College itself. The names of all, I believe, should be recorded before there is nobody left who remembers.

COMMANDER J R SIMPSON (K32-36)

Martin Andrew Sleeuw

MARTIN ANDREW SLEEUW, (G80-84): Died on 16th June 2020. A report in the East Anglian Daily Times noted that Martin was a skilled Chartered Surveyor and BREEAM accredited professional. He worked for a total of 11 years for Targetfollow Estates Limited as a senior director between 2001 and 2018. Martin was a major contributor to significant property projects in the UK and Germany, overseeing the refurbishment of Centre Point in London and Baskerville House in Birmingham, as well as numerous other projects. Not only was his work high standard and of consistent exceptional quality - it was always done with integrity. Martin had a

particular interest and enthusiasm for the environmental impact of property, which informed his work with Targetfollow and with the University of East Anglia. Whilst with UEA he was involved in the development and establishment of The Enterprise Centre - an award-winning sustainable building. While his work was respected internationally, Martin was seen as a key figure and authority in the East Anglian real estate industry and his passing away leaves a presence that will be sorely missed. Within the industry where he had worked for 30 years, he enjoyed huge respect from his colleagues - many of whom were also close friends.

Michael Spencer

MICHAEL SPENCER, (R51-58): Died suddenly during the night of on 22nd April 2020.

Although he had been hospitalised a couple of years previously, Michael seemed to have made a full recovery – indeed, very shortly before his death he had been chatting to long-term OI golfing and cricketing friend, Karl Daniels. We have a scorecard dated 4th August 1958 – OFs v Ols at Ipswich – showing that Michael not only scored 122 not out, but also bowled Karl for just 6. A handsome cricketing win for the OFs, but, more enduringly, a win for friendships that would survive. That final conversation typified the friendships that developed through Michael's sporting prowess.

Michael hailed from Chelmsford, son of Chelmsford sportsman WG (Don) Spencer. He continued to appear occasionally in Chelmsford sporting circles even after work took him away. In 1976 he won Chelmsford GC's Douglas Wells Trophy. Wherever he found himself, Mike found an outlet for his sporting energies and talents. He was a fine all-round sportsman, a stalwart of OFGS for many years, a regular member of the Halford Hewitt team and Captain of the Society in 1996. He was still a regular attendee at OFGS meetings and matches and was always a joy to play with. He was a member of Ipswich Golf Club at Purdis Heath and had twice been Club Captain, in 2006 and then 2009. He picked up with his Essex roots in arranging an annual golf match with the Old Felstedians, many of whom were hockey players too. The picture shows Michael on the extreme left, in the bar at Aldeburgh Golf Club in 2016, alongside other OF golfers.



President's Putter



Dunlop sportsman of the year



Dunlop sportsman of the year

Richard Sutton

RICHARD SUTTON, (G48-52): Originally from Gorleston, lately living in Chipping Sodbury, Gloucestershire, passed away in Southmead Hospital, Bristol, on 1st May 2020 at the age of 84. Five years previously he had been diagnosed with an inoperable aortic aneurysm. He is survived by his widow Cindy, sons John and Neil, daughter Lindsay, married to Stephen, and grand-daughters, Bethany and Louise.

Michael Terence Wheatley

MICHAEL TERENCE WHEATLEY (K42-50): Died on 17th April 2019, after a heroic battle with cancer. He was conscripted into National Service on leaving school, signed up with the King's African Rifles, served in Mau Mau Kenya and marched in the Queen's Coronation as Colour Ensign. He was a Parachute Regiment reservist. He married Natalie in Ghana in 1960, and they had 4 children. He bought the family home, Ivy Lodge, Woodbridge, in 1966. At the age of 20 British and American Tobacco sent him to Ghana to start tobacco production from scratch, and that was the start of a career spanning 32 years, which took him to Africa, India and Sierra Leone and gave him various unpleasant fevers, but he returned safely to Ivy Lodge in 1986. In retirement, he and Natalie travelled extensively, before eventually moving to Seckford Almshouses in 2018, where Natalie needed care.

Mike's life was a colourful one, and he was a colourful character, gregarious, but also enjoying quietness. His mother died of TB when he and his identical twin brother, Gerald, were just 10 years old. At Framlingham he became good friends with Dudley Holland. He and Michael were in the same form and in 1949 Dudley played in the 1st XV rugby team in the 2nd row where his partner was Gerald. Dudley spent 3 enjoyable weeks staying with Mike and his wife, when he was working in Sierra Leone, in 1994. Michael attended the Pre- 1970s luncheon at the college in 2018 with Natalie, who survives him.

We have also received further notification of deaths of OFs, with brief details:

Neil Brenton

NEIL BRENTON (K60-64): Died in October 2019. We heard from his son, Mark Brenton.

Michael Alec Cooper

MICHAEL ALEC COOPER (G45-48): Passed away on 5th May 2018. We learnt this from his son, Neil Cooper of 11, Hatton Road, Norwich NR1 2PT

Richard Arnold Oldershaw

RICHARD ARNOLD OLDERSHAW, (G48-52): Died on 1st May 2020 in Frenchay Hospital, Bristol. He would have been 85 on 20th May. He leaves behind a widow Cindy, plus 2 sons, a daughter and 2 grandchildren.

Giles Richardson

GILES RICHARDSON, (G78-84): We have recently heard that Giles passed away on 1st January 2018. We have no further details.

John Charles Rippon

JOHN CHARLES RIPPON, (R50 -55): Died on 19th December 2019 in a nursing home. This news was passed on to us by his sister, Bridget Pass.

June De Whalley

JUNE DE WHALLEY, wife of Phillip De Whalley, ex-Head of Science and Housemaster at the College who died a year or so ago. June died on 21st January 2020. She was a well-known Framlingham resident and will be much missed. Simon de Whalley, their son, was at the College (Z) 1979 – 1989.



THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at 6.15 pm on Saturday 27th March 2021. The meeting will take place at Framlingham College.

Agenda

1. Apologies.
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 29th April 2020. These Minutes will be available at the meeting and will also be accessible on the website (www.oldframlinghamian.com) or by application to the Hon Gen Sec, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.
3. Matters arising from those Minutes.
4. To receive the Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2020. Copies of the accounts will be available on the website, or at the meeting, or by sending a large SAE to the Chairman of Trustees, Chris Essex, at: 3 Kingston Avenue, Saltford, Bath BS31 3LF.
5. President's Report.
6. To elect Officers of the Society for 2021: President; Vice Presidents; Hon Gen Sec; Hon Treasurer; Finance Committee; Independent examiner; elected Council Members; new Hon OFs. For names of current Officers please refer to the front of the OF section in this Yearbook.
7. Any other business.

It is intended that the meeting should not last more than 30 minutes. The Annual Dinner (7:00 for 7:30 pm) will follow the meeting.



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SOF ANNUAL DINNER 2021

The Annual Dinner will be held at Framlingham College on 27th March 2021 at 7:00 for 7:30pm (TBC).

The Bar will open at 6.00pm.

Pre-Dinner Drinks will be from 7:00 to 7:30pm.

Dress will be Lounge Suit.

The first 20 OFs under the age of 30 to book for Saturday 27th March 2021 will receive a 50% discount on the price of the dinner.

For further details contact the organisers:

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Full details and application forms will be published in January 2021.



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