



THE OLD CATERHAMIAN'S ' newsletter

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OC Day and Caterham Summer Fair 21st June 2009

The sun shone on the righteous at the fair and many pupils, parents, teachers and OCs came to the School to share this special day.

There were many events held and stalls selling all sorts of merchandise. Nearly £6,000 was raised!

In addition to the usual cricket event, some badminton matches were held and Karl Dennis (1971 – 1976) has very kindly sent us the following amusing article:

Looking back, it was possibly folly to mention to Alina that perhaps the OCs could raise a badminton team for the summer event. Not wishing to play cricket I desired to take part in something I

was more used to. Before I could have second thoughts, the match was a "runner" under the auspices of Mr Willi Jaundrill. Hey ho - there

Sports Centre Manager, Gordon Wilkinson mans the climbing wall



One of our prep school girls being taken for a walk by her Great Dane!



Mrs Harriot taking a break from her camera

were still several months to plot and plan after all.

Back home I looked up an ex-county player I knew and asked for help.

However, cautions such as "you are almost three times their age" and "injuries at your age/weight are likely"

and "do they have medical facilities" were thrown around. After more begging he agreed to 8 sessions. And yes, it was tough but my coach was pleased with my efforts

The great day came and we were blessed with fine weather. I arrived in good time. Soon after another car arrived and disgorged three people carrying

professional type badminton bags. I eyed them suspiciously – they were undoubtedly my opposition. I headed up to the Sports Centre after them and discovered they were in fact some of my fellow team members. This was good news – more so as they were recent leavers. We chatted and knocked up.

A few more people from the School side arrived and everyone, except me

seemed to know each other. Willi then appeared carrying sports shirts. Initially, I

thought they were just for the School side, but no, the kit was for us. Willi looked at me and held up a shirt "this is the biggest we have – it should fit" he said with more hope than conviction. I put it on and, well, let's just say that it more or less covered everything.

Willi read out the teams and order of play. To my alarm it was to be all Doubles, and not my favoured Singles.

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The Head enjoys a well earned 'Pimms'



Barry Reid at the Fair

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

PTA Fireworks Evening –

Saturday 7th November 2009, on Home Field. Gates open at 5.30pm. Display at 7.00pm. Ticket enquiries via Alina please.

Remembrance Sunday and OC Day –

Sunday 8th November 2009, at 10.30am in front of the School. Coffee served pre-service at 10.00am. Pre-lunch drinks at noon in the Refectory. In addition to the usual rugby matches there will be a Mark Wallace Farewell, boarding reunion and hockey match. Please contact Alina for more information.

The Music of Howard Goodall –

The combined choirs of Caterham Prep and Senior Schools join forces with the Downland Chorale and a large orchestra

and soloists in a concert of music by the National Ambassador for singing, Howard Goodall including a performance of his 'Eternal Light - A Requiem' **Monday 9th November 2009**, 7.30pm, Humphreys Hall. Admission Free.

The Music of Howard Goodall –

A second performance of this concert for the patrons of the Downland Chorale. **Saturday 14th November 2009**, 7.30pm, Humphreys Hall. Tickets available from the Downland Chorale:

www.downlandchorale.org.uk/

Wind and Brass Concert –

The first instrumental specific concert of the year. A chance to hear wind and brass solos and ensembles and meet the peripatetic teachers of these instruments. **Monday 23rd November 2009**, 7.30pm, Humphreys Hall. Admission Free.

Carol Service –

A service of carols and readings with music by the combined choirs and brass of the Senior School. **Monday 7th December 2009**, 7.30pm, Caterham United Reformed Church. Admission free.

Thursday 25th March 2010 –

7.30pm, AGM and Bicentenary launch at the East India Club, London SW1Y 4LH



President's Message

At Speech Day in early July, the Caterham School audience heard Dr David Starkey's remarkable comparison of the education of the young Henry VIII and the modern curriculum, and witnessed the pride of the school in the successes of its latest generation of leavers. A few weeks later we heard that, once again, these pupils achieved outstandingly good results in their A and AS levels. Congratulations to you all – the newest recruits to the Old Caterhamians Association. We look forward to welcoming you to our events, and hearing your news as you go on to build careers on the foundation of your Caterham education.

Between these two events I had the privilege of accompanying a group of Caterham students to Tanzania, on the third visit to Lerang'wa Primary School, with which our school has a now strong link. After our warm welcome we settled down to a week of lessons and sport with the Tanzanian children. I am no teacher (or sports player), but stood in for a few periods with Standard Seven, the final primary year. The children are 14-15 and working for their exams that will hopefully take them through to secondary school. What was impressive was their keenness to benefit from education,



John Grimshaw

with almost all of them hoping to go on to secondary school and expressing high ambitions for their future.

I learnt a lot on the trip, and gained many insights into life of people in the African bush – and into the lives of British teenagers. For both, communication is key: the African kids all wanted my mobile phone number, the Caterham contingent more about their Facebook contacts. I have had a Facebook profile for some time, and check it in a desultory sort of way, but for others it seems to be something of a modus vivendi. There is no doubt, however, about its power to keep people in contact with each other, and to enable friendships to be rekindled.

A striking example of this came a couple of weeks ago, when one Chris Curtis sent me a 'friends' request. I had known a Chris Curtis at school, but had

had no contact since leaving: there was no picture and I thought there had been a mistake. But there hadn't been, and in consequence I'm back in touch with Chris, and indeed a number of other former friends and acquaintances from school days. As the School's Bicentennial approaches, when all Old Caterhamians will be invited to join in the celebrations, whether members of the OCA or not, such networking facilities are going to be of great value in bringing the community together.

The biggest annual occasion in the Old Caterhamian calendar comes in November, when we gather on Remembrance Sunday to commemorate those who have fallen for our country. Much of the time one feels a sort of remote sadness on such occasions, for the tragedy and waste of war: most of those we commemorate are, to most of us, nothing more than a carved name. Last Sunday, taking a circuitous route through London to avoid getting to a party too early, I found myself behind the Foreign & Commonwealth Office and noticed a memorial I hadn't seen before. It is to the victims of the Bali bombing of 12 October 2002 and it includes the name Douglas Warner, aged 35. Dougie Warner was my exact contemporary at Caterham, and although we were not close, we were classmates in David Rogers' D set maths (along, indeed, with the aforementioned Chris Curtis). Here, at last, was a carved name that really meant something.

OC Day Sports and Presentations

The Tug 'O War drew in the crowds with staff thrashing the Old Boys. Many thanks to Sean Hayes for his encouragement to staff and to David Rogers bringing up the rear!



The Teachers End



The Old Boys giving it some slack

Badminton:
Bad Cats (School Team): 11 - Old Cats: 1



Messrs Yang, Dennis and Tang



Willi Jaundrill and his teams



Cricket supporters watch the match...



The Players on Home Field – The School won by 2 runs

Also, no feather shuttles. My first match did not go well ... 2 - 0. The second match was better with my partner obviously a good player – but we lost 2 – 1. Next match I sat out – thankfully, as I was overheating. Next match was again better, but alas the same score. I think I may have had another match (same result) but things were blurring. However, not quite finished, I challenged one of “their” really good players to Singles. Result 2-1. Then I was finished! I did enjoy a somewhat shuffling rest of day at the terrific Fair and other activities.

I only discovered the true extent of the loss after seeing a “confidential” e-mail from Willi, with the statement “BAD CATS smashed the OLD CATS 11-1” A bit harsh as we were a scratch team! So, I feel that “smashed” should perhaps be replaced by the less sensationalist “overcame”!

Notwithstanding the defeat, all agreed that it had been really enjoyable, and furthermore, should be repeated – possibly at each OC’s Day. So, with November in mind, efforts to improve the OCs performance are in hand. Lastly, my thanks to all who took part, and of course to Willi for organising it all.

News from Old Caterhamians

David Terry’s Chiswick Leavers 1956/57 Reunion 10th May 2009

David Terry very kindly sent us these photographs taken at his recently organised 1956-1957 reunion in Chiswick.



Left to right back row: Bill Jerram, David Hames, Mike Mackenzie, Ashvajit (Michael Wharton), Richard Grayson, Michael Wintersgill & Ian Hodgson. Left to right seated: Brian Matthews, Dennis Tucker, David Terry & Peter Spiers.



Mike Mackenzie



Ian Hodgson came over from Australia where he has lived for 40 years

Nick Ellson 1986 – 1991

Nick’s news as follows:



“After Caterham, I completed an Hotel and Catering Management degree at the University of Portsmouth. Then, following two years with Thistle Hotels, I joined Balls Brothers

of London as Assistant Bar Manager. In 2002 I moved across to health clubs with Holmes Place Health Clubs (now Virgin) working as a Front of House Manager and then as a Personal Trainer. I am married to Heather – we met speed dating in London in 2003. She is Australian, so after we got married in Totnes, Devon in 2006, we emigrated to live near her family in Brisbane. I now have my own business as a personal trainer – Northside Fitness”

Stuart Cripps 1954 – 1964

Stuart sent us an email to say:

“Confessions of a bad old boy! Two bits of news in the Summer 2009 Newsletter have shamed me into sending a 40 year potted history of some areas of my life since leaving school in 1964. I’m afraid my school contact ended about 2 years later during which time I played Old Cats hockey and sat on the OCA Committee.

I studied dentistry at Guy’s Hospital London for 5 years, then married Sandy and went to work for 6 wonderful years in the Cape, South Africa. I now have two lovely children, Simon aged 29 and Louise aged 26. Working in the Cape gave great opportunity for new and lasting friendships and lots of travel. The only Old Boy that I keep up

with is Martin Brooks who is working in Natal where he is head of the African Rhino Conservation Organisation, having been with the Natal Parks Board all his working life.

I returned to the UK in 1977 to live in Cookham Dean, Berks., and I have run a dental practice in Beaconsfield until retirement last year. I loved this and so as not to completely finish, in November 2008, I went on an unusual voluntary venture in North Western Tanzania. Working for a small charity I joined 5 UK dentists and went to remote areas of bush to teach African nurses how to safely extract teeth. Sadly this was the only way of dealing with the extensive dental decay, pain and infection which we saw. What this means is that each of these nurses is now able to relieve a local population of 10,000 of dental pain. I will be going back this year to do the same.”

Charlotte Snow at Graduate Fashion Week 2009

Charlotte left the School in 2005 and has emailed us with her news to say that she showed her first collection at Graduate Fashion Week in June. She graduated on the 30th June from UCA Epsom. Well done Charlotte!

Two of Charlotte's designs on the catwalk



CONGRATULATIONS TO BRYONY SMITH (Nee Stowell) 1985-1987

Bryony married Mark Smith in November 2006 and is now pleased to announce the birth of her first baby. Ben was born on 1st December 2008 at a healthy 8lbs 4oz and has grown rapidly since- definitely second row material! Bryony tells us that maternity leave is very different from being Head of PE and she is loving every minute of it!



HAVE YOU GOT A LITTLE PICTURE OF A STORK?

Roger Griffin 1946-1954 Does it again....

CONGRATULATIONS again to Roger who ran the London Marathon this year in 3 hours and 49 minutes. He claims it's a slow decline but we are very admiring of him! If there are any Old Cats out there who ran in the Marathon this year - we would like to hear from you!

Arops Dinner 2009

Stephen Smith, former headmaster of Caterham School and representative of Old Elthamians attended the Annual Dinner of the Association of Representatives of Old Pupils Societies, held at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Wakefield in May 2009. Also in attendance were John Kidd – Former Bursar, Caterham School and Vice President AROPS, Darryl Wideman – Old Caterhamian, now Headmaster of Silcoates School, Wakefield (Founded in 1820 as Caterham's northern equivalent school for sons of Congregational Ministers.

Geoffrey Kemp 1949-1958 Remembers ...

In response to Alan Witt's photographs in the last newsletter, Geoffrey tells us....

"As I scrolled down and came across Alan Witt's photos of a school expedition in the 1950's, I was pleased to see myself featured as the lead runner in the top photo. I believe Peter Ward may have been behind me. The serious looking man in the top left photo was CT Jones, who taught maths and was a superb rugby player. The row of boys by the pub includes:

Alan Pendlington (far right) and possibly AP Dignum third from the left. The faces in the back of the bus are

familiar but not the names. It is a great picture of "Chic" Foister.

I went back to an old diary I kept at the time and believe that the expedition took place on July 18th 1957. The entry reads as follows:

"EXPEDITIONS. We got the back seats in the coach. Chic in charge. Smoked and sang dubious songs on the way down. About 15 of us skipped the main walk and spent the a.m. in a pub in East Dean. Lunch at Birling Gap. Got the bus up to Beachy Head and went straight to a cafe.

As soon as we got to Eastbourne we went to flics to see "Heaven Knows Mr Allison". Came out and bought booze. In the coach back we were all merry. Good time had by all."

It must be remembered that in the 50's expeditions were a huge deal since it meant a day of freedom from the restrictions of the school. I assume things have changed today. I wonder if any others have similar memories of this period. I remember Alan Witt well. We were in the ATC together."

Jim Bulley 2001-2008

Congratulations are in order for Jim who won the 'What is Crime' photography competition recently.

This is a competition run by the Centre for Crime and Justice Studies and the entrants had to produce a piece of work which challenged the concept behind the title: Environment, Finance or Violence. Jim chose Violence.

The piece shows the wall or 'security fence' outside Bethany, just outside Jerusalem. Jim took the photograph in 2007 and tells us it was used in his 'A' level photography presentation as well. It has also featured in Preview 2008.

The photograph was featured at an exhibition which was held at the 198 Gallery in South London from the 4th July -28th August this year.



Jim's entry to the competition

He was also mentioned in an article entitled 'Guilty Treasures' in The Independent newspaper on the 4th June.

Jim also has a personal website where all his photography work is on show. Please go to: www.jimbulley.co.uk

EOGA Reunion Lunch 16 May 2009

117 Old Girls met up for the Eothen Reunion Lunch at Caterham School on 16th May....



A happy group of Old Girls

It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces. Every decade was represented - from 1930's to and including the last sixth form prior to the merger with Caterham School.

Julian Thomas welcomed the ladies and the School Chaplain gave thanks for the meal. There were many 'catching-up' sessions within the various year groups and the room was filled

with chatter and laughter!

Presentations of beautiful bouquets of flowers were made to Mrs Iris Richards, Chairman of the Eothen Old Girls Association, Miss Raine and Anne Bailey. Flowers were also presented to Joanne Logie for all her work involved in the preparation of the framed photographs presented to Julian Thomas.



Joanne Logie presents The Head with a framed collection of her photographs of Eothen School



Mandi Bass & Alison Harvey



Lynn Moran & Caroline Storer catch up on the news

Joanne Logie has produced a CD Rom of her photographs taken at the Reunion. She is charging £15 + £1.50 p&p. Please contact her at: joanne.logie@tiscali.co.uk and please mark the subject line 'Eothen'.

Paul Maliphant 1971-1980

Paul has emailed to update us with his news:



I am now an Associate Director with Halcrow Group Ltd and Market Sector Director responsible for the development of our business with a

tranche of clients in the UK, Europe and Central Asia. Based in Cardiff, I am just coming up to my 24th Wedding Anniversary having married Helen (a mental health nurse) just after graduating. I have two daughters both interested in the stage which they have both managed to get me on a few times including performing in two ice pantomimes, taking the lead in The King and I and playing Dame in panto as well as performing in Calamity Jane, The Pirates of Penzance and the Cardiff premier of Titanic the Musical (which was a Broadway hit a few years ago) with the last three all on professional stages in Cardiff (I wasn't being paid myself!!). My school pedigree for such activities is effectively zilch! Currently I am providing technical advice to two actors (one an Oscar winner) both of whom are

http://www.halcrow.com/html/news/2009/09_jul_paul_maliphant.htm
<http://www.geolsoc.org.uk/gsl/site/GSL/lang/en/council>
<http://www.geolsoc.org.uk/gsl/site/GSL/lang/en/biographies>

Also as a career background I was Project manager for this:
http://www.halcrow.com/html/our_projects/projects/porth_relief_geotech.htm

And here's a video I was in which provides a video library of careers info for students.
http://www.icould.com/yourfuture/index.php?option=com_seyret&task=videodirectlink&id=Paul_Maliphant

playing Geologists in their next film (can't say more for now)!

Eldest daughter Jess is in her final year studying Theatre Design at Rose Bruford Drama College in Sidcup, Kent and youngest daughter Chloe has just finished a run of performances of Sweeney Todd with the Welsh National Youth Opera at the Wales Millennium Centre in Cardiff.

Probably the most exciting recent activity was going back to my roots in Trinidad (where I was born) a few years ago after a 36 year absence to show my family where I spent my formative years before coming to Caterham. Three weeks exploring my past and meeting long lost friends was magical.

Brother Andrew (1966 – 1973)

got married last year to Anne and they live in the Forest of Dean and Bruce (1969-1977) is settled with wife Mandi near Reading and working with IBM. Uncle Donald (193?-194?) is enjoying his lengthy retirement as are my parents in Somerset.

I thought the info on the links above might be of interest to the School and Old Cats...

A REQUEST FROM THE BBC – Calling All Dads!

A new BBC series wants your memories of your father and being a father. Testimony Films (award winning history documentary film company – makers of BBC1's 'Veterans: Last Voices of WW1' ITV's 'Britain's Love Story' and Channel 4's '9/11-Ground Zero') is making a three part series which will explore what it means to be a good father. The series will look back over the last century (1900 – 2000) to examine how war, social changes and other elements have affected this important parental role.

If you have poignant, memorable and interesting stories to tell about your relationship with your own father, how he raised you; or if you have experiences of being a father and the challenges you have overcome to raise your own children then Testimony Films would like to hear from you! They are particularly looking for anyone who was a father before 1939; or anyone who has an unconventional Dad!! Please contact Hazel Fearnly: hazel.fearnley@testimony-films.com, 0117925 or write to her at Father Appeal, Testimony Films, 12 Great George Street, Bristol, BS1 5RH. All correspondence is confidential.

Michael Beaumont Shepherd 1938 - 1941

Michael's sister, Carolyn Jory visited her brother in Canada to celebrate his 80th birthday on the 25th of April.

She has sent us Michael's photograph and a letter telling us about her trip. She says:

"The highlight of our visit was my brother Michael's 80th birthday celebrations. It was a very happy day and he received many cards and calls and gifts and thoroughly enjoyed his very special day.



I presented him with a box full of memories and information on the three of his schools and he was absolutely delighted. The Old Caterhamian's Newsletters were very well received. He immediately began to

remember little things and people from the time he was at Caterham School, which was great fun. I have told Michael there is an open invitation to visit the School when Joanna and Michael next visit."

Charity Greeting Cards for Sale

Photographs taken by Caterham students have been turned into charity greeting cards to help fund a new project in Tanzania.

Caterham has linked up with Lerangwa School with the aim of raising £10,000 a year over the next 5 years.

The cards come in packs of 6 with different designs on each card (the designs can be viewed on the school web-site). Printing was done on re-cycled paper and the cards are left blank for a message of your choice. Each pack is being sold for £2.50 or 5 packs for £10.

If you would like to purchase a pack please contact Mr. David Clark on:

david.clark@caterhamschool.co.uk or send details and a cheque (made payable to Caterham School) to the school addressed to Mr. Clark. Many thanks.



Children unpacking the goody bags we provided, including plate, mug, exercise book and pen.

Our President has asked us to pass on a message of heartfelt thanks from the villagers of Lerang'wa for the food we sent them last year and to thank again those OC's who contributed to this appeal.



Old Caterhamians' Merchandise

Old Caterhamian Ties

- Silk tie, striped£15
 - Crimplene, striped£10
 - Polyester, crested£10
- (Postage & packing £2.50)

Old Caterhamians' Enamel Cufflinks

We are delighted to be able to offer these beautifully crafted enamel gilt plated cufflinks available with chain or T-bar fitting. Our cufflinks have proved very popular. Please state chain or T-bar when ordering.....£30.00 (Postage and packing £2.50)

Please send your requirements and cheques made payable to 'The Old Caterhamians' Association' to Alina.



APPEAL....

If you have any news and photographs which you would like to be included in future OC Newsletters, please contact Alina. We are also always very grateful for donations of memorabilia from both Caterham and Eothen Schools for the School Archives and displays around the School. We are also appealing for personal memories of your time here at the School for a Bicentennial School History Book.

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