



# Old Caterhamians' Association Review 2010-2011

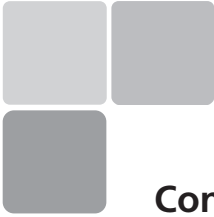


CATERHAM SCHOOL

## A selection of photos from recent OC Days



We are always on the lookout for your news and, more importantly, photographs of Old Cats and Old Eothen Girls. Please send us details of your news, stories and achievements. Also, if you have any old school photographs or items no longer wanted that you would like to donate to the Archives, please send them in as they would be gratefully received!



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# *Celebrating 200 years*

## ■ **Editorial Notes**

We started celebrating our 200th birthday on Speech Day in July and we are now looking forward to many exciting events in the forthcoming year to celebrate this important landmark. We hope that you will be able to come to some of the events planned. Bicentenary brochures were sent out in July but you can also download a full list of events from the OCA website on:

**[www.oldcaterhamians.com](http://www.oldcaterhamians.com)**

Denis Tindley & Alina Rennie

# *1811~2011*

## ■ The OC Year 2010/2011

### Remembrance Sunday 14th November 2010

Inclement weather drove us to have an unusual 'two-part' service on this grey day! Although bitterly cold, the rain held off until half way through the service and then the heavens opened and we had to move indoors to the Wilberforce Hall to conclude the service in the warmth.

The Head gave us a very moving speech about Alfred Horace Martindale whose family could be described as a Caterham 'dynasty' with Horace's great great niece in our current Fifth Year!

A welcome and warming 'cuppa' was served in the Concourse after the service with a splendid OCA lunch in the Refectory at noon. Despite the horrendous cold wind and rain continuing, the afternoon was well supported. At 2.30pm wreaths were laid down by the WW2 memorial in the Sports Pavilion and a two minutes' silence was observed before the main games started. In addition, the Presidents' and OCRFC teams stayed silent for a minute by way of tribute to Stephen Smith.

#### ■ Sports Results

##### Lacrosse:

The School won the Lacrosse 12 – 8  
Old Cats Hanna Shaw and Hannah Wright both scoring a hat trick.

##### Rugby:

Recent Leavers beat the School 11 – 8  
President's Team beat the OCRFC 22 – 5

## The Headmaster's Address at the Remembrance Sunday Service

At this time of year, you will hear a lot of statistics. Perhaps the most shocking is that more than 100 million people died in the two World Wars. It is a figure so huge that it makes our act of remembrance difficult. It goes beyond our comprehension. Paradoxically, we gain a greater understanding of the horrors of war by thinking on a smaller scale. 124 Old Caterhamians died in those wars. 124 young men who lived and worked right here. Who strolled down the Harestone Valley Road. Who walked through these very doors. You will see their names on our two War Memorials and we will be laying poppy wreaths at both throughout today.

But numbers don't have faces and families; mere statistics on their own are for us, so many years later, impossible to relate to. So as many of you will know, I endeavour, at this time of year, to focus on just one of those names on our war memorials.

By remembering an individual, it helps us to better understand and appreciate the sacrifice of all the servicemen and women in armed conflict down the years, and the sense of deep loss felt by their families.

Alfred Horace Martindale – "Horace" – was at Caterham School in the early years of the twentieth century. His family could be described as a Caterham "dynasty". Three Martindale brothers were at this School at the turn of the century. There were three more in the 30's and four in the 1960's. Horace's great great niece is in our current Fifth Year.

Horace joined up at the start of the First World War. In 1915 he was on active duty in France. On the 2 October he wrote a letter home to his parents. A letter which, nearly a hundred years on, is now an important part of the family and School archives. I would like to read you the letter because it gives some sense of what it must have been like to be placed, in your early twenties, in a position of what is today unimaginable hardship.

It reads as follows....

*My dearest Mother and Father*

*I got the parcel today. I was in despair about baccy, the 2oz tins just tided over the crisis. The butter will be very useful too it is always a treat to have homemade butter. I forget where I was when I last wrote but I believe I was billeted at a school house. Well, anyhow, after three nights there we started off at an unearthly hour and marched to a place we were told was our destination, (when we) arrived there we were ordered 7 miles further to a delightful village where our Commanding officer had a jolly farmhouse allotted to us for a billet. We had just got dried off when we were ordered to proceed 4 miles further so (we) were sent out again. When we had got about 3 miles, we were ordered to go back to the last village, so we had our farm after all.*

*It was marvellously clean with a nice old garden and full of pears and walnuts. The village was all in a mellow light and wonderfully peaceful. Next day we started off again in motor lorries very soon passing through country of which I knew every inch. We passed a mile or two beyond the river then dumped in a muddy field. There we spent two nights. Imagine yourself suddenly dumped in a ploughed field and ordered to stay there 48 hours with the rain falling relentlessly all the time, for beds we had nothing but pools of water but really I don't think I am much worse for it. Then one night we (our Company) were suddenly shot into our advanced trench. For two days I had nothing to eat but a pound of biscuits. I made no attempt to sleep and I was drenched through several times. The way up to this trench was through another (trench) 2 miles long, this took 6 hours to get up into the higher part. We were utterly exhausted sleeping side by side wondering who would never wake. Overnight I had occasion to take a glance across to the battlefield by moonlight, it was an appalling sight. During our two days we were attacked twice with bombs and when we came out.....*

We do not know why the letter stops in mid-sentence. We only know that on that day, Horace stepped out of the trench and lost his life.

We cannot, standing here today, visualise what Horace described in his letter as the "appalling sight" he saw across the battle field that night. We cannot fully grasp that sense of grief that his death would have caused his family.

What we can do is acknowledge and honour his sacrifice. We remember him today, and all those other servicemen and women lost in armed conflict down the years, not to glorify war, never to glorify, but because by remembering we ensure that the lessons of the past are not allowed to be forgotten. And we take a small step towards a world in which the atrocities of war have no place.

## AGM 24th March 2011 at the East India Club

Some twenty two OCs attended a vibrant 120th AGM at the East India Club. It was great to see some new faces join us this time. Denis Tindley gave his President's report and his Honorary Treasurer's report and we all congratulated him for his 23rd year of looking after the accounts! Colin gave a very interesting Archivists Report and it now seems we have a Royal connection to the School – Princesses, Margaret and Elizabeth and their mother, The Duchess of York visited Beechanger in 1935!!

Special Past Presidents' badges were presented to Rodney Lyons and Bill Broadhead and there will be a Past Presidents' dinner at the English Speaking Union in November as part of the Bicentenary celebrations.

Julian Thomas told us that the School is in fine fettle and is looking forward to the Bicentenary Year with enthusiasm. Our unique School History book – 'Independent Spirit', is nearly finished and Julian thanked Colin for his hard work and dedication with this incredible task.

Once the date of the next meeting was finalised noting that there would be a short AGM followed by OCA Bicentenary Dinner, the meeting closed and all members then enjoyed an informal chat with some delicious sandwiches and a glass of wine.

## Spring OC Sports Afternoon 27th March 2011

Caterham was bathed in bright sunlight and 14 degrees on this lovely afternoon and a good crowd turned up for the three usual sporting events. The Headmaster made the presentations at afternoon tea in the Refectory at 4pm.

### ■ Sports Results

#### Football:

School's first 1st XI Team won 2 – 2.  
The match was decided on penalties.

#### Hockey:

The Old Cats won 4 – 3

#### Netball:

The School won 31 – 4

#### Darby Swimming Medal:

Boys only this year: David Eason

#### Badminton:

Bad Cats 5 – 4

## Summer OC Day and School Fair 26th June 2011

We all basked in the sunshine on this glorious summer afternoon. Parents, students, teachers and OCs all took part in the activities, browsed at the stalls, listened to the band and enjoyed the BBQ and refreshments tent. A lively game of cricket was played in the afternoon and a refreshing tea was served at 4pm in the Refectory.

### ■ Sports Results

**Cricket:** The School won by 2 runs

## ■ The Caterham School Year

### Main Events and Developments

Despite the UK's poor economic climate, this has probably been our most successful year ever for pupil recruitment. Enquiries were up +7% to record levels. Based on boarding enquiries alone we could have started another school! However, the most impressive figures are for registrations with day pupils up +16% and boarders up +45%. Perhaps more importantly we had another year of high quality applicants. This is particularly true of boarding because we review the candidate's school reports before deciding whether to ask them to register.

The boarding vacancies were all taken up earlier than ever and once again we had to turn away many international enquirers because we had reached capacity. We will have nearly 170 boarders this year. Of these about 100 are from overseas representing some 23 different countries bringing a truly international aspect to the School. Of course we are very aware that having achieved this momentum, it must be maintained.

It helps considerably to be marketing a very successful school. A-level results this year place Caterham School among the very top schools in the country. The students celebrated a tremendous new record as they achieved 76% of passes at A\*– A.

The results this year are:

<b>A*</b>	33.0% (up from 24.9% in 2010)
<b>A</b>	43.0% (up from 40.6% in 2010)
<b>A*– A</b>	76.0% (up from 65.6% in 2010)
<b>A*– B</b>	92.4% (up from 92.1% in 2010)
<b>A*– C</b>	97.9% (up from 97.7% in 2010)

Once again all our Sixth Form are going to university or taking a gap year, with 80% going to one of the top tier universities.

According to The Daily Telegraph these results placed us at 24 in their league table.

We are also one of the top schools in the country in enhancing the performance of students. In the **Government Performance Tables** for A Level **“value-added”**, published in January 2011, we were ranked:

- in the top 1% of all schools and colleges in England
- one of the top 30 independent schools in England

The marketing mix continues to evolve. Some magazines have not produced sufficient enquiries and have been cut from the limited print advertising campaign. Our web site remains the most potent element. Visitors to the web site are currently running up + 35% one year ago.

The mailing programme to Prep and Junior schools remains a key activity and we are continuing to strengthen relationships with our overseas agents. We continue to promote the outstanding ISI Report from last year but also continue to highlight such elements as pastoral care and co-curricular activity. Our PR programme has been helped by many sporting successes this year.

Marketing the school is not just the act of one person. Pupils, parents and former pupils continue to play a significant role as key ambassadors. Additionally, staff and governors continue to contribute to the successful marketing of the School through the tasks that they perform and the messages they communicate every time they encounter parents and the wider community.

I think that I can only repeat my view from last year that the next few years are likely to be challenging, as the economic climate will remain difficult for parents. Consequently, other schools will continue to strengthen their marketing activity. However, we have established a relevant message and continue to take a pragmatic approach within the context of a clear understanding of the long term objectives. This appears to be very important as newspapers are reporting that those parents who can afford to send their children to independent schools are now being more selective in their choice as they seek real value. This enables us to remain cautiously optimistic about the future.

Alan Howe, Marketing Director

## ■ 120th Annual General Meeting

21 Members and the Headmaster were present.

The Chairman, Dave Craft, took the chair.

The Chairman began the meeting by reading out the names of all the 'absent friends' whose deaths had been notified since the last AGM.

### Treasurer's Report

Denis Tindley produced the full Accounts for 2010 and told us he was pleased with them. There has been a 4% rise in subscription income, a legacy kindly left to us by Nan Martin and a 3% increase in expenditure. There have been one-off purchases of another batch of cufflinks, joiners' leaflets and the re-cutting of the Mottram Memorial. There has also been an increase in the contribution to the school for office costs. The AGM appears as a cost for the first time this year.

There is £30,000 in the Bicentenary Fund which will be used to support events and the refurbishment of the Pavilion. It is hoped to maintain a small surplus until next year. Denis offered thanks to the Chairman, The Committee, the Secretary and to Roy Battison who has kindly taken over the examination of the accounts after the sad death of Alan Blake Thomas.

Andrew Latham asked about the Pavilion refurbishment and the Head gave an outline of the plans and told us that this project is a joint venture between the OCA, the PA and the School. The OCA is to be given the opportunity to

decide which area of the Pavilion should be funded and dedicated to OCs. Andrew went on to ask if more funding for the Bicentenary should be appealed for and Denis replied that this was not a time to have a special appeal and that we are contributing to other Bicentenary events. However, we will discuss an opportunity to make an appeal at the next Committee Meeting.

The Accounts were approved.

The Old Caterhamians' Trust account is well balanced and we are now supporting five students.

The OCA Trust is to be changed to the Caterham School Trust and there will be a meeting in May 2011 to formalise this. There will be 7 Trustees; three of which will be OCs.

Denis was re-elected as a Trustee to provide continuity with the formation of the new Trust.

Denis then thanked the Trustees for their support and is very grateful to Roy Battison for his examination of the accounts.

All were in favour of the following donations:

- £150 for the School Prize
- £500 Leavers Books for the Preparatory School
- £100 Nick Johnston Prize
- Increase the £300 Sports Club donation to £350
- £500 Bursary Fund

Dave Craft thanked Denis for his hard work and dedication to the accounts in what is to be his 23rd year!

## **Archivist's Report**

Colin said that it would be a rather different report from usual as all his time had been spent on the forthcoming history of the School, 'Independent Spirit'. His thanks were due to the more than 30 interviewees, many of whom were at the meeting. He thought that this, the third School history, would be an excellent book, resembling its predecessors in terms of real historical substance but utterly unlike them in that it would be a beautifully produced coffee-table type of book with over 300 illustrations.

There had been a tension between producing a glossy, pictorial book of this kind on the one hand and an accurate history on the other, and between the publishers who approached the project without, inevitably, knowledge or love of the school and those of us who cared deeply about it. There had been many matters of accuracy and even English to correct, and the current problems, and some of the most taxing, were to do with low-resolution photographs and indexing. But we were at the final proofs stage, and all would be well in the end. The book would be launched on Tuesday 5th July.

Digitisation of the school magazines was under way and the first batch was being processed. It would take approximately eight months to complete this task. Eothen School magazines would be digitised as well as school and OCA newsletters, admissions registers and the 'OC' Magazine.

Colin then told us that a photograph had come to us from the public library of a visit by the Duchess of York in 1935 to Beech Hanger, which was then a school for the daughters of the Guards at Caterham Barracks. The photograph shows two small girls who could be the young princesses Elizabeth and Margaret, and this was being checked in the hope that it is!!

David Craft then asked what was to be the end result of the digitisation process. Colin told us that its purpose was for magazines and school documents to be available in searchable electronic form, and thus be a valuable search tool for any kind of research. David Clark added that the drive for the project was the future requirements of a School Development Office. David Craft thanked the School for its investment and Colin for his dedication.

John Bleach asked about the Mottram Grave and Denis replied that the OCA now owns the site and provides for its upkeep.

## **Sports Club Report**

Bill Broadhead told us that with Caterham Cricket Club joining the Sports Club six seasons ago, the Clubhouse continued to be in use throughout the year. The Rugby teams had had a tough season but the long-term injured were gradually returning to strengthen the squad together with young people, coming through the youth sides, playing senior rugby for the first time. Understandably, however, it had not been a good league season, with relegation a certainty.

On the bright side, Nick Mogridge had gathered older players for a Veterans (over-35) team which remained undefeated so far and was playing one fixture a month.

Nicola Waterman's lacrosse matches were going well and the senior women's lacrosse and rugby teams had been complemented by the formation of girls' teams in both sports.

It was pleasing to report that members of the Upper 6th were seeking the opportunity to play rugby for Old Caterhamians on Saturdays when they were not otherwise engaged at School. .

David Rogers mentioned Bill's 70th Birthday which had been celebrated at the club in February. This event was very well attended and was an enjoyable evening for Bill and his family.

## **Headmaster's Report**

Julian told us about the outstanding report gained from last year's inspection. Both Tanzania and Ukraine links are doing well and he was very proud of the students who went out to help and to teach at Lerang'wa last year.

In sport, we had the best rugby and hockey season for a long time. In hockey, the boys Under 14's are now in the Surrey Championships. The 1st 7 Netball team are in the National Championships. Cricket did well last year too.

There are two new teachers in the Music department who are developing the curriculum and there was a fantastic performance of 'We Will Rock You' with credit going to not only the performers but to all the back stage supporters and technicians. There are now lunch time concerts being performed and the newly formed Eric Thimann Singers are very active.

The School is now oversubscribed and the hard work of all staff at the school should be mentioned. The Bicentenary year is to be a year of celebration as well as a normal school year. Julian thanked the OCA for its ongoing support and its love of the school.

Finally, thanks were given to Colin Bagnall for his work on the History Book - which would not have existed without his input.

## Election of Officers and Committee Members

The following were proposed by the Chairman:

No one is to retire this year.

The following were re-elected, Rodney Lyons seconded and all present were in favour:

- Denis Tindley (President, Honorary Treasurer and AROPS)
- Bill Broadhead (Vice President)
- David Craft (Chairman)
- Colin Bagnall (Archivist)
- John Short
- Anne Bailey (EOGA)
- David Rogers (Honorary Member)
- John Jones (Honorary Member)
- Bob Fairall
- John Grimshaw
- Mark Harriott
- Alina Rennie (Secretary)

All were in favour.

- Roy Battison (Independent Examiner)

## ■ Treasurer's Report to the AGM 24th March 2011

The surplus for 2010 was £13,827, 5% above 2009. Subscription income rose by 4%. A legacy of £1,000 was received from the estate of Miss Nan Martin, which was transferred to the Millennium Fund. Normal operational expenditure rose by 3%. This included the 'one-off' costs of purchasing new cufflinks and joiners' leaflets, and recutting and cleaning the Mottram memorial. We increased our contribution to the office and administration costs, and the first London AGM, that was well supported, cost £1,245.

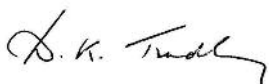
I have again transferred £3,000 from the surplus to the Bicentenary Fund which now stands at £30,000. This fund will be used to support our special events in 2011-12 and to contribute to the refurbishment of the pavilion.

I am very grateful for the support of our Chairman and Committee and the Assistance I have received from Alina Rennie and David Clark. We were greatly saddened by the untimely death of Alan Blake Thomas, our Independent Examiner, and I am most grateful to Roy Battison for taking on the task so willingly and promptly.

# Old Caterhamians' Association

## Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2010

	Note	2010 £	2009 £
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and Investments held:			
Barclays Savings A/c		1,245	1,244
National Savings Inv. A/c		28,406	28,321
Lloyds TSB Savings A/c		40,294	20,284
Lloyds TSB cheque A/c		28,945	36,984
Paypal Internet A/c		175	185
		99,065	87,018
Sundry debtors		16,000	15,000
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>£115,065</b>	<b>£102,018</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Outside liabilities			
Sundry Creditors		3,617	4,032
		3,617	4,032
Future Income Received in Advance			
Life membership fund		1,678	2,043
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>£5,295</b>	<b>£6,075</b>
<b>NET FUNDS</b> (as shown below)		<b>£109,770</b>	<b>£95,943</b>
<b>RESERVE FUND</b>			
Brought forward		68,943	58,768
Surplus for year		13,827	13,175
Less Allocation to Bicentenary Fund	1	-3,000	-3,000
<b>Balance carried forward</b>		<b>79,770</b>	<b>68,943</b>
<b>BICENTENARY "2011" FUND</b>		<b>30,000</b>	<b>27,000</b>
		<b>£109,770</b>	<b>£95,943</b>



Denis Tindley (Hon. Treasurer)  
7th February 2011

I have examined the above balance sheet and the attached income & expenditure account and having received satisfactory explanations and answers to my queries find that they are in accord with the underlying records of the Association and report that in my opinion with the attached notes they give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Association as at 31st December 2010 and of the result for the year ended on that date.



Roy Battison  
24th March 2011

**Old Caterhamians' Association**  
**Income & Expenditure Account 2010**  
**Year ended 31st December**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2010</b> <b>£</b>	<b>2009</b> <b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Subscriptions received	2	53,847	51,873
Donations received	3	1,000	
Sales		262	297
Interest receivable		99	127
		<b>55,208</b>	<b>52,297</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
<b>Communications</b>			
Caterhamian		280	270
Annual Review		3,313	3,302
Newsletters	4	10,921	10,048
<b>Administration</b>			
Admin/office	5	13,884	10,210
Website		793	541
Corporation tax		21	27
<b>Events</b>			
OC days	6	236	571
AGM		1,245	
Colesbourne			-185
<b>Donations</b>			
	7	8,705	8,831
<b>Archive project</b>			
		20	5,507
<b>Purchases</b>			
	8	1,486	
<b>Mottram memorial</b>			
	9	477	
		<b>41,381</b>	<b>39,122</b>
<b>Surplus on normal operations</b>		<b>13,827</b>	<b>13,175</b>
Less Transfer to Bicentenary Fund		-3,000	-3,000
<b>Increase/Reduction in Reserve Funds</b>		<b>10,827</b>	<b>10,175</b>

## Notes to the 2010 Accounts

### Balance Sheet

#### 1. Allocation to Bicentenary Fund:

As advised at the 2003 AGM, a designated fund has been established to support the Association's activities in the School's bicentenary year 2011. £3,000 has been allocated from this year's accounts. The fund's total is now £30,000.

### Income & Expenditure Account

#### 2. Subscriptions received:

	2010 £	2009 £
Caterham School*	48,900	47,760
Members	3,582	3,748
Life Fund**	365	365
	<hr/> <b>52,847</b>	<hr/> <b>51,873</b>

\* AGM 1990 resolution: "Caterham School will fund life membership for pupils and subscriptions will take into account the current year's income. If numbers drop, or for any reason this scheme has to be abandoned, the OCA may have an unfunded liability."

\*\* By Committee resolution, one fifteenth of the Life Fund is applied to subscriptions received each year.

**3. Donations received:** Legacy from the estate of Nan Martin, transferred to the Millennium Fund.

**4. Newsletters:** Includes costs of AGM mailing and higher postal charges.

**5. Admin/Office:** Secretary's salary and miscellaneous office costs.

**6. OC Days:** Renunion lunches now only at November reunion.

#### 7. Donations:

	£
Bursary Fund	500
School prizes & Prep School books & prize	750
Leaving gifts	45
OC Sports Club	300
OC Trust	7,000
In memoriam	110
	<hr/> <b>8,705</b>

**8. Purchases:** Joiners' leaflets £385; cufflinks £1101.

**9. Mottram memorial:** Recutting and cleaning gravestone.

## ■ **The Old Caterhamians' Trust**

### **Report by Denis Tindley, Chairman**

It has been another relatively quiet year, but donations and grants have remained broadly in balance. We maintained our grant to the School at £14,000 which contributes to supporting five pupils.

The Charity Commission have now approved the change of name to the Caterham School Trust, and the trustees will meet early in May to complete the formalities. The new trust will have seven trustees, chaired by the Chairman of the School trustees; the OCA will nominate three trustees. There are no changes to the Objects of the Trust.

I have been very grateful for the support of all the trustees over the eleven years since the setting up of the Trust, and for the generous donations from many OCA and EOGA members. I am sure the Caterham School Trust will be a valuable vehicle for developing bursaries in the future.

I am very grateful to Roy Battison who took over the Independent Examination of the accounts following the death of Alan Blake Thomas.

## ■ **News of OCs**

### **Charles Corner's Tale from the thirties**

*Charles 1939 -1950 sent us this amusing tale about Jack Hobbs and the fence along Harestone Valley Road!*

'One of my contemporaries at Caterham was one Gordon Smith who was the son of Gordon Smith who ran Batchelors Estate Agents between the Valley Hotel and Addisons Bakery. Gordon senior told me a wonderful anecdote of his days at the School sometime in the late twenties or early thirties.

Before I joined the school in 1939, my friend John Houghton and I in 1938 used to come up the Valley and climb through a series of holes in the oak boarded fence that bounded the playing field from Harestone Valley Road. We never knew why these holes were not attended to. However they were very convenient for two six year old boys to get onto the bank and watch the likes of John Broadbent batting some masterful strokes on the square. JB went on to play and I believe captain Worcestershire as a Gentleman after his school years.

I did not learn of the reason for the holes in the fence until after I had left school in 1950. It appears the great Jack Hobbs brought an invited Eleven to the school to play a demonstration match against the school first eleven. The great man was to open the innings of his team but was unfortunately bowled "first ball" by the school' opening bowler. The match was supposed to be only a single innings demonstration, so a second innings was hastily contrived. The great man opened the second innings and to demonstrate his skill and vent his irritation at being bowled first ball, proceeded to drive a series of balls at intervals along the oak fence some being so forceful as to break the planks in the fence. I imagine that the wicket must have been on the westerly side of the Square. The square at Caterham was rated one of the finest in Surrey in the pre-war years, but it did suffer a bit in the post war forties, but at least the Luftwaffe did not drop a bomb in the middle of it, although a land mine did come very close but was left swinging in the trees along Dome Hill Road. The Square was the most hallowed part of the school in my days, and to get on to it and play a match was an honour afforded to a very few. I recall Mobsby (who broke a window in the gym) and Nendick played on The Square.'

### **Robin H Welch (1950 – 1957)**

*Robin has written to us from his home in Sweden with his news:*

'On leaving school in 1957, I went to work at Alderstead Farm in Chaldon for practical experience before going to Shuttleworth Agricultural College for two years. Straight from there, I went to Denmark for six months – at the time, England was buying lots of foodstuffs from Denmark and I was interested in discovering how they could produce food so much cheaper than England. I discovered that a combination of very long hours, work for low wages and a very well developed system of co-operation between farms; each small farm providing one big piece of machinery for use on all farms in the community, was the answer.

I then wanted to see more of Scandinavian agriculture and came over to Sweden where conditions of employment were considerably better. I came to an arable and dairy farm in Bålsta, 45 kilometres from Stockholm, originally for one year only. I enjoyed the work and stayed on. After about 18 months I took on the responsibility for the dairy herd and increased production per cow by about 8% largely by introducing strip grazing. Starting work early in the mornings left me with several free hours in the middle of the day and that

was soon filled providing a gardening service in the area. I then got married to a local girl, Anita, in 1966 and at the same time I started a part time gardening firm.

By the mid '60's the local community was growing fast and the farm land was being threatened by development so, in 1969, I felt ready to switch to full time garden landscaping and maintenance.

Anita and I have three children born in 1967, 1969 and 1972. Peter, the youngest joined me about five years after he left school. Jenny, the younger daughter joined me about 15 years later having previously worked at conference hotels where too much evening and weekend work couldn't be combined with a growing family. They took over the business from me three years ago but I am still helping with snow clearance or whenever they need an extra pair of hands!

We have six grandchildren between six and eighteen years old but we now have more time for travelling than was ever possible before. I also have more time for my own garden – woodland with lots of rhododendron and a corner for intensive vegetable production and the addition of a greenhouse last year. In March this year, I celebrated 50 years in Sweden."

### **Nigel Harman (1947 – 1954)**

*Nigel emailed from 'down under' to tell our President his news and of his plans to revisit the School:*

'After not having visited England for over twenty years, I felt an urge to re-establish some contact – probably only temporary – with Caterham and felt more comfortable communicating with someone who might remember me - namely you ! After qualifying as a Chartered Accountant in 1961 I came to Australia the following year and have made it my home from that time with only brief periods away. I first came to Sydney and lived there for 35 years before moving to the town of Forster which is three hours North. In the early days I had some contact with OCs namely John Davies, Bob Warner and Peter Bell who all descended on me from NZ however I have now lost contact with all three. More recently Geoff Walker had a few years here in the 70s and in fact was here again only a few years ago. I married my wife Heather in NZ in 1965 and when the Walker family were here their three children and our three all had some good times together. Life has treated me very well and I am still reasonably fit for a nearly 75 year old playing golf (not in a cart yet)

and enjoying swimming with a winter swimming club. Though retired, I am still active with a Community College and a quite separate interest in a Hospice. I may well have time for a quick look at the old school but it will be very brief as we have a hectic schedule including catching up with friends I played rugby with at Sutton (now Sutton & Epsom) RFC.'

### **Julia Von Dem Knesebeck (1996 – 1998)**

Director of Sixth Form, Michael Lesser received a gift of a book, written by Julia entitled 'The Roma Struggle for Compensation in Post-War Germany and signed ' To Mr Lesser who gave me an 'A' for my first history paper at Caterham and this then started a long journey which ended with this book' Julia has achieved a BA, Masters and a PhD to date and now works with her brothers in publishing.

### **An Update from Timothy Carroll (1948 – 1954)**

Timothy – now known as 'the Voice of Senior Romantics' emailed us in June to tell us that his recently published book 'Don't Ever Give Up On Love – True Stories of Senior Romances' qualified as International Best Seller on Amazon. Tim, who lives in America has been busy doing radio interviews about his popular book. For more information please go to:

**[www.dontevergiveuponlove.com](http://www.dontevergiveuponlove.com)** and the book can be purchased on **[www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)**

Well done, Tim!

***'Light-hearted Lines'* – A collection of rhymes of Caterham**

## **School Boys, by Arthur Davies-Jones**

'A copy of this amusing little booklet was recently kindly donated to the School archives by the family of the late Nick Johnston (teacher at Preparatory School) and the following poem may invoke a smile!

**The Passing of 'The White Thing'** (for years the School beds were covered with counterpanes, universally known as 'white things', which the maids piled on the dormitory tables at the end of the day: in 1936 these were replaced by blankets decorated with the School crest).

*That man I count a mutton-head  
Who all change doth deplore;  
In general it might be said  
That progress I adore –  
Yet shed, O.C., a tear with me  
The White Thing is no more!*

*No longer on a winter's night  
We rush into our dorm,  
And exercise our ancient right  
The snowy pile to storm,  
Purloining what is clearly not  
Designed to keep us warm.*

*Now each bed has its blanket brown  
(I'm told its camel hair)  
That's not packed up when night comes down –  
And a device is there:  
How sweet to rest 'neath old School crest! –  
And yet I cannot bear*

*To let into oblivion fly  
The usages of yore  
Without the tribute of a sigh  
For what has gone before  
So shed, O.C., a tear with me:  
The White Thing is no more!*

## News of former Prep School Headmaster

*Helen Smith emailed with the following news:*

'I was on the phone last night to Monica Churchill who will be staying with me in September to go to her Grandson's wedding.

Her husband John, now 90 years of age, was head of the Prep School from 1966 to 1981 and Monica was the Matron. She told me that they had just celebrated their Diamond Wedding on 11th August.' Congratulations Mr and Mrs Churchill!

## ■ OCs Working at the School

We are pleased to announce that in addition to Lorne Barnard, Rosie Dell, Henry Jones, Natalie Francis and Mathew Owen who are staying on at the School for another year, we welcome Anna Murch and Isobel Finlayson. We hope they enjoy their time here.

Also – if you are considering a career in teaching... then please get in touch. We always need 'gap graduates' to assist with sports coaching, drama, art and music. This applies as much to recent university leavers as to more 'mature' OCs who may feel like a career break!!

## ■ OCA Register

### New Members 2011:

Dr Nicholas J. R. Kippax,	1947 – 1955
Rev. David R Hill,	1943 – 1952
Richard Skinner,	1974 – 1981
Stuart Brown,	1953 – 1960

### 6th Form Leavers:

O. Abayomi	K. Barrett	R. Cheun	C. Davies
M. Adams	A. Batki-Braun	E. Choi	D. Devlin
H. Allen	H. Beaumont	K. Chui	H. Dixon
E. Armitage	C. Binnie	O. Claydon	J. Dymoke
M. Armitage	A. Blackwell	H. Coleman	R. Fairall
M. Asaad	A. Bratza	J. Cooper-Parry	P. French
N. Ashford	E. Budge	T. Daniel	J. Fung
T. Aspinwall	C. Chan	K. Daniel	H. Gallivan
S. Banisadr	C. Cheung	A. Daniel	T. Ganley

T. Gooden  
A. Gordon-Brown  
A. Goulding  
T. Gregory  
C. Halliday  
S. Harper-Booth  
L. Harris  
R. Harrison  
W. Harvey  
H. Hawkrigde  
C. Hearn  
A. Hill-Reid  
C. Hitchin  
J. Holleran  
T. Hon  
E. Houlden  
C. Huke  
W. Hung  
N. Hunt  
B. Hutchings  
J. Hutchinson  
A. Jenkins

T. Jim  
A. Jones  
A. Kasza-Martin  
G. Khitrin  
J. King  
S. Ko  
K. Kobzova  
E. Kwok  
G. Kyle  
A. Law  
T. Leatherby  
P. Lee  
A. Leung  
J. Li  
Y. Li  
H. Mammadov  
J. Mann  
T. Marsh  
H. McInley  
A. Miles  
L. Mill  
A. Nagra

A. Obikudu  
J. Odling  
E. Osipenko  
A. Paine  
T. Pearce  
A. Piskunov  
E. Poon  
P. Poon  
J. Puntan  
S. Puntan  
S. Rawlinson  
T. Reynoldson  
J. Richards  
F. Richter  
V. Schiller  
R. Searle  
R. Shah  
H. Shan  
H. Shaw  
Y. Shuttleworth  
H. Smith  
A. Szeto

K. Tang  
E. Tang  
D. Thomas  
S. Thompson  
D. Tiernan  
W. Tittle  
N. Tkacheva  
C. Toomey  
G. Tuckett  
D. Vaughan  
M. Waters  
C. White  
R. Whiteley  
C. Williams  
S. Wilson  
H. Worthington  
S. Zhang  
R. Zhang  
N. Zhao  
H. Zhou  
A. Zhou

### 5th and Lower 6th Form Leavers:

R. Wong  
R. Wong  
A. Dymoke  
R. Meade  
A. Flower  
J. Howe  
C. Yavas  
F. Winters  
J. Dyer  
V. Macallum

J. Leakey  
L. Robson  
C. Williamson  
M. Campbell  
J. Chong  
I. Laudenberger  
L. Kehele  
G. Noble  
L. Mills  
N. Hart

## ■ In Memoriam 2010–2011

Robert A Blackwood	1928 – 1936
Philip Stephen Baker	1941 – 1950
John De C Blomfield	1949 – 1958
David Bowen	1933 – 1939
Peter Croissant	1948 – 1955
John Elliott	1936 – 1944
Nicholas Harper	1950 – 1956
Brian Harrington	1940 – 1944
David John Langridge	1950 – 1956
Harold Edward Payne	1927 – 1937
John Rasmusen	1952 – 1956
Selwyn Thomas Roderick	1939 – 1946
Graham Pierce Stock	1948 – 1953
Basil Wakefield	1944 – 1952
Nigel Whittaker	1958 – 1967
Nigel Finnis Wilkinson	1953 – 1960

### Obituaries

#### **Basil John Wakefield (1944 – 1952)**

Basil was born on the 13th September 1934, the first child of William and Florence Wakefield at Clacton-on-Sea where his father was a science teacher. His brother, David, arrived three years later.

During the War they were evacuated to Arley in rural Worcestershire, the boys attending a little one classroom primary school at Button Oak. Later they briefly returned to Clacton where their sister, Alice, was born and then, at the end of the war, the family moved to Caterham where their father had obtained a post at Caterham School which both boys later attended. Basil had already demonstrated his intellectual precocity when he amazed everyone at the age of 4 or 5 when he correctly identified a strange shape as a parallelepiped! He was soon further demonstrating his educational potential obtaining excellent exam results including a State Scholarship for University.

The family worshipped regularly at the Methodist Chapel in Caterham Valley, so the children enjoyed a strongly Christian upbringing. Their social life tended to focus on activities at church or school. Basil's mother was both musical and



a fine amateur painter and it became obvious that Basil had inherited her musicality. He taught himself to play the piano achieving a very creditable standard and, as an adult, acquired an encyclopaedic knowledge of composers and also enjoyed learning to play the cello. His retentive memory also ensured that whatever subject he became interested in (art and artists, butterflies, cryptic crosswords, sculpture, geography, theology etc) though modest in presenting his thoughts and ideas, he would always amaze everyone with the extent of his knowledge.

Basil studied for his degree in chemistry at Imperial College, London and six years later achieved his doctorate. Whilst studying, he lived at the Methodist run Moullin Memorial Hostel in Ealing where he met his wife, Elaine, at the unlikely venue of a Saturday hop (dancing does not figure on the list of his accomplishments!). They married in 1958 and left for the States where Basil had a one year post doctoral appointment at the University of Louisville, Kentucky. It was an exciting twelve months ending with an extensive sight seeing tour. On their return to England, Basil was interviewed for six jobs and offered all of them. He chose to work for Courtaulds in Coventry. It was there that his daughters Nicola and Beth were born.

Two years later he returned to Academia at Reading University. However, as the appointment was only for three years and cuts in university funding were threatening, the family were soon on the move again to Manchester, and Basil, to a permanent lectureship at Salford University. In his time there he published extensively and gained an international reputation in his field of organic chemistry. He is probably best remembered for his book, "Organolithium Methods" (1988) which is still considered the standard text on the subject. He also gained further professional success rising to the level of Reader and was awarded the prestigious degree of Doctor of Chemistry.

He also made several lengthy visits to other countries including Papua New Guinea, Holland and Tanzania under a scheme which encouraged the sharing of expertise.

In 1972, a third daughter, Tamsin, was born and, as with Nicola and Beth, Basil was a 'hands on' father allowing Elaine to study with the Open University whilst he held the fort.

As a result of further cuts in university funding in the late 90s staff were encouraged to take early retirement. One of them was a colleague, Feo Scheinmann, who established a speciality chemical start-up company and

Basil, when he also retired, became closely involved in this both as a director and consultant until the company was sold.

A second retirement in 2006 did not last long as he was asked in 2007 to join the Control Board of Arkivoc (which publishes an online chemical journal), as a referee assigner and member of the primary review committee. He attended their annual Control Board meetings in Gainesville, Florida over the last three years, and according to the Chairman, Alan Katritzky, "made valuable contributions that were successfully implemented".

Basil was a man of principle who had the willpower and strength of purpose to live according to his beliefs. Throughout his life he was always closely involved in church matters, organising collections in Christian Aid week for nearly 50 years and recently, playing a major role in obtaining Fair Trade status for the borough of Trafford. He also went into schools to talk about Fair Trade and gave presentations on a variety of subjects to the local USA group.

Basil had many hobbies. He played badminton and table tennis and went walking every Wednesday with a group of friends. Throughout his life he was an avid reader. He was also passionate about classical music and went to concerts as often as he could. He had a lifelong fascination with stamp collecting and put this to practical use in selling stamps to raise money to support the BibleLands Society, which finances a school for blind children in the Middle East.

As four of the grandchildren live locally, Basil was very involved in their lives and took an interest in all their activities. He and Elaine took them on holiday and introduced them to the theatre, to museums and the countryside. He delighted in his fifth grandchild's burgeoning stage career and frequently travelled to Leeds to see him perform.

Many people, in their messages of condolence to the family, have commented on his integrity and honesty but also on his gentleness and respect for others whoever they might be. As one of his sons-in-law remarked in his wedding speech, "He has never criticised anyone to me or to anyone else". Indeed he always tried to see the good in everyone and, especially latterly, was strongly drawn to Quaker beliefs and practices.

The very many cards and messages of condolence the family have received with much appreciation over the past 2 weeks, are a strong indication of how much and how widely he will be missed.

## **Nigel Whittaker (1958 – 1967)**

*Here follows a tribute to Nigel from his colleagues at Kingfisher:*

“Kingfisher director Nigel Whittaker, former B&Q Chairman, has died after a long illness, aged 62.

Mr Whittaker was corporate affairs director at Kingfisher, having held numerous roles during his time there including B&Q chairman and HR director of Woolworths. He was also a member of the original bid team for FW Woolworths in 1982. Nigel left the business in 1994. CEO Ian Cheshire commented: "Nigel's contribution to Kingfisher was huge, not least in terms of the work he did to develop our name and corporate identity. His influence, however, went well beyond his role in communications. He was a key mover in establishing what is now a leading international retailer, and his energy and sense of fun will be much missed". Ian Harding, Group Communications Director added:

“Nigel was one of Kingfisher's founding directors and played a key part in our development. We are saddened to hear of his untimely death after a brave battle with illness. We extend our sincere condolences to his family at this time.”

## **Selwyn Roderick (1939 – 1946)**

Tributes were paid to one of the BBC's first television producers in Wales who has died at the beginning of the year, aged 82. Selwyn Roderick, seen as a key figure in the development of Welsh TV, worked on programmes as diverse as *'Come Dancing'* and *'Songs of Praise'*. One of his crowning achievements was *'Tamed and Shabby Tiger'*, an affectionate farewell to Cardiff's Tiger Bay as old buildings were demolished in 1968. BBC Wales director Keith Jones said Mr Roderick was an important innovator. Mr Roderick leaves a wife and three children. He will also be remembered for producing the Welsh language programme *'Plant y Paith'*, a documentary about Patagonia with Owen Edwards, and *'Wales! Wales?'*, a controversial series of programmes with historian, Professor Dai Smith. He also produced a number of programmes with the eminent Welsh maritime historian, Aled Eames.

## **David A.L. Bowen (1933 – 1939)**

Professor David Bowen, the forensic pathologist who died on 31st March aged 87 was a key figure in the investigations of many notorious crimes including the horrific case of Dennis Nilsen. As head of forensic medicine at

the Charing Cross Hospital between 1973 and 1989 and professor of forensic medicine at London University from 1977 – 1989, David investigated some 500 cases of murder and suspicious deaths. David Aubrey Llwelllyn Bowen was born on January 31 1924 at Pontycymmer, a former mining village near Bridgend in South Wales. After studying at the School he studied Medicine at University College Wales in Cardiff and then took his Master's degree at Corpus Christi, Cambridge. He completed his training at Middlesex Hospital Medical School. House officer posts at the West Middlesex and London Chest Hospitals were followed by two years service with the Royal Army Medical Corps. In 1949 David then trained in clinical pathology and histopathology at the Royal Marsden Hospital and in 1957 he took up an appointment as Demonstrator in Forensic Pathology at St George's Medical School. As well as his UK appointments, David was examiner in forensic medicine at the Universities of Saudi Arabia and Colombo in Sri Lanka. He wrote more than 50 papers in forensic medical and pathology journals and wrote his autobiography ' Body of Evidence' in 2003. David married Joan Davis in 1950 and had two sons and a daughter. Sadly Joan died in 1973. He then married Helen Hardcastle in 1975 and she survives him with the children from his first marriage.

### **Philip Stephen Baker (1941 – 1950)**

*John Baker 1942 – 1947 sent us his late brother's obituary and tells us that he himself retired after 24 years with the BBC. He continued as a freelance Cinematographer for a few years and nowadays he produces photographic art prints for sale to the general public. John has two grandsons at the School – Rory and Anthony Carter. John says:*

'I was the eldest of three brothers who were pupils at Caterham School during the latter days of WW2. We were the sons of the Congregational Minister the Rev S.E.Baker and had financial bursaries to help pay for our tuition being sons of a Congregational Minister, whose stipends at that time were very small. Wartime Britain was difficult and life rather austere.

However, I write on a note of sadness on the recent death of my younger brother, Philip Stephen Baker who died on the 2nd May this year at his home in Carmarthenshire aged 79 years. At School, his name still graces the Honorati boards, which I believe are in the Old Dining room. His interest in History led him on to Pembroke College where he graduated and then obtained a Fulbright Scholarship to Emory University in America. Following this he was conscripted into the RAF for two years as an 'Officer and a

Gentleman' undertaking a post as an air traffic controller. On returning to civilian life he married Jane and joined Shell International and remained with them for some 18 years, starting in Hong Kong and ending up as General Manager for Shell in Puerto Rico. Undoubtedly he was a polymath as he possessed great language skills – including Mandarin Chinese, Spanish and latterly Welsh, though his talents with Shell included his financial projections for the whole of South America. His erudition, love of poetry and even his real skills in calligraphy and woodcarving I can still admire and enjoy.

Quoting from one of the many tributes I have read, of his life and his Christian action and belief, Malcolm Benson said 'after working for Shell for 18 years, he abandoned a lucrative job and worked initially with Help the Aged in setting up their social housing programme for which he coined the name 'Anchor Housing' and then he worked with Oxfam for many years. He expressed his faith and Christian calling not just in words but in actions whether it be in his work, his involvement with the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament and sit ins at Greenham Common or his commitment to Christian Aid'

When he worked with Oxfam, he lived in Thame, with his life and commitment to Wheatley United Reformed Church helping people in need, the community and pastoral care. On retirement, Philip and Jane moved to Carmarthenshire and renovated a farmhouse with 11 acres of woodland and grass. Philip tended his wife Jane through illness until she died. His work with Christian Aid continued unabated. He then chose to marry a second time, to Jean – from Oxfam days, and they pledged their troth in Wheatley Church some ten years ago. It was Jean who nursed him unstintingly through the final months of his life. His cremation took place in Llanelli and three days later on the 2nd May a Service of Thanksgiving was given at Wheatley Reformed Church in Oxfordshire.

He leaves behind his wife Jean and the four children from his first marriage, Caroline, Kate, Simon and Jonathan and five grandchildren. My brothers Philip and Andrew were both at Caterham – I was the eldest and am the only remaining survivor.

## **Nic Harper (1950 – 1958)**

*Peter Ward (1948 – 1958) has kindly sent us the following:*

To we hardened veterans of ten or eleven, with two years of boarding school behind us, the arrival of a slightly built, left handed boy in class 1A at Caterham School Preparatory in September 1950 merited little comment. But we soon found him to be a reasonable footballer: his Ashton shirt was conspicuous as the first of the new batch of mustard rather than the paler yellow used previously, so it was always easy to see when he was playing.

His early days at Caterham included little out of the ordinary other than a surprising conflict with Dale Boston, who was to become Nic's closest friend at school and for much of his life. Nic was academically bright, but not outstandingly so, holding a place in the top half of his class. His games skills and general attitude to life quickly made him popular and his new young friends, with the imaginative creativity characteristic of eleven year old boys, soon nicknamed him "Strings".

It was not until the summer term that Nic's real skills started to emerge: this kid was clearly some cricketer. His left hand batting and medium paced bowling had him in the 1951 first XI and he became captain in 1952. A bowling analysis of seven wickets for six runs in one school match was one of his outstanding contributions.

Nic went up to the Middle School in Beechhanger in September 1952 and it was from there, in the 1953 season, that his cricketing career was presented with an unusual opportunity. A scheduling conflict had resulted in Mock A and O Levels taking place on the same day as a key fixture, with the result that many of the regular members of the first eleven were ruled out. Having made runs and taken wickets for the Colts, Nic and his wicketkeeper friend, Dale, were selected to play for the school first eleven in the annual match at The Oval with St Dunstons. Nic batted well to score 26 out of a total of about a hundred and impressed to the extent that he was given several other games in the first XI, almost securing a regular place. He was disappointed not to have been awarded his colours.

The following year saw him becoming an influential member of the cricket side and he went on to become captain for three years, scoring a hundred in, I seem to remember, his final game for the school. He played representative cricket for Surrey Young Amateurs and started to make friends in the wider junior cricket environment.

Meantime, he had also spent three years in the Hockey first eleven and two years in the Rugby first fifteen. This coincided with the arrival at Caterham of a new teacher and Cambridge Hockey Blue, A E N (Nick) Skues. Nick worked closely with Ted McIntyre in the development of the Hockey teams of the late fifties.

Skues and the then-Head, Terry Leatham, developed a strategy of targeting Nic for a place at Downing College, Cambridge: Skues' own alma mater. This involved Nic staying for a third year in the sixth form in preparation, and he secured a place to read Estate Management from October 1959.

While Nic played cricket a few times for Cambridge, his university sporting career was cut short by a serious knee injury and he did not get the Blue that should have been within his grasp.

His Club cricket career is chronicled elsewhere and Nic was recognised in the cricketing world by being made a playing member of the MCC.

My own friendship with Nic went into hibernation until the late eighties when I returned from working overseas and found that he was living in Farnham, just a few miles from my own home in Odiham. By that time, we both had families with teenage kids and plenty going on. But after a few years, we built up a small network of guys to form a table at annual "Benefit" events at Odiham Cricket Club and played a bit of Old Cats golf.

Nic and I were joined on occasions by Roger Berrett, Phil Walker, Toby Rushton, John Davies and Tim Raven and we re-lived past glories and enjoyed each other's company.

We became increasingly aware of Nic's cancer and admired his brave efforts to fight it. It must have been summer 2007 when things started to look very bleak as Nic fought his way through the bone marrow chemo and the subsequent stem cell transplant. Belinda was fantastic in keeping me informed of the situation and I was able to keep a number of Caterhamians aware of what was going on.

How pleased we were when Nic finally pulled through and, although he and Belinda soon moved to Yorkshire, we met up for a lunch from time to time. Through exchanges of chatty e-mails, we managed to keep up to date and to hear about the various theatre trips that Belinda and Nic had enjoyed in the North and their visits to the family. And, of course, to second guess the England selectors and question some of the team performances in Test Matches and one-dayers.

With the continuing need for thrice-weekly dialysis, as well as his ongoing need for medical review, Nic's life in those final years was really tough, not only on himself, but also on Belinda, who looked after him every step of the way. Even when he was visibly weakening, Nic was always amazingly positive: the only side for him, despite his difficulties, was the bright side and Belinda and the family were always his great joy

Sadly, when Nic's cancer returned, his body had little strength left to fight it. Thus passed a truly remarkable life.

Tim Raven and I went up to Yorkshire to Nic's funeral and said our goodbyes to our lifetime friend on behalf of those eleven year old kids of 1950. We heard moving tributes paid by his son, Mark and by Barrie Lloyd, whose friendship with Nic started in Young Amateurs cricket. In lighter vein, Mark highlighted Nic's limitations as a DIY-er and his frequent disregard for Health and Safety issues, while Barrie remembered Nic's time at Cambridge and his many years as an outstanding club cricketer.

At the reception afterwards, we shared our memories with the family and other friends and felt that it had been our privilege, not only to meet them all, but to share with them some of our own memories, opening another small, but rich window on Nic's life.

## **John Allen Garrett (June – December 1934)**

*Nigel Harman very kindly sent us an obituary:*

John Allen Garrett was born in Sydney on 15th July 1920. His father, Allen Garrett, founded a firm of refiners and assayers of precious metals and had also been a lay preacher in the Methodist Church in England before migrating and joining the Congregational Church. John was educated at Caterham School and later at Sydney Boys High School and The Scots College. He began an arts degree at the University of Sydney in 1939 as an evening student, working at his father's factory during the day and he then decided to train for the Congregational ministry. Majoring in English, John won two university essay competitions. He was awarded a bachelor of divinity degree and then was appointed as a travelling secretary for the Australian Student Christian Movement. In 1946 he was ordained and became minister at Summer Hill in Sydney. He married Dorothy Scott-Orr, a teacher and school counsellor in 1945. In 1948 he was awarded an MA for his thesis on the poetry of T.S.Eliot. John was appointed as first full time general secretary of the Australian Council of Churches in 1950. Also that year he became the Australian

churches' first envoy to Indonesia following independence. In 1952 he jointly led the Australian delegation to the World Conference of Christian Youth at Kottayam, South India.

John was called to the World Council of Churches Geneva headquarters in 1954 where he became its first Director of Information. Sadly Dorothy died in Geneva in 1958. John remarried in 1959 to Roberta Riggelman, a journalist. He then returned to Sydney in 1960 to become a warden at Camden College, a theological institution. He taught church history at the United Faculty of Theology and took a prominent role in the Joint Commission on Church Union, which led to the formation of the Uniting Church in Australia in 1977.

In 1968 John moved to Fiji to lecture in church history and worship at the ecumenical, post graduate Pacific Theological College. Research then took him all over the Pacific. In 1983 he received an honorary doctorate from the University of the South Pacific.

Roberta died in 1987 and in 1992 John returned to work as an associate to the minister of Mosman Uniting Church in Sydney after being saddened by the first of several coups to rock Fiji. He maintained strong links with Fiji and continued to mentor former students, supervise theses on Pacific history and help translate his books into French.

In old age, John kept up his interest in music and poetry and in 2003 he received an honorary doctorate from the Sydney College of Divinity. He is survived by his children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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## Change of Address and Update of Member Information

Dear Member

Please help us to update your membership information.

We would like some further information that will help us to keep in touch with you:

Name (capitals please) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please specify in full in the appropriate type form, upper case/lower case)*

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Dates at School (including Caterham Prep. i.e. 1999 – 2006)

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Willing to receive Newsletter by email Yes/No

Willing to receive OC Review by email Yes/No

If you move or wish to amend any details we hold for you, please notify:

**Alina Rennie**, OC Administrator at Caterham School, Harestone Valley Road, Caterham, Surrey, CR3 6YA or email **alina.rennie@caterhamschool.co.uk**

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# Bicentenary Merchandise

As part of the Bicentenary celebrations, we have created a range of commemorative items to mark 200 years of Caterham School. Please find order form overleaf.



CATERHAM SCHOOL



**Old Caterhamian Blazer** £120



**Bicentenary Scarf** £20



**Old Caterhamian Ties - Crested or Striped**  
£15 (silk) or £10 (polyester)



**Bicentenary Bow Tie** £12



**Limited edition painting of Caterham School** £35



**Old Caterhamian Enamel Cufflinks (chain or T-bar)** £30



**A Pack of 8 Bicentenary Cards**  
£3 for 1 pack or £5 for 2 packs

## **Independent Spirit: Two hundred years of Caterham School by Nigel Watson.** Priced at £30.

This book is a lavishly illustrated celebration by the distinguished corporate historian Nigel Watson of the 200th anniversary of Caterham School's foundation by John Townsend. In its pages will be found a fascinating story of a public school with far from typical Nonconformist roots, which has quietly but determinedly survived many threatening circumstances to become one of the country's leading coeducational boarding and day schools with an outstanding record of all round excellence. The book is beautifully designed and produced, with over 300 illustrations in colour and black and white and some rare archive images. Independent Spirit is both essential and entertaining reading for Old Caterhamians, parents and pupils – everyone, indeed, with links to and affection for the School.



# Bicentenary Merchandise Order Form

Name.....

Email .....

*We will acknowledge your order*

Address.....

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Postcode ..... Telephone No .....



		Quantity	Total
Old Caterhamian Blazer:		<input type="checkbox"/>	£ <input type="text"/>
Size 38, 40, 42, 44 or 46 ins:		Regular: <input type="checkbox"/>	Long: <input type="checkbox"/>
Old Caterhamian Tie:	*Silk/Polyester:	<input type="checkbox"/>	£ <input type="text"/>
	*Striped/Crested:	<input type="checkbox"/>	£ <input type="text"/>
Bicentenary Bow Tie:		<input type="checkbox"/>	£ <input type="text"/>
Bicentenary Scarf:		<input type="checkbox"/>	£ <input type="text"/>
<b>*Please delete as required</b>			
Pack of 8 Greeting Cards	1 pack:	<input type="checkbox"/>	£ <input type="text"/>
	2 packs:	<input type="checkbox"/>	£ <input type="text"/>
Old Caterhamian Cufflinks	Chain:	<input type="checkbox"/>	£ <input type="text"/>
	T-bar:	<input type="checkbox"/>	£ <input type="text"/>
Independent Spirit:		<input type="checkbox"/>	£ <input type="text"/>
Limited Edition Painting:		<input type="checkbox"/>	£ <input type="text"/>
<b>Grand Total:</b>			£ <input style="border: 2px solid black;" type="text"/>

Please add **£2.50 for postage and packing.**

All cheques should be made payable to **'Old Caterhamians' Association'**.

Please return order form with payment to: **Alina Rennie, Caterham School, Harestone Valley Road, Caterham, Surrey CR3 6YA**





'Picnic'



'If at first you don't succeed'



Staff CCF on Remembrance Sunday 2010

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