



# Old Caterhamians' Association Review 2007-2008

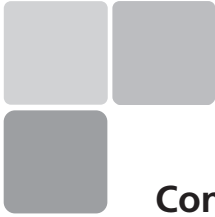


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CATERHAM SCHOOL

## A Selection of sports events from recent OC Days





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## ■ Editorial Notes

The first issue of the Annual Review was very well received by our members. There were lots of compliments and we are pleased to have done a good job! This is our second issue and we hope that you find the contents of interest. We would welcome any feedback and notification of any errors or omissions. Please continue to send in your news as it is always gratefully received.

As our membership database increases - we have over 2800 members now - we welcome yet another group of leavers and wish them all the best with their chosen futures. We realise that there will be busy times ahead but we hope that they keep in touch with the School and come back to visit us from time to time.

As we get closer to the School's Bicentenary celebrations in 2011, we would encourage OCs who have not been back to visit the School in recent years to do so. The opening of the new North Wing, incorporating the Pye Sixth Form Centre, this October is the latest stage in the development of the School's buildings and facilities. Do visit, and see the changes for yourself; you will be most welcome. If you would like to arrange a reunion of OCs from your years, please get in touch with Alina who will do all she can to help.

Denis Tindley & Alina Rennie

## ■ The OC Year 2007/2008

### Remembrance Sunday 11th November 2007

We came to the school to join with other former pupils of Caterham and Eothen Schools, with present pupils and their parents, members of staff and Governors to give thanks for and, most importantly, to remember those by whose sacrifice we were able to enjoy the privilege and pleasure of education in this place. Despite inclement weather, the service and parade went according to plan. The Chaplain gave his sermon and the two minute's silence was observed whilst we remembered those who achieved so much for us in battle. After the Last Post, the President, the Secretary of the Eothen Old Girls' Association, the Headmaster and CCF Commander laid wreaths at the First World War Memorial.

After lunch and the laying of the wreaths at the Pavilion Memorial thankfully, the squally showers abated and the sun came out in intervals to cheer us up whilst watching the games.

Some 300 people attended the afternoon tea and presentations and honorary membership was given to John Moulton.

### ■ Sports Results

Lacrosse: School 21, OCs 6  
Rugby: School 21, Recent Leavers 5, Presidents XV 19,  
OCRFC 17  
Golf: School 1, OCs 3

### The Head's Address

As promised in the Spring 2008 Newsletter, a full account of the Head's Address at the Remembrance Sunday Service follows. The Head says:

"I have a photograph on the wall of my study: it is the School 1st XI of 1937. It was taken on this very spot 70 years ago. A few weeks ago, I began to think about my Remembrance Assembly to the pupils and this photo caught my eye; what, I thought, became of these boys in the horrendous war that followed just two years later?"

This thought took me off on a fascinating and, sometimes, disconcerting journey through the School archives. A journey that allowed me a brief glimpse into the lives of the boys of '37. These are people we can all relate to. They came to this School every day; they walked the same corridors; they played games on Home Field and Beeches; they walked up Harestone Valley Road to get here. These people had lives that you and I would recognise.

I had little idea what I would uncover. But this was an age before TV and computers when letter writing was a natural part of every day life. And it is through the letters of these people – to their parents, to their loved ones, to their friends, to the School – that their story starts to unfold, and we get a glimpse of who they were and how they lived.

I was able to trace 11 of the 12 boys pictured. Nine joined the armed services.

I don't have time to tell you about them all, but, if I can beg your patience I will tell you about a few. I would be happy afterwards to talk to you about any of the others should you be interested.

I was absorbed by the experiences of A.J. Bligh who, in one letter to his mother describes how the mackintosh and lining she had sent him was in a roll over his shoulder when he was shot in the back. The bullet spent itself in the mackintosh and had only enough power to graze him. Days later a shell explodes in his foxhole and shrapnel lodges itself in his leg. But he remains in good spirits even though an Italian bombing mission bombs a position he had vacated just a short time earlier.

He finishes the letter imploring his mother not to worry about him!

He recovers from these wounds but is again wounded and returned home. His stories of the war are legendary. One OC remarks, "AJ's stories will give us many happy evenings down at the Old Caterhamians' Club. We shall drink, or should that be smoke, the night away." Not perhaps a phrase you would now see printed in *The Caterhamian*!

All this from a boy described in *The Caterhamian* cricket report as "a major disappointment. He is badly hampered by nerves." After the war he became a dental student at Guys Hospital.

J.J. Webb wrote a huge number of letters during the war. He started out life in the Engineers' department at Deptford Town Hall. A short time later he

leaves Deptford Town Hall for a somewhat less prosaic life in the RAF. He writes in December 1941 of his delight at getting his wings and of playing in his squadron's unbeaten football team.

In May 1942 he writes, "Good luck to the School cricket team. I long for the day when I can play cricket again at Caterham. Happy memories!"

In July 1943 he is promoted to flight sergeant having fought in the battle of El Alamein. He is later awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

He returns to Caterham in Spring of 1946 to fulfil, what he describes as, his long cherished dream of playing the Old Boys' Hockey match. He comments on the recently written School history by saying that he is pleased to have gone to Caterham in the 1930s rather than the 1830s. Ironic given that, when pupils read the 1930s history, they say how pleased they are not to have gone to Caterham at that time!

In September 1946 he marries Nora Clark in Warlingham.

K.G. Evans. K.G. Evans was captain of all three major sports at Caterham. He went to King's College, London but dropped out to join the Royal Armoured Corps which, he writes, "is definitely the pick of the Army." He was delighted that in his unit were two First Division Footballers and a New Zealand cricketer."

In May 1942 he writes that he has enjoyed a good voyage out to South Africa and had a pleasant break.

One month later, whilst serving in the Middle East, his tank is hit by a shell. He died some time later of the wounds inflicted. He was 20 years old.

His mother writes, "He always maintained that he was in the very best part of the Army, and he certainly did go cheerfully. He felt he simply had to join up."

A.J. Stephens. He sounds like quite a man. Captain of all three sports, he is described over and over again by different sources as a natural leader. Perhaps that is why he rose so quickly through the army ranks. The Headmaster says that he often wondered who was running the School "me, or A.J. Stephens?"

After School he heads off to Cambridge University to read English, but two years into his course he joins the Army. Before heading off, he returns to

Caterham to play in the Old Boys versus the School cricket fixture. After scoring a century, he writes that he almost walked off Home Field straight onto the boat.

By March 1942 he is a Captain in The Queen's Own Regiment and proud to be playing rugby for the division.

In April 1942 he marries Miss Judith Drinkwater

On hearing of his sister's appointment as teacher in the Prep School, he writes, "I hope she won't unearth too many of my skeletons. It's rather disquieting to think of the possibility of all that I've taken so much trouble to hide coming to light without my being able to produce the explanations I have ready."

He was killed in North Africa on October 26 1942, six months after his wedding. He was 22 years old.

His father writes, "he was a grand lad, loyal right through."

We can only imagine what Kenneth Evans and Tony Stephens would have done and achieved in their lives. Perhaps they would have been with us today. Today, we remember their courage; their sacrifice. We remember Tony Stephens, Kenneth Evans, the 122 other OCs who died in the two world wars, and the many thousands of others who paid the ultimate price in armed conflict throughout the years. We remember them because to do so is to ensure that they did not die in vain; that they live on in our memories."

## **AGM and OC Day Sunday 9th March 2008**

Eighteen members of the Association attended the service and AGM in the Library at 10.30am. During the service, led by the School Chaplain, our Chairman read out the names of Absent Friends. The Head welcomed us all warmly and the Meeting began.

Rodney Lyons presented our new President, John Grimshaw, with his chain of office and we gave him a warm welcome. Rodney was thanked for his two years' service to the Association and a presentation of a farewell gift was made to him. Rodney very kindly presented Alina with a gift and thanked her for her work in supporting the Association.

A Bucks Fizz reception provided by Rodney followed the Meeting and we were treated to a lovely lunch after which the games began. Afternoon tea was served along with the sports presentations at 4pm.

## ■ Sports Results

Football: School 1st XI 0, Old Cats 1

Hockey: OCs won 2-0

Netball: School won 22/16

## Summer OC Day 29th June 2008

A lovely light summer lunch was served to forty Old Caterhamians and David Craft's three well behaved children on Summer Old Cats Day! Many stories were told and old friendships rekindled. A happy atmosphere dominated the room and there was much banter. There was a slight threat of showers but thankfully, they did not appear and the afternoon was subsequently bathed in sunlight. Relaxed spectators enjoyed the cricket match which stopped for an open air afternoon tea outside The Pavilion at 4pm.

## ■ Cricket Results

The School bowled the OCs out for 87 and scored 90-3 in reply to win 7 wickets. Robert Wilson took 3-21 for the School.

## ■ The Caterham School Year

### Main Events and Developments

This has been another successful year in terms of pupil recruitment. Once again the school will be full to capacity. We have also managed to ensure that the number of boarding pupils increased which justifies the decision to add ten single ensuite rooms to Beech Hanger House, bringing the capacity for boarding girls up to 65 out of a total of 165.

Over the past year the school has received nearly 1200 enquiries. The initial screening process filtered those registering to just over 400 which meant that we were able to select our intake from a very strong list of candidates.

It was noticeable this year that a high proportion of the offers to scholarship candidates were accepted. Inevitably these candidates had offers from other schools so it is most encouraging that they chose Caterham.

Although the web site continues to be a key part of our marketing activity the contribution to the School's success made by exiting pupils, parents, teachers and OCs cannot be overlooked. The school is very aware of the benefit of the ambassadorial role as word of mouth is always the best form of advertisement.

We continue to believe in the relevance of our central proposition - that a truly excellent education is about more than academic achievement alone. We remain a forward thinking school that focuses on developing the whole person, aiming to ensure that each pupil leaves here ready for life at university and beyond. Part of that process involves helping each pupil understand how to think independently and creatively.

Alan Howe, Marketing Director

## ■ 117th Annual General Meeting

The 117th AGM was held on 9th March 2008 in the Library at Caterham School. 18 Members and the Headmaster were present. The Chairman, Dave Craft took the chair. Apologies for absence were received and the minutes of the 116th AGM were signed as correct.

### Treasurer's Report

Denis Tindley presented the Treasurer's Report and the 2007 Accounts. The Accounts were duly approved.

Moving on to the Trust, incoming funds were £40,539 in 2007. The Trustees were particularly grateful for a generous legacy of £25,000 from the estate of W. Hyde. £14,000 would be granted for bursaries in 2008. Denis drew the meeting's attention to two points: that every penny donated goes towards bursaries and we must work hard to encourage more regular contributions and legacies. Anne Bailey, who has given so much support through the EOGA was standing for re-election for a further four years. This was approved.

Don Mear asked if it were possible to offer places to deserving students whose parents cannot afford all the fees as opposed to just a contribution towards the fees. The Headmaster agreed with Don and told us that there was an Assisted Place scheme in place whereby 18 students (means tested) were fully funded or part funded. Also there are a number of fully funded places for Ministers' children. According to figures from the Bursar, nearly 40% of students are receiving some form of assistance. Roger Deayton said that it may be worth considering using the Trust donations to not only provide funding for students at the School but also to assist students who go on to further education at Universities.

Denis proposed the following donations: OC Prize £150, Prep School leavers' books £450, Bursary Fund £500, Sports Club £300. These were agreed. Also a new stock of 50 Darby Medals was purchased for the School last year.

The Chairman thanked Denis for his work on behalf of the Association and the Trust.

## Archivist's Report

Colin outlined the Archives project since work started in May 2007. Since then, Colin has had many discussions with various Schools as to how they carry out their archiving systems. In July 2007 the mammoth task of cataloguing began! This was started in long hand, transferred to a Word Document and it is hoped that soon all the information will be recorded into an archiving system (Archive Manager) on the computer. Thanks were given to The Headmaster for his generous 50% donation towards the system. A laptop was purchased for this very purpose in February 2008. The program is up and running. Input and recording is due to begin shortly. We are looking forward to moving into our new Archive room when the North Wing is finished.

Colin told us how sad it was to find out that many archival items were done away with some time ago but some very important items have come to light recently in a box (marked sauté potatoes!) hidden away in a cupboard!! Colin would like to thank the Head and Staff and Brian Dunphy who have all been keenly supportive in his quest to find such ephemera.

## Sports Club Report

Bill Broadhead very kindly supplied a report which was conveyed to us by John Short.

The Old Cats Rugby Club is the only one of its kind in this area and caters from ages 5 to 51 for both sexes and all abilities. It is good to note that quite a strong proportion of School leavers belong to the Club.

Unfortunately the 1st XV is no longer in the London 4. Four key players have been injured and some have left.

A new side, The Ligers started last year and consists of many beginners and Vets who meet on a Saturday. They are now playing league rugby and have won 12 games so far.

Women's Rugby was promoted last year and the team has won 4 out of 10 games.

The Youth Academy (under 17's) and the minis are all doing very well and are as prolific as ever.

Coaching staff have been going into state schools and recruiting players. The Website has been redesigned and there is a new press and recruitment team.

A Saracens feeder club is being developed and the relationship with Caterham Cricket Club is very strong.

## **Headmaster's Report**

Julian Thomas gave us a very informative and entertaining report. He said that after two terms of office so far, he feels it has been a privilege to take the helm of such a fine school. Julian paid his respects to Rob Davey who has had a significant impact on this School and whose influence will continue to pervade for many years to come. The School has made huge strides in its academic attainment, facilities and standards of pastoral care and co-curricular activities. Julian feels he has big shoes to fill!

Julian feels that he shares the same view of educational values as Rob Davey and this has helped with the change of Headmaster and transition which has been relatively smooth.

The Head is delighted with the work of Kim Wells, our Director of Learning and Teaching and told us that Kim is an asset to the School with his innovative teaching methods.

In addition to the many achievements within the School community the External Examinations results last year were ones to be proud of. 63.5% of GCSE entries were graded at A\* or A. At A2 level, 82% of all entries were graded at A or B with 40% of our pupils achieving three or more A grades. An impressive number of 12 pupils took up places at Oxford and Cambridge with a further four heading to Imperial College. Of great significance is the fact that over 90% of leavers gained a place at their first choice university with over 80% going on to a university in the top 30. A very significant statistic.

Julian was very pleased to announce that the School is funding the building of a new staff accommodation block in Lerang'Wa by way of money raised via form Charity events held at the School. It is hoped that the group who visit this summer will officially open the building.

The highlight of the Autumn Term was the production of Jesus Christ Superstar. Julian thanked Stuart Thompson and his team for all the hard work in producing such a professional performance.

Julian expanded on the achievements of both Music and Sport Departments and told us that he feels very proud to have had some excellent results for the last two terms.

The co-curricular programme is very active with visits to Barbados, Spain, Tanzania, Austria and Italy, Northumbria, Hampshire, South Wales and Croydon! There is even a fencing club run by Tim Rees.

The North Wing development is due to be finished in May. This will comprise a new Sixth Form Centre, Health Centre, Sixth form ICT suites, Staff accommodation, School Shop and OC Archive storage.

The new girl's boarding wing is going up at a rate of knots.

Julian thanked, Lindsay Redding, Tom Murphy, Jim Seymour, Howard Tuckett and the Bursar for all their assistance.

## **Election of Officers and Committee Members**

The following positions were proposed:

David Craft was proposed for another term of office as Chairman. Denis Tindley was willing to continue in office as Treasurer. Editor: post still vacant – Alina covers this to a point but we are still in need. Social Secretary – managing 'pro tem' with sub committees but one needs to be elected. Archivist: Colin Bagnall was proposed. Sports Secretary: Mark Harriott was willing to continue. All the above were seconded and elected.

Sports Club Representative. John Short is looking for a successor owing to work commitments taking up much of his time.

Alan Blake Thomas was willing to continue as independent examiner and Anne Bailey and Caroline Storer would be EOGA Representatives.

AROPS Liaison Roger Back has been going to meetings but we need to think about two new members as most school have two members.

Committee Members: Matthew Lane has retired and Nicky Law will be retiring in 2009. Ashley Hendron to retire in 2010.

## Inauguration of the New President

A farewell presentation of engraved glasses was given to Rodney on behalf of the Association by Dave Craft. Rodney said thanks to all his Committee Members for an eventful two years' office. Rodney thanked Alina for her support and presented her with a gift. Rodney left us with his wish to see younger people at meetings and OC Days.

The President's badge of office was presented to Dr. John Grimshaw, who was introduced and nominated by Dave on behalf of the Committee.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting with thanks to all present.

## ■ **Treasurer's Report to the AGM** **9th March 2008**

The surplus for 2007 was £13,130. Subscription income rose by 15%, mainly from higher parental contributions. There was additional expenditure on the Annual Review, new leaflets, the purchases of cufflinks and Townsend books, and increased hours for our administrator. I have proposed that £3,000 of the surplus is transferred to the Bicentenary Fund.

In the current year we are giving financial support to the archival project led by Colin Bagnall. Also we have agreed that the Mottram memorial in Caterham Cemetery, which the Association maintains, should be deep-cleaned and the inscription re-cut where necessary.

I am very grateful for the support of our President, Chairman and Committee and for the assistance I have received from Alina Rennie. As always, I am indebted to Alan Blake Thomas for reviewing the accounts.

## Old Caterhamians' Association Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2007

	Note	2007 £	2006 £
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and Investments held:			
Barclays		1,242	1,241
National Savings Inv. A/c		27,244	26,127
Lloyds TSB cheque a/c		31,414	25,971
		59,900	53,339
Sundry debtors		13,000	10,126
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>£72,900</b>	<b>£63,465</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Outside liabilities			
Sundry Creditors		219	3,561
		219	3,561
Future Income Received in Advance			
Life membership fund		2,576	2,929
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>£2,795</b>	<b>£6,490</b>
<b>NET FUNDS</b> (as shown below)		<b>£70,105</b>	<b>£56,975</b>
<b>RESERVE FUND</b>			
Brought forward		38,975	24,984
Surplus for year		13,130	18,991
Less Allocation to Bicentenary Fund	1	-3,000	-5,000
<b>Balance carried forward</b>		<b>49,105</b>	<b>38,975</b>
<b>BICENTENARY "2011" FUND</b>		<b>21,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>
		<b>£70,105</b>	<b>£56,975</b>

Denis Tindley (Hon. Treasurer)  
30th January 2008

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 2007 and of the result for the year ended on that date.

Alan Blake Thomas  
7th March 2008

**Old Caterhamians' Association  
Income & Expenditure Account 2007  
Year ended 31st December**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2007 £</b>	<b>2006 £</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Subscriptions received	2	45,738	39,758
Donations received		60	3,000
Sales		399	16
Interest receivable		1,904	1,242
		<b>48,102</b>	<b>44,016</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
<b>Communications</b>			
Caterhamian		-205	450
OC Magazine		2,941	2,659
Annual Review		4,740	
Newsletters		7,799	8,351
Leaflets	3	615	
<b>Administration</b>			
Office/Database	4	7,064	4,561
Web		376	235
General		240	423
Corporation tax	5	413	140
<b>Events</b>			
OC days	6	905	451
Golf		110	86
<b>Donations</b>			
	7	8,367	7,669
<b>Purchase of cufflinks &amp; Townsend books</b>			
		1,607	
		<b>34,972</b>	<b>25,025</b>
<b>Surplus on normal operations</b>		<b>13,130</b>	<b>18,991</b>
Less Transfer to Bi-Centenary Fund		-3,000	-5,000
<b>Increase/Reduction in Reserve Funds</b>		<b>10,130</b>	<b>13,991</b>

## Notes to the 2007 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 £21,000.

#### Income & Expenditure Account

<b>2. Subscriptions received:</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Caterham School*	41,556	35,808
Members	3,829	3,898
Life Fund**	353	52
	<hr/> <b>45,738</b>	<hr/> <b>39,758</b>

\* AGM 1990 resolution: "Caterham School will fund life membership for pupils and subscriptions will take into 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. Leaflets:** New leaflets for new members and parents were designed and printed.

**4. Office/Database:** Administrator's hours were increased from 16 to 20 per week from January 2007.

**5. Corporation Tax:** Rates applicable to interest received are:

	<b>2005/6</b>	<b>2006/7</b>	<b>2007/8</b>
%	0	19	20

**6. OC Days:** Includes the costs of the Summer BBQ (rained off).

<b>7. Donations:</b>	<b>£</b>
Bursary Fund	500
School prizes & Prep School leavers' books*	1,450
School activities	500
Staff leaving gifts & honorary membership	2,617
OC Sports Club	300
OC Trust	3,000
	<hr/> <b>8,367</b>

\* Includes purchase of new stock of Darby medals: £900

## ■ The Old Caterhamians' Trust

### Report by Denis Tindley, Chairman of the Trustees

The Trust's income was £40,539 in 2007. The trustees were most grateful for a generous legacy of £25,000 from the estate of W. Hyde. £11,000 was granted to the School for bursaries to assist five pupils. The trustees have agreed that the grant to be paid in September 2008 should be increased to £14,000.

As might be expected in the prevailing economic and financial climate, there have been very few new donations to the Millennium Fund in 2008 and our forecast is that income will be substantially down on 2007. Unfortunately the planned charity dinner had to be postponed through lack of support. It is very important that our work to support bursaries continues to develop, particularly in the context of the new Charity Commission guidance. All expenses of the Trust are funded by the Association so that every penny donated goes towards bursaries.

I am grateful to my fellow trustees (Anne Bailey, David Craft, Sandie Kirk, John Mathias and Andy Steer) for their support and wise guidance. I am most grateful to Alan Blake Thomas, our Independent Examiner, for his assistance with finalising the accounts in the new format required by the Charity Commissioners.

### Financial Summary January 2001 to December 2007

	2007 £	2001-2007 £
Donations, Legacies and interest received	40,539	173,253
Grants made	11,000	49,400
Unrealised gain/loss on investments	-660	1,563
Year-end balance	125,416	

The trustees aim to increase the grant to the School each year while continuing to build capital to support long-term growth. We particularly welcome regular donations, however small, by standing orders which enable us to plan better for the future.

## ■ News of OCs

### Colin George (1937 - 1947)

Former pupil and renowned Shakespearean actor and director Colin George returned to Caterham to give a Master Class entitled 'Shakespeare Under the Microscope'.

Colin worked with students from the 5th and 6th Form in an interactive session on some of Shakespeare's well known and popular plays.

Colin left Caterham School just after the war and obtained an MA at Oxford before setting up his own theatre company. He has travelled the world acting and directing and has worked at many leading regional theatres. As Artistic Director he was involved in establishing The Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, having held the same role at the Sheffield Playhouse. He was director of The State Theatre of South Australia and among the students he engaged for their first professional two-year contract were Philip Quast, Colin Friels, Judy Davies and Mel Gibson.

He is no stranger to the world of education having been head of acting at the Academy of Performing Arts in Hong Kong for eleven years. Colin worked for the Royal Shakespeare Company in 1990 and has also performed at the Edinburgh Fringe.

Colin George said: "The theatre has changed irrevocably in my lifetime. Many repertory theatres where young actors honed their skills have closed, and drama schools train their students to earn money on television where camera techniques make acting look easy. I was incredibly lucky to grow up when the theatre was not stultifyingly naturalistic and welcomed the heroic. Fortunately I have seen actors recently who have charged into battle with all the fervour of the knights of old. In my view the only thing which will kill the actor is if he is denied an audience. So, I plan to impart some of my knowledge to the students and audience in the hope that they too, will be inspired.

## **Catching up with Roger Griffin (1946 - 1954)**

An article appeared in the spring 2007 Newsletter and an update of Roger's news follows:

Professor Griffin has reached Paper 200 in a numbered series of papers that he has been writing for a long time under the generic title 'Spectroscopic Binary Orbits from Photoelectric Radial Velocities' in the astronomical periodical 'Observatory'. No comparable series has reached anywhere near to 100 papers, let alone 200. The series presents research results obtained by a technique which Professor Griffin developed in the 1960s and which has long since become established as the routine method worldwide. The publication of Paper 200 was celebrated at a meeting organised by the Royal Astronomical Society in March 2008. Professor Griffin, now 72, took time off from his writing to run the London Marathon again in 2008, and apologises for taking 3 hours and 43 minutes, four minutes slower than the previous year!

## **Martin King (1948 - 1956)**

Martin has sent us his latest news:

"It's a small world! I recently took up the challenge of climbing The 3 Peaks to raise money for Hearing Dogs for the Deaf - supporting a friend's wife who is the East Devon Treasurer for the charity. We both trained hard from last Christmas onwards to get fit for climbing Snowdon, Scafell and Ben Nevis in the space of 36hrs !

We did the climb at the beginning of July, when some 120 people, considerably younger than us, were bussed from one mountain to the next. It was an amazing experience but imagine my surprise when at about 1am on the Saturday morning at a motorway stop in Scotland on the way to Fort William and Ben Nevis, I was enjoying a coffee with my co-walker Maureen when I looked up and in the queue saw a young man with a T shirt saying 'Cats Tour New Zealand 2004'!

My mind ticked slowly and I went up and tapped him on the shoulder saying 'Caterham School?' He turned round and there was the school badge on the shirt with what at the time seemed a very apt motto 'Omnia Vincens Perserverando'.

He turned out to be Simon Townsend who was doing the challenge with his girlfriend. Innocently, I asked him when had he left the School. He replied, '2005'. I said, 'Oh well, I left in 1956!' I could see his mind frantically trying to work out the difference !

Later that day, we were able to share a jar or two as we all celebrated back at Glasgow University where we stayed the night.

Coincidentally he told me he was studying Civil Engineering at Brighton - the same as I had done at Nottingham 50 years ago !!"

## **George Potier (1943 – 1951)**

George very kindly sent us an email in August telling us about his fond memories of Caterham School and his up to date news:

"I had always been interested in photography and remember the dark room in the Bio Lab. Light leaked through the cracks in the door, but I believe that we were able to develop and print a few films. I think that I still have some of those photos, taken on a VPK127 camera.

As I had been in the ATC at Caterham (574 Sqdn), I joined the RAF for three years as an instrument mechanic. I did want photography but this was the nearest as I might service the air cameras. As it turned out, I had a great time on a reformed 111 Squadron looking after the instruments in the Meteors and Hunters that they flew.

On leaving the RAF, I joined the photographic trade, both in retail and in wholesale and had my own camera shop in Beckenham for a number of years. During this period I became involved with Rotary and Freemasonry and have enjoyed these connections into my retirement.

I now live on the beach here at Pevensey Bay with my wife of fifty years and have taken up bowls at an outdoor club in Eastbourne. Our four children and six grandchildren keep in close contact and we meet up whenever there is a special occasion.

Altogether, we have had a good life but I still fondly remember my Caterham Days. I was not a great scholar but it did teach me a love for the countryside. Being a boarder, we had much of the weekend free and we walked for miles through those woods and fields to see orchids and beech trees and to smell

the fragrance of the many plants that we might pass. I am now 73 years old but I will still see or smell something that reminds me of Caterham. Memories of the Prep School, roller skating, and sleeping in the shelters...so much! Caterham did more for me than teaching French etc (sorry Mr Ward), it taught me to love life and to know people."

## OCs Working at the School

We are pleased to announce that we have three Old Boys working at the School this year. Jack Flaherty 1992 – 2004 and Jonny Osbourne 2001 – 2006 are both with us for the year as gap students and Dan Maxwell 1998 – 2005 joins us as a football coach. We hope they enjoy their time here.

## ■ OCA Register

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## ■ In Memoriam 2007–2008

Aylmer Rigg Astbury	1928 - 1936
Edwin Brian Bennett	1943 - 1947
Tony Blackler	1954 - 1959
Tony Crutcher	1955 - 1963
Paul Michael Farrow	1972 - 1978
Edward Vanstone Hier	1925 - 1932
David Lindsey	1939 - 1944
Dr Philip Rofe	1933 - 1940
Peter Rasmusen	1946 - 1954
J Geoffrey Rawlinson	1935 - 1939
Peter Slade	1936 - 1940
Leonard Taylor	1948 - 1949
Derek Fergus Woodhouse	1939 - 1939

## Obituaries

### **Trevor Burchell (1955 – 1963)**

Close friend John Lumsden (1954 -1963) has sent us the following memories of his dear friend:

What have I got in this box? It's an asp! With this Peter Cook sketch, Trevor received tumultuous applause from the boys at Malvern College in the Masters' review in the seventies. And this memory summarises several of Trevor's attributes – the actor, the good schoolmaster and his great sense of humour.

Trevor spent his early life in Caterham in Surrey. He won a scholarship to Caterham School and then went up to New College Oxford where he received a distinguished history degree. He came to Malvern in 1968 and served as a prominent member of Ralph Blumenau's history department for several years, taking over the reins of Head of Department when the great man was away.

Drama was his other great love, as already mentioned. While at Malvern he was responsible for a noteworthy production of 'Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead' . The Hamlet references, of course, come thick and fast and Trevor sat in a box enjoying every one of them.

Those are just some of my Malvern Memories – the precise figure striding around with great purpose, the slightly forbidding glasses and the tremendous sense of fun and friendliness. I lived with him in the bachelor quarters of 3 The Lees and he was excellent company. He then moved to School House where he did a good job as House Tutor for Eve and Tony Leng.

It was not long, of course, before this talented historian was offered a Head of Department position. In 1975 he moved to Repton in this role and I can remember visiting him for a Rugby group meeting when he was still striding around and producing another play.

Repton reports that both students and Common Room colleagues alike, could not fail to be impressed by him as a man of learning. At Repton he once again took to the boards in the staff revue. On such occasions, they say, this retiring and rather self-deprecating man was seen in a new light.

Unfortunately, things did not work out at Repton and Trevor took a career move out of teaching. He had always been fascinated by libraries (he had been Librarian at Repton) and he decided to take a librarianship degree at Aberystwyth University. Trevor had been my best man in 1974 and in 1976 he kindly agreed to become godfather to my eldest son Edmund. While Trevor was at Aberystwyth, Edmund so much enjoyed our visit to the University library and being shown the state of the art computer system.

Why a library did not snap Trevor up with his academic ability and talents, I will never know. However, then there began a long period of residence with his parents in Malvern. He kept up with Edmund and attended his confirmation service in the College chapel. Gradually he was needed more and more to care for his parents as their health deteriorated and he gave the latter part of his life to this, a devoted son, struggling rather after the death of his father. His delights became reading (he bought a book a week from Beacon Books) and visiting the Malvern Library.

Oh, and I must not forget the Three Horseshoes. He was a member of the pub's quiz team called, I understand, The Three Musketeers in which he was hugely respected as a fount of all knowledge. He and his parents were regulars for Sunday lunch and he was often to be seen in a quiet corner with a newspaper.

Trevor was always happy with his own company and, in latter years, it was difficult to prise him away from this. However, Janet, another member of the quiz team reports that, though he was an intensely private man, he gave equal respects to all people, regardless of their background and gave generously of his time for others. His conversation and anecdotes were always valued.

In Trevor we have lost a caring son, a historian of some note, an aspiring dramatist and a very good friend.

### **Edward John Vanstone Hier (1925 – 1932)**

Edward died on the 22nd of November 2007 and will be sadly missed by his wife, Margaret, three daughters, sons in law and seven grandchildren.

Edward was the son of Reverend W.J Roach Hier who was minister of Rubery Congregational Church from 1922 to 1946.

Edward was wartime Lt. R.N.V. serving in minesweepers from 1939 until 1946. As training officer he was on minesweeping paddle-steamer, Lorna Doone when she shot down two Dornier 215s when attacked off the east coast. He was First Lieutenant on a converted Norwegian whaling ship when they saved 39 of 45 men while escorting a Calcutta vessel in full gale in the Persian Gulf and sharer in the defence of Colombo when the Japanese attacked on Easter Sunday when many of our ships were sunk.

When, towards the end of the war, the British Navy in Le Havre handed responsibility of minesweeping to the French, Edward remained as British Naval Liaison Officer Le Havre, responsible to the British Naval Attache in Paris.

He played for Bromsgrove Rugby Football Club from 1932 until 1939 and after the war, helped in its re-activation. He was successfully Fixture Secretary, Chairman and President, the last capacity for 22 years.

He retained his membership of Rubery United Reformed Church, serving as Elder for 25 years.

He will be remembered with affection by many business associates serving the same company, latterly as Chairman, apart from wartime, for 60 years.

Edward leaves a widow, Margaret, their three daughters, sons-in-law and seven grandchildren who were his pride and joy.

### **James Anthony Crutcher (1955 – 1963)**

The following was sent to us by fellow Old Caterhamian, Andrew Brown (1953 – 1962):

Tony Crutcher, aged 63, sadly passed away on 4th October 2007.

Tony had strong relations with Caterham. His father Jim and his uncle George were at Caterham as was his brother Bill. His sisters Jill and Jo were pupils at Milton Mount, Caterham's sister school. Tony was good at all sports, excelling at athletics and rugby, where he was a strong Number 8. He was also a powerful striker of a cricket ball. After school he went to Cirencester Agricultural College and then spent a year overseas in Zambia as part of the VSO programme. His responsibility was to train long-term inmates at the state prison in agriculture. – he found that, understandably, they had a somewhat relaxed attitude to meeting deadlines!

After a period of working for an agriculturally feed merchant, Tony joined Jim and George to work on the Crutcher family farm in Newdigate, Surrey. The Crutchers settled in Newdigate in 1903 and Tony was proud to be the fourth generation working on the farm. In 1975 he married Carrie Billson and together they turned New House Farm into a wide ranging and successful series of entrepreneurial activities. They have three children, Phillip, Andrew and Bryony. Phillip has now taken over the running of New House Farm, becoming the fifth generation – much to Tony and Carrie’s delight. Tony was always fully involved in local activities and was a strong supporter of the Conservative Party. His great friend Humphrey Malins MP made a moving speech at Tony’s funeral, which was attended by several hundred friends and relations – a powerful testimony to Tony’s life and his ability to make lasting friendships with many people.

I met Tony when we were at Caterham Prep School together. He introduced me to my wife Sara and he was best man at our wedding. He was a lifelong and wholly supportive friend and although it is very sad that his life should have ended at such a young age, we will always be grateful for the quality of his friendship and the pleasure it gave us.

### **Tony Horwood (Head of Classics 1950 – 1990 and Second Master 1970 – 1987)**

Paul Webb (1983 – 1990) wrote to us to mirror Denis Tindley’s comments in the last Annual Review, he added:

“I was saddened to hear of Tony’s passing and would like to add that I, too, have memories of him through my own stay at Caterham. He was what I can only describe as a “formidable” persona and through my Latin classes when very much younger, I experienced his teaching delivery and passion for his subject. I never thought in those days that a small experience of Latin would help me in my future life, but it has given me the virtues and logic and reasoning”

## **Gareth Pritchard (1945 – 1951)**

John Barrons (1945-1950) sent us an obituary for Gareth which was taken from the Isle of Wight County Press:

“The English teacher who was thanked by Anthony Minghella in his Oscar speech for inspiring him has died.

Gareth Wyndham Pritchard, who taught English, drama and music at Fairway Grammar, Sandown High and Ryde High Schools, died at St Mary’s Hospital, Newport, on Friday 7th March 2008, aged 75.

Anthony’s mother, Gloria Minghella, told the County Press that although it had not been possible to tell Anthony the news, she knew he would be deeply saddened to hear it.

Mr Pritchard was well known on the Island, and spent more than 30 years in the Island Savoyards, 15 years as a member of Shanklin Cricket Club and was a member of Shanklin and Sandown Golf Club and Shanklin bowls club.

Born in Briton Ferry, South Wales in 1932, he was educated in Neath Grammar School and Caterham School.

His father was a minister and the family moved to the island in the 1950’s when he took up a posting in Sandown Congregational Church.

On completing his education, Mr Pritchard spent two years in the army, fighting in Korea, before training as a teacher in Bognor Regis. His first teaching post was at Fairway Grammar School in Sandown in 1955 where he produced Anthony Minghella in several plays. He remained at the school when it became Sandown High School but after 19 years at the site he moved to Ryde High School. Where he was head of English and senior master retiring in 1992.

He enjoyed several hobbies and sporting activities in his retirement and lived for 30 years with his wife Jill at Windor Drive, Shanklin.

He leaves his wife, daughters Val and Jo and grandsons Ian, Sam and Max.

Bernard Thompson (1942 – 1951) has also sent us a more personal memory of his late friend:

It was a great shock to have a ‘phone call from his wife to tell us about Gareth.

We became close friends during the Main School and our contemporaries will remember well his participation in life at Caterham. He represented the school in hockey, cricket and rugby and was School Captain. He played the piano well and we both took part in drama productions. A Welsh play 'The Bakehouse' was a short comedy which put the Welsh contingent at Caterham on stage and later a school production of 'The Importance of Being Ernest'. Our links with A. Baynon and W.H.Milnes led to the formation of 'The Glee Club' plus duets and solos, winning first places at two Music Festivals in baritone and tenor sections. Gareth had an 'exceptionally fine voice' as the adjudicator informed the audience.

After he left school in 1951, he, like the rest of us, had to participate in National Service. He was in the Army and was drafted to Korea – an experience, as he said 'one doesn't forget'. After demob he went to Bognor Training College and qualified as a teacher. He started his teaching career at Fairway School (which became Sandown High School) and later appointed Head of English at Ryde High School where he also gained the post of Senior Teacher. He started rugby football in Island schools, which has gone from strength to strength. He taught English, Drama and some Games. His main claim to fame was that he taught Anthony Minghella drama, produced him in several plays and took him with a school group on a concert tour of Belgium and Holland. Anthony kept in touch throughout his career and sadly died eleven days after Gareth. Gareth's father, a Congregational Minister, and his mother, moved to the IOW from South Wales when we were in the middle school, as I remember, and it was there, years later in Sandown that he met his wife Jill. They had two daughters, Val and Joanne. We lost contact for a while apart from Christmas cards until 1965 when my wife and young son went to the IOW on holiday. We contacted Gareth and Jill and spent a happy time together. It was a year later that they came to stay with us in Kent and then a second occasion on the Island by which time we had both become families of four.

During his career, he was associated with the golf, rugby and cricket clubs and when the years took their toll he joined the Bowls Club. Never a 'do nothing character', his wife told us that he produced plays and musical performances until his last month. During the years he had taken the typical British Pantomime to Holland to educate the Dutch in this unusual art form.

Apart from Christmas cards it is 40 years since we last met. I tried to get him to come to the 30s, 40s and 50s Reunion the other year but he was too busy with his productions. I wrote to him giving him news of his contemporaries and photographs of G.M. Stowell and J.L. Barrons and Doug Lissaman. Shortly after that we had a 'phone conversation during which he said ... 'we must get back to see the old place again' but never made it. After Christmas we had a newsy letter recounting past trips with his wife on cruises and other holidays and was looking forward to a couple of weeks in Tenerife in January. They were to celebrate his Golden Wedding next year.

We agreed to meet in the summer when we would be camping in the south but it was obviously not to be. After such a long time and neither of us making a real effort, it shows yet again...never put off things until tomorrow...life's too short. A lovely talented man with a great sense of humour will be sorely missed by us all. He achieved a great deal during his 75 years and was a credit to his old school – Caterham.

### **Trevor Pidgeon (1939 – 1940)**

Geoffrey, his brother has sent us this moving obituary:

Trevor was born in Fulham on 30th December 1928. In 1933 the family moved to Caterham in Surrey where he later won a scholarship to Caterham School.

Trevor was only at the School for one year – but what a year !

It included the start of World War II and the Battle of Britain – with some of it fought directly overhead. Nearby Kenley and Croydon aerodromes were bombed and in one of the raids our house in Greenhill Avenue had its roof damaged.

Our mother, having been a Red Cross Nurse on duty helping the wounded at Croydon aerodrome immediately after the raid – and having her home damaged – decided enough was enough. We packed up and moved to join my father in Stony Stratford. He was in MI6 Section VIII (SIS Communications) that was based at Whaddon Hall near Bletchley Park. All the ULTRA traffic for Military Commanders in the field went out via the Section VIII wireless station at Whaddon.

Trevor and I continued our studies at nearby Wolverton Grammar School but I

left later to join my father's unit. Trevor, nearly three years younger than me, subsequently obtained Higher Schools in a number of subjects but I believe he had outstanding results in Latin and French.

With the war over and wanting to continue his studies, he obtained permission to postpone his National Service. By this time, the family were living in London in Fulham Road, South Kensington. There were very few universities in those days compared to the present time and the popular ones – Oxbridge and London were full. However, he found a place at Liverpool University.

On his arrival in Liverpool he decided to take a First in French but was told that for a First he had to have a second modern language. This was when his remarkable grasp of languages first showed. He took Higher Schools (an 'A' Level today) in German after only six months study – in his spare time.

To prepare his Thesis he studied for a year at the Sorbonne and he obtained a First Class Degree in French. After a short break journeying through France he had to start his two years National Service. Tired of studying he ignored an easy Commission in Army Education and chose to go into the Royal Armoured Corps. Their training camp was at Catterick in Yorkshire where he went for his basic training.

On completing the course, he was presented with an award for being the outstanding recruit in his draft of several hundred, and told he was to be posted directly to Eaton Hall the Officers Training School near Chester.

Part way through the course, he had visits by Colonels from two armoured regiments based in Germany. Both had been famous Cavalry Regiments but of course, long since part of the armoured divisions.

Mother, father and I went up to his passing-out parade at Eaton Hall and afterwards he changed into civvies to have dinner with us at our hotel in Chester. He was clearly upset, as he had just been told that his academic records had caught up with him. As a result, his career as an officer in a Tank Regiment was off and after some leave he was to join the Intelligence Corps at their base at Uckfield in Sussex.

After finishing his course, he was posted to the disputed port of Trieste on the joint British – American Military intelligence Mission. When he had leave, he went on his Lambretta scooter across many parts of the region, including

going down into Greece as far as Athens. Whilst based in Trieste he added Italian to his growing list of languages.

At the end of his two years National Service he had a short leave and then went into the Foreign Office. His first posting was as Third Secretary in Chancery at our Embassy in Damascus but he left as the entire Embassy was expelled over the Suez crisis in 1956. After a period in London he was posted to North Vietnam in 1958 to act as Consul in the miniscule Consulate-General in Hanoi. Being the communist half of the country this was a difficult post but Trevor always looked back on as a time of great privilege, being able to travel back and forth between the two halves of a nation virtually at war with itself.

I remember him recounting a meeting during the Queen's Birthday garden party at the Consulate where he joined a conversation on the lawn between General Giap, who had defeated the French army at Dien Bien Phu, President Sukarno of Indonesia and Premier Chou En-Lai of China. What a trio !

In 1960 he was selected to learn Mandarin Chinese, spending one year in London at the School of Oriental and African Studies and another at the University of Hong Kong. In between he spent three months trekking those parts of Iran, Afghanistan, Kashmir and Nepal that bordered the counties he was to specialise in.

In 1962 he was posted as First Secretary to Peking (now Beijing), certainly his favourite posting, even though he arrived in the middle of the Cuban missile crisis and Sino-India border dispute, both of which had major repercussions in the Chinese capital. While in China he accompanied the Ambassador on the first Western diplomatic mission to Ulan Bator, in Outer Mongolia. Some of the film he took there was later shown on BBC television.

The major event in Peking however, was his meeting and marrying Marion who had arrived in April 1964 to be the Ambassador's P.A. They were married three times ! The first was by the Chinese civil authorities. The second was in Church – an upstairs room of what was once the YMCA, the sole Protestant Church permitted in the whole of North China. Their third wedding was by the civil authorities in Hong Kong. Their honeymoon then took them right around the world.

"The Times" printed a piece about the marriage and on a visit to the School I showed the cutting to Arthur Davies-Jones who had been my English Master and was Deputy-Head at the time.

To the best of my recollection it read, "In Peking the Chinese-speaking British First Secretary Trevor Pidgeon was married by an English-speaking Chinese Minister to Marion, the British Ambassadors P.A." Arthur Davies-Jones commented that it could have been made a trifle clearer !

Back in Britain, they settled in East Horsley where they spent four happy years before a new posting in 1969, this time to Caracas in Venezuela. Trevor had to learn Spanish and completed the course in less than six months. Soon after they arrived he found himself on Caracas television being interviewed in Spanish !

They stayed in Caracas until 1973 when Trevor was posted to Hong Kong as British Trade Commissioner in charge of China trade. He completed a tour of service there then they left for home. For a number of personal reasons, they stayed in Britain for the rest of Trevor's career.

In retirement, Trevor pursued his earlier interest in tanks and published a widely acclaimed history of the world's first tank battle at Flers. He was an enthusiastic and committed member of the Western Front Association, Chairman of its Surrey branch, and its Cartographer for several years.

Marion and Trevor lived in Cobham for many years where he wrote two more books both about the Somme – a part of France that Trevor returned to year after year and which he knew extremely well. He lectured on the subject here and in France.

I know that on completion of his two years National Service, he had hesitated before joining the Foreign Office –pondering whether to pursue the army career that was offered to him – no doubt in tanks. All things considered, I think he made a wise choice.

Trevor was taken suddenly ill in April and died in the Princess Alice Hospice in Esher on May 14th. He was a devout Christian and had been Churchwarden of St. Mary's Stoke d'Abernon. He wrote the village magazine for a while and generally contributed to life in Cobham. His good work in so many spheres was reflected by the fact that there was not a single spare seat in the Church for the Service of Thanksgiving.

In memory of his older brother, Geoffrey has presented Trevor's three books, 'The Tanks at Flers', 'Flers and Gueudencourt' and 'Boom Ravine' to the School Library. We are most grateful.

**We have received recent notification of the deaths of the following:**

T. Fletcher	1994 - 1949
D. Payne	1985 - 1989
Carol Meilicke	1992 - 1993
Marc Smallman	1969 - 1974

**Correction**

In the 2007 – 2008 Annual Review, Page 17, under Special Award we wrongly quoted John Townesend as being a descendant of the School's Founder. It should have read that John Townesend is a descendant of the Founder's brother.

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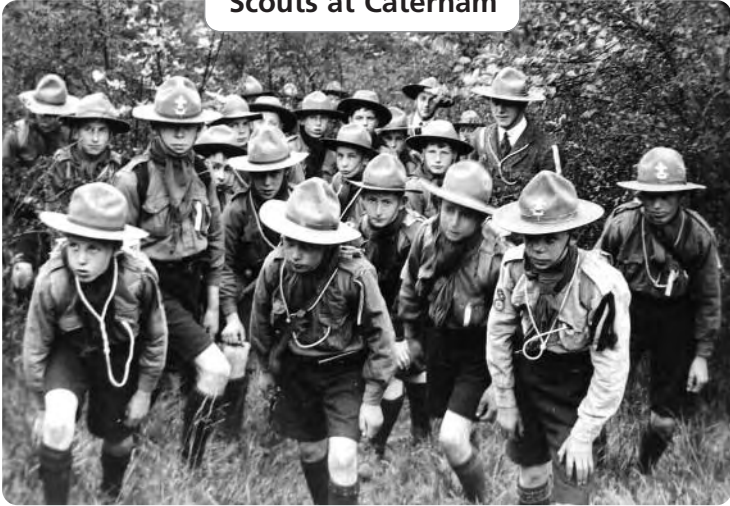
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