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The Old Caterhamians' Newsletter

Dates for your diary

Lissaman's Old Timers Reunion

Saturday 3rd June 2006

OC Day, Cricket Matches

Sunday 2nd July

'70s' Reunion

Weekend of 1st / 2nd July

Remembrance & OC Day

Sunday 12th Nov

Performing and Creative Arts Diary—Summer Term

Boarders Charity Concert

24th June, 7.30pm

Humphrey's Hall

AS/A2 & GCSE Art Exhibitions

29th June

Old Gym and Library

Tour Choir Concert

3rd July, 3.00pm

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Top Cats Make History



Triumphant OC Rugby XV at Plymouth surrounded by their supporters

The OC 1st XV played their way into the London Four Leagues for the first time in their history when they convincingly beat US Portsmouth 28-20 in a play-off match. It was a fantastic game of rugby to watch with all the players excelling themselves and Alex Rayment being awarded 'Man of the Match'.

There were several family members playing together. The Turney brothers Ewan,

Wade and Aron, the Davey brothers, Andy and Patrick, and Mike Ledwidge (1974) and his son Anthony.

At the final whistle the delighted supporters invaded the pitch to



Aron Turney, Andy and Patrick Davey, Ewan and Wade Turney, Mike Ledwidge and son Anthony

congratulate the players. Captain Ewan Turney praised the coach, Paul Loader, and thanked him for all his hard work.

He added, 'This is a fantastic achievement not only for the team but for the whole club. It is so satisfying to achieve the goal of promotion'. 'However,' he added, 'staying in London Four will be as big an achievement as getting promoted.'

The following evening, at the Annual Dinner Mike Ledwidge was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award for playing for the OC 1st XV for a fantastic 30 seasons and members celebrated the end of a very successful year.



George Williams, Ewan Turney, Steve Buckle and Bill Broadhead enjoying the end of season dinner

President's Message

As I reach the end of my time in office, I am pleased to have been able to preside over another successful year for the Association. The Committee has some young and enthusiastic members and I hope that they will continue to drive the OCA forward. I am excited by the new look Newsletter spearheaded by Ann Davey. I believe that this new glossy format will encourage and inspire OCs to keep in touch and ensure the success of the Association and its support of the School.

I know you will all share my concerns over the ill health of John Mortimer, who has for so long been the backbone of the Association. John's encyclopedic knowledge of the history of the school and its pupils is second to none and his devotion to the OC Magazine has been well beyond the call of duty. We send our best wishes to John and Vera and hope that he will soon be enjoying better health.

Two reunions have been planned. Judge

Lissaman's Old Timers' Reunion on 3rd June and the Reunion organized by Bruce Maliphant on the weekend of 2nd July for leavers in the '70s. Plans are also afoot for another Dinner in February 2007, in the new refectory building, currently under construction. This will be an excellent opportunity to take advantage of the School's new facilities. Also, we hope to reschedule Colin George's Shakespearian evening later in the year.

I must take this opportunity to thank everyone who has always made me feel so welcome at the School. I have been ably supported by the Committee, its Officers and Members, our OC Administrator, Alina Rennie, our Chairman Dave Craft, who so confidently leads us and by Denis Tindley, our all powerful Treasurer, without whom we would be truly impoverished.



Sandie Kirk

I am delighted to hand over my Presidency to Rodney Lyons who I know can expect your support and continued loyalty.

Thank you to all of you who have made the last two years a true pleasure for me. I'm afraid you have not seen the back of me!

Rodney Lyons the New President—a Self Portrait



Rodney Lyons (1954) and his wife Janet at OC's Day

I left Caterham in **1954** having distinguished myself neither academically nor on the sports field. I gained only modest results in GCSEs and House Colours for hockey. I joined the family Dry Cleaning Business my father had started in 1929, and spent 3 months learning the rudiments of the business before going to Australia for 6 months.

On my return in 1957 I was called up for National Service and, having been in the Air Training Corps at Caterham, was able to join the RAF as my first choice - school was at last paying me dividends! I spent the next 2 years in air traffic control coming home every weekend, playing hockey during the week for Central Fighter Establishment, and providing a dry cleaning service for several of the officers to bolster the government's 27 shillings a week wages. When in the RAF I met a wealthy airman whose hobby was Motor Racing and this gave me a love of the sport and indirectly

gave me a source of income for most of my life. On leaving the forces my parents emigrated to Australia and I spent 2 years there in the family business manufacturing caravans and aluminium windows. I returned to England and ran the dry cleaning business until 1969 when we sold out and a friend and I started to sell classic and sports cars. Then an Australian friend asked me to join him as an agent in the Marine business selling a variety of marine equipment. We sold out 4 years ago but I still have the car business in England.

I've been married to Janet for 46 years, have three sons, Brett, Scott and Justin and 4 grandchildren. I've been a Freeman of the City of London for over 46 years and a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths. I was Prime Warden for them in 1996 and have served on their Court for 16 years. Janet is Chairman of the Essex region of my favourite charity, the Lady Taverners, which raises money for children with special needs.

Bayliss takes up the Ironman Challenge

Stephen Bayliss (1995), who came **4th in the New Zealand Ironman** competition, has just completed the Arizona Ironman in which he came 14th. To be a professional athlete has always been his dream. He started his sporting career riding his bike to Croydon Amphibians Swimming Club and Croydon Harriers Running club and soon all three sports were combined as he started to compete successfully in triathlons, coming 3rd in the National Schoolboy Triathlon. Knee problems forced him to

concentrate on cycling and he represented Great Britain in junior road riding and cyclo-cross, where he achieved 31st in the 1998 World Championships. This led to interest from international teams and in 2001 he signed for The Italian DeNardi cycling team. Although it was an amazing experience, he missed the triathlon and returned to the UK in 2002 to concentrate on it. He says 'It was a good choice' One of his greatest achievements was winning 'Czech Man' a Half Ironman event where he beat some

world class athletes. His ambition is to win Iron Hawaii, the World Ironman Championships. Being a professional athlete does not mean earning lots of money. Stephen is sponsored by Timex Multisport but also coaches to help fund his career. However, he has 'raced and trained in the most spectacular places and met many incredible people'. Good luck to him for October when he hopes to finish in the top 10 in Hawaii. Keep up to date with his progress on his website.



Stephen Bayliss

Stephen's website is www.stephenbayliss.net

OC is Called to the Bar

After leaving Caterham, **Ashley Hendron (2001)** studied law at Bristol University where it became clear to him that he wanted to pursue a career in Law and specifically the Bar.

He was brought up on legal dramas like Rumpole of the Bailey and was 'fascinated by how an advocate could persuade a Judge or Jury of the merits of a case.' While elements of the profession are reflected in these dramas - intriguing stories, interesting characters, and traditions from the horse hair wigs and gowns to the

pink ribbon defence briefs - 'they don't show the reality of cases where there is often little a Barrister can do to win a case. Nor do they show the true anguish of a defendant as they wait for a decision.'

He joined Lincoln's Inn at University and in 2004 was awarded two scholarships to study for the Bar. He attended BPP Law School in Holborn, London and was then called to the Bar in July 2005 by Lincoln's Inn.

He was awarded a further scholarship by the Criminal

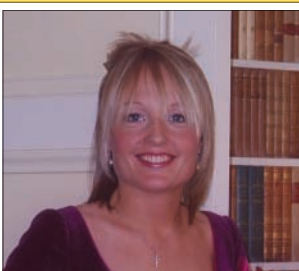
Bar Association in 2005 and is currently working full time as a paralegal at a Specialist Criminal Law firm, Reynolds Dawson, in London. The final stage of qualification is the completion of pupillage which includes shadowing a barrister and then working, with supervision, on his own cases, thus building up a practice. Ashley starts this in October 2006 with a predominantly Criminal set of chambers, which means that he will be properly on his feet in Court in March 2007.



Ashley Hendron

'The big moment for me is in a year's time when I will be on my feet in court as an advocate. I can't wait to get started..'

Old Girl Returns to Teach at the Prep School



Katie Dixon (1998) has been appointed as a reception teacher at Caterham Prep School. After qualifying, Katy taught for a short time in a school in Redhill. She really enjoyed teaching but took

the opportunity to spend some time travelling. On her return she once again worked in Redhill but when the post became vacant at Caterham she applied and was appointed.

She will start her new post in September. It will seem strange to her at first, not only to be back at her old school but to be working with some of the staff who taught her!!

Old Caterhamians' Day

The AGM was held on Sunday 23rd March in the Library. Sandie Kirk was thanked for all her hard work and for the contribution she has made over the last two years as Chairperson. Rodney Lyons (1954) was inaugurated as the new Chairman and he and his wife, Janet, were welcomed by the OCs. After the AGM a lunch was held in the staff lounge where members enjoyed a delicious meal and caught up with old friends.



Roy Elliott, Bob Fairall, Fred Needham and Roger Back



Denis Tindley, Roger and Susan Deayton



The Harriots with David Craft

An Afternoon of Sport

It was a cold, wet, overcast afternoon but it didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the many sportsmen and women who had come to take part in the OCs versus School matches and an excellent afternoon of sport took place. The OC's football team was captained this year by **Daniel Maxwell (2005)**. He and his team thoroughly enjoyed the game against the School and managed to win 2-0.

The netball match between the OCs and the School was held on the courts at Beechanger. The School got off to



The OC and School netball teams

an excellent start and it looked as though they were going to run away with a huge victory. However, in the second quarter the OCs came back to end half-time with the score level at 10-10. The remainder of the match was really exciting with the lead passing from one side to the other. Finally the School managed to hold onto their lead and won by one goal. Well done to everyone for making this such an enjoyable game both for the players and spectators! **Steve May (1976)** was watching daughters **Lucy (2005)**, now studying at Leeds, and **Rosie** who is currently in the UVI. At

the same time as the netball the Old Boys were playing the School at hockey. It turned out to be an exciting game but, with **Lorne Barnard** in the U19 England Squad, and **Phil Carr**, in the U19 Scotland squad playing for School, they just beat the OCs 2-0.

The Derby Medal, annually awarded by the OCs to the current pupil who



The OC and School hockey teams

wins the 100m Challenge Swim, was won by **Chris Mattock** whose brother **Anthony (2004)** won it two years ago.

Unfortunately, a miscommunication resulted in the cross country being cancelled. It's a great event so let's make sure it is organized next year.



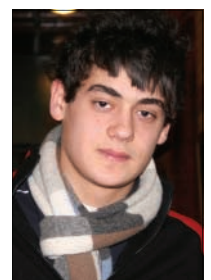
The OC football team



Megan McCartney and Felicity Southwell watch the hockey



Rosie, Steve and Lucy May at netball



Igor Lagoutenko and George Gachechiladze came to support

Richard Jackson Jumps for Joy



Richard set to bungee jump

Richard Jackson (1998) is waiting for his start date to join Leicestershire Police Force. Having studied Geography at Leicester University he is looking forward to returning there for his new life as a police officer and catching up with some old friends. He is currently having a break from his job as a Community Support Officer in picturesque Crawley, by spending five weeks in New Zealand travelling and trying out some extreme sports such as helihiking, sky diving and bungee jumping, before settling down for a few years!

A Film in the Making



Chris outside school

Chris Fisher (2005) has recently been seen delving into the archives at school and wandering around the grounds with a video camera in hand. He is completing his foundation Art and Design Course at the University of Farnham and for his final project has to plan, shoot and edit a film. He has chosen Caterham as his subject and hopes the film will cover the history and development of the School up to the present day. We look forward to seeing the finished product.

Ansel Reed Loses His Battle With Illness

Ansel Reed (2004) sadly died in New York in March after losing his battle against the illnesses that had affected him throughout his short life. He joined Caterham in the LVI and in his two years here left his mark on the school and wider community.

He was a bright, talented individual which was proven in his excellent A level results.

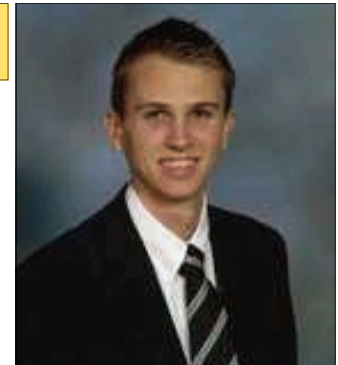
As a committed Christian, Ansel was determined to make a difference to those around him bringing light

and humour to all that he did, nurturing younger students and supporting those who were new, shy or homesick, alerting others to the needy in the world through his assemblies and his interest in Amnesty International and by encouraging students to donate blood, carry donor cards and join the bone marrow register.

He thrived at Caterham and joined many societies including the Debating and the Melting Pot Society and ran in the cross country team. Best of all, he made many friends and taught

the importance of loyalty, compassion and seizing the day. He saw the need to reflect on life and would, while Townsend House still slept, slip away and head for View Point to watch the sunrise on summer mornings. He instigated the famous 5 to 11 Club, which saw a small group of V1th formers gather before lights out to compose poetry and reflect on the events of the day passed and the days ahead.

The memorial service organised by his friends,



Ansel Reed as a pupil

showed how he had touched others. It was a fitting tribute to a gifted and inspirational young man.

In his memory the School is presenting a prize on Speech Day to the boarder who gives most to others – a lovely way to remember a wonderful individual. DC

Science Block Takes Shape



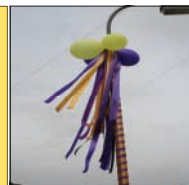
New Science Block in progress

In spite of all the tarpaulins it is plain to see that the roof is on, the windows are in place and the new

Science Block and Refectory are progressing well. It is hoped that they will be completed by Christmas and the Science departments will

be able to move in. The OCs will make good use of the new facilities in February at the dinner which they hope to have in the new Dining hall.

A Super Sevens Tournament



The sun was shining, the crowds were gathering and it looked as if we were heading for another enjoyable and successful afternoon of rugby as the 45th Annual OC' Easter '7's Tournament started. It was indeed successful for the 2nd '7' who won the Plate competition and the U 17 '7' who won their competition.

There was a real festival atmosphere with purple and gold balloons decorating the entrance to the grounds. The beer tent was run successfully by **Marie Dodwell**, **Min Latimer** and **George Williams** and became a popular retreat when the rain eventually fell in the late afternoon.

Dave Stanley organised the pig roast and the smells from this, wafting across the fields, were very inviting both to the supporters and hungry players.

It was fantastic to see so many players, friends and families enjoying



The 2nd '7', winners of the Plate Competition

the day. It was such a great way to end what has been a long, but successful, season at the Club.

There were three sections in the tournament. The Senior Men's competition which had twenty teams playing, the Women's tournament which only had a disappointing four entries and the U17 tournament. As there were so many teams some matches were played on the Queens Park pitches next to the Club.

Its wonderful to see the tournament being so well supported and to see so many families here enjoying the atmosphere'



Marie Dodwell, George Williams and Min Latimer man the beer tent



Charlie Ward gathering up his team



Nick Fletcher and Freddie Mak

The U17 OC' team won their section and although the women did not win their competition overall, they were delighted to beat Harlequins 19-0!

In the Senior Men's section the OCs had not only a 1st and 2nd VII team but **Charlie Ward (2005)** had also managed to organise a team by persuading some of his university



Jay and Mike Pearson



Dave Stanley and Ben watch over the pig roast



Anthony Ledwidge, Laura Keen, John Johnson and Dave Kelly

friends and various OCs, including **Nick Fletcher (2004)** and **Freddie Mak (2004)**, to come along. Although they were defeated in the quarter finals they had a great day

of rugby. Unfortunately the Club 1st VII were defeated by Old Wellingtonians in the quarter-finals of the main competition. There were some excellent teams playing

and this section was won by Rosslyn Park when they beat Dorking in the final.

However, the 2nd VII were more successful in the Plate Competition under manager **John Short (2000)**. They beat Old Reigatians 14-12 in the semi-final and in the final beat Worth 12 - 7. The whole squad combined well with some excellent running rugby, despite the treacherous conditions produced by the rain later on in the afternoon. As a result, they succeeded in providing the spectators with a tense, closely fought final.

‘It was a tremendous day where rugby was a real winner’

Overall this was once again a great occasion. Thanks to all those who worked so hard behind the scenes to make the day such a success.

The tournament was first organised by **Reg Morgan**, Chairman of the Club 45 years ago, and has been evolving and expanding ever since. It has only had to be cancelled once because of snow! It has now become an integral part of the rugby calendar and Easter weekend. This must greatly please those like Club President **Bill Broadhead (1960)**, who has always been involved in the organisation and who has never yet missed a tournament.

As Club Captain **Ewan Turney (1998)** said ‘It was a tremendous day where rugby was a real winner.’

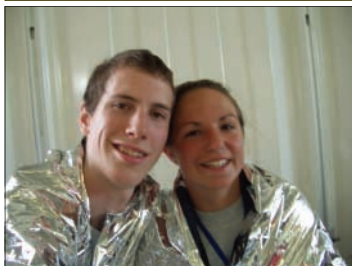


The 1st ‘7’ defeated who were defeated in the quarter finals



The OC Women’s ‘7’ squad with an injured Rhian Williamson still smiling

Walking for Breakthrough Breast Cancer



Phil and Becca after the walk

Last September, **Phil Curtis (2005)** and **Becca Nelson**, in the UV1th took part in the 'Weekend To Breakthrough Breast Cancer' charity walk. It consists of a 60km walk through London over a weekend in September. Phil and Becca spent six months leading up to the event fundraising and training for it. They were among the youngest to complete the event. Their original fundraising target was £3000 but they went on to raise over £4200 for Breast Cancer and wanted to thank all who supported them. Phil is currently at Bath University studying Coach Education and Sports Development, which he is thoroughly enjoying.

Bruce Maliphant's 70's Reunion

Bruce Maliphant (1976) is holding a reunion on the weekend of the 1st and 2nd of July for pupils who left in the 70's. There has been a great response but there are a few people who Bruce is still trying to contact. If you have not had information about this event and would like to attend, please contact him at the address below. It will be a great opportunity to catch up with some old friends and enjoy the social events.

Programme of events:

Date	Time	Venue
Saturday 1st July	Evening	To be decided
Sunday 2nd July	12.00-14.00	Old Surrey Hounds
Sunday 2nd July	14.00 onwards	Caterham School (refreshments)

Sunday's events will run alongside the OC Day afternoon activities

Bruce can be contacted on

Bruce.Maliphant@uk.ibm.com

Programme for OC Day on 2nd July 2006

9.30	Cricket Match between School Staff and Parents
12.00	Pre-Lunch Drinks in the Concourse
12.30	Lunch in the Staff Lounge
13.00	Cricket Match between School and OC
15.30	Afternoon Tea

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Old Timer's Lunch

Just to remind anyone who has not signed up for the reunion being organised for OCs who left the school before 1965. **Douglas Lissaman (1950)** and **John Barrons (1950)** are convening the 'Old Timer's Lunch on 3rd June 2006 at School at 12.30pm. Rob Davey, the Headmaster and Denis Tindley the OC Treasurer will be speaking.

Further information can be obtained from the OC Administrator, **Alina Rennie**.

Committee Members Wanted

We have vacancies for the following:

a Social Secretary

a Committee Member

If you are interested please contact David Craft for further information on:

David.Craft@ehsbrann.com

Calling All Men 18–55!

Anne Pearson, wife of **Jay Pearson (1973)** works for the Institute of Cancer Research. At the moment they are doing research into the causes of testicular cancer. They desperately need volunteers to act as a control group for the research and Anne wondered if any OC could help. It simply involves completing a questionnaire and going to the Marsden Hospital at Sutton for a series of tests which take about an hour. If you can help this really worthy cause please could you contact

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