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## OLD BOYS' NEWS

We regret to announce the deaths of the following Old Boys:

Charles Hill (14-17) *d.* June 27th 1983  
Freddy Henry (32-37) *d.* January 1983  
John Jenkins (68-73) *d.* November 1983  
John Lodder (18-20) *d.* April 1983

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to all their families.

We are very grateful to all those who have taken the trouble to send us their news.

Brigadier CHRISTOPHER AIRY (42-47) has been promoted to rank of Major-General (December '83) on taking up the appointment of Senior Army Member, Royal College of Defence Studies. Congratulations, Christopher!

A nostalgic letter from A. J. ASTON who was at B.P. both at Henley and Minchinhampton. On seeing the 75th Anniversary notice in the *Daily Telegraph* he wrote sending his school report of 1919! Aston's parents bought Beaudesert from the Richardsons when the school moved to Gloucestershire.

IAN BALDING (46-52) gives us news of himself and his brother TOBY (46-50) and his nephew, GERALD (69-74). Ian is still Point-to-Pointing. There was a fine photo of him on *The Field* front cover, winning the Sandhurst Point-to-Point. He still plays rugger occasionally at 40 plus! Both brothers seem to be doing very well in the training world. Gerald is at Art College in Salisbury after two years in Australia. He is very keen on Graphic Design. In early April we saw Ian (on T.V.) riding splendidly on the Aintree course, to come 3rd in the Foxhunter Chase.

We very much enjoyed seeing BONHAM BAZELEY (33-36) on T.V.'s *Gardeners' World* last spring, giving advice to ignorant amateurs like myself! He made it look so easy. We were indeed sorry to read later of the serious fire at his Highfield Nurseries.

We were able to meet up again with BILL BIDDLE (48-53) who had flown home from U.S.A. to be present at his late father's Thanksgiving Service in East Budleigh church. Colonel Dennis Biddle's memorial tablet had been dedicated by many members of the Gloucestershire Regiment who were present that day.

A long letter from JOHN BOWEN giving news of himself and his sons. John's latest book *Plain Tales of the Afghan Border* was published in 1982 and has since been chosen by R.N.I.B. to be made into one of their library of Talking Books for the Blind. SEBASTIAN (54-55) is training racehorses and as an amateur rider has ridden nearly 40 winners over fences and hurdles. RUPERT (54-57) is now working at the Foreign Office after appointments in the Bonn Embassy and at Lusaka. DESMOND (58-62) after working at the Paris Embassy and Ministry of Defence, has recently been appointed Private Secretary to the Permanent Secretary M.O.D.

CHARLES CARTER (69-75) is at St. Andrew's University reading English and History and is playing for the 1st XV for the second year running. JONATHAN (71-77) has just been commissioned into the 14th/20th Queen's Hussars.

JOANNA CLARKE (72-75) has passed into St. Hugh's, Oxford from Dean Close and is reading English. Our congratulations, Joanna, and we were delighted to see you at the dance.

Major CHRISTOPHER DAVEY (51-54) has just left the army and is hoping to start a vineyard near Bath.

Congratulations to HUGH DICKSON (69-74) on gaining a 2.2 degree in Applied Zoology after three years at Reading University.

We are indebted to Mrs. DOUGLAS for giving us news of her sons, SANDY (60-64) who is now a partner in his firm of Knight, Frank & Rutley; and JOHN (62-66) who is working in California.

HENRY ELWES (44-49) has been elected Chairman of Gloucestershire County Council. It is nice to know that County affairs are in safe hands. Congratulations, Henry.

Our best thanks to Major DAIR FARRAR-HOCKLEY, M.C. (54-60) who gave us news of Cmdr. PETER GALLOWAY, R.N. (52-57), HMS *Glasgow*. Both these two were heavily involved in the Falklands Campaign and we are still mindful of Dair's splendid lecture to us last December. Dair and Peter met up at a Metropolitan Police Dinner given in honour of the Task Force.

JOHN GASKELL (61-66) sends news of himself and his brothers. He, himself, is farming in Herefordshire; DAVID is a Captain in the Royal Regiment of Wales, and RICHARD is studying a foundation course in Accountancy.

GUY GIRLING has been in Falmouth doing the second year of a Diploma course on Yacht and Boatbuilding and also worked at the Westerly School of Sailing in Rock this summer. Group Captain CARYL GORDON (31-37) tells us that his son, ANDREW (72-77) was hoping to go for interview with the Army last January ('83).

We were very pleased to see TIM GURNEY (38-43) again after so long. He now lives in Cambridge working in Research in metals. He gave us news of his brother JEREMY (43-48) who is in engineering and lives in Bucks.

We were sorry indeed to hear of the death of FREDDY HENRY (32-37). He was a loyal Old Boy who visited the school frequently throughout his life until recently when he had decided to live in Scotland.

WARREN HIBBERT (55-60) is a research assistant at the University of Wales, and later is hoping to do Librarianship at Aberystwyth.

CHRISTOPHER HILL (49-54) has left the Trowbridge district and is now trying his luck in the hotel business at Bochyn Manor, Helston, Cornwall. All our best wishes in the new enterprise. TIMOTHY, his brother, has just sent his son to Beaudesert.

Dr. TONY HODSON (30-32) tells us he has 'half-retired' although this makes him busier than ever in his practice in Coleford.

News of the IDIENS family (61-71) from GAVIN, to whom we are much obliged. CRISPIN is a computer operator at Oxford; JUSTIN and Gavin have started farming together at Woore, near Crewe, and JULIAN is an agricultural mechanic at Evesham.

PETER JAFFE (24-28) has twice been President of the Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria and is currently Chairman of the expert committee which serves Australia. He has published articles in *London Philatelist* and elsewhere.

CHARLES KING-HOLFORD (73-78) having passed 3 A-levels has been accepted to train for a commission in the Royal Marines.

We were very pleased to see MICHAEL KNATCHBULL (44-49) when he was over from Ulster with his family and staying at his sister's house at nearby Bussage.

ADRIAN LEWIS (70-72) has obtained a 1st Class Honours Degree at Cambridge, where he has been a scholar of Queen's College.

Congratulations to HUGH LINDSAY (64-66) who is now a Major and has been appointed an Equerry to Her Majesty the Queen. ANDREW (65-69) is now teaching Maths and Computer Studies at Kingham Hill School.

The death of JOHN LODDER (18-20) brings back fond memories of the Henley days. John's father was the school's and the family's solicitor for close on 60 years. John carried on where his father left off and was always ready to give his kind and expert advice to all branches of the family. John Lodder will be sadly missed and our sincere sympathies are extended to all members of his family.

ALISTAIR MACKAY (70-75) the elder of the Mackay twins, brother of ANGUS and son of GEORGE (37-40) called on us in March last year. He has been in the hotel business but his great love is cricket, where he would like to try his luck professionally.

A Telegram from Vancouver sent by JONATHAN METCALFE (65-70) on Anniversary Day was very greatly appreciated and placed on the School Notice Board.

ANDREW MEYRICK (69-74) left Queen's College, Cambridge last year and has passed his 1st year Chartered Accountancy exams. He is working for Spicer Pegler specialising in Agricultural Accountancy. SIMON (70-75) is in his final year at Durham reading Philosophy. He produced *As You Like It* and took it on tour in the Summer. ALISTAIR (72-73) has completed a course on Poultry Farming at the West of Scotland Agricultural College.

CHARLES MORRISON (73-78) has left St. Edward's, Oxford. He captained the Tennis Six and led the side to the semi-final of the Youll Cup. He played for the 1st XI Hockey and the 3rd XV Rugger Teams.

Dr. JOHN MUNDEN (28-32) who has been a doctor in Tasmania and head of a large rehabilitation centre, is due for retirement at about this time. In a recent Newsletter we quoted him as having been in New Zealand. Apologies, John.

RICHARD NORTON (72-75) is now in his second year at Leicester Polytechnic reading Land Management - B.Sc. Hons. course.

EDWARD PARKER-JERVIS (70-73) is employed as a hydrographic surveyor with an international firm working in the Persian Gulf.

IAN PHILLIPS (59-64) wrote on his own impressive business writing paper to give us change of address, and news of himself and his brother GILES (61-66). Ian is now a free-lance journalist specialising in Motor Sport which takes him all round the world. He married an

American girl in 1980 and they have a boy (2½) and twin girls (5½ months). Giles owns a wine bar - Albertine's - in London and, situated where it is (Wood Lane W12), 'it has become a B.B.C. T.V. canteen!'

Our sincere sympathies to MAURICE RICHARDSON (10-14) on the sad loss of his wife. Maurice is a nephew of the Founders and, after being at Henley as a pupil, he returned for a short spell in the thirties to B.P. before starting his own school in Scotland, where his son followed him as headmaster. The school, Rickerby House, has just celebrated its Golden Jubilee.

GERALD SADLER (61-66) sends his news from all over the world where he has been working for Jardine, Mathewson & Co., first in Hong Kong, then in Tokyo, Johannesburg, Swaziland, etc. He is married and hopes one day to send his son to B.P. and we much appreciate his kind sentiments about the school.

We are grateful to PETER SCOTT-GRAHAM (45-50) for news of Cmdr. DAVID BRAYBROOKE, M.V.O. (45-50) who was appointed last summer as principal A.D.C. to the Lieut. Governor of Jersey.

Our best wishes to JOHN SCRIVENER (48-51) whose engagement was announced last January ('83). John is now happily married and lives in Exeter.

DAVID SMITH (76-78) has now left Allhallows and is currently working on a full catering course in southern England.

Congratulations to NIGEL STALEY (62-67) on his marriage last January to Suzannah Hawkings-Byass of Keymer, Sussex.

A kind letter from RICHARD STANTON (49-53) telling us of the sad death of CHARLES HILL, one of our most senior O.B.s from Henley days. Richard tells us that, besides himself, two other Old Boys were at Charles' funeral - NICHOLAS PRESCOTT, nephew (37-40) and SEBASTIAN ARBIS (66-71).

JAMES STILWELL (64-68) is the administrator for the organisation of language teaching in Spain.

MATTHEW STILWELL (65-70) has left the Army and is working in a computer firm. Congratulations to him on his recent engagement.

A most welcome visit from TIM VIGORS (29-34) after many years. He brought with him his charming wife, Diana, and told us that his new home is now in Spain, but he is still heavily involved with the buying and selling of racehorses all over the world.

STEPHEN VINCE (68-70) and his wife, Alison, now have a son, Richard, whom they find 'tremendous fun'. Stephen says his brother MICHAEL (68-71) works full-time for Radio Chiltern as a sports correspondent and has featured frequently on ITV's *World of Sport*.

News of TONY WINTERBOTHAM (36-41) from his sister, Pam. After leaving the Navy and Fleet Air Arm some 20 years ago, he went to Australia, where many members of his family live, and joined up with Transfield Corporation, one of the best known construction firms out there.

ANDREW VICKERS (64-69) is working at Coutts Bank and is to be married in the new year. JEREMY (65-70) has now passed his accountancy exams and is working for Whitbread at Reading. He was married in April of this year. ROBIN (67-72) is with his regiment, the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards at Senelaga in Germany.

**Bradfield** JONATHAN NEWMAN has left Bradfield and is going to St. Andrew's University to read Biology. JOHN KING is studying for his A-levels - Maths, Physics, Economics and Politics - after achieving 10 O-levels, all grade B except two. He is in the 1st XI Soccer and Hockey teams and is captain of the 1st VI Tennis. He ran the 1500 metres in the British Schoolboys' Championships at Crystal Palace in 4 mins. 16 sec. He enjoys the Royal Marine Cadets and hopes to go to the University of British Columbia in Vancouver.

**Cheltenham** JONATHAN WINTER gained 12 O-levels (6 A's, 5 B's). He coxed a four to victory in the National Schools Regatta and they were then selected to row for England in an International near Paris against the French. They won their races, beating the French and British National champions. He is Company Secretary for a Young Enterprise Company. PETER WINTER took one O-level this year and achieved a B grade. He is aiming to play for the 'A' Hockey team. ROBERT VEREY passed 9 O-levels and will be taking Maths, Economics and Ancient History at A-level this summer. He plays for the 3rd XV rugby team, plays tennis, captains the House soccer team and is still skiing. ANDREW DENHAM-DAVIS gained 8 O-levels and has started on his A-level course of Maths, Physics and Economics. He plays for the 5th XV rugger, Colts B Hockey,

- Athletics Team and sings in the choir. NICHOLAS GOODALL passed 7 O-levels and is now studying French, English and Economics at A-level. He plays for the 3rd XV rugger, Colts cricket, House rugby and is secretary of the Rock Society.
- Clifton* TOM NORRIS passed 2 A-levels in Biology and Physics. He is going to New Zealand for a year and will then return to take Regular Commissions Board and hopes for Sandhurst and the Glosters. TOBY NORRIS passed 8 O-levels and is now studying for A-levels in Geography, English and Economics. He is taking the Royal Marines Scholarship and has passed his Potential Officers Course at Lymington. He plays rugger for the 1st XV and has rowed for the college 1st VIII.
- Colstons* CHARLES NEWMAN plays for the 1st XV rugger team. His O-levels went well and he will be leaving school at Christmas.
- Dean Close* TIM HARMER played in the U15 teams in rugger, cricket and hockey. He was also in the swimming team and the U16 water polo team. He will be having a cricket trial for Gloucestershire's U15 XI in the summer.
- Eton* CHARLES CALDECOTT passed 2 A-levels in History of Art and Geography and is now working in a restaurant for £110 a week! NICHOLAS CALDECOTT has passed 4 O-levels and takes another 7 next summer. He is secretary of the Lower Boy Acting Group and has been in three school plays and four house plays. He coxed the House U14 IV's and House U16 IV's.
- Malvern* MARK STEELE has been awarded an Honorary Scholarship at Malvern on the basis of his excellent A-level results. He is staying for one more term to attempt entry to Oxford (Keble) in order to read Biology. He plays for the 1st XI soccer team, is a school prefect in charge of Libraries and is a sergeant in the school C.C.F. PAUL REYNOLDS passed 12 O-levels (9 A grades) and has now started A-level work in Maths, Physics and Chemistry. JUSTIN WEBBER is in his final year studying for three A-levels and will then be taking a year off before going on to University. LAWRENCE GAINES will be taking A-levels in the summer. ROBERT HARKER passed 10 O-levels with 4 A grades. Simon CRAWLEY-BOEVEY passed 9 O-levels with 4 A grades. HUW DAVIES and ALEXANDER FREEMAN also passed 9 O-levels and Alexander is in the middle of taking an Army Scholarship. JOHN HEADING is reading A-level Politics, Economics and Social Biology.
- Marlborough* PETER GUILLEBAUD takes Latin and French O-levels this year. He is playing tennis and hockey and plays the drums in the school band. RICHARD WHITTAL is playing for the U15 XV rugger team and is in the top set for all subjects. He takes French O-level in December.
- Monkton Combe* JOHN WALPOLE is taking English Language, Maths and Ancient History at O-level at the end of the year. He is playing for the U15 'A' team (rugger) and has rowed for the U14 'B' team. JONATHAN BELL will be taking Ancient History at O-level next year and is enjoying rowing.
- Radley* GEORGE EYKYN is taking Oxbridge after obtaining 3 A grades at A-level. He played for the 3rd XI soccer. CHRISTOPHER EYKYN was in the 1st rowing VIII of his age group and played in the wind band and 2nd orchestra. He also enjoys design, particularly photography. CHARLES KNIGHT is taking A-levels next summer having passed 8 O-levels. He runs the 'Radio Marcham' Hospital Radio in the local hospital. GEOFFREY KNIGHT spends much of his time printing. HENRY CARTER is now in the VI Form having obtained 8 O-levels, and plays for the Colts 1st XV. TIM SWETTENHAM fences and rows in the 2nd VIII of his age group. He spends much time in the Art Centre. JAMES MCCALLUM plays Midgets 1st XV rugby, enjoying squash, tennis and swimming as well. RUPERT PROCTER plays in the Midgets 1st XV and enjoys his cricket and court games. CHARLES FLETCHER is in the chess team, but plays all major sports too. JAMES RUNDALL was a member of a winning crew at the National Schools Regatta and plays for the Junior Colts 2nd XV. JAMES WASDELL takes A-levels at the end of the year and enjoys his rowing and rugby at senior level. TIM WASDELL is in the athletics and basketball teams and plays Colts 2nd XV rugby. He takes O-levels in the summer. EDWARD RAWLINS was in the Midgets 3rd team for all sports and enjoys his acting.
- Rendcomb* SIMON REDMAN has now left Rendcomb having achieved 7 passes at O-level. He is now at Marlton School and is studying English, History and Geography at A-level. He is in the senior 1st cross-country team. He will be joining the Army on a Regular Commission and hopes to join either the Parachute or Gloucestershire Regiment. SIMON NOYES gained 7 O-levels this year and is taking English, History and Public Affairs at A-level. He takes an active part in the sporting field and also the Community Service group.
- Rugby* WILLIAM WHITEMAN passed 8 O-levels and is studying French, History and

Economics at A-level. He hopes to go to Exeter University to read Law. He played in the 2nd VI tennis team.

**Sedbergh** DANIEL WALKER is taking Maths, Latin and Greek at A-level and is aiming for St. John's College, Cambridge to read Classics, or Exeter to read Law. He is in the shooting team and met Alistair Deeble at Bisley in July. TOM ARGLES ran the newcomers' drama for his house.

**Stowe** ANDREW MACDONALD played for the U15 2nd team for Hockey and Cricket and is in the House rugby team. MILES LEWIS has taken up water polo and is now in a team. He is in the House rugby team and played for a 3rd's Hockey team last winter. TOM JENKIN played in the water polo team and for a B team rugby group. He captained the B team for cricket and will be taking his O-level Maths this term.

**Wellington** DAMON REYNOLDS has passed his O-level Maths and takes a further 10 subjects in the summer. He enjoys swimming and running and plays the guitar and piano. His main interest is in the theatre and he also does pottery.

**Wycliffe** TIM CLAPHAM is in the 1st rugby and tennis teams, also the basketball, squash, athletics and cross-country teams. He is studying Art, Biology and Ceramics at A-level. TARIQ ISA is taking 9 O-levels and plays for the 5th rugby team and 2nd cricket XI. NICHOLAS ENDACOTT is taking 12 O-levels and plays in the orchestra and string group. He plays for the 5th rugby XV. JOE MAY passed 9 O-levels and is studying English, French and Geography at A-level. He rows in the 1st IV, is active in the Drama group and is a Corporal in the C.C.F. EDWARD SMITH passed 7 O-levels and is studying Spanish, French and Economics at A-level. He plays squash, badminton and soccer. WILLIAM SMITH is taking 9 O-levels, plays rugby, soccer and squash, is in the orchestra and plays the piano and violin.

We have received the following message from MICHAEL ALLEN:

'I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all those typically generous people – Old Boys, Parents and Friends – who contributed such a handsome amount on my retirement from Beaudesert after 41 years. I often have cause to think of you all.'

#### FLOREAT BEAUDESERTA – The First 75 Years by V. J. Keyte

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75th Anniversary – Old Boys' Lunch. Members of the 1932 Cricket XI swap reminiscences