

OLD BOYS NEWS

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

JOHN CANNING-COOK (48-53) died March 1985
RANDLE JONES (31-36) Lt. Cndr RN (ret'd) died September 1985
JAMES MITCHELL (47-52) died March 12 1985
JOHN SUTRO (10-14) died June 1985
CHARLES L. DAVIS (14-18) died September 9 1985

We extend our deepest sympathy to all their families.

MICHAEL ALLEN (26-32) and his wife enjoyed a holiday in New Zealand a year ago. There they met ALFRED CRIPPS (26-30) who has lived in New Zealand for many years. Unfortunately they were unable to contact NAT MAYNE (26-31) who has spent most of his life out there.

A welcome letter from PETER ALLFREY (50-55) who has now left accounting with Whitbread Brewery after 12 years and has moved his location to Bath where he works on the Management Accounting Services for Thornton Baker, Accountants.

Major NICHOLAS D'AMBRUMENIL (56-59) commanded Her Majesty's escort of Life Guards on the occasion of the Trooping of the Colour at the Queen's Birthday Parade last June.

Our best wishes and thanks to A. J. ASTON (16-19) for sending us a photograph of the Old Beaudesert at Henley in the days when he and his family lived there after the school had moved to Minchinhampton.

Congratulations to IAN BALDING (46-52) on winning a Point to Point event at the Army meeting last March at Tweseldown. Ian, who is the Queen's Flat Race trainer; had to do a bit of weight-shedding for this event. A fine win at his age!

PETER BARTON (63-68) kindly sent a change of address and news of himself and brothers. Peter is a Chartered Building Surveyor (1979) following a degree at Reading. Peter married in '77 and has two sons.

TIM BARTON (59-65) is an associate partner in a firm of Surveyors in Newbury. He has 2 children, a boy and a girl.

Once again we are happy to congratulate BONHAM BAZELEY (33-36) on his gold medal award for his firm, Highfield Nurseries, in the field of fruit trees and herbs. Bonham seems to make a habit of winning accolades at the most prestigious Chelsea Flower Show.

CHARLES BECKFORD (74-77) is still reading classics at Brasenose, Oxford. He has represented his college at most sports and is secretary of the College Wine Society.

News of JOHN BIDLAKE (36-40) from TONY GASKELL. John now lives in Dulverton and sells Boating Equipment. We had lost sight of John for years. Now he should come back and see B P again.

We are most grateful to JOHN BOWEN (15-20) for news of his sons. RUPERT (54-57) has recently been posted as First Secretary to H.B.M.'s Embassy at Vienna. DESMOND (58-62) is still Private Secretary to the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Defence. (Our best wishes are reciprocated to John and his wife).

Of the BUCHANANS, NICHOLAS (47-51) and PAUL (50-55), PETER LAWFORD writes: "Nick is being kept busy by IBM; shortly off to New York for 3 days and then Rome. Paul is a G.P. in Camberley and has 3 sons".

News from CHRISTOPHER BUNKER (67-70) who wrote for a "Floreat Beaudeserta". Christopher is now a doctor currently working at the Middlesex Hospital. His brother NICHOLAS (71-77) is at Loughborough University reading Business Studies. (Thank you for your news, Christopher, and best wishes from us both).

We have heard with great regret of the death of JOHN CANNING-COOK (48-53). No particulars are to hand, but the sad news comes from a reliable source. On leaving Beaudesert John went to Shrewsbury, but afterwards we lost touch with him and he with us. Our sincere sympathies are extended to his family.

We are glad to see that JAMES CHAMBERLAIN (66-71) on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Cecilia Law last January, chose ALASTAIR BEOR ROBERTS (66-71) as his best man!

Major CHRISTOPHER DAVEY (51-54) writes "I retired from the Army in May 1983 and am laying out "Bath's Own Vineyard" and rebuilding (self-built) an old lime stone house . . . and flying balloons . . . I hope my son, aged four will be with you in January '90. Best wishes for success, Christopher, in the new venture.

HUGH DAVIS (64-68) is now teaching Maths/Computers at Cranleigh School and doing a day-release M.Sc. at City University.

Further to our note on ADRIAN DEANE (62-67) in the last Newsletter, we called on him and his family at Faringdon last April and they are now well established at the Crown Hotel. All our best wishes Adrian.

Congratulations to DAIR FARRAR-HOCKLEY (54-60) on being posted last June to the Command of 3 Bn. Parachute Regt. As an instructor last year at Staff College he met Major MARK JACKSON (59-64) and Major HAMISH MACDONALD (61-66) who arrived as students. (We are grateful to Dair for sending us this news.)

Thank you, TONY GASKELL (34-38) for acknowledging our Newsletter and for sending us news of yourself, and others too, whom you will find in the alphabetical list. Tony's life "consists largely of being tied to animals". He has boarding kennels and a livery stable. His brother RICHARD (34-37) now lives at Dartmouth. He sold his farm at Ross some years ago. Richard Gaskell's son, RODERICK (60-65) is farming in South Africa but wants to come home and have a place of his own. He has a son about two years old. Tony's son (18) is at Somerset Farm College.

A letter from JOHN GORDON (28-33) about his sons. Further to our last Newsletter, ANTHONY (59-64) has returned to England and settled in Devon to an accountancy job with Ranks in London. RODERICK (68-72) has left the Army, is now at Law School and took his exams for Solicitor last year.

We have heard from MICHAEL HENRIQUES (51-54) that his son GUY (74-78) is at London University reading Sanskrit. We are grateful, too, to Michael for helping us over another matter of addresses.

We have heard recently from the Forest that DR. ANTHONY HODSON (30-32) gave up his practice a year or two ago but is still living in Coleford.

Our sincere congratulations to ANDY HODSON (58-62), son of DAVID (29-33) on the providential escape from harm of himself and his family during the ice-age last January. A boiler explosion in the early hours destroyed a part of his house at Frampton where he lives with his wife and 3 children. From all accounts, Andy's prompt action saved what might have been a serious accident.

Many thanks to TOM HUNT (27-31) for his news and change of address; "I retired from my job at Parkstone Club 27 years ago and now have plenty of other voluntary jobs, mostly connected with sailing." Thank you, too, for news of your son, CHARLES (62-66) who was a R.N. helicopter pilot until last year when he changed over to flying a "fixed wing". He leaves the Navy at the end of this year and hopes to get a job as an airline pilot.

ROBIN HUNTINGTON'S (36-40) untimely death, recorded in the last Newsletter, occurred in one of the Gulf States, where apparently he had a heart attack whilst driving. His brother JACK HUNTINGTON (33-38) has been living on Barra, Outer Hebrides, with his wife for ten years. They love it there and Jack does relief Lighthouse duties when he gets hard up! (We are indebted to Tony Gaskell for this news of the Huntingtons).

Congratulations to SIMON JANION (69-74) on having his commission confirmed into Queen's Dragoon Guards after graduating at Exeter.

Sir GEOFFREY JELLCOE (09-15) kindly wrote with change of address. I quote: "My landscape practice here in Italy and USA, run by myself, is larger than at any time before I reached the 80's". The congratulations he sent to us are warmly reciprocated. (Thank you, Geoffrey).

We have heard with the deepest regret of the death of RANDLE JONES (1931-36) Lt. Cmdr. RN (Ret'd). The family of four brothers were BRIAN (23-27), (DAVID killed in World War II), ANTHONY (30-35) and Randle. They were all so very well known to us including their parents whom we remember with affection. Randle's life was cut short by a prolonged illness which he endured with great fortitude. Our sincere sympathies are extended to all the family.

HUGH KENRICK (lately vice-chairman of Governors) told us that his son JOHN (63-67) "has got a job at Tewkesbury now and came up from Brighton in January together with his wife and one-year-old daughter".

Our best thanks to PETER LAWFORD (29-34) for his letter and for the other O.B. news of the Prices and Buchanans.

For some time now we have noticed the name of Major HUGH LINDSAY (64-66) mentioned as an equerry to The Queen. We hasten to congratulate Hugh, somewhat belatedly, on this appointment.

Besides Hugh Lindsay we have also noticed the name of Captain CHARLES BLOUNT (54-59) mentioned as equerry to the Duke of Kent. Our congratulations, Charles.

We were very pleased to see EDWARD LYNE (51-55) after a long absence. On leaving Radley, Edward took up engineering and has spent many years in Turkey, Libya and West Africa. He is now Chairman and Managing Director of Pasico Ltd (Ghana) which deals in manufacture and agriculture. It was a pleasure to see his mother and father again and to meet his wife and son.

Congratulations to JONATHAN METCALFE (65-70), son of Major DAVID METCALFE (30-34) on his engagement last March to Karen Campbell of Vancouver, Canada. P.S. they were married last September in London.

JAMES MITCHELL (47-52) died on March 12th 1985 at the young age of 45. We extend our sincere sympathies to his wife and family of three sons and to his mother and brothers. It was with interest and some pride that we read of James's considerable success as a publisher. His "World Atlas of Wine" and the "Joy of Knowledge Encyclopaedia" were best sellers. The Telegraph obituary described him as "one of the most dynamic publishers of his generation".

Our most hearty congratulations to Rear-Admiral JULIAN OSWALD (42-47) on his appointment last October '84 as Flag-Officer of Third Flotilla and Commander Anti-Submarine Group Two. And in September last came news of his promotion to Vice-Admiral.

CHRISTOPHER PARKER JERVIS (38-43) Commander, R.N. (Ret'd) has told us that his elder son, EDWARD (70-73) is with the firm of Cable and Wireless and that WILLIAM (75-78) is at Aberdeen University.

JOHN PRICE (47-52) who married PETER LAWFORD'S (29-34) niece, Diana, has a daughter, Rosalind. The family has now moved from York to Poulton, near Cirencester.

Thank you, PETER ROBINSON (43-47) for your change of address. He writes "we have moved to a small farm (near Oxford) with the idea of having lots of time to devote to all the things we would prefer to do. However, we decided to put the property to rights - hedging, ditching, water drainage with not a moment to spare." Even so, Peter, it's time you spared a moment to come back and see Beaudesert.

ANDREW SMITH (68-72). I met his father last Christmas who told me that Andrew had gained an engineering degree and recently won an appointment as Service Consultant in London for B.M.W. Cars (Hexicon List).

MATTHEW STILWELL'S (66-70) wedding to Miss Kiildsen-Jensen in Copenhagen (August '84) brought two other Beaudesertians to the happy occasion - his brother JAMES (67-68) as best man and his cousin MICHAEL AIRY (43-44) on leave from East Africa and Matthew managed to deliver his speech in Danish, which prompted his mother to ask us whether that language is taught in our curriculum.

We were very sorry to read of the death of JOHN SUTRO (10-14) one of our oldest Old Boys.

- John died in Monte Carlo where he had retired with his wife several years ago. John won a scholarship to Rugby from Beaudesert and later became a film director.
- A card last Christmas from Sir ROGER (19-24) & Lady SWYNNERTON who told us that CHARLES (53-59) is now a full time tennis coach.
- We were glad to see ALASTAIR THOMSON (57-62) and his wife who sent their young son to B.P. last year. Their home is at Horsley, nearby, but Alastair spends much of his time travelling abroad for Critchleys.
- A welcome letter from SIMON TREVERTON-JONES (62-67) giving news of himself and his brother GUY (57-62) who is a qualified solicitor with his own practice. Simon has tried other occupations since coming down from Cambridge but is now aiming at Law also. (Thank you, Simon, for your letter and change of address. Time you came back to see the changes).
- WILLIAM WHITEMAN (73-78) elder son of PETER WHITEMAN (45-49) sustained severe injuries when he was hit by a car in Cheltenham last August. He is still in hospital. We know that all friends of the family will join us in wishing him a complete recovery.
- A most interesting and helpful letter from PETER WILLIAMS (64-69) who gave us news of himself and his 4 brothers, all of whom we thought we had lost touch with owing to change of address. Peter lives in Aylesbury and works for an International grain shipping company. Until recently he played county rugger for Bucks. GEOFFREY (54-59) is married and lives in Sydney, Australia, working as an accountant. MICHAEL (62-65) is a quantity surveyor having worked in Iraq, Spain and Italy for the past 7 years. ROBIN (66-71) after gaining a 2/1 degree at Liverpool, now works in the south east as a medical representative and GRAHAM, (68-73) having won a business studies degree, now works as a sales executive for a card manufacturer.

NEWS FROM SCHOOLS

- All Hallows* GARY BRADLEY is taking Ancient History and English at A level this year. He plays Fly half for the 2nd XV and is Captain of Shooting. LUCAS SHOTTS is a School Prefect. He is leader of the 1st XV Scrum and Captain of Sailing. He takes English and French at A level this summer. JAMES HANNEY takes his O levels in the summer.
- Ampleforth* WILLIAM FLINT has 11 O levels, 9 with A grades and 2 B's. He has started his A level course and will be taking Double Maths, Chemistry and Physics. He is working for his Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award and his interests include, bridge, chess, cricket, golf and riding.
- Bloxham* ALEXANDER DAVIES has added another 'A' at O level, now making a total of 11 A grades. Many congratulations! JUSTIN is also enjoying life at Bloxham.
- Cheltenham* JONATHAN WINTER has left Cheltenham and hopes to spend some time in New Zealand this year before reading Aeronautical Engineering at Bristol University. PETER WINTER is in the Upper VI reading Biology, Chemistry and English at A level. He is a House Prefect, but acting Head of House this term. BEN LEE won the top scholarship this year and has settled well. PHILIP ASTLEY-SPARKE is playing hockey and squash and is keen on electronics. ANDREW DENHAM DAVIS is a House Prefect. EDWARD WHITTAL has settled well and is enjoying life.
- Dean Close* PAUL YOUNG has had a good start and plays for the 3rd XV rugby and swimming teams. He is working hard at his art. TOM ARCHARD is working hard and enjoying life. He is in the U15 XV rugby team as well as swimming. ALISTAIR BLAND has settled well and is working hard on the academic side as well as on the rugby field. TIM HARMER is in the first XV rugby, hockey and cricket teams as well as the senior water polo team and swimming team. He won the school tennis cup and Junior Victor Ludorum. In

- the Easter Holidays he went on a rugby tour to Canada. In the summer he sat his O levels.
- Douai* THOMAS FLINT is a School Prefect and Head of his house. He is studying English, Geography and Ancient History at A level. His interests include drama, sailing and squash. He spent part of his summer holiday travelling in France with friends.
- Ellerslie* ABIGAIL PROCTER is now well settled and has been voted by her colleagues as House Rep and has to take prefect-like responsibilities.
- Eton* NICK CALDECOTT has done A level in Drama and takes 3 more in the Summer. He is to be House Captain in Spring '86. He is an Editor of the *Eton College Chronicle* - the school magazine, and is Keeper of Drama, he is also sitting the exam to Oxford this November. KIT LEWIS has 4 O'levels (all A's) and rows and fences for the school. He is very interested in botany, having joined the Botanical Society. ANDREW NEEDHAM has 7 O'levels, and is enjoying volleyball, beagling and stamp-collecting.
- Kelly College* NEIL MACDONALD is now in the 1st year VI form, He played hockey for the 2nd XI and rugby for the 2nd XV as well as taking part in many other minor sports such as squash, athletics, canoeing, sailing, crosscountry and house cricket. He still finds time to go skiing every year and is keen on motocross. He is hoping for a career in the Royal Marines after a gap year in New Zealand.
- Malvern* Congratulations to NICK FREEMAN who has just been awarded an Army Scholarship to Sandhurst. ALEXANDER FREEMAN is waiting for the results of his R.C.B. Nick Freeman and JAMES HARKER are both taking part in a Malvern College Expedition to Ecuador next summer. ROBERT HARKER is second Chapel Prefect and plays 3rd XI soccer and 2nd XI cricket. ANDREW ALLFREY is in the Colts B tennis team, the 1st VIII cross country team and is captain of the under 17 cross country team. He was well placed in the Rugeley Bowl National Meeting and also ran 800m in the National Athletics Meeting. He is under 17 County Champion at 800m. CHRISTOPHER STEPHENS is in the under 16 cross country team and under 15 athletic team. PAUL REYNOLDS is taking the Oxbridge Exam in his 7th term and hoping to read Science at Cambridge. WILLIAM WEBBER played hockey for the under 15 XI last year and was a member of the Colts B XV in rugby.
- Monkton Combe* JONATHAN BELL achieved 10 O levels and is now launched on Maths, Chemistry and Biology A level courses. JOHN EDWARDS has 6 O levels and is taking Ancient History, Economics and Geography A levels. He is continuing his music and working for Grade V piano and trumpet. He is playing squash and tennis as his main games. JOHN WALPOLE has 8 O level passes and will be taking History, Geography and Economics for A level.
- Pakistan* We have heard that TURAN AFRIDI is at school in Lahore and taking his A levels next summer. He is apparently now 6'2", playing polo and shooting.
- Pierrepont* EDWARD CUTHBERT is enjoying public school life and is now very keen on rugger.
- Radley* EDWARD RAWLINS achieved 8 O levels, 1 A/O Level and is in the Colts 2nd rugby, hockey and cricket teams. He is assistant stage director. RUPERT PROCTER passed 5 O levels and is a member of the Junior Colts 2nd XI hockey team, Junior Colts 1st XI cricket and Colts 3rd rugby XV. He also enjoys squash, raquets, swimming, tennis and indoor sports. JAMES RUNDRELL passed 8 O levels. He is rowing and in the Colts 2nd VIII as well as in the Colts 1st rugby team. He enjoys directing plays. CHRISTOPHER EYKYN is rowing in the Colts 3rd VIII, plays in the wind band and is official drama photographer. He is taking German, French and English A levels next summer. WILLIAM KEYTE enjoys rowing and coxing and is a member of the back stage crew. He plays golf and is in the choir and 1st orchestra. HENRY CARTER is scrum leader in 2nd XV rugger. He achieved 2 Bs and a C in his A level subjects, Geography, English and History. Henry is also in the fencing team, he is a House Prefect and a member of the J.C.R. Committee. TIMOTHY WASEDELL is in the athletics team for javelin, discus and shot and plays hockey in the 4th XI, rugger in the 1st XV as well as soccer in the 1st XI. He plays basket ball for the