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## From the President



Writing this introduction in breaks during a NATO Chiefs of Defence Conference in Seville, I can scarcely believe that I'm already on the final stretch of my presidential year of the Edward Alleyn Club. Despite being coincident with one of the more fast-paced and demanding times of my professional military career, my term of office as your President has been enlightening,

edifying, uplifting and hugely rewarding. I have particularly appreciated having the opportunity to meet so many people connected with Alleyn's, alumni, pupils, staff and parents. I have also enjoyed wandering down memory lane and even daring to peek at the future of the School as set out by the new Headmaster.

And what I see is all good. Dr Gary Savage, his staff and pupils are to be congratulated on a superb set of public examination results this summer, as well as for enabling the School's leavers to succeed in gaining places at their university of choice in what has been a difficult year for university entry.

Alongside academic achievement, what I love (and have always loved) about Alleyn's is the way it opens pupils' eyes to other experiences – listening to talks by some distinguished speakers, community work, performances, fundraising for charities, Duke of Edinburgh awards and – dear to this particular alumnus' heart – the CCF. The pupils I've been fortunate to meet are bright, inquisitive and respectful. The sincere applause the senior cadets gave one another – and their staff – at this year's CCF Regimental Dinner was inspiring. It gave my wife Jan and me a real sense of optimism for our nation's future; in the hands of young people such as these, it feels assured and safe indeed.



*Congratulating NCO Joe Stallard*

The Edward Alleyn Club is in safe hands too. You'll see in these pages an article about the Club's updated constitution. This reflects the recent changes that have occurred in the management of the Clubhouse and grounds. I heartily welcome the closer relationship the Club has with the School; Alleyn's has safeguarded the Club's future and this is to be applauded.



*AM Sir Christopher Harper with Dr Gary Savage and Channel 4 News journalist, Jonathan Miller, when Sir Christopher came in to speak to pupils*

We 'poor scholars' of Edward Alleyn should, in turn, do our part to ensure that Alleyn's continues to thrive. I am delighted to see that the School is launching a major fundraising strategy to increase the provision of bursary funding to enable more boys and girls to come to Alleyn's, regardless of their family's income. I am also pleased that it is investing in new building projects which will ensure that our facilities are suitable for a 21st-century education which continues to challenge, excite and inspire future scholars in a way that our Founder would have been proud. I do hope you will be able to support the *Advancing Alleyn's* campaign.



*Addressing the CCF Regimental Dinner*

My final weekend as President includes the Club's Annual Dinner and the Foundation School's Remembrance Sunday service: I look forward to meeting many of you there.

Thank you for affording me the honour and privilege of being your President and for a splendid and thoroughly enjoyable year.

**Air Marshal Sir Christopher Harper KBE MA FCMI RAF  
(Cribb's, 1968-75)**

## Alleyn Benevolent Fund

Following the publication of the April 2011 Magazine the Fund received a handful of donations to help with the continued funding of the Bursary awards in memory of Sidney Incedon and Derek Fenner.

The Trustees have now committed to providing a new Bursary award in memory of Derek Fenner and this commences in September 2011 for two years. The current Incedon bursary award runs out in the summer of 2012.

The Trustees will be looking to renew the Incedon bursary award when it expires but may be unable to do so without some substantial support from former pupils and others.

The recent investment of some capital funds received (see October 2010 magazine) has helped to keep that part of the income at a steady level but your continued assistance is vital in maintaining the two awards.

To remind those who may not know each award enables one or more pupils to remain in the sixth form to take their A levels when they would otherwise have to leave for lack of funding.

Please send your donations to either of the undermentioned trustees:

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## Ten-year reunion

We held a reunion in the familiarity of the Clubhouse for alumni who left ten years ago this year. This was an informal reunion for classmates who last sat behind school desks together in 2001 to catch up and re-connect. Their Headmaster, Dr Colin Niven, held court and spent the evening basking amongst what he describes as 'a really lovely year'.



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*Front cover: Dulcie Davies (Brown's) being presented with the Merrill Prize by John Merrill (Roper's, 1942-48) at the Regimental Dinner. The prize rewards the Year 13 NCO who has improved the most in the CCF.*

Editor: Susannah Schofield, Head of Alumni Relations

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## Proposed new constitution for the Edward Alleyn Club

The Club's Executive Committee had, originally, intended that a proposed new constitution for the Club should be presented to a General Meeting, coinciding with last year's Club Annual General Meeting and, if you recall reading something similar to this piece in last autumn's Edward Alleyn Club Magazine, you are not imagining things. At that time, however, the Executive decided that rather than rush into approving a new constitution, which might need to be amended shortly thereafter to reflect the actual practice of the Club's further integration with the School, it would make sense to delay a little longer.

A year later, not only is the Club's relationship with the Development and Alumni Office at the School further cemented but the School has now been responsible for in excess of 12 months for Burbage Road, where we have already seen some much-needed improvements to the fabric of the Clubhouse and the appointment of Rob Crowley (Tyson's, 1998-2005), who is now moving things forward as General Manager in succession to Keith Rodwell.

As we anticipated it would, this has brought about a major change in the rôle of the Club and its officers, who are no longer responsible for the day-to-day management of the bricks, mortar, grounds, ordering for and staffing of Burbage Road, which are now in the hands of the School's professional team, and which is much better able to handle those aspects.

So, one of the key (and most time-consuming) responsibilities, which the Club's Executive Committee has hitherto had, has disappeared, although the Committee, under its new guise of the Club's Management Board, continues to have a key part to play in helping to co-ordinate the Club's on-going usage of both Clubhouse and grounds, especially their upkeep and development. Our aim remains the same as described previously, namely that the Management Board's rôle should be a strategic one, where we work together with the School to develop and build on what we are able to offer to former pupils (and, importantly, vice versa).

Consequently, the key plank of the revised constitution envisages a streamlining of our committee-process, which will result in the creation of the Management Board directly responsible to the Club as a whole through the Annual General Meeting. At the same time, the Board's membership will be widened so that it will, formally, include both the Director of Development & Finance (David Young) and Head of Alumni

Relations (Susie Schofield) as representatives of the School (they both already attend meetings as co-opted members and their input has proved invaluable). The Council, which, at present, meets twice a year will disappear but, each year, meetings of the Management Board will be held jointly on at least one occasion with members of the School's Senior Management Team, Common Room and the Alleyn's Association (parent-body), and on another with the Club's 'affiliated sections', recognising how crucial it is that we continue to work closely with the School and respond to the requirements of the sections.

The constitution also looks to set down the rules by which the Club operates with a view not only to meeting its needs today but for the foreseeable future.

The intention is that it will mean that we spend more time deliberating what a former pupils' club should be and how we can take forward initiatives based on our conclusions, as well as how we can be more responsive to our membership, both close to Dulwich and, very importantly, further afield. Clearly, establishing a structure, which is helpful in furthering the Club's continuing commitment to the School, with which we envisage working ever more closely, is another central factor and this is an appropriate point at which to note just how helpful the School has been in supporting the Club throughout the discussions on integration and the process, which has followed on.

Club constitutions can be rather dry – this proposed revision is probably no exception – but what it does look to do is to reflect, to a great extent, how the Club is already operating today, as well as putting in place a framework, within which it can develop further. With the disappearance of some of the day-to-day management rôles Executive Committee members have had in the past, we hope, also, that the Management Board may, in the future, be a place, where more of you will feel encouraged to play a part in shaping the future of your Club (and your old School).

I hope that this proposal will receive the support of members at the EGM on 11 November 2011 and that some of you will feel inclined to get in touch with your ideas about how you would like to see the Club evolve.

David Hankin (Spurgeon's, 1971-78)  
Executive Committee member  
davidhankin@btinternet.com

## Memories Day for the 1950s

Following on from the successes of the Memories Days we held for AOBs who were at Alleyn's in the 1930s and 1940s, we are continuing the oral history series and are delighted to announce the date for the 1950s' Memories Day reunion. This has been set at 6 March, 2012.

We hold this event during the term and, because of constraints to space and timetabling during a school day, we have to limit the number of guests to 20.

Invitations will be going out to all AOBs who were at Alleyn's in the 1950s in the New Year.

(And for those of you wondering what's happening to the 1940s write-up, this is still a work-in-progress and we hope it will be available in the New Year.)

## Founder's Day by numbers

Founder's Day was as crowded as Glastonbury but without the mud this year. The Pimm's Tent was packed with visitors and scores of former pupils took the opportunity to re-visit their old alma mater. Everything went smoothly which rather belies the months of planning and preparation which go on beforehand. Take a look at some statistics on what makes a Founder's Day, see box below.

But perhaps the most impressive statistic and one which couldn't be measured was the countless number of reunions between old friends – both previously arranged and on the hoof – which took place on the day.

- 1,700 people were fed during the day (lunches, sports teas, afternoon teas and the barbecue)
- 1,515 of beer mats sold in AA raffle
- 1,000 cornflowers used as button-holes
- 300 ice creams sold
- 200 riders on the Bucking Bronco (longest time: 86 seconds)
- 198 prizes presented to pupils
- 192 bottles of lemonade used in the Pimm's Tent
- 150m of bunting made by Junior School pupils
- 135 Brown's Brownies sold
- 96 people abseiling off the science block roof
- 68 bottles of Pimm's used
- 36 kilos of strawberries eaten
- 4 parachutists from the Royal Artillery's 'Black Knights' team descending from a chinook
- **And a whopping £8,163 raised for charity by all the stalls and refreshment tents.**

## Pimm's Tent reunions for 2012

As was evident this year, the Pimm's Tent is the perfect place to meet fellow alumni – see the photo of the 1947-ers below. We have already had requests for reunions of certain year groups for 2012 and we suggest these merry bands get together over a jug of Pimm's on Founder's Day, Saturday 30 June, 1.30-4pm.

So, if you were at Alleyn's around 1958-61, or are celebrating – as Alan Whitten (Tyson's, 1953-60) writes – a 'three-score years and ten' birthday in 2012, do get in touch with the office and we can give you further details.



*A gathering of AOBs in this summer's Pimm's Tent. They all started at Alleyn's in September 1947.*

*From left to right: Howard Milborrow, John Quint [on whom some wit has added hair...], John Feakes, Phil Lamprell, Derek Smith, David Plummer, Chris Walton, Tony Furminger, Martin Wales.*



## Return to Rossall



**Frank Halford (Rose & Roper's, 1942-49) was one of the pupils who went to Rossall as part of the School's war-time evacuation. He joined the reunion to Rossall and here he describes what it was like to return.**

The Development and Alumni Office had the delightful idea of repeating the 1995 visit to Rossall School, to which Allyn's was evacuated in 1941. Fourteen former evacuees of advancing years assembled on 9 July at Allyn's, cases and bags were carefully stowed on the top of the minibus, we seated ourselves as comfortably as we could inside (have you ever travelled over 200 miles in a minibus?) and our two expert drivers, David Young and Antony Faccinello, did the rest. Actually, it was luxury to be chauffeur-driven all that way. I also found it quite rewarding as I learnt in conversation how to have dinner at the Ritz for £45.

We were met at Rossall by Susie Schofield and Martha Jones who had travelled up earlier to help get things ready. Another 34 joined us, not all former evacuees, for this reunion. We were given our room numbers, (yes, just as in a hotel) dormitories long since gone. I even shared en-suite facilities with one other. Mind you, one drawback – there were 47 steps to climb. These days, I look for the lift.



A green-trousered Dr Winkley leading the tour with Frank Halford at the front

After a cup of tea in the Café Mondo – that's the new name for the tuck shop – and an introduction to the Rossall headmaster, Dr Stephen Winkley, we walked to the chapel. On the way I expressed grave doubts to Dr Winkley that we were in fact at Rossall at all. Surely, this was all a mirage? The air was still, the

sky was blue, the sun was shining and it was warm. He assured me it was no mirage. 'We had a day like this four years ago,' he said.

Chapel brought back many memories, among them that awful day with its opening hymn, 'Lord, behold us with thy blessing',

and that wonderful day when we sang so cheerfully, 'Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing'. And we had a service now, taken by the Revd Martin Oram, former School Chaplain. Martin, referring to the Parable of the Sower, said that as School Chaplain, he was very much in the business of sowing seed which may not germinate for a long time, but we have a lifetime to allow God to do his work. We would have both happy and sad memories of our time at Rossall: may God be with us in the remembering and the pain. Thank you Martin for a memorable service.



AOBs wandering the Quad

Afterwards, Dr Winkley spoke of Rossall, of its large international intake, and of the bewilderment of Far Eastern youngsters faced with the singing of 'Jerusalem'.



The Archway, Rossall School

We then had a short tour. Ah, the Dining Hall! It really is a magnificent building, just as we remembered it. But one thing was missing. Where was the all-pervading odour of ling? How we hated that fish. My own particular memory is of being slapped round the ear by the master on duty,

Sir John Maitland [Dom], who thought I had tugged his gown. When I sobbed – I was very small – that he had caught it on the bench corner, he was most apologetic. We reminisced on the Lammas Term when the school stayed up for the summer holiday in 1944 because of the flying bomb attacks on London, and how we used to sing *Non Nobis Domine* as a round before lunch. Afterwards I thought we should have done so then. Hadn't we proved in the chapel that we still had the voices?

Then into Big School and its memories of stage productions but particularly of the weekly Sunday morning choral practice for the whole school, leading up to the performances of so many wonderful works and giving us a lifelong love of music. What a great man WJ 'Puff' Smith was!

## CCF Regimental Dinner

Club President Air Marshal Sir Christopher Harper attended the Regimental Dinner as the CCF's guest of honour.

The School's Commanding Officer, Judith Hewitson, ably gave a review of the CCF's year and was warmly applauded by an audience of NCOs, CCF staff and alumni. A third of the guests were former pupils – one alumnae came back specifically to see her former CCF charges being 'dined out': she was very proud.

Sir Chris spoke to the guests about his career and described his involvement in the current situation in the Middle East: he had only been in his job as UK Military Representative to NATO and



AM Sir Christopher Harper congratulating CSM F Johnston

the EU for three days when the 'Arab spring' sprung. In his speech, he acknowledged the straitened times facing governments' defence departments; but he was not downhearted. The way forward was 'to win our arguments through sharing intelligence, using persuasion and influencing others': skills which he cheerfully acknowledged that he had begun learning in the corridors of Alleyn's.

And so the tour continued – the quadrangle, the Winchester fives courts, James House, The Hall, until it was time to dress for dinner. Drinks first in the Sumner Library, where a collection of memorabilia was displayed and then into the Common Room for an excellent meal. In his welcome, Dr Winkley said numbers at Rossall had sunk to 225 before the arrival of Alleyn's and how his school had received seven shillings a week for each boy.

In his speech of thanks, Dr Gary Savage quoted from the March 1941 *Edward Alleyn Magazine (EAM)* which recorded that the school had been evacuated for a second time – from Kent to Lancashire: 'the land of hops and custard powder gives place to the land of tripe and Gracie Fields'. He said that society without a history is like a man without a memory and how important it was to learn about the school's life in the 1940s. At the end of our 'exile' at Rossall, the *EAM* reported in July 1945, 'Much has happened since our formation in those dark days early in 1941. Many and varied are the memories we shall all carry with us of the years spent up here – the spirit of comradeship and friendship – the alternate curses and sighs of relief which greeted the sound of the bugle – the penny trips to civilisation...'

And what other memories came back? Gym slipper battles in the Laundry; the Spotters' Club of Crescent House on the Gazebo; being in the Home Guard and manning the telephone exchange; patrolling the beach and sardine sandwiches; long train journeys home, one lasting 12 hours; Jack Lanchbery and his jazz group; bitterly cold cross-country runs and coming back to no hot water; being rapped over the knuckles for not knowing irregular French verbs; being found crying on the sea-front and being comforted by Mrs Allison (the Headmaster's wife) over tea

in Alleyn House; Bub Jones berating Rose House boys for not closing black-out curtains properly and then praying, 'Lighten our darkness...'; the cold, bleak, grey sea; broadcasting an hour-long concert on *Children's Hour*; worrying about our families in London; a friend being told that his father had been killed in action, and much, much more.

In conclusion, may I say how grateful we are to David, Susie and Martha for coming up with this idea and for their superb organisation.

Frank Halford (Rose & Roper's, 1942–49)



Reunion dinner in the Common Room

# Summer reunion

***Katie De Salis was one of our tour guides for this summer's reunion. Here she reviews the day and what it was like hearing about Alleyn's from years before***

Earlier this year a group of year 12 students (ages 17) lead tours of Alleyn's to 110 alumni and their guests at the summer reunion. This was for alumni who left Alleyn's in 1951, 1961, 1971, 1981 and 1991 and they gave us a range of interesting stories from different times at Alleyn's. It was exciting for former pupils to meet those from other generations and to compare their times at Alleyn's.

After a chance to catch up with old friends and teachers, alumni were split into Houses to be taken on tours by students in the same House. It was fascinating to hear about how the school has changed so much over the years: such as the Sixth Form Centre, formerly known as 'The Buttery', the new sports hall and, of course, the Edward Alleyn Building and Michael Croft Theatre. Some also had memories of when the swimming pool was built.

It was also interesting to learn about co-curricular life at Alleyn's and I was surprised to discover that the CCF used to be compulsory (unless you had a note from your parents)! The alumni fondly looked back at their CCF days, reminiscing about the fun they had and the numerous friendships made.

One thing that really stood out was the freedom the prefects were given – we were all excited to hear that the keys to the school were left in the responsible hands of the Senior Prefects!

The tour ended in the Edward Alleyn Building where the old boys and girls were delighted to view the GCSE and A level artwork in the inaugural Summer Exhibition. This was also on display in the Great Hall where they admired the new House Captains' honours boards and the portraits of Headmasters.

After the tour alumni gathered for a drinks reception followed by a delicious lunch provided by Sue Fraser and her team. Group photographs were then taken outside the school to capture memories of what was a lovely day.

Katie De Salis, Spurgeon's House Captain



AOBs from 1951



AOBs from 1961



AOBs from 1971



Staff at the summer reunion



Alumni from 1981



Alumni from 1991

## Edward Alleyn Clubhouse welcome & barbecue

On a lazy and leisurely afternoon in September, 70 of this summer's leavers gathered together over burgers, buns and balls at the Clubhouse in Burbage Road. The Edward Alleyn Club was holding its annual welcome event whereby new members of the Club can meet up with representatives from the various sections of the Club.

The Edward Alleyn Golf Society brought along some toys to show – e.g. a speed gun to measure the speed of a player's drive – tennis players demonstrated their skills on the courts, the cricketers entertained all afternoon with a leisurely game, and the more energetic of our leavers' played a convivial round of rounders.

It was also an opportunity to see the newly refurbished Clubhouse (see p11 for further details).



## Web Martha

We are still working through the almost 400 information forms returned to the office, and I would like to apologise if I haven't worked my way through to your form as yet – but I will! We have also had around 330 online updates of records; anything from change of birthdate to a full account of everything you've done since leaving school (including photos!) so thank you very much. We have been delighted by the response and the opportunity it has given us to re-connect with some 'lost' alumni as well as for you to re-connect with some of your old friends – see Nigel Whitwell's photo (right).

At the end of term we held our reunion of anniversaries for the Years of 1951, '61, '71, '81 and '91 and it was fun to see how this changed the use of the club website – some really popular pages were the 1981 reunion page (498 hits) and 1991 reunion page with 297 hits. If there's anything you'd like to see more content about or indeed if I've made any mistakes; I'd really like to hear your thoughts.

Martha Jones  
jonesm@alleyns.org.uk

## A reunion at The Rocket

Nigel Whitwell (Tyson's, 1959-65) sent us a photo of a reunion he had in the summer with two old Alleyn's pals at The Rocket, Euston Road, London. Nigel managed to get back in touch with Stephen Reimann (Tyson's, 1959-66) after contacting the Development and Alumni Office and this reunion was possible, says Nigel, 'thanks to you'.



Stephen Reimann, Nigel Whitwell, Brent Calvin (Cribb's, 1959-67)



*For those of you who left (or taught in) 1952, 1962, 1972, 1982, 1992, there will be a combined reunion for you at the School on **Saturday 16 June**. Please hold the day in your diary now and pass the message on about the reunion to anyone with whom you're still in contact from these years.*



## Oval reunion

The walls of the John Major Room at the Oval Cricket Ground buzzed with bonhomie at a reunion of 50 AOBs from the 1945–60 era. Guests of honour Dr Gary Savage and former Headmaster, Dr Colin Diggory, were both on hand to make sure order and decorum were maintained. Rain stopped play between (Surrey vs Derbyshire) but this didn't dampen the spirits of our guests. The reunion was again organised by Ken Farrington (Tulley's, 1947–56) with Micky Stewart (Tulley's, 1944–51).



*An actor and two headmasters: from left to right, Dr Colin Diggory, Ken Farrington and Dr Gary Savage*



*AOBs having lunch in the John Major Room*

Over lunch, John Williams (Roper's, 1943–49) offered to organise a reunion in the South Cotswolds some time next year for the same AOBs. So, if you were at Alleyn's in the years between 1945–60, and would be interested in meeting up with your fellow AOBs, please contact John on [jawcricket@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jawcricket@tiscali.co.uk) or on 01935 817999.



*Ken Farrington, Neil French, David Weston, Barry Graham, Steve Marians*



*Dr Savage discusses cricket form with Micky Stewart*

## Ladies' indulgence pamper evening

One balmy evening in September, the Clubhouse was transformed as it has never been before. The Club hosted a Ladies' Pamper Evening – an evening where visitors sampled therapeutic treatments whilst also dabbling in a little light retail therapy. Perfumes of peppermint, patchouli and primrose pervaded the bar area whilst visitors indulged in manicures, Indian head massage, foot spas and reflexology.

The evening was such a success that it will be repeated in the spring. It raised £350 for School's bursary funds.



## Memorial bench for Jonathan Lowe

The parents of **Jonathan Lowe** (Cribb's, 1971–78), who died last year, asked to have a bench installed in Jonathan's memory at the School. The Rev Anthony Buckley led Jonathan's family and friends in a poignant and moving 'unveiling' ceremony on Founder's Day.



*Jonathan's friends and family*

## Keith Rodwell: Clubman par excellence

A few months on from Keith handing over the reins at the Clubhouse to Rob Crowley, it seems absolutely right that the Club should pay tribute to him and thank him for all that he has done over a period of some 25 years as the General Manager at Burbage Road. Of course, his period as a Club member and someone who has always been more than willing to play his part in its organisation, go far further back than that to his leaving Alleyn's in 1964.

Back in the mid-1980s, Burbage Road's operation was overseen by a management committee and the bar by a bar committee of five or six, as was the norm for many sports clubs at the time, whether former pupils-based in their membership or otherwise. Working in this way, the Clubhouse would be open at weekends for matches but, for the rest of the week, it would be pretty hit and miss as to whether (probably with the exception of team selection night on a Monday) it was open, whether anything was going on and whether it might be worth calling in for a drink. The management committee decided that, in an ideal world, it would like the Clubhouse to be open more often during the week, both to encourage social usage and to bring in much-needed revenue, and also to run more efficiently as a business, which is what it was. But who could it turn to do this in a manner sympathetic to the way in which it had traditionally operated and with next to nothing spare to pay in the way of a salary?

Well, everyone who has visited the Clubhouse in the past 25 years will know the answer to that. Keith was in the process of winding down some of his business interests as a surveyor and, perhaps not knowing what he was letting himself in (though he is too canny for that and, I suspect, had all too accurate an idea of what the rôle would entail), after two or three chats with Alan Williams and John Dunley, agreed to step up to plate.

From that time until this May, just about everything that has happened at Burbage Road has done so on Keith's initiative, or with his encouragement, and, of course, with the benefit of his considerable hard work and unfaltering commitment to both the Club and the School. The bar has operated in an ordered and efficient manner, without any of the financial hiccoughs so commonplace among similar sports clubs, with Keith ordering, seeing in deliveries, cleaning pipes, pricing, banking and, of course, being almost ever-present behind the bar-counter (more often than not with the trusty Maureen – soon to become an Honorary Old Girl – alongside him). He has also turned his hand to event-organising (the Alan Berry 5-a-side Football Tournament and Parky Pot Quiz Night, to name but

two); marketing, hiring and letting; ground/pitch management; liaison with the School; painting and general maintenance; attending a host of Club committees; and countless other tasks.

And all the while, he has still found time to play for the Club – soccer: a regular in defence for the league sides at the highest levels until just a few years back, as his knees began to falter); cricket: batting as required for 1st, 2nd or Sunday XIs and keeping wicket, too, if the need arose; and, on rare occasions when he could get away from the Clubhouse, and he frequently would pass up the opportunity, joining the Golf Society at one of its meetings.

So, we wish Keith well, now that he has hung up whatever Club Managers hang up – a tankard; the keys to the Clubhouse... – and hope that he has more time at his disposal to do some of the things he wants to, whilst also keeping an eye on his centenarian Mother. There must be many things on the list like continuing his earlier travels (China, New Zealand and Peru are some of destinations crossed off the list so far), walking the hills of the UK, getting in a few more rounds of golf and a few drinks at bars he is not expected to serve. Needless to say, Keith is already volunteering at one or two projects in and around Beckenham, as well as continuing to do whatever he can to support the Club and to help us to encourage more and more of our members and future members to get a feel for the camaraderie he has enjoyed but which he has also been so important in contributing to and engendering.

Keith has been utterly reliable and someone who consecutive Executive Committees have been lucky to have on board as we have been able to entrust Burbage Road to his unwavering good stewardship. In short, for over a quarter of a century Keith has been a torch-bearer for the Club and the keeper of the flame that is the Edward Alleyn Clubhouse. Everyone who has played in a team for the Club or been part of the Club in any way (including during its former incarnation as the Athletic Club) will know we all owe Keith a big 'thank-you' for his unstinting and relentless work looking after the Clubhouse, day-in and day-out as far back as most can remember.

I hope you will not only raise a metaphoric (or even a real) glass to him as you read this piece but that you'll buy him a well-deserved and hard-earned pint of bitter, when you run into him next.

On behalf of all past and present members, thank you, Keith.

David Hankin (Spurgeon's, 1971–78)

## Clubhouse refurbishment

Over the summer the School has been working hard to refurbish the Clubhouse both inside and out. A new Clubhouse manager's office has been installed, toilets, showers and changing rooms renovated and the downstairs area and kitchen completely transformed. New bar equipment including new beer engines, pipes and cooling systems have been purchased and a beer supply agreement entered into with Shepherd Neame, Kent's premier brewer. Our thanks go to Mick Price, Estates Bursar, for his sterling efforts in planning and

overseeing these works, to the Club's Executive for agreeing to part-fund these improvements, and to all Club users for their patience and forbearance during the times when the Clubhouse has been in disarray over the summer. It is hoped that the new improvements to the building will encourage many more AOB/AOGs and their friends to come along and enjoy the facility, especially in view of the imminent closure of The Dog in Dulwich Village pending its transformation to a hotel.

## From the Headmaster



I am typing this as the sun shines over Dulwich on the first day back at School. All the pupils seem delighted to be here, well-rested after a good summer, and eager to set about the business of learning again – as well as having a richly-fulfilling time as they make new friends, discover new interests and talents, and take advantage of all that Alleyn's has to offer.

Over the summer we were able to celebrate our pupils' public examination results, which were record-equalling as a whole and a source of pleasure and pride to the individuals who worked so hard for them and to the teachers who did so much to support them over the course of the year. At GCSE, 50% of grades were A\*, 87% all A\*A (equalling our record result of last year) and 99% all A\*AB (our best overall result ever). At AS Level, meanwhile, 85% of grades were AB (65% A; 20% B); and at A Level, 93% of grades were A\*AB (our highest ever); with 71% A\*A and, for the second year running, an amazing 33% awarded the top grade of A\*. Needless to say, the Governing Board and I are all absolutely delighted for the students, their families and their teachers.

We also had another very good year in terms of university admissions. Despite perhaps the fiercest competition in living memory, 141 students (89% of the cohort) got into their first-choice university, with 96% getting into their first or second choice. All those with offers from Oxford and Cambridge were successful, as were all those with offers to read Medicine. We also have students this year heading to institutions like Stanford and McGill in North America. All our leavers have done tremendously well and have so much to look forward to as they head to pastures new – as Alleyn's Old Boys and Old Girls – with our very best wishes.



*Dr Gary Savage at Speech Day*

As well as saying goodbye to our 2011 leavers, we have had to bid farewell to a number of colleagues who moved on at the end of summer. Mike Bush left Alleyn's after seven years teaching History and Politics and tutoring superbly in Cribb's, to go to Marlborough College. Richard Cross, also a teacher of History and Head of Politics, left to become Head of Middle School at the Perse School, Cambridge. Ewan Mitchell, after six years teaching Maths, tutoring in the Lower School and gaining his doctorate, left to become Head of Maths at Brentwood School. Ann Parker taught English and Drama for ten years, and moves to pastures new in Derbyshire; as too does Annalise Roy, who has left London with her young family after eight years teaching Music here. We wish them all the very best in their new ventures.



*Greeting 'The Black Knights' from the Royal Artillery Parachute Display Team on Founder's Day*

In addition, a number of long-serving colleagues retired this summer, after a combined total of 108 years of superb service to Alleyn's! Brenda Slater has taught Physics for eight years, and has also been an excellent Form Tutor and Physics Key Stage 4 [ages 14–16] Co-ordinator. Sue Connolly has taught Music and tutored for 24 years, and has been a much-loved Housemaster of Cribb's since 2001. Tirelessly devoted not only to her House but to the Lower School Chorale, she has also been a supporter of the Duke of Edinburgh Award, and will be very much missed. So too will Philip Barlow, who has been at Alleyn's since 1974. An inspirational teacher, he was Head of Classics from 1985–2007, a Form Tutor in all three sections on the School, Spurgeon's House Tutor (for 28 years), School Counsellor and President of the Common Room. His contribution has been enormous, and he departs with our respect and gratitude. As does Mike Jones, who joined the School in 1972 as a teacher of Geography. With 39 years under his belt, Mike is the longest-serving member of staff. He was Head of Geography from 2001–10; Housemaster of Spurgeon's; President of the Common Room; CCF Contingent Commander 1990–2005, Form Tutor and football coach. I know that everyone will wish to join me in sending all these esteemed colleagues our very best wishes for a well-earned and happy retirement.

Back at School, pastures new have also been visited and enjoyed by lots of staff and pupils over the course of this year's summer trips. The Duke of Edinburgh Gold and Silver expeditions took place in Wales; the CCF camp was in Shropshire; the Senior Football tour went to Duisberg in Germany; the World Challenge expedition went to Zambia and Malawi; and the Upper School Bear Pit production of *17 Things* garnered rave reviews at the Edinburgh Festival.



*Dr Savage at Rossall reunion*

It was great to be able to celebrate these achievements with all the pupils during our start-of-term services at St Barnabas, and to emphasise that a busy co-curriculum lies at the heart of our approach and underpins – along with our conscientious pastoral care – all of our academic success.

You may be interested to know that we undertook a comprehensive Parents' Survey towards the end of last term. It was very pleasing for me to see broadly how very satisfied the majority of parents are with the first-rate education we provide here at Alleyn's; but there is also some really useful food-for-thought for the Senior Management Team to reflect upon and incorporate into our plans to make the School even better over the coming years.

One of my key goals this year is further to develop the academic enrichment and extension which we provide both inside and outside the classroom. This will include a number of departments adopting iGCSE syllabuses, some exciting initiatives at Key Stage 3 [ages 11-14], and the continuation of what seems to have been a very successful first year for the Governors' Research Project Prize. (My desk is now groaning under the weight of entries from current Year 13s, who have clearly relished the challenge of spending the summer reading and writing a piece of academic research which looks to me to be of undergraduate quality in many cases.) We shall also seek to build upon our links with local state schools – in particular, the Sydenham and Forest Hill co-educational Sixth Form – and, we hope, a school in East Africa.

Another important development this year will be the launch of a long-term integrated fundraising campaign, to be known under the umbrella title of Advancing Albyn's. This will include opportunities for regular giving for our bursary funds and small-scale projects, a legacies programme and a major capital

campaign. Further details will go online in October, and I shall write to you again about this later in the term.

Finally, I should mention that three colleagues take on major new responsibilities this year. Ben Jones takes over as Head of Physics from Rachel Ottey, who takes over from Sue Connolly as Housemaster of Cribb's; and Susan Bonnington has been appointed Head of Politics.

I should like to take this opportunity to send Air Marshal Sir Christopher Harper, your Club President, the School's warm congratulations on his award of a Knighthood in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Natalie and I look forward to seeing as many Old Boys and Old Girls as possible at School events over the coming months; please do come over and say hello! Alternatively, if you would like to visit the School, simply contact Susie Schofield, our Head of Alumni Relations.

Dr Gary Savage



London skyline behind Albyn's

## Edinburgh Festival Fringe

Over the past year, 17 Year 12 pupils [aged 17] have been gradually and gently creating and rehearsing their own show, with the intention of taking it to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe. They've worked in lunchtimes, and after school, at weekends and in the holidays, and on 30 June they performed their finished product to a small audience at the School. The reception was warm, the praise effusive, and *17 Things* was born.

They left the show, went off on holiday, and reconvened the day before they were due to leave for Edinburgh to rehearse and remember. The company then zipped up to Scotland, ready to perform *17 Things* for a week at the Fringe. They were responsible for selling their show, as well as performing every day, and had to hit the streets of Edinburgh armed with flyers and posters to publicise. This seemed to work, as their audience figures well exceeded the Fringe average, and they played to substantial houses every night.

*17 Things* was not only a commercial success, but also received some excellent reviews from press and audience alike. *The Scotsman* described it as 'totally charming and believable'; which delighted the cast and was subsequently bellowed down the Royal Mile.

In addition to performing, the group also saw a vast number of shows ranging from the superb to the terrible; some so brilliant we

saw them multiple times, some so appalling they were mocked mercilessly. All of which contributed to the rich and exciting experience of Edinburgh during August! This was the first time the Albyn's Drama Department has taken a show to the Fringe, but it is certainly not the last, and we hope this is the beginning of a long and fruitful tradition of Bear Pit north of the border.

Rebecca Baxter



Poster for 17 Things

## ***The Club congratulates the following members of staff on their promotion or retirement:***

### **Philip Barlow**

Philip joined Alleyn's in 1974 and became Head of the Classics Department in 1985. He stepped down as Head of Department in 2007 and has been a part-time teacher this year. Philip's contribution to Classics at Alleyn's has been immense and the students rightly call him a legend. He inherited and expanded a department distinctive for its rigorous teaching and utter dedication to the ancient and noble subjects that we teach.

Philip led by example, always reading non-prescription texts in the original Latin or Greek in the holidays to keep his faculties sharp and ensure he was continually expanding his own knowledge, as he encouraged the students to do. Under a slightly adverse regime in the 1990s Philip managed to maintain numbers and kept on canvassing for more Latin on the timetable, resulting in Latin becoming compulsory in Year 8, as well as in Year 7, a huge achievement.

Philip's gimlet eye for detail, impeccable subject knowledge, and unstinting dedication to the academic and pastoral development of each student in his care make him a formidable teacher. He is a classicist of the 'old school' whose searing intelligence makes him an inspirational teacher, one who expects the highest standards from his students. Philip's classes always gain high exam marks, due not only to his excellent teaching but also to the respect he instils in them, which is such that each student wants to excel for him and do him proud. Philip's fearsome intellect means that if we have a query on scansion, obscure vocabulary or grammar we always go to him and he invariably knows the answer. Proof, if more were needed, of Philip's many talents is that he also taught A level Spanish here from 1975-85.

Philip was a valued Sixth Form and Spurgeon's House tutor for many years and his tutees appreciated his shrewd and sensitive counsel as well as his offbeat humour. He was Vice-President, and later President of the Common Room, and during his presidency he ensured that all support staff were made associate members of the Common Room and so were able to use its facilities, an act typical of his unerring generosity to, and empathy for, all around him. Always willing to give his time to others and help those in need he was the School Counsellor for many years and the students whom he counselled much appreciated his gentle guidance, encouragement and understanding.

The numerous students, and indeed staff, who have been lucky enough to experience Philip's unique style of teaching and mentoring will never forget him, and his influence and charisma have shaped many students' future paths. We shall all miss him more than we can say but hope he enjoys a very happy, healthy and fulfilled retirement.

Charlotte Copeland

### **Sue Connolly**

Sue Connolly joined Alleyn's in 1987, initially as a part-time member of staff (while bringing up her three children – all of whom came to Alleyn's), and then becoming full-time in 1996.

Throughout the 24 years Sue has been here she has remained



one of the most energetic members of staff. In addition to her music teaching of Year 7-9 classes, her love of singing has enabled her to guide the Lower School Chorale in well over 100 performances. Sue's care for each and every pupil is second to none and so many pupils over the years have had the privilege of having her as a form tutor: first in the Lower School, then briefly as temporary Housemaster of Dutton's and finally, for the past 10 years, as Housemaster of Cribb's House. Since then, at every possible opportunity Sue has flown the 'purple' flag!



Perhaps three of the secrets to Sue's continued youth and good health are her daily morning swim, membership of a local running club and her annual entry in the school biathlon competition! This has enabled her to retain the stamina to take an active part in many Duke of Edinburgh trips – racing up and down hills in a manner in which many of the pupils themselves would have been pleased. Sue has also taken part in so many other school trips and has regularly gone out of her way to support pupils in their endeavours outside school – often taking the trouble to travel long distances to watch them in competitions or performances some way out of London.

Some teachers have their favourite pupils – for Sue, every pupil is her favourite, and she is able to talk effusively about almost every pupil in the school! Sue is a keen and knowledgeable gardener, an accomplished morris dancer and a life-long supporter of Mansfield Town Football Club.

We send our profound thanks to her for all that she has given to Alleyn's – so many pupils and staff owe her a tremendous debt of gratitude. We shall miss you enormously, Sue, but we send our very best wishes for an equally active and healthy retirement.

Tim Kermode

### **Mike Jones**

Alleyn's bids farewell to Mike Jones who has retired after a remarkable 39 years of teaching here.

For ten years after joining the school in 1972, Mike was a tutor in Brown's House. Mike was appointed Spurgeon's Housemaster in 1982, a post which he held until 2001 when he was succeeded by Lewis Geldeard, the current Housemaster.

Mike was a form tutor for Year 7 from 1973-5, Year 9 from 1975-8, Year 12/13 1978-90, and Year 9 again as Housemaster of Spurgeon's between 1996 and 2001. In 1993 Mike took a Sabbatical term, during which he completed his MA in Geography in Education.

In 2001, Mike became Head of Geography, where I first met him in 2004. Mike says that Head of Department was the most enjoyable job in his career and this enjoyment must in some way be linked to his success in the rôle. The department improved its results year on year under his leadership: last summer ALL Year 13 gained either an A or the new A\* grade. He is a forward-thinking, well-travelled and committed



academic Geographer who despite such a long career has never stagnated. He has a scarily encyclopaedic knowledge of countries, capitals and the like. Is it any wonder that it has been suggested by more than one pupil, even during my relatively short time at Alleyn's, that a statue of Mr Jones, or 'Jonesy' as he is affectionately known, should be erected in the quad?

Mike's commitment and contribution to the co-curricular life at Alleyn's is itself a phenomenon. Between 1974 and 1977 Mike ran Lower School walking holidays to Cornwall, Pembrokeshire, Snowdonia and the Yorkshire Dales. From 1977-79 Mike led groups on three 2-week long Educational Cruises aboard SS Uganda to the Mediterranean.

Mike volunteered with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in 1976-78 before joining the Army Section of the CCF, eventually becoming the longest serving Contingent Commander at Alleyn's. By the mid-1990s he and the SSI and School Sergeant, the late Paul Lambert, had doubled the numbers enrolled in the CCF to 240 which is roughly the same size as it is today. He retired as CO in 2006 having reached the rank of Lieutenant Colonel (in 1998) after 16 years in post.

Mike met and married his wife Ruth at Alleyn's – she was a Classics teacher, and their three children (twins Katie and Chris, and Becca) all attended the school.

Mike, you will be sorely missed by staff and pupils alike. We wish you very many happy years of retirement.

Jude Hewitson

## Sue Fraser



Sue Fraser, catering manager for the School's catering contractors, Holroyd Howe, has been a lynchpin in assuring the success of the alumni events we have hosted at Alleyn's. No event or demand has defeated her and her wise counsel in what will work within the constraints imposed by a school timetable has been repeatedly sought.

She was originally brought into Alleyn's for a short-term project and stayed for 11 years. Sue left at the end of last term following a promotion within Holroyd Howe.

The Club congratulates Sue on her promotion, thanks her for her wonderful years of service to the School and the Club, and wishes her continued success.

## Alleyn's International Concert Series: Endymion Ensemble

Tuesday 8 November 7.30pm

Michael Croft Theatre

Tickets: £14 & £6 concessions



An evening with 'the brilliant Endymion' (*The Sunday Times*) featuring world-class wind players in a programme entitled 'A breeze through France & Germany'. The great quintets for Piano & Winds by both Mozart and Beethoven sit alongside the ever-popular 'Mother Goose Suite' by Ravel (arr. Nissen) and Poulenc's action packed Sextet – a treat indeed!

'Endymion always communicate the pleasure they experience in music making' – *The Times*

Full repertoire for evening:

Mozart – Quintet for piano and winds in E flat major, K. 452

Ravel – Mother Goose Suite (arr. Nissen)

Beethoven – Quintet for piano and winds in E flat major, Op. 16

Poulenc – Sextet for piano and winds

## Alleyn's School Enterprises Limited

The trading subsidiary of the School set up to run commercial and community hires of the main school sites, including the Michael Croft Theatre, the sports facilities and the Clubhouse, has been going from strength to strength. This summer has seen hirers ranging from ballet schools to street dance shows, from Glee Club performances, to children's cookery schools and from wedding receptions to 25th anniversary celebrations. In addition we were able to welcome in several organisations using our excellent conference spaces on the top floor of the Edward Alleyn Building.

With the renovation of the Clubhouse during the summer (see p11) comes the renewed opportunity to bring community groups and individuals onto Burbage Road for parties, meals and celebrations.

If you would like to hire the School's facilities for your own business or private function, please contact the ASEL Events Management Team on [enterprises@alleyns.org.uk](mailto:enterprises@alleyns.org.uk) or on 020 8299 8017.

## Visit by Archbishop of Canterbury

The school was honoured to receive a visit from Dr Rowan Williams, the Archbishop of Canterbury in the Trinity term. He visited Year 7 forms and the Junior School and conducted a Question and Answer session for students across the age range. He spoke eloquently about many issues including relationships, the reasons for his own faith, the need (however uncomfortable) for an Archbishop sometimes to stir up public debate and, yes,

it was him who had taken the Royal Wedding! Dr Williams has a passion for education and said at the end of his visit that one of the tests of a good school was whether pupils could interact with adults in a mature and positive way; he felt this was very true of Alleyn's.

Rev Anthony Buckley



*The Archbishop speaks with Rebecca Baxter in one of her drama lessons*



*Dr Rowan Williams taking questions from pupils*



*The Archbishop observing a maths lesson*

## The Edward Alleyn Lecture:

**Objects and Memory:  
*The Journey of the Hare with Amber Eyes*  
Edmund de Waal**

3 November, 7.30pm



Professor Edmund de Waal is one of the world's leading ceramic artists and has also written widely on art and ceramics. His work is in thirty international museum collections and he has created major installations for the V&A and Tate Britain. In this illustrated lecture, he will talk about his critically acclaimed bestseller, *The Hare with Amber Eyes*, which he describes as being about 'loss and diaspora and the survival of objects'.

Tickets: Free entry but tickets must be booked through the online Box Office.

## Annual Chaplaincy Lecture

**Camels, eyes and how to buy a bigger needle  
Loretta Minghella,  
Director of Christian Aid**

18 January, 7.30pm



The 2012 Chaplaincy Lecture will be given by Loretta Minghella, Director of Christian Aid and formerly the chief executive of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. Ms Minghella will be speaking about issues of wealth, poverty, and faith.

Global poverty is a key issue of our times, we are delighted and privileged to be able to hear one of the country's leading thinkers in this area.

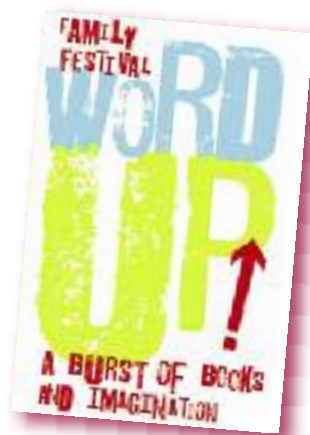
Please keep the date free, more details nearer the time.

## Word Up! Family festival

The School is proud to be hosting the initial gathering of Word Up!, London's new family books and arts festival which runs from Saturday 22-Monday 24 October. Sponsored by *The Telegraph* and supported by the National Lottery and Google, this is a world-class festival of children's literature and arts which is expected to bring 1,000 people per day to Alleyn's to enjoy world-class authors, musicians, jugglers, stand-up comic and artists.

Headline acts include the London Philharmonic Orchestra, Michael Morpurgo talking about *Warhorse*, Judith Kerr, Mackenzie Crook, John Hegley, Charlie Dark (AOB) and Jacqueline Wilson.

For tickets and information go to [www.wordupfestival.co.uk](http://www.wordupfestival.co.uk) or ring their Box Office on 01803 867373.



## HOLLY FAIR 2011

Come and buy all your Christmas presents in one place. At least 50 fabulous craft and gift stalls – handcrafted jewellery, Christmas flowers, games and toys, leather goods, pottery and lots more.

PLUS

The wonderful Father Christmas Grotto and the Famous Christmas Café will be open serving delicious coffee with homemade cakes, snacks and sandwiches along with mulled wine.

SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER 11am-4pm  
ALLEYN'S SCHOOL, Townley Road, Dulwich  
In aid of the Pupil Support Fund

## Michael Croft Theatre website and booking system

In order to simplify the way in which both the School community and the general public can order tickets for the various performances and shows taking place at School, Alleyn's has installed an online box office through which tickets for events in the Michael Croft Theatre or the Great Hall can be booked and confirmed. AOB/Gs and their friends may now book seats for School and visiting productions and community events, by clicking on [www.michaelcrofttheatre.org.uk](http://www.michaelcrofttheatre.org.uk) or by going to the School website and clicking the 'What's On' link on the Home page.

The new booking site is fully secure and permits all users to register for the shows they wish to see, select their seats, pay

by credit or debit card and elect to have their tickets posted or held at the box office for collection on the night of the performance. All users will receive an email confirmation of their booking generated automatically at the time of booking.

In addition to the upcoming programme of professional theatre and music (including the Alleyn's International Concert Series) that may be booked using this system, readers are reminded that The Burbage Theatre Company's production of Alan Ayckbourn's *Round and Round The Garden* takes place on 13-15 October in the MCT and that tickets will be available through this new booking system.

## A day in the life of... Caterina Loriggio

***Caterina Loriggio (Brown's, 1985-87) is the Creative Programmer for London 2012. In this rôle, Caterina acts as both a catalyst and hub to galvanise support for and encourage participation in the Cultural Olympiad across the South East region. Spread over four years, it is designed to give everyone in the UK a chance to be part of London 2012 and inspire creativity across all forms of culture, especially among young people.***

***When Caterina was a pupil at Alleyn's, she was involved in all the Upper School's productions as either stage manager or assistant director. It was this organisational experience and passion for the arts, she says, 'which set a strong foundation for my subsequent career in arts management and development'.***



*Caterina holding the Olympic torch*

So, with the London 2012 Games less than a year away, it's a timely opportunity to find out what's going on behind the scenes in the run up to what will be the largest cultural celebration in the history of the modern Olympic and Paralympic Movements.

### **Friday 22 July 2011**

My day starts as ever with an early train out to the south east from Clapham Junction; as my region covers Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Kent, Surrey, Sussex and Hampshire I spend a lot of times on trains. I have

to be in Guildford for a 10 o'clock meeting but need to arrive early as I have to first fit in an interview with BBC Radio Oxford. This is the start of London 2012 Open Weekend and between 22-24 July we have over 150 events, sporting, arts, cultural and environmental, across the region celebrating the 'One Year to Go' to the Games.

The Guildford meeting is the first for the town's Community Task Force which is organising the evening stop of the Olympic Torch Relay; Guildford is the last stop before London. We have the biggest part of the Torch Relay in the south east with nine stops and it is going to be a huge and very exciting part of my job going forward. Guildford has decided to keep its celebration very community-focussed and to use the event to highlight Surrey's stunning landscape and woodlands which cover one-third of the county. Coca-Cola are one of the Torch Relay sponsors and I have a meeting with them straight after about how we can add value through their involvement. We discuss developing a project for university students who are studying brand and media. We have focussed a lot of energy in to engaging universities in the Cultural Olympiad in the region: 13 of our 24 universities have been involved through the Creative Campus Initiative; it is the largest UK 2012 HEI

[Higher Education Institute] project and has so far reached 500,000 people. We are now looking for ways to develop the programme in the new funding climate.

From Guildford I travel to ArtSway in the New Forest. Lunch is an M&S treat on the train. ArtSway is a charming gallery promoting and supporting emerging artists. ArtSway is a partner on two of my projects, both led by artist Jon Adams. Jon is diagnosed with dyslexia and Asperger's and is one of a number of deaf and disabled artists who we are supporting as part of our ambition to be the lead-region in the UK for deaf and disabled-led cultural activity. This ambition is driven by the south east's connection to the Paralympic Games which were founded at Stoke Mandeville Hospital in Buckinghamshire. We are running numerous programmes funded by Arts Council England and by our Legacy Trust UK programme, Accentuate. One of these projects is a commission that I am leading with Jon called 'Look About!'. Using geological metaphor and methodology, 'Look About!' maps cultural shift in deaf and disabled artistic practice which has resulted from the 2012 Games. The project plays perfectly to Jon's Asperger's which allows him to see patterns and systemise where most of us cannot even see an obvious connection. 'Look About!' launches in October but Jon gives us all a description of where it is going through a three-part lecture based on the 1970s' Open University-format, I learn loads about geology and how you can compose music from stones.

Jon is also running his 'Dysarticulate' project at ArtSway. In this project he makes and plants flags with members of the public out of old books. It is a highly effective way to get people to talk about their relationship with books and reading whilst taking part in a large scale public art project. There will be 15 Dysarticulates across the UK during the Open Weekend including events at Canary Wharf, the Shakespeare Birthplace



*Dysarticulate flags in Kynance Cove*

Trust and on a lightship in Gillingham. We want to plant one million flags in time for the Games so we are encouraging people to take part in the project. You can join in and find information on: <http://dysarticulate.port.ac.uk/>

Jon's wife kindly drives me to Southampton which makes the journey home much quicker, more M&S for dinner. Home about 10.30pm, and I have fewer than 12 hours before I have to be at my next event. It's tiring but great fun and I know, a wonderful once in a lifetime opportunity.

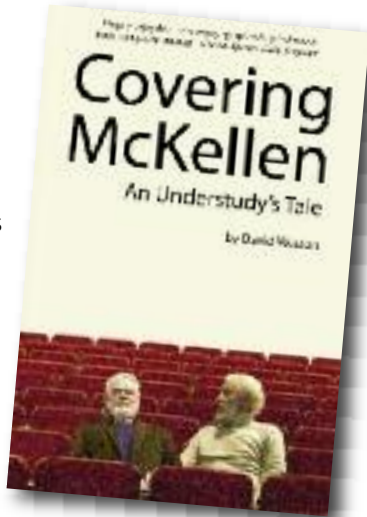
More information on:  
[www.london2012.com/culture](http://www.london2012.com/culture)

## Readers' corner

**Two Alleyn Old Boys, Brian Green (Cribb's, 1948-53) and David Weston (Cribb's, 1949-56), had books published in September.**

### Covering McKellen

Royal Shakespeare Company and National Theatre actor David Weston's book *Covering McKellen* has been well-reviewed in the press and has reached the number one spots on Amazon's theatre and performing arts lists. *Covering McKellen* is David's frank and funny account of the RSC's world tour of Sir Trevor Nunn's *King Lear* and *The Seagull*. David was understudy to McKellen's Lear and his book takes the reader right through from the London rehearsals to the historical Stratford Season, back to the glittering West End, and then out across the globe. Look carefully and you'll spot some walk-on parts by some of our very own AOBs.



The *Telegraph's* Charles Spencer said '*Covering McKellen* is a hugely enjoyable read,' adding that 'for anyone who wants to learn what the life of a jobbing actor is really like, this engaging, splendidly indiscreet book... is required reading.'

On Sunday 6 November David Weston talks about, and performs, cameos from the literature of the Bard and discusses his new book *Covering McKellen* at 3pm in the Linbury Room, Dulwich Picture Gallery. The talk is organised by the Dulwich Society.

Tickets: Dulwich Society member-households free, but ticket numbers required (please email: [ianarchitect@hotmail.com](mailto:ianarchitect@hotmail.com) for ticket requirements). Non-Dulwich Society-members £10 (but includes a free one-year membership of the Dulwich Society).

*Covering McKellen* by David Weston, published by Rickshaw, priced £8.99



Christ's Chapel, Dulwich Village

### New Christ's Chapel Guide

AOB Brian Green has added to his extensive local history output with a new guide to Dulwich's 400-year-old Christ's Chapel. The Chapel, attended at the end of each term by members of Alleyn's and the other Dulwich Foundation schools has been a witness of all the national disasters of civil war, plague, religious intolerance and more recently of religious apathy. It also houses one of the nation's

most priceless musical instruments: an organ, built in 1760 by George England and which was restored at a cost of £400,000 two years ago. The recitals given on this organ are a musical must. The story of the Chapel is documented in this new, fully-illustrated coloured guide.

Among the more unusual aspects of the guide is a blow-by-blow account of the wrangling between the various religious factions of 17th-century England. The mystery surrounding the Chapel's extraordinary decoration with numerous carved animals and mythological creatures is finally solved.

The booklet would make a pleasing present to visitors or residents alike.



Interior of the Chapel

*Christ's Chapel, Dulwich: A Guide* is priced £5 and is available at the Chapel, Dulwich Picture Gallery Shop and local bookshops or by post (£6.25 incl p&tp) from The Art Stationers, 31 Dulwich Village, London SE21 7BN.

### Talk on war-time Dulwich

Not content to rest awhile after researching and publishing his latest local history guidebook (see above), Brian Green will give an illustrated talk in aid of Dulwich Helpline entitled *Three Spies and an Invention*. He will tell of an amazing series of coincidences which occurred in Dulwich during the Second World War. The talk will be in the Linbury Room, Dulwich Picture Gallery on Sunday 27 November at 3pm.

Tickets £7 and £5 (concessions) will be available from Dulwich Helpline, tel: 020 8299 2623.

### A tiger's wedding: my childhood in exile

And past President Julian Glover's wife – and great supporter of Alleyn's – the actress Isla Blair, has also been published. *A tiger's wedding: my childhood in exile* is the 'extraordinary, moving and uplifting story of [Isla's] childhood in India and her separation from her parents.'

*A tiger's wedding: my childhood in exile* by Isla Blair, published by Julian Calder Publishing, priced £18 (hard cover)

## Alleyn's vs Dulwich College

### 1st XI Hockey match

### Saturday, 11 February, 11am, Alleyn's School

Come along and watch the Alleyn's [Boys] 1st XI hockey team play old adversaries Dulwich College. This match is usually a riotous one, full of excitement and spills. Head of Boys' PE, Rob Ody says this year's 1st XI are 'a cracking team, well equipped to take on the might of Dulwich College.'

All friends of Alleyn's are warmly welcome to cheer the home team on! Please let the Development and Alumni Office know if you wish to attend – the date is a provisional one at the moment.

## The sporting accomplishments of two past Club Presidents

*Following on from his article in the last issue about an account of the Alleyn's 1st XI football match appearing in the Times in 1950, Alan Jackson here gives a summary of the sporting careers of two of his fellow players, Micky Stewart and John Pretlove.*

### Micky Stewart (Tulley's, 1944-51)

As a footballer, an inside forward, Micky began his senior amateur career with Wimbledon, Hendon, and Corinthian Casuals. By 1956 Micky was scheduled to be in the Great Britain team for the forthcoming Olympics at Melbourne but the Olympic authorities prevented him taking part because he was already a professional sportsman as a cricketer. In those days paid sportsmen were unwelcome for the Olympic events – how the world has changed!



*Cricket 1st XI 1949  
Front row: John Pretlove (second left), Micky Stewart (centre)*



*Cricket 1st XI 1947  
Front row: Micky Stewart (2nd left), John Pretlove (far right)*

Clashes of the two sports were to affect him in the 1955-56 football season as he had been in the Corinthian Casuals team which had progressed to the final of the FA Amateur Cup competition. At the time of the Wembley Final, Micky was playing cricket in the West Indies and could not be released to play in the Cup Final – in which Corinthian Casuals drew with Bishop Auckland at Wembley. The re-play, on the Saturday, a week later, was to be held at Ayresome Park, Middlesbrough. Corinthian Casuals decided that they would arrange to get Micky back from Trinidad as soon as the final game of a series of matches was completed (in the touring party along with MJS were Colin Cowdrey, Tom Graveney, and Frank Tyson – amongst the opposition Rohan Kanhai, Garry Sobers, Clyde Walcott, Everton Weekes, Wes Hall and Sonny Ramadhin). Once the five-day match was completed in Port of Spain early on the Tuesday, one would, nowadays, feel this was a simple task to get an overnight flight to the UK. Alas the scheduled flights in the 1950s were not daily ones, and routes were nothing like the present day. Aircraft of the time had greater limitations on the distance that could be covered before refuelling. If my memory serves me correctly, Micky's route involved flying via Venezuela with a delay there owing to a revolution, which in turn led to a missed connection at New York, thereafter to Gander (the transatlantic location for refuelling) where dense fog led to

further delays and rescheduling. Eventually Micky reached Edinburgh and a private two-seater aircraft was chartered from Scotland and thence by police car. Micky arrived in Middlesbrough on the day of the match but too late to play. The national newspapers devoted many column inches to this epic journey throughout the week plotting his route and the problems encountered. Sadly Corinthian Casuals lost the re-play. Soon after this, Micky won an England Amateur International Cap against France and subsequently embarked on a comparatively short professional football career. He joined Charlton Athletic, a First Division team at the time, as well as FA Cup winners a few years earlier. The Charlton Manager, Jimmy Seed, was anxious to sign Micky. Seed had established a unique record as the club manager for 23 years during which time he piloted the club from the Third to the First Division. Whilst in the Charlton team Micky had the good fortune to grace the field in a First Division match when Sir Stanley Matthews was playing for Blackpool at the age of 42. It was the time Sir Stanley gave up playing for England since first being capped in 1934. Sir Stanley continued playing First Division football up to age of 50.

By the end of the '50s the possibility of following a professional career at both cricket and football was becoming impracticable. The cricket career for Micky led to him being only the second former Alleyn's pupil to be selected to represent England in a Test Match. (Bill Bradley, AOB, a fast bowler and Kent player from 1895-1902 was twice chosen for England against Australia in 1899.)

At cricket Micky had a magnificently successful playing career with Surrey for 20 years. His potential was acknowledged with his early advance at Alleyn's when promoted to the First XI at the age of 14 in 1947 and was an ever-presence for four years. Whenever there were no school fixtures at weekends Micky started to make a name for himself in senior club cricket, as a high scoring batsman, chiefly with West Surrey and less frequently for Dulwich. His prolific scoring in School cricket earned selection for the Public Schools XI at Lord's in company with Colin Cowdrey in 1949-50. Micky played first class cricket for the Army and the Combined Services during National Service and thereafter for Surrey from 1953-72 which included ten years

as captain. He won eight caps for England, being vice-captain on the India Tour in 1963-64. In county cricket, as well as success as a batsman, he excelled with his fielding and close catching ability. He held seven catches in an innings – a world-record – achieved in a match against Northampton in 1957. Micky made more than 500 first class appearances for Surrey during which time he scored more than 26,000 runs, reaching 100 on 49 occasions and held more than 600 catches. For seven years he was the Surrey manager after which he became the England manager for six years from 1986 until 1992. Between 1992 and 1997 Micky was director of coaching for the England Cricket Board. He was awarded an OBE in 1998 for services to cricket. Micky was president of Surrey County Cricket Club in 1998 and in 1999 and he was succeeded in this role by Sir John Major.

## John Pretlove (Cribb's, 1944-51)

John was an incredibly determined and gifted sportsman, distinguishing himself as an outstanding Rugby Fives player at which sport he was British singles Champion on no fewer than four occasions. He was also successful in winning the doubles title seven times and, in four instances, he was partnered by Dennis Silk, CBE (a cricketer of note who played for both Cambridge University (CU) and Somerset and later was Warden at Radley College for 23 years). Whilst at Cambridge, as well as representing the university at Rugby Fives, John was also awarded Blues for cricket and football for three consecutive years. He was captain of the CU football team in his final year at Cambridge. In the '50s the varsity football match was played at Wembley and I recollect that it was a televised event.



*Football First XI 1950*

*Micky Stewart (centre), John Pretlove (second from right) (seated)*

John played first class cricket from 1954-59 initially for Cambridge University and then predominately for Kent. He scored 10 centuries in first class cricket and one of those was in the annual match at Lord's against Oxford University in 1955. John made 85 appearances for Kent and scored more than 5,000 runs in first class cricket matches. John was President of Kent County Cricket Club in 1999.

Alan Jackson (Cribb's, 1945-51)

## Navy Lieutenant runs 100-mile endurance race to honour service members

In an amazing athletic achievement which makes this editor weak at the knees (ankles, shoulders, elbows and the rest), **Paulstephen Chierico** (Cribb's, 1992-99), a lieutenant in the US Navy, competed in the ultra-marathon San Diego 100-Mile Endurance Run to honour fallen service members.

Paulstephen explains: 'I completed the San Diego 100-Mile Endurance Run after 31 hours and 32 minutes of continuous forward motion in the Laguna Mountain Recreational Area, and on the Pacific Crest, Noble Canyon, and Cuyamaca Trails 10 miles south of Julian, California.'

For those of us whose idea of running is limited to a dash to the bus stop, the details get worse. Paulstephen gives more grisly details; during the run, 'the temperature swing over the entire event was dramatic, from a high of 77 to a low of 37. I started at 7am on the 11 June and ended the next day at 2.32pm. There were 175 entrants, but only 106 finished the course, so that's about a 40% drop-out rate. Also, it was not only 100 miles in duration, but the sum of all the elevation change was nearly 25,000 feet.'

Paulstephen competed for more than the personal challenge of completing 50 and 100 mile ultra-marathons. He is also competed to raise money for injured and critically ill members of the US military and the families of deceased and injured service members. 'I gathered a lot of strength and motivation from knowing that I was raising funds and awareness for both the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund and Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors.'



*Twenty miles in: Paulstephen on his gruelling run*

said Paulstephen. 'I know that injured service members and bereaved dependents have sacrificed so much for my freedom and liberties that I enjoy, I just wanted to do some small thing to give back to them. It pales in comparison to the trials that they face on a daily basis, but it's my expression of support for them.'

IMSFF is a non-profit corporation that provides immediate financial support to injured and critically ill US Armed Forces members and their families. TAPS administers free emotional support programs for families of deceased US Armed Forces members.

Happily for this couch potato of an editor, Paulstephen reassures me that, 'I'm never going to run 100 miles continuously again (and my wife's holding me to it!)

## Gap Year bursary awards

**The Edward Alwyn Club sponsors a number of pupils who wish to undertake voluntary service projects after they leave school, either during the summer vacation or in their year off before starting work or university. This year the Club awarded bursaries to four leavers: Robin Foster, Peter Morton, Bethany Garrett and Mary Hamilton.**

**One of last year's award-winners, Megan Hewlett (Brown's, 2003-10), sends us a report from her Gap Year placement spent in Cambodia.**

My trip to Cambodia was organised by i-to-i, a volunteer travel company, and I was really pleased with how it worked out. Before I set off, i-to-i gave me an online account which showed me the details about the project I would be working on and kept me up-to-date with everything I needed to organise before I left the UK. I was assigned a personal project manager back in the UK, who I could contact at any time if I had any questions. There was also Kimlay, based in Phnom Penh, who is the project manager in Cambodia, so if I had a problem or question I could go to him at any time.

I went out in March and it was brilliant. I arrived at the guesthouse where I – and the other volunteers – would be staying for the month we were there. We then had an orientation day, which involved all the volunteers being loaded onto several 'tuktuks' and were taken on a short tour of the city Phnom Penh. After going to Central Market we were taken to see one of the projects, 'Library 1'. There are about four projects in total, which the volunteers are divided up into but they all teach and care for disadvantaged or orphaned children.



I was assigned to, 'Library 1', which was based in a small building which had three classrooms and one reading/computer room. The classrooms were tiny but all the walls inside the building had been decorated and painted with cartoons and pictures by the volunteers and the children. We visited the shanty town just opposite the school, which is where the children who go to the school all come from. We met some of their families and were introduced to some of the children we would be teaching. It was very touching how friendly everyone was and it really made me realise the conditions that the children were living in and how much the teaching and games at the school would help them.

I taught the beginners' class with another volunteer called Jamie who is also 19 years old. There are three classes in total: beginners, intermediates and advanced. We taught 22 students



in our class, ranging from ages 6 to 12. They were all lovely and very keen to learn. I found it really important – especially with the beginners' class, to teach them by playing games and singing songs. We were constantly having to think up of new ideas to keep them entertained whilst also teaching them English at the same time! We celebrated Cambodia's National Women's Day, which is a national holiday. The school was still open for the children if they wanted to come in (which most of them did) but, instead of teaching we had a sports and games day all day. It was a lot of fun and also was a great way to get to know all the children.

Thank you so much for helping to make all of this possible for me.

Megan Hewlett (Brown's, 2003-10)

## The Kitchen

**Tom Brooke** (Brading's, 1990-97) is appearing in a revival of Arnold Wesker's *The Kitchen* at the National Theatre.

The play is set in 1950s London, in the kitchen of an enormous West End restaurant 'where the orders are piling up: a post-war feast of soup, fish, cutlets, omelettes and fruit flans'.

Libby Purves in the *Times* wrote of his performance: 'Beaky and manic, a long streak of nerves, Tom Brooke is [the] joker in the pack, desperate for love and family. Skillfully, frighteningly, he lets his teasing larks and romantic sulks mutate into a final explosion of impotent grief, destruction and despair.'

Looking through back issues of *Scribner's*, it looks like Tom may have developed his culinary acting skills when playing Egeon in the School's 1996 production of a *Comedy of Errors*: '...Tom Brooke cleverly moved from pathos to absurdity with his use of condiments and breadsticks...'



photo: Mark Brenner

*Oliver Theatre, National Theatre. Box Office 020 7452 3000. Runs to 9 November.*

## Degree and academic results

**The Club and School send congratulations to the following former pupils on their academic successes this summer.**

**In addition to asking recent graduates about their degree news, we also asked them what plans they have for their careers.**

**For recent graduates, please remember that the Preview Career package (at [www.coa.co.uk](http://www.coa.co.uk)) set up by Alleyn's when you were at the School, offers free careers advice for you up until the age of 24.**

**Thomas Baddeley** (Spurgeon's, 2000-07) Bsc (Hons) in Geography (2:1), University of Manchester

**Seb Baird** (Tulley's, 2001-08) BA (Hons) in History and Politics (2:1), University of Oxford (Corpus Christi)

**Anne Bucknor** (Tyson's, 2005-07) MSci in Astrophysics, University College London (2:1). Anne started a PhD in Astrophysics at the University of Kent in September.

**Louisa Churcher** (Brown's, 2000-07) BSc (Hons) in Pharmacology (2:1), University of Cambridge (Churchill College). Louisa is going on to study Clinical Medicine at UCL to complete her medical degree.

**Will Damazer** (Dutton's, 2001-08) BA (Hons) Economics (1st), University of Cambridge (Fitzwilliam College)

**Rebecca Davidson** (Roper's, 2001-08) BA (Hons) in Economics & Politics (1st), Bristol University

**Rory Dishman** (Tulley's, 2002-09) BSc (Hons) in Management (2:1), Manchester University

**Finegan Downie Dear** (Cribb's, 2001-08) BA (Hons) Music (1st\*), Cambridge University

**Emmie Francis** (Cribb's, 2000-07) BA (Hons) *cum laude* in History and Literature, Harvard University

**Elizabeth Fryer** (Roper's, 2001-08) BA (Hons) in History (2:1), York University

**Olivia Furber** (Tulley's, 2000-07) MA in Religious Studies (1st), University of Edinburgh. On finishing her studies, Olivia began a participation placement at the London International Festival of Theatre, gaining experience of participatory and community theatre projects.

**Laura Griffiths** (Roper's, 2006-08) BA (Hons) in History (1st), London School of Economics

**Joshua Hadwen** (Dutton's, 2001-08) has been awarded the Nuffield Exhibition in PPP at St Hilda's College, Oxford, in recognition of his excellent work in the subject.

**Angus Hampton** (Brading's, 2000-07) BA (Hons) in Geography (2:1), Durham University.

**Hugo Jackson** (Dutton's, 2000-07) BA (Hons) in History (1st), Newcastle University

**Louis Lee Ray** (Cribb's, 2000-07) BA (Hons) in History (1st), Leeds University

**Samuel Le Pard** (Cribb's, 2001-08) BA (Hons) in History (1st), Nottingham University. Sam won a prize for his final dissertation from the British Commission for Maritime History.

**Rebecca Malkin** (Cribb's, 2000-07) BA in Political Science, Harvard University. In the autumn, Becky will start work as the Program Manager of the Strategic Plan at Big Brothers Big Sisters of New York City (a national charity which builds mentoring relationships between adults and disadvantaged children). In this role she will help the NY office create a five-year strategic plan for the organisation.

**Jess Moody** (Brading's, 2000-07) BA (Hons) in History (1st), Nottingham University

**Francesca Ody** (Tyson's, 2001-08) BSc (Hons) in Psychology (2:1), Loughborough University

**Hugo Ogden** (Roper's, 2000-07) BA (Hons) in Geography (1st), University of Nottingham

**Phoebe Phillips** (Dutton's, 1999-2006) BA (Hons) in English (1st), Leeds University

**Ted Rosner** (Spurgeon's, 2001-06) MA in History (1st), University of St Andrews. Ted was awarded the Mary Anderson Prize for the best Scottish/Modern history essay by an undergraduate and is due to publish the work in the future. He is going on to BPP Law School having secured a training contract at the New York law firm, Debevoise and Plimpton.

**Hannah Sloane** (Cribb's, 2000-07) graduated from the Juilliard School with a Bachelor of Music with Scholastic Distinction

**Rimi Solloway** (Tulley's, 2005-07) BA (Hons) in Archaeology and Anthropology (2:1), University of Oxford (St. Peter's College). Rimi is continuing her studies at the Sainsbury Research Unit at UEA, Norwich, where she'll be studying for a MA in the Arts of Africa, Oceania and Americas.

**Sarah Witkowski-Baker** (Roper's, 1999-2006) BA Combined Honours in Arts (2:1), Durham University

## Advancing Alleyn's

Another important development for the School this year will be the launch of a long-term integrated fundraising campaign, to be known under the umbrella title of Advancing Alleyn's. This will include opportunities for both regular giving towards bursaries and capital projects and a legacies programme. Further details will be announced shortly.

## Royal Wedding: Old Boy gets a good seat

Once upon a time senior police officers in London rode on horseback for ceremonial and State occasions. Not so these days.

One of the skills DAC Jonathan Kaye QPM (Tulley's, 1968-74) has added to his day job is, however, just that – a place on parade.

Jonathan has commanded events more times than he likes to remember so, after 30 years, it is a great privilege to take part even in a minor way. As Jonathan says, 'no amount of money can buy this "seat in the stalls" of these great occasions.' Occasions that, he points out, 'the police in the Capital handle so magnificently'.

He and his horse, Chiswick's [over 17 hands high] latest booking was at the recent Royal Wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge where they took up their position on Horse Guards Parade.



*Jonathan and Chiswick on duty at the Royal Wedding*

Jonathan said 'the day was a fantastic experience. The crowds were all happy, the happy couple beaming, and Chiswick nearly, but not quite, behaved.'

## Marriages

**Kato Harris** (Tyson's, 1990-97) married **Heidi Blake** (Tulley's, 1997-2004) at Buxted Park, East Sussex on 10 July. Joining them on the day were Mr and Mrs Paul Sherlock, Benedict Cullen (Brown's, 1995-2002), Alex McLean (Dutton's, 1984-91), Melissa Coulton (Tyson's, 1997-2004), Joe Mansfield (Brown's, 1990-97) and Mr and Mrs Mike Jones. Tom Rossetti (Dutton's, 1990-97) was also present, though not in the picture, as were Gracie Harris (Tyson's, 1990-97) and her daughter, Daisy, who was born on 18 February.



**Rebecca Udy** (Dutton's, 1997-2002), former Deputy School Captain, married William Stuart-Lee in London on 18 September, 2010. Rebecca is sister to the current School Captain, Sam.



### We regret to report the deaths of:

**Eric Balchin** (Roper's, 1915-24)

**Iwan Davies** (Staff, 1969-91): Mr Davies died at home on 13 August. He taught Maths and was Brading's Housemaster from 1980-91. His valet in *Scriblerus* stated that, 'he has been involved in almost everything!'. He was a form tutor to all age groups and Mr Davies, 'almost single handedly revived the tradition of "doing" Gilbert and Sullivan' he ran the Lower School Choir... He ran the Under-14 cricket team from 1971 to 1981 and was often seen delivering his slow left arm spin in the staff team...!

It is hoped that a fuller obituary will be published in the next issue of the magazine.

**Douglas Fielder** (Roper's, 1930-36)

**Michael Gale** (Dutton's, 1948-56)

**Ronnie Gray** (Chairman of Governors, 1995-2002)  
A full obituary will be published in the next issue.

**Peter Meares** (Tulley's, left 1951)

**Nick Ratcliffe** (Brown's, 1959-67)

# In memoriam

## **John Phillip Cozens 1933–2010** (Roper's, 1944–1949)

John Phillip Cozens, known throughout his lifetime as Phil, died in March last year at the age of 77.

Phil began school at Alleyns in 1944 at the South London Emergency Secondary School (SLESS), and I caught up with him in 1945 in the first intake following the Second World War. Phil was in Roper's House, and he and I became very close friends, attending the same church and both being members of the 1st Camberwell Scout Troup, and continuing our friendship over the next 66 years.

Phil left school before me and served in the army in the Suez conflict during his National Service.

On his return to Civvy Street, he eventually settled as a journalist at the *Exchange Telegraph*, where he remained for over 30 years before retiring as City and stockmarket reporter. Phil then began a second extraordinary career with Citiwire, a new company which he helped to establish by a combination of vast experience and ever changing modern technology. Tributes after his death hailed him as 'A legend in City journalism with more than three decades under his belt. The father of modern stockbroking, he was a key player in the investment information revolution, breaking down the barriers between City-insiders and the rest.'

The Phil I knew was always full of humour, almost manic, and was great company in any group, and the life and soul of any party. He will be greatly missed by all of his friends, and by his wife Pat, and his three children, Anthony, Christopher and Clare.

**Dennis Lomas (Tulley's, 1945–53)**

## **Peter Franklin, 1936–2011** (Cribb's 1948–54)

Peter, an only child, was born at the City Road Hospital, London on 8 November 1936. During the Blitz, he was evacuated to live with his Auntie Nell at Warninglid, East Sussex where he spent a happy time.

Like all pupils of that era he took the 11-plus scholarship, passed this, and after a successful interview entered Alleyn's in 1948. Very popular and self-effacing, he had numerous friends there and enjoyed football, no mean player, and athletics. He continued playing football after he left for the Old Boys and was considered a staunch and reliable centre-half.

On leaving Alleyn's he worked for a while at Lloyds Bank in Camberwell. Called up for National Service he joined the Royal West Kents in Maidstone – transferring to the Intelligence Corps, he spent his final 18 months in Malaya. After being de-mobbed he joined Prideaux, a retail grocery company, as a trainee-dairy produce buyer. Prideaux were the first grocery company to adopt the self-service principle in the UK – a revolutionary move in those days.

A few years later Prideaux was taken over by John Gardner Limited where Peter continued as dairy produce buyer. Eventually Gardners in turn were bought out by Safeway Limited, the American retail grocery giant. He stayed with Safeway, in Aylesford, Kent, for the rest of his career finishing up as head of marketing and advertising. Universally respected in the trade for his knowledge and intuitiveness – he told things as they were. He made many lifelong friends because of this and retired from business in 1989.



It was in his earlier days at Safeway that he met Eileen – who was to become his wife – at a party: where else in those days? Their wedding was held at St Luke's Church, West Norwood in 1961. They were married for almost 50 years. Peter and Eileen had two daughters, Laura and Sally and three grandchildren, William, Luke and Lucy. A proud father and grandfather he loved and cherished them all.

They enjoyed holidays together in Europe – France, Holland, and Switzerland and latterly cruises around the Mediterranean, the Canaries and the Scilly Isles. Happy days were also spent touring Devon, Cornwall, Hampshire and Sussex. Peter took much pleasure in running, reading and gardening. He also learned to play the piano. He continued playing golf in his retirement at West Malling Golf Club and with the Old Boys' Golf Society. In recent years he would go on occasional day-trips to France with his chums and bring back the odd bottle or two.

He and Eileen were both committed Christians and did a great deal of work for the church. A fine and much-loved, loyal person, he saw good in everyone – nothing was too much for him. The number of people who attended his funeral at St Margaret's Church, Barming, Kent, bore testament to this.

**Brian Romilly (Brading's, 1948–53)**

## **Brigadier Harry Illing 1920–2011** (Spurgeon's, 1929–37)

Brigadier Harry Illing, who has died 90, won an MC in Normandy on D-Day+1 and a Bar to the award in Germany in the last weeks of the war.

On 7 June 1944 – his 24th birthday – Illing, then a captain commanding a company of 2nd Battalion Warwickshire Regiment (2 WR), was ordered to clear the village of Blainville, north of Caen on the river Orne, and then attack through the woods beyond it. Unknown to him, a battalion of the 125th Panzer Grenadiers fresh, high-quality troops had occupied the wood under cover of darkness and were strongly dug in. As his men advanced up a slope in a cornfield the Germans opened fire, at a range of 200 yards.

Almost all the men in the forward platoon became casualties. The three companies were without tank or artillery support; they were pinned down by machine-gun and mortar fire; and the battalion commander was killed. By 4pm they were surrounded. They were then attacked by tanks, and by 7pm were almost out of ammunition.

Although wounded, Illing refused to be evacuated; and for four hours, under heavy fire, he continued to command his company. When it grew dark, he went to the regimental aid post 'to be patched up'.

That night, in an operation lasting a further six hours, he took charge of the withdrawal of the battalion HQ and the evacuation of the wounded back to Blainville. He was awarded an MC.

Harry Charles Illing was born on June 7 1920 at Herne Hill, London, and educated at Alleyn's School, Dulwich. After working for Barclays Bank, he was commissioned at the outbreak of war and, in 1940, joined 2 WR.

Their anti-tank platoon was mounted on bicycles and supported by a milk float. The milk bottles were filled with petrol and, it was hoped, they would rival the 'Molotov cocktail' if the necessity to use them arose.



# In memoriam

On recovering from his wounds, Illing rejoined his battalion on the river Maas, Holland, seeing further action during the advance into Germany. On one occasion, during vicious close-quarter fighting, his men broke off to rescue some cows that were trapped in a blazing barn.

In April 1945 he was in command of a company in an assault on Leeste, near Bremen. The company, supported by three tanks, had to cover 2,000 yards of open ground to reach its objective. He moved from one platoon to another, urging his men forward. As he reached the built-up area, spandaus and snipers appeared on his front, but he disposed of these.

In a day's fighting his company accounted for about 25 of the enemy killed and 160 made prisoner. He was awarded a Bar to his MC.

In 1952 Illing joined 1WR, serving with the battalion in Korea until 1954, when he was posted to the staff of HQ Malaya Command. He was mentioned in despatches. He later served with the battalion in Aden and Hong Kong, and commanded it in BAOR in 1962.

Following promotion to brigadier, he returned to Aden to lead the British Military Mission to South Arabia, and in 1967 was commander of the Hong Kong and Kowloon garrison. His final postings were with BAOR, first as DQMG and then as Commander Rhine Area. He was appointed CBE and retired from the Army in 1975. He was then employed on the Nato Pipeline Operating Committee until 1981.

Illing was Deputy Colonel Royal Regiment of Fusiliers (RRF) for Warwickshire from 1974 to 1981. He was also a volunteer guide for the National Trust at Charlcote Park.

Harry Illing, who died on May 10, married, in 1945, Janet MacDonald. She predeceased him and he is survived by their two sons.

*This obituary first appeared in the Daily Telegraph, 3 June 2011*

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## John McAnuff, 1925–2010 (Tulley's, 1936–43)

John and I knew each other for over 40 years. During such a long period, one has memories and formed subjective views of the strength of his character, his purpose in life, his humanity – and of course his foibles and amusing anecdotes.

I feel immensely privileged to write this tribute. I have cherry-picked from all I have learnt from John's family and friends and to focus on those matters which underlined his values and the many telling contributions he made during his long life. Threads of these permeate throughout – from his school days and university, to his family life and on to the Nuffield Foundation and his numerous interests in retirement.

John's parents came from Northern Ireland and moved to Battersea where he was born. He was educated at Alleyn's, followed by Oxford – but without meeting a fellow undergraduate who was there at that time: Margaret. However, they met sometime later and were married in 1956. They sustained and supported each other for over 50 years: an admirable achievement. Mary was born a few years later, and she in turn found Roger and then the next generation burst forth – William, Helen, Frances and Becky. John loved and was immensely proud of



them all. Nothing pleased him more than when William was old enough to play golf in a generation-game with father and grandfather – and I believe this became an annual event.

Cantering through the influences in his very fulfilled life, John spoke only last year at the Alleyn's 1930s' Memories Day saying how much he felt privileged to have been there and exhorting those currently at the school to 'make the most of it, so you have much to look back on and to say "I was lucky to be there"'. With the outbreak of war, John went with the School to Rossall, where he shared a study with a talented boy who sat next to him in the Chapel choir and this led to his becoming a lifelong devotee of choral singing.

By choice and academic ability he was primarily a physicist and his education continued at Brasenose Oxford studying Physics with Radio and he later took his PhD at Birkbeck College in London. After this, his major life's work began with the Nuffield Foundation.

From John's contributions throughout that period I would like to cite what the director of the London School of Dental Surgery said on John's retirement: 'You have done probably more for dentistry in the long term than anyone, outside the profession, has done in the last hundred years' – quite a commendation.

And then the good fortune of 28 years of very active retirement. The woodlands at Little Chalfont, the golf game (persistent practice in the garage and, I believe, sometimes in the house at West Barn) the garrulous foursomes at Whiteleaf, working with the St Andrew's Society, and above all, arguing, writing, cajoling, haranguing authorities, organisations, one-and-all on matters of personal and public concern – but above all, giving sound advice to all who came to him and probably some who didn't!

John's family and I reflect on the influence he had in making the world a better place and for the many kindnesses he bestowed throughout his remarkable life. We are forever grateful knowing John and for his love and the inspiration he gave to family and friends alike.

Peter Gell

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## Timothy Richards 1918–2011 (Tyson's, 1929–1936)

Timothy Rowan Richardson was born in Manchester on 25 March 1918 but spent his entire childhood and youth in Dulwich living in College Gardens and later in Dulwich Wood Avenue. At ten, he won a scholarship to Dulwich College but his parents decided on Alleyn's. After school, he went into journalism until the war which he spent on a dairy farm in Sussex as a conscientious objector. He then studied agriculture at Edinburgh University and worked for 30 years with Scottish Agricultural Industries (a branch of ICI), heading their public relations. He married a Scottish journalist and had two children and continued to live in Edinburgh. After retiring, he spent many holidays in Lanzarote and died there on 19 April, 2011, aged 93.

Timothy was a man with a high set of values and determination. He had a wry sense of humour. When asked by an Edinburgh policeman in the street to move on due to a fire in the flat adjoining Timothy's, he replied 'Am I not allowed to watch my own flat burn down?'

Minka Bohmer

## Cricket

On the field, the cricket season was a big challenge marked by inconsistent player availability, frustrations over player selection and poor pitches. The 1st XI's season suffered a setback on day one, when their ex-Leicestershire professional, Chris Thompson, resigned and moved to Jamaica, seeking a first-class contract. The team never challenged for the Division Four title. The 2nd XI did challenge, but faded in August despite a side which, on paper, looked stronger than it usually performed. The 3rd and 4th XIs had poor seasons, and at times really struggled to find any players at all. The 3rd XI was relegated from the top flight almost as soon as it arrived there.

However, to regular readers, there is brightness on the horizon. Last season, the number of Alleyn Old Boys in the Saturday league teams had dwindled to only three. This year, the number trebled. Initially, Jim Bridgeman (S 1979-86) looked like he might fill the gap left by the departing pro, scoring 119 against Streatham on his way to 428 season runs. Will Bevan (C 1993-98) also began strongly, with a half century to go along with 28 wickets. There were contributions at times from Mikael Berglund (Bn 1988-95) with 193 runs, Toby Arul-Pragasam (C 1993-2000) and Ben McGill (Tn 1986-93), all of whom played for the 1st XI, and in the Streatham match, five of the senior team were Alleyn Old Boys. In the other league teams, occasional appearances were put in by Vipul Patel (1972-77), Muhammad Afzal (D 1984-91), Oliver Lucking (R 1980-87) and Graham Swann (S 1958-66).

Fifteen ex-pupils of the School represented the Adhoc XI at various times. Indeed, at least one Alleyn's leaver has played for the team from every school year since the class of 1986. This year's new recruit was Louis Nicholson (T, 2004-11), who bowled beautifully and became only the third player to take a wicket with his first ball for the team. Martin Stringer (S 1990-97), Scott McKinlay (R 1998-2005) and Mike Logan (Bn 1982-89) all had a game or two. George Hobbs made 50 in his only game of the year. Ted Rosner (S 2001-06) featured in an unbeaten opening partnership of 165 at Norwood. Chris Lilly (Tn 1996-2003), Benji Portwin (Bn 1998-2005) and Patrick Cullen (Bn 1998-2005) made good runs several times.



*Ted Rosner (right) and Andy Sarson (OA) after their mammoth opening partnership at Norwood*

Heidi Blake (T 1997-2004) made her career top score in July – yes, female players are welcome on the Adhocs. Benedict Cullen (Bn 1995-2002) made his usual worthwhile contributions on and off the field. Joe Mansfield (Bn 1990-97) took 13 wickets and Kato Blake (Tn 1990-97) reached 200 matches for the team and claimed 24 wickets, including 16 at an average of 6.63 after his mid-season wedding. Two comebacks, though,



*Four from Alleyn's, four from Dulwich College: an integrated Adhoc XI*

were the highlights of the year. Alex McLean (D 1984-91) suddenly popped up one day after six years in Northumberland, and instantly became a regular and a favourite, with 268 runs. Tom Rossetti (D 1990-97) flew over from Washington DC to play a match, only 13 years after his previous appearance.

Regarding playing staff and number of teams, it looks as though quality rather than quantity may be the best objective. Indeed, this may be the solution to the Club's financial shortcomings as well; still, there is no question that the Cricket Club has to reassess its priorities.

**Kato Blake (Tyson's, 1990-97)**  
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## Golf Society

The Edward Alleyn Golf Society is coming to the end of another successful and most enjoyable year. Still to come are the final meeting, which is finals day at Croham Hurst Golf Club, the tour to the Algarve, and our AGM and dinner in December. Tyson's are playing Cribb's in the final of the House Shield.

At our much delayed AGM, postponed earlier due to the extraordinarily heavy snowfalls in December, we were finally able to elect Dr Gary Savage as our new president, and Alan Miles as captain for 2011.

We also bestowed life membership on Dr Colin Diggory in recognition of services rendered as president of the Society, during his headmastership of Alleyn's School.

The Edward Alleyn Golf Society is a thriving community of around a 100 past pupils of all ages, and has no limit on membership where everyone is welcome to join. We also continue to offer School leavers and those in full-time education free membership, and a free meeting on joining.

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Burbage Theatre Company: *Round & Round the Garden*  
13-15 October, Michael Croft Theatre, 7.30pm

Word Up: Family Books and Arts Festival 22-24 October, Alleyn's School

Ebulletin copy deadline 1 November

Edward Alleyn Lecture: Prof Edmund de Waal Thursday 3 November, Michael Croft Theatre, 7.30pm

International Concert Series: Endymion Ensemble Tuesday 8 November, Michael Croft Theatre, 7.30pm

EGM & AGM Friday 11 November, Clubhouse, 8pm

Annual Dinner Saturday 12 November, RAF Club, 6.30pm (SOLD OUT)

Remembrance Sunday Sunday 13 November, 10.40am (for 10.50am start), Christ's Chapel

Upper School Play: *Alice in Wonderland* 23-25 November, Michael Croft Theatre

Parky Pot Quiz Friday 25 November, Clubhouse, 7.30pm

Visiting production: *Unholy Trinity* Friday 2 December, Michael Croft Theatre, 7.30pm

Annual Chaplaincy Lecture Wednesday 18 January, Michael Croft Theatre, 7.30pm

Visiting production: *Rape of Lucrece* Thursday 19 January, Michael Croft Theatre, 7.30pm

Alleyn's vs Dulwich College 1st XI Hockey Match Saturday 11 February, Alleyn's School (tbc)

Visiting production: *Musical Arson* Tuesday 28 February, Michael Croft Theatre, 7.30pm

Magazine copy deadline 5 March

International Concert Series: Heath Quartet Monday 5 March, Michael Croft Theatre, 7.30pm

1950s Memories Reunion Tuesday 6 March, Alleyn's School, 11am

Visiting production: *The Return of Boothby Graffoe* Monday 12 March, Michael Croft Theatre, 7.30pm

St John's Smith Square concert Monday 7 May (Bank Holiday)

Ebulletin copy deadline 14 May

1952, '62, '72, '82, '92 Reunion Saturday 16 June, Alleyn's School

Foundation Commemoration Service Friday 29 June, Christ's Chapel, 7pm

Founder's Day Saturday 30 June, 2pm-4.15pm

Ten-Year Reunion Saturday 22 September, Clubhouse, 8pm (tbc)

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