



Reuniting the Georgian Family with each other and the School in order to strengthen our community and enhance educational provision for the future through charitable giving.

Welcome

To the autumn edition of Reunite

It has been a real pleasure to welcome back to School so many past pupils in recent months. Old Georgians from across the UK, from Australia and Canada have enjoyed tours of the School or catching up with friends at their year group reunions.

The first six months of this year we have seen a rich and varied programme of events for our alumni, and the wider Georgian community. In May we welcomed the Class of 1968, with their partners along with several retired teachers, back to St George's to celebrate their 50 year reunion. It was so lovely to see them all together, sharing fond memories and catching up.

It was also wonderful to welcome alumni, and OG parents back to School to help with the Careers Convention in June and various other career related events. We are always looking for more help, so please get in touch if you would like to be part of our careers network. We have recently introduced two young Old Georgians with OGs who work in professions they are interested in and we believe this is a very key networking step for them and their future careers.

The Activity Centre build is coming along incredibly well and you can view a time lapse video of the progress on the Reunite website. We are really pleased to announce that the glass sports floor has got the official go ahead, and we believe this will put St George's on a very important stepping stone to

becoming one of the leading sporting venues in the UK. We are still a little way away from our fundraising target and hope that each and every single one of you can support us and help us reach our goal. Donation details can be found on page 60.

We will be kick starting the 150th anniversary celebrations off in grand style with a Gala Ball on Saturday 17 November at the Grosvenor House in London. We hope to see many friends of St George's on this very special and momentous occasion, and further details will be found on page 3.

We are incredibly excited to let you all know that St George's Development Team recently won the IDPE (Institute of Development Professionals in Education) Engagement Campaign of the Year award. This award was for our GROW campaign – which gives you the chance to play an essential role in the future of the school – ensuring it can continue to offer the very best to its students. Please support in any way you can.

Sadly since our last edition of Reunite we have said farewell to two members of the Development team, and we would like to wish Janice Rodrigues-Mendes and Oliver Robinson all the very best for their new adventures. We will introduce you to our new team very soon.

With our kind regards and best wishes

Caroline and Melanie

The Development Team

Pictured below (L-R): Caroline Long, Melanie Gordon-Hughes



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Class of 1988 reunion

(L-R) Micaela Stites, Nicola Holland, Vanja Strok & Jo Marsh

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Class of 1978 Reunion

Saturday 24 November at the Hand and Spear, Weybridge
Cost: £42pp for a three course sit down lunch
 12 noon
 Partners/spouses are welcome.



Class of 2018

Wednesday 19 December
 No. 39 Bar in Weybridge

Join your OG friends for a drink to celebrate the end of your first term away from St George's.
 Further details to be advertised soon.



Sydney, Australia

Sunday 20 January 2019 at the Eastbank Café on Circular Quay
 Old Georgians and OG Parents are invited to join Dick and Pam Von Reibnitz for lunch. This is a wonderful opportunity for Georgians and their families living in Australia to get together for a fun and relaxed afternoon. Further details to follow

2019 Snap
 shot of events

-  Over Sixties Lunch
-  St Maur's Drinks Reception
-  Class of 1969 celebrate 50 years
-  Class of 1989 celebrate 30 years

If you would like to attend one of the events or to RSVP please visit the Reunite website www.stgeorgesreunite.com or email the office development@stgeorgesweybridge.com and we will happily provide more information.



St George's
 WEYBRIDGE

CELEBRATE 150

GALA BALL

SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2018

GROSVENOR HOUSE, PARK LANE

7PM CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION
 DINNER, DANCING AND ENTERTAINMENT
 CARRIAGES 2.30AM
 BLACK-TIE

TICKETS £150
 OLD GEORGIAN (18-25YRS) £75



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Class of 1993 – 25 years!

Beautiful weather, lifelong friendships, and wonderful memories made for a very enjoyable gathering.

38 alumni from the Class of 1993 (and a handful from 1992) came back to school to meet up, on Thursday 19 April. We could not have asked for a more perfect evening. OGs joined us from all over the UK, some travelling as far as Leeds. But a massive thank you and credit must be extended to both Martin Burns who travelled from California and Gill Knuckey (née Tubb) who travelled from Canada. Gill combined her trip with a visit to family, and Martin was passing through on a business trip.

The event took place in the Orchard Hall which would have been the Refectory in their day. Our guests were delighted to see Marge Lamey, former Head of Sixth Form. Marge was a member of teaching staff at St George's for 26 years. She joined as a part time Physicist and she was the first women scientist at the College. After two years she went onto a full

Attendees

Laith Anayi, Helen Burgess, Martin Burns, Alexander Bushell, Lorna Cairns (née Wilson), Patrick Carney, Francesca Carroll (née Rogers), Cristiano Cicirello, Michael Curtis, Lucinda Davies (née Morgan), Mark Griffin, Brian Hemmings, Sophie Henriksson (née Aspinall), Victoria Hockham-Anayi, Deidre Hoey (née Neill), Andrew Hollis, Dione Innes, Danielle Kay (née Roberts), Caroline Kennedy (née Charles), Gill Knuckey (née Tubb), Jim Lambeth, Marge Lamey, Daniel Levy, Jenny Lingenfelder (née Ardley), James Madath, Sally Munk (née Westbrook), Richard Nicholson, Jeremy Ottley, Daniel Pickles, Emma Pitt (née Taylor), Jane Robins (née Muller), Benjamin Simon, James Stather, Michael Stather, Claire Stone (née Beglan), Leo Stretch, Porche Waddell, Laurence Watts, Joanna Whittaker (née Charles) and Lucy Woolhouse (née Meadows).

time role as the Director of Studies with Steve Walford. Marge was then made joint Head of Sixth Form with Joe O'Brien who was then succeeded by Auden Witter. Marge went onto become Head of Sixth Form and finally Head of Sections until she left in 2010.

Marge wrote to us and said "It was wonderful to catch up with so many past students and hear where their different paths have led them! The evening was a great success and it was clear how much SGC meant to all present, both in the past and in maintaining their current friendships."

"It was fantastic to see so many faces from our past. It was a real pleasure to Mrs Lamey and amazingly, she was exactly the same."

Laith and Victoria Anayi

"It was so special to see everyone again after 25 years so thank you!" **Jo Charles**

"Thank you for such a lovely evening it was so great to catch up with everyone. Thank you to the Development Team for all their hard work in putting it together; it was brilliant."

Mike Curtis



Joanna Charles, Lucinda Morgan and Caroline Charles



Benjamin Simon, Richard Nicholson and Marge Lamey

1992 Gathering

A number of Old Georgians from the Class of 1992 got together for an informal dinner in Covent Garden on the 16 May.



(L-R) David McIntosh, Adam Shohet, Cris Cicirello & Rupert Brooker





St Maur's

When we first set about planning the reunion tea for the St Maur's alumnae we anticipated getting about 20 Maurians back to School for the afternoon.

Never in our wildest dreams did we think the response would be so well received. On Wednesday 9 May we welcomed 66 alumnae and former St Maur's staff to St George's Junior School; the site of their old School

Antony Hudson, Junior School Headmaster warmly welcomed the guests so that they could enjoy an afternoon reflecting back on their time as students but at the same time taking in all the sights and sounds of a modern, happy and thriving, co-ed day school.

St Maur's alumnae thoroughly enjoyed the tours of the Junior School. As much as they enjoyed seeing all the new developments such as the Ark they marvelled at the sites so

familiar – the playground, where endless hours of lacrosse were enjoyed and the upper rooms where the nun's quarters were located. These rooms were strictly out of bounds so it was a real treat for the group making their way up the stairs knowing they would not be getting into trouble. The modern day Performing Arts Studio was remembered for the girls' ballet lessons and former St Maur's ballet teacher Mrs Adrienne Gatland, who was a member of staff between 1962–1988, was present at the reunion. St Maur's is very much a part of today's school and is honoured with a beautiful stained glass window featuring their crest in the Chapel located above the Chapel doors.

St Maur's memorabilia, including photographs, magazines, and a variety of literature was on display and it was a delight when we were able to witness the 'old girls' discovering their names or faces amongst the archives. Sadly we don't have many St Maur's archives and we would like to increase the photos and magazines we currently have. If you have anything you would like to share or donate, please do get in touch.

Prior to the reunion we asked the alumnae to provide us with their biographies which were included in a Who's Who booklet. This gave each guest a little snapshot into their classmate's lives since they left St Maur's. It was incredibly interesting for us too, to read some of their wonderful stories, and we are delighted to share some of these with you:

Sandra Boler, (OM '59) recounts that she was on the first ship to leave Australia bound for England at the end of the war. She arrived at St Maur's aged five, with two other girls – Deirdre Curran and Nuala Gleeson and they have all remained friends to this day!

Caroline Hart, (OM '72) tells us how she started St Maur's in the Kindergarten in the St Anne's building with Mrs Devlin, moving over the road to St Catherine's and eventually leaving to do her A Levels at St George's. She was extremely happy at St Maur's and has clear memories of many girls, members of staff, blue Harris Tweed, straw boaters and white gloves.

Janine Hildyard, (OM '76) says her time at St Maur's was an incredibly happy time. She remembers her white gloves and boater, not walking on Reverend Mother's garden, school dinners, and recounts that once a wasp landed in her apricot crumble (which was her favourite) and she refused to eat it! She also remembers fondly hiding under the gym during sacred singing, and going to confession when she wasn't meant to (as she was not a Catholic).

Emma Orriss, (OM '91) recounts how her friendships were the very best point, but she remembers some teachers with huge affection – Mrs Athurshuch (Geography), Miss Fare (Drama) and Mrs Esekiel (English).

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the most enjoyable afternoon. Looking forward, we would love to meet with many more St Maur's girls and we will set about organising an evening drinks reception in the summer of 2019.

St Maur's Attendees

Adrienne Gatland, Angela Disher, Ann Price (née Lawson), Ann Bowers (née Baty-Scott), Anne Nash (née Chandler), Anne Wilson, Armanda Maffi, Betty Sanders, Carmel Bodenham (née Kenney), Caroline Dutson (née Hart), Caroline Bennett (née Garai), Catherine Needle (née Orriss), Cathy Wilkin (née Tulucci), Claire Laschke (née Major), Claire Hobbs (née Lardner), Colette Lowe, Debbie Brown (née Read), Elizabeth Dymond (née Burns), Emma Maltz (née Orriss), Emma Phelps (née Baines), Fiona Franck (née Begley), Giovanna Hale, Harriet Wilson, Helen Stainton (née Storey), Jacky Burns (née Krauth), Janine Dunbar (née Hildyard), Jenni Taylor (née Wallage), Jill Cook, Joanna Hart (née Lusty), Julia Blake (née Tourle), Lavinia Whitehall (née Baily), Leslie Brodie (née Shoppee), Lindy Miller (née Taylor), Lindy Wilson, Linsey Seymour (née Fitch), Louise Vymetal (née Endersby), Lynda Wallage, Margaret Durnford (née Baynham), Marion Cox (née Lohmeyer), Martin Ashcroft, Maureen Gleeson de Biel, Maureen Dodds, Merope Deane (née Richards), Michaela Foster (née Murphy), Michelle Cottle, Mona Leckie (née Cumberbatch), Nicola Holland (née Simon), Nina Edwards, Nita Crome (née Burns), Patricia Engelen (née Cullington), Patricia Ruffell (née Burns), Penny Heath, Rayner Ward, Rebecca Harris (née Simon), Sandra Hamilton (née Boler), Sarah Garrett (née Clark), Sarah Patterson (née Heath), Sarah Brown (née Beety), Sharon Galliford, Sheila MacDermot (née Gleeson), Stacey Hyde (née Gray), Susan Sinclair (née Pollard), Therese Birch (née Field), Virginie Behier-Tull and Vivian Stacey (née Cavanagh)



St Maur's Headmistress returns!



Maureen Dodds, Betty Sanders
and Lindsay Courtney

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A joint Millennium vision:
To provide the foundation for
one of the foremost centres of
Independent Catholic education
in the country.”

(Letter from Maureen Dodds to
St Maur's parents announcing
the Trustees' transfer of St Maur's to
St George's College, 15 June 1999)

In July 2000, I retired as
Headmistress of St Maur's
School when the final stage
of the integration of St
Maur's and St George's
College took place and soon
afterwards I went to live in
France for several years.

On 9 May 2018, I returned to Thames
Street for my first St Maur's reunion on the
site and had the huge pleasure of seeing
all the wonderfully impressive physical
development of the whole site, and beyond.
The clever redesign of the school and the
addition of so many state of the art facilities
for the children, not least the splendid 'Ark',
were a joy to behold. More importantly, since
buildings alone do not create a community, it
was clear to see that St George's Junior School
is a happy, flourishing and successful Catholic
School community, quite evidently at ease
with itself: this is indeed the Millennium vision
of the 2000 integration of St Maur's and St
George's Weybridge come to fulfilment!

*I look forward to future reunions and
particularly to seeing many of our students
and staff from the 80's and 90's. The warm
spirit of care and support for each individual,
so characteristic of St Maur's, continues to
flourish in Thames Street and I congratulate
Antony Hudson, all his staff and the Governors
of St George's Weybridge on their beautiful
school community!*

Maureen Dodds, May 2018



Class of 1968



We were so pleased that
our guests did indeed find
their way to the correct St
George's on Saturday 19
May and not to St George's
Chapel in Windsor for the
Royal Wedding!

56 guests (alumni, their partners, Josephites
and former members of teaching staff)
came together to mark this very special 50th
anniversary – and as one alumni mentions

“To remember the mischief and frankly the
fantastic education we had, enabling many
of us to go into jobs, or university and make
us who we are today. Without knowing it
we were given a belief in ourselves that has
served us well over the years; as doctors,
teachers, publishers, technicians, architects,
husbands, fathers and grandfathers.”

The day was kicked off with a tour of the
school, taking in some familiar areas and
hearing of changes in teaching and school
life along the way. For the majority of the
group they had never been back to St
George's so this was a chance to show off
the modern day school and to share with
them our vision and plans for the future.

Sights along the tour route included the sportsfields, where stories of great cricket and rugby victories were shared, and many fantastic memories came flooding back about 'climbing out of windows and escaping across the field for a midnight swim!' Our College Librarian, Mrs Irene Monem put out a fascinating display of archives in the Library for the alumni to look through.

The Library back in 1968 was the lower years dormitory, and there was much chatter between the alumni informing their partners about who they had bunked next to, the routines of the day, and what furniture they had available. "Did we have mirrors??"

The Chapel was a sight to relish! The sunlight streaming through the stained glass windows was truly magnificent, a perfect setting for a little peace and reflection as the group took a seat on the pews and reflected back on their school days.

This was also a wonderful opportunity for the staff present to point out the building work that is in progress for the new Activity Centre as everyone chatted about the upcoming 150th celebrations. One Old Georgian is quoted saying in his thanks "What was most surprising, and reassuring, was how much of the fabric was still identifiable. Clearly there is much new building development, but there is a lot that is still the same – and that is rather nice too".

A relaxed lunch was followed by drinks at the Old Georgians' Clubhouse in the warm afternoon sun.

The reunion would not have been the success it was without the amazing driving force and organisational skills of Kevin Cheney. Kevin contacted the office nearly three years ago, with the idea of getting his year group together, and in the past nine months, both Kevin and Paul Marley were instrumental in helping us track 'lost' alumni down and assisted in all the necessary arrangements for the day.

To the former members of staff, Brian O'Gorman, Francis Hussey, Tony Creber and his wife Pat Creber (former maths teacher at Woburn Hill) and our two Josephites Fr Martin and Fr Jude (with a brief appearance from Fr Adrian), thank you so much for joining us. It meant so much to them having you celebrate with them.

Attendees

Martin Ashcroft, Raymond Bellm, Maurice Buckingham, Duncan Cairns, Edward Carter, Glen Cawdeary, Vincent Champion, Kevin Cheney, Patrick Crawley, Tony Creber, Nicholas Crisell, Martin Dore, Joseph Dwyer, Paul Engelen, Paul Fairbairn-Tennant, Justin Fleming, Michael Gelardi, Alan Gunner, Rick Harmes, Francis Hussey, Paul Kellard, Peter Kornicki, Paul Marley, Christopher Marsh, Felicity Mather, Jim McCarthy, Ben McDonnell, Nigel Mortelman, Brian O'Gorman, Casey O'Hanrahan, Anthony Paine, Joanna Pay, Nicholas Poore, John Ryan, Vivian Stacey, Christopher Steele and Peter Tickner.



Over Sixties Lunch

The annual St George's Over Sixties lunch is a lively and popular event attracting Old Georgians from across the globe (thank you to Michael Findlay, 1962, USA and Mike Hazel, 1958, NZ for joining us).

The event took place in London at the Royal Thames Yacht Club which started with drinks and followed by a sumptuous three course lunch.

We were delighted to welcome our first lady Georgian Mrs Sue Sowerby (née Moore) to what has been a very male dominated event! Sue joined St Maur's Convent in 1962 and completed her O-Levels and then joined the Sixth Form at St George's in 1973 and left in 1975 after her A-Levels. We really hope that Sue will start a trend for more girls from the Sixth Form to start joining. Our two eldest Old Georgians this year, having just celebrated their 84th birthdays, were Richard Wildenberg and Brian Mephram.

Richard joined St George's in 1942 and left in 1952. Richard's son Tim attended St George's and his three daughters joined in the Sixth Form.

Brian left St George's in 1951 and became articled to a chartered accountant. Brian had four sons and a daughter, all of whom attended St George's. They are all now married and Brian and Sue have ten grandchildren.

The Old Georgians were just settling into the afternoon, enjoying the sunshine on the terrace when we were evacuated from the building due to the incredibly unfortunate fire at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel next door. Undeterred many of the group left to continue their day at various London venues.

Thank you to everyone for joining us for the 2018 Over Sixties lunch, and we look forward to welcoming more from the Class of 1975 and the Class of 1976 in 2019.

An attendee list and copy of the Who's Who booklet can be supplied by the office.



ANNUAL GEORGIAN DAY



On Sunday 24 June St George's Weybridge held their annual Georgian Family Day, which was organised by the Development Team.

The whole Georgian community together with their families were invited back to School for a relaxing and fun day. There was so much on offer for everyone to enjoy.

The day began in the Chapel, where Fr Martin, College Chaplain took Mass. It was a beautiful service.

This year we introduced our very first Georgian Car Show, and we were so pleased with the turnout of classic, vintage and sports cars which were displayed on the Orchard Pitch. All of the cars were owned by either Old Georgians, current parents, OG parents or relatives of a Georgian.

There were 25 cars on display and these included a 1973 MG BGT, 1939 Austin Ruby Saloon, 2010 Porsche Gen 2 Turbo Cabriolet, 1955 Rover P4 60, 2007 Alfa Romeo Brera and even a 1966 Chevy Pickup which was used in the Blockbuster film Justice League.

For the little children a bouncy castle with soft play and an amazingly talented face painter (About Faces) was available. For the bigger kids (and parents!) they had the opportunity to enjoy some fantastic activities provided by Outdoor Academy – these included a 28ft climbing wall, caving system, aerial archery and laser clay pigeon shooting. These all proved to be incredibly popular and it was wonderful to see grandfathers with their grandchildren taking on the challenge of shooting the discs, and dads and sons racing to the top of the climbing wall. Donations were received for the use of the activities and we are incredibly pleased with the £625 raised. This will be donated towards the Activity Centre. Thank you so much to everyone for their generous support.

We also televised the Football World Cup match between England and Panama in the theatre on the big screen ...and what a match it was! The Theatre was packed with supporters who enjoyed their lunch, a beer and a fantastic England win!

The annual cricket fixture between the College 1st XI and Old Georgians' saw OGCC win by 92 runs. Mike Arnot (OG '02) won the toss and elected to bat. A superb 53 from Frano Annandale (OG '13) off 33 balls including seven fours and three sixes saw OG's set the College a target of 217. Third Year Freddie Brennan finished with 1-24 off five overs in his debut for the College. St George's started well but a deadly spell by Christoph Kent ('09) taking three wickets in four balls saw the College reduced from 88-7 to 88-9; however a 36 run 10th wicket partnership by Arya Behl and Will

Gray ensured the College had a respectable score, but it was not enough. A pleasant day in perfect weather with many Old Georgians enjoying the cricket and hospitality provided by the College.

The score card can be seen on the Old Georgians' Play-Cricket website:
<https://oldgeorgianscc.play-cricket.com/website/results/3553618>.

Well done to the College on the victorious tennis match played against the Old Georgian team on the grass courts. The OG team consisted of Dan Boden (OG '16), Greg Kovic (OG '96), Ed Fry (Former SGC Tennis Manager & Coach), and Tim Lovegrove (OG '10). The College team were: Jamie Boden, Taylor Papworth, Matthew Bates, Daniel Abernethy and Ronan Bigwood.





Class of 1988

The Class of 1988 met in London on a very busy hot summers evening for their 30 year reunion.

It was not foreseen in the many months leading up to the reunion that England would be facing Belgium in the Football World Cup – So it was a huge relief that we had secured a spot at the Duck and Rice in Soho right next to the big screen.

The Old Georgians and not England, were the stars of the show and they were delighted to see each other after many years and went straight into catching up, glancing only briefly at the screen. Thirty OGs, two current staff and a former member of staff attended the reunion. Dick Von Reibnitz taught History at St George's between 1972 until he left in 2007. Although he's never really 'left'! Dick and his wife Pam, are our Georgian ambassadors whenever they travel abroad and regularly host an OG reunion in Sydney on our behalf at least every two years.

A massive thank you must go to those that travelled far to attend the reunion – Vikki Hennen who joined from the USA, Tara Purcell from Portugal and Adam Hollioake from Australia.

As much as we enjoyed celebrating the reunion, time was also taken to think about those friends who are no longer with us. Sadly three classmates have died over the years, and we continue to pray for their families.

Sarah Jane Davis, Emma Lambourne and Laurent Ford – Gone but not forgotten.

It was a wonderful evening and we are delighted that we got to bring you all back together.

Attendees

Richard Aspinall, James Blackburn, Amy Blackburn (née Newson), Jon Collins, Nolan Craig, Christian Devaux, Edward Hazelden, Kathleen Holland (née Flanagan), Andrew Holland, Nicola Holland (née Simon), Adam Hollioake, Clover Howard (née Williams), Timothy Hutchins, Chris Jansen, Ramsey Khoury, David MacLoughlin, Jon Marsh, Jo Marsh, Richard Martin, Susan McNally, Marc Ng, Henry Powell, Tara Purcell, Micaela Stites (née Hatch), Vanya Strok Devaux, James Taylor, Dick von Reibnitz, Kate Ward, Victoria Wardle (née Hennen), Claire Waters (née Templer-Clarke) and Benjamin Williams.

So what have the class of 1988 been up to these past thirty years? We asked a few to fill us in:

Andy Holland,

joined the RAF as a pilot after leaving SGC and enjoyed a successful 18 year career flying the Tornado GR4 and Hawk T.1A. He married Nicky Simon (also OG '88) and they have four children, three boys who have finished their schooling days and one girl, Amelie, who is a current SGC pupil! Andy left the RAF in 2008 and now flies the Airbus A380 Super-Jumbo for British Airways.



Marc Ng, read Economic History and Politics at the University of Liverpool graduating with BA (Hons) in 1992. He met his wife Louise twenty years ago this August – and were married on St Patrick's Day, 2001 having got engaged in St Anton almost exactly a year earlier. They live in Kent with their two daughters Rebecca (15) and Charlotte (12) – and Miniature Schanuzer, Chalky. Both their girls attend Tonbridge Grammar School and are keen gymnasts. Marc is the Head of Research at Montfort Communications, a financial PR and communications consultancy based in Chelsea Harbour.

Jon Collins,

has been working for an engineering firm for many years and takes advantage of the travel that it affords. Jon and his wife had twins three years ago so now spend a lot of time exhausted! They live locally in Bookham and when Jon is not at work he is often creating an oil painting or sculpture, usually with the kid's uninvited collaborations.



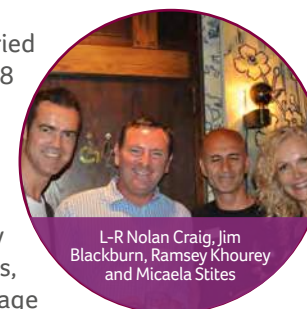
Richard Martin, studied law at St Catharine's College Cambridge after leaving St George's. After graduating he spent a year working with street children in Romania before starting a legal career with Gouldens. Richard specialised in employment law and became a partner before that firm



merged with US/global firm Jones Day where he was a partner for three years or so before leaving to join London firm Speechly Bircham where he led the large employment team and sat on the firm's management committee. Richard then had a pretty massive mental breakdown in 2011. Now he does a combination of training and campaigning around mental health awareness, coaching and conflict resolution with a small consultancy called Byrne Dean. Richard was married (now sadly divorced) with three children, 20, 18 and 16. He lives in Wimbledon, spends many hours out on his bicycle, and has a house in the Charente where his heart lies and where he keeps himself busy with gardening, maintenance, building and a sense of peace than London does not provide.

Nolan Craig, Married

to Humera for 18 years, whom he met at Warwick University in 1990 where he read Physics. They have two boys, Josh and Aaron, age 9 and 1½. Nolan works for Credit Suisse, as an investment banker, where he runs their small and midcap equity sales desk and his wife is an ENT surgeon and they live in Hampstead, London. He loved his time at St George's where he made many great friends most of whom he is still in touch with today. St George's wasn't just about the academic side, the sports facilities were amazing, something he thinks he probably took for granted at the time, the culture and friendliness of the school made it a very special time for him.



L-R Nolan Craig, Jim Blackburn, Ramsey Khoury and Micaela Stites

Congratulations to the Class of 2018 – what a wonderful journey you have all been on and we are sure lifelong friendships and memories have been made.

For many their Georgian school days began back in 2003 as they joined the Junior School. But the Class of 2018 always remember that once you leave St George's you never have to say goodbye, you are now part of our fantastic alumni community and we hope you enjoy your new roles as Old Georgians. We are so proud of the young adults you have become and we would like to wish you all the very best as you make your ways into the world.

“What lies behind us,
and what lies before
us are small matters
compared to what lies
within us”

Ralph Waldo Emerson



Jamie Boden, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at St George's. The school enabled me to develop as a person as well as prepare me for life after school. I loved representing St

George's on the sporting field, whether that be in rugby, hockey or tennis and I enjoyed all of the challenges that came with it. Playing school sport with your best mates is something that I will always look back on fondly. A few of many personal highlights would be tennis tours to Portugal, a rugby tour to South Africa, winning the 2018 Schools Cup U18 Bowl Final at Sixways Stadium and the Leavers' Dinner. I would like to thank St George's for everything that they have done for me over the years and I will look back at my time with great fondness and happiness.

Alastair Hannaford, St George's is more than the name of a school it is an ideological concept of



family and togetherness; it is a bond between one's peers and one which cannot be broken by distance nor time. Over the last 10 years I have shared highs and lows, and as I write this I am listing to Holst's Jupiter and it is a composition which is moving in a way like no other transports me from the first time I heard it to the last time I sung the school hymn. It is with a heavy heart that I move on, although a knowledge that where ever I or my fellow classmates may be we will be joined by our fond memories. Next year I hope to read International Law in the Netherlands, with a desire and belief that it will empower me to help those who suffer unnecessarily in our world.



Callum Moore, Lauren Hart and Harry Henderson

Lauren Hart, When trying to sum up my time at St George's, I reach a stalemate. Any word I could use to try and describe my experience wouldn't do it justice because it has been everything I could have imagined and more. Although I'm excited to start the next chapter of my life at university, I'm very sad to be leaving life at St George's behind as it's given me hundreds of memories that I'll never forget.





Shane Thomas,

When I received a full scholarship at St George's, it may have been the luckiest thing that happened to me. I gained access to a fantastic music department where I could practice piano or write music freely. The music activities there also developed my ensemble skills, my performance skills and widened my repertoire. Piano lessons were even offered to me free of charge, and I have rapidly improved as a pianist as a result. An unforgettable experience is playing the Warsaw Concerto with a live orchestra, something that would have been completely unfeasible at any other school. I would certainly not be the musician I am today without my experience at St George's.

The teachers were clearly highly enthusiastic about their subjects – they willingly taught

me things that were beyond the required knowledge and happily engaged in discussion outside the classroom. Exchange of ideas was always encouraged, and this has helped me become much wiser and more knowledgeable as a person. My Head of Year also listened to all my concerns and personal problems with open ears, and always looked out for me. It was her who persuaded me that going to university would be beneficial for my life skills, music career and for gaining independence. Without her helpful advice, I would have never had the courage to attend university to continue my music studies.

St George's has also provided me with memorable excursions abroad – to Paris and to California – at a very reduced cost. This has enabled me to see new parts of the world, which would have been simply impossible for me otherwise. I remember these trips very vividly, and I am extremely happy to have formed such great, lasting memories thanks to the school.

The College always emanated a positive energy, and the other students were always very welcoming. I have made great friends who I will continue to see for many years to come. I could not recommend St George's more as a school and I am sure it will continue to serve thousands of future students brilliantly. I will be starting a Music Production course in September, and I could scarcely be more excited to be surrounded by other creative people. I will enjoy this summer in the knowledge that I attended the best school I could have possibly gone to.



Christian and his form group at the Sixth Form Leavers' Dinner

Christian Scott, My five years at St George's have been the happiest of my life – I arrived not knowing anyone and with little belief in myself. Everyone I met was so welcoming and as a result I won a national rowing title, achieved excellent academic results and made many friends. I am now going to study PPE at Birmingham University with plans to go into advertising – many more adventures await me and I am so grateful to the Georgian community for all it has done for me.



L-R Lucy Withers, Alex Pendleton, Ellie Vassallo, Harry Henderson, Skyla Campbell and Callum Moore

Lucy Withers, The initial move to St George's in third year was very tough, leaving my old friends and school, but it rapidly became one of the best decisions I've ever made for all the amazing people I've met and all the new friendships created.

My time at St George's has helped me to develop my interests in my favourite subject area: Art, and has led me to decide to do an Art Foundation, which starts in August at the University of De Montfort and which I'm very excited to begin!!



L-R Ellie Shahbo, Meg Ormond, Ghislaine Hertzog, Laura Clark and Josie Hamill

Ghislaine Hertzog, I have been at St George's since nursery and the school has truly become my second home. The opportunities I have been able to take at St George's have been one of a kind and the school family has helped me, and my peers, to grow into the young adults we are today. I would like to thank St George's for all it has done, and I look forward to furthering my education at university, using the skills I have learnt here.



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Find out more about how you could help provide fee assistance to future young Georgians through the SGW Assisted Places Scheme by contacting

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For generations, members of some Georgian Families have been attending St George's. All alumni are part of the Georgian Family, and have so many of their own Georgian family stories to share.

The Triay Family

The three Triay brothers were John Joseph (JJ) who was born in 1927, Serge born in 1929 and Joseph Emmanuel (JE) who was born in 1931.

JJ Triay started in St George's in the spring term of 1939, and the other two brothers Serge and JE started in September 1939 just before the Second World War broke out. They spent most of the war years in the school, even some holidays as their parents could not cross Europe to go over to the UK.

When they left school, JJ joined the Navy but later left to study Law and became a Barrister and joined his father's law firm in Gibraltar. In 1969 he moved to Spain and was there until he died in 2000. He married a Spanish girl and they had five children one of them a boy who died at the age of three months. The other four, two girls and two boys. The girls attended St Maur's school and the eldest of the boys was at St George's for a couple of terms only.

Serge Triay studied Medicine at the University College Hospital in London and later took up a post in General Practice in Gibraltar. In 1968 he left and went to Switzerland to do Cardiac Research. In 1971 he moved to Spain, where he opened a private English General Practice in Marbella, Malaga. This is now a Medical Centre with several GPs, and other consultants are in attendance. Serge suffered a stroke in July

2000 and had to retire from general practice. He has now taken up water colour painting seriously. His other hobby is classical music and he plays the violin daily and thoroughly enjoys it.

Serge has three sons and two of them attended St George's. Charles was born in March 1959, and Michael born in 1961. Charles joined St George's in September 1975 and left in 1977 and Michael in September 1976 and left in 1979. Charles went on to do Medicine at the University College Hospital London and now is the Senior Partner in the Practice. Michael studied Engineering and then went onto Computer Science and now has his own Computer Company.

JE married and joined his father's law firm in Gibraltar; he became a Q.C. and worked there till his death in 2012. JE had seven children, two girls that also attended St Maur's Convent in Weybridge, and his five sons went to St George's College. Joseph Emmanuel or Melo as more commonly known attended Barrow Hills and St George's from 1970 to 1977. Javier was there from 1972 to 1978, then Raymond or (Monchi) 1973 to 1979, Julian 1976 to 1982 and last but not least Simon 1978 to 1984.

They all did Law and are all practicing in the family firm, Triay & Triay.



The World of work is changing and many of the traditional careers of this generation may not exist by the time our students leave Higher Education.

The Department of Education has therefore produced a new strategy using a Gatsby benchmark framework that sets a new set of challenges for schools. Schools and their careers teams are required to achieve this by 2020.

Here at St George's, the new Heads of careers are making good progress with the implementation of Gatsby and are designing a leading edge careers programme to fit and reflect this new thinking. New trends are appearing in the world of work and we are keen to ensure that St George's students are given every opportunity to experience this first hand and we aim to help support a wider variety of choice of pathways to the future.

For the new school year, as well as a revised lecture programme, the Heads of Careers are publishing careers resources on Firefly on a regular basis to advertise the many opportunities and resources available to students and their parents. Work experience opportunities are key to helping our students connect with a career and many OG's have already shared placements in their companies and industries.

All students from Second Year will be offered a programme of inspirational events, psychometric assessments to support their thinking and will be offered guidance discussions throughout the life of the school.

For the events, the careers team are keen to ensure the students encounter professionals

and employers from a variety of careers, and sectors and who come with a variety of stories into their journey, success points and learnings along the way. Our best source of this is through the Georgian network who can help connect our students to the world of work.

Come and join us in Bringing the "outside" in and helping our students be the best version of themselves. You can contact us by emailing careers@stgeorgesweybridge.com or by telephoning 01932 839499.

Upcoming Event:

Cyber Security and Related Future Careers Event – Tuesday 20th November 2018

The Careers Department have designed the above event to provide young people with not only an awareness into cyber security but also an understanding of the careers and entry routes into related careers.

If you work within this area or are currently working in any of the following related careers, we would love to hear from you!

Related careers include **Graphic Designer, Games developer, Software Developer, IT Director** for example. We are keen to hear ideally from OG's/parents etc. who may be involved in the cyber industry or similar and especially about Degree Apprenticeships and undergraduate courses related to the Cyber industry.

Please let us know if you are interested in participating in the above event or if you have any questions at all. We look forward to hearing from you!

Fourth Year Careers Fair, 15 June 2018

Fourth year students enjoyed spending a morning with a diverse cross section of employers including Old Georgians, Simon Willis, Managing Director of Hydraelectric, who had some fantastic props with him, creating a lively and popular discussion. Livi Sammut, a previous OG Physiotherapy student and Noel Doren, Entrepreneur, who were also very popular.

Parents of St George's including Actress Nina Wadia, best known for her role in EastEnders and films including 'Bend it like Beckham', spoke to students about the pitfalls of the acting industry as well as the exciting side to landing a new role!



St George's College staff also played a vital role on the day. We were grateful to see not only Bursar, Greg Cole, who presented a wonderful array of Armed forces photos depicting his time spent in his previous Army career, but also to Rebecca Macefield, assistant to the Bursar, who chatted to students about her route into Fashion and PR. Students also had the added benefit of spending time with Jo Lander who in her role as Head of HR at St George's College, was able to talk about a variety of careers and what she looks for when recruiting staff at St George's College.

George Teknakis, a young Architect from a local company Broadway Malyan, shared his passion for Architecture with many and engaged group of students, keen to hear more about his experience. George, still in the early stages of his career, has already worked in cities including Paris and Hong Kong and is now training to become a fully qualified Architect.



Abigail Munteanu and Calum Garner, both from The National Physical Laboratory enjoyed talking to students about alternative opportunities including Business Admin and IT apprenticeships showing the variety of roles in the science sector.

The morning was a huge success with positive feedback from students and staff alike!

Mock Interviews 18, 19 and 20 June 2018

L6 mock interviews took place over three consecutive evenings from **18 to 20 June**. With CVs to peruse and questions at the ready, a team of volunteer OG's and current parents joined the school to interview students, preparing them for the world of work and university style interviewing.

Students were enamoured to see a wide variety of employers with varied careers in attendance and found the sessions inspiring, enabling them to build on their existing network, particularly with OG contacts.

Mark Hemsley

(OG '81)

Financial Times 2018 Industry
Leader of the Year

Mark is President of Cboe Europe, the European division of Cboe Global Markets. Mark oversees Cboe's European operations, which provide investors with cutting edge trading and investment solutions for the European equities, global FX and derivatives markets. Back in May, Financial News hosted its 16th annual Trading and Technology Awards Europe at the V&A Museum in London. The awards celebrate the success stories of trading and technology firms operating in, and supporting, financial markets over the past year. We are incredibly pleased to announce that Mark was crowned Industry Leader of the Year 2018, securing the highest score of any nominee shortlisted in the 19 award categories.

Two of our current sixth form students, Joel Bishop and Zal Jamooji put together a few questions for Mark and we are pleased to share this wonderful Q&A with you.

How did education at St George's help you to achieve this accolade?

It is hard to connect the formal elements of my time at St George's direct to my business career. However, without doubt my eyes were opened to a broad range of opportunities through the people that I met.

Have you always felt as though you could become a company president, chief executive, and other central roles in the business industry?

I had always hoped that I could but as you will find out you need to be able to work hard, be innovative and also have a little bit of luck to succeed. I think that the encouragement and support that is available for people to become entrepreneurs is a fantastic development in the UK and building a business from scratch is a wonderful if sometimes stressful education.

How did education both at school and university help your development?

School and undergraduate education was useful but later more focussed qualifications in finance were the most useful in accelerating the development of the business skills that I needed. If you want to develop a career in finance, quantitative skills are highly sought after and developing a very strong appreciation for technology is also key. More broadly we also use social media channels for sales and marketing is another key skill set that I would recommend developing and which can be broadly applied in the business world.



Do you have any future aspirations for your career?

I want to keep building this company because I believe it has strong growth ahead of it. The immediate focus for us is working out how we manage Brexit since we are a pan-European trading business and will need to work our way through the twists and turns of the political negotiations of the coming years.

If you could go back in time and tell your 17 year old self one thing, what would it be?

Being an entrepreneur is great business career and I would like to have started building companies from the beginning earlier in my career. When I left university, most graduates went into corporate graduate schemes which were good but also often rather regimented. The business environment is much more open and fluid now so look for opportunities to develop your own business early in your career.

Was your aim always to become a CEO and what advice would you give to someone who has the ambition to become an influential figure in a company?

I wanted to run a successful business and as a CEO you need to develop a range of skills but also be willing to make decisions. In terms of advice, listening to customers and listening to your team are key skills because then you will develop great products and services. Often there is not perfect information and therefore not perfect answers so don't be afraid to make a mistake or change direction. Just don't do it too often!

What is the most important thing you learnt at St George's College which you still use in your day to day life?

Be prepared to seize opportunities because in business that is often what "luck" is.

Rupert Brooker (OG '92) BAFTA Winner

I left St George's back in 1992 having gone right through from Woburn Hill (as the old Junior School was called then). I did well enough academically, thanks to some patient and persistent teachers, and went on to study Broadcast Journalism at Nottingham Trent University.

After a brief dabble with local news reporting, I eventually ended up on the production side of TV sports coverage, working for Sky Sports on football and boxing for several years as a Producer. This involved writing scripts, editing reports and documentaries, and producing many live outside broadcasts from stadiums and sports arenas all around the UK and US.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Sky, but there was a lot of travelling and weekends away which meant often quite unsociable hours and I rarely saw my wife (how she misses those days now!).

I wanted to try something new, and saw an advert for a video games developer who were specifically looking for production staff from other industries. I'd always been interested in how video games were made, and was an enthusiastic gamer myself (especially sports games), and started work at Criterion Games.

There was a tremendous amount to learn, but I've been lucky enough to work with some truly inspiring and talented people. My job as a Producer is to gather the right team across a range of disciplines and work with them to deliver a creative vision to an agreed time and budget – alongside programmers, game designers, character artists, environment artists, audio designers, musicians, animators, actors, visual effects artists and testers, we create a video game ready for global distribution. This will often cost many millions of pounds and take several years to complete.

During my time in video games, the industry has grown enormously. Games consoles and mobile phones continue to bring games to more and more people, with the global games audience estimated to be 2.5 billion people. Last year, games generated well over \$100 billion in revenue, more than the revenues from the film and music industries combined.

In 2006 I moved to Cambridge to join a relatively new independent games studio called Ninja Theory who wanted to make visually stunning, narrative-driven action games. We have since worked on several big games with leading publishers, including DmC for Capcom and Star Wars for Disney, but we really wanted to try and create and fund our own game where the rewards (and risk) would be all ours. With a smaller than usual budget, we had to find new ways of working to compete with much larger studios, but we were free to tell the story we wanted to tell without the commercial pressures of having to sell millions of units to break even. The interactivity unique to video games, along with new technologies and techniques, meant we could create a truly compelling and immersive experience.

The result was Hellblade: Senua's Sacrifice, released in August 2017, which has since won many awards, and sold far beyond our

expectations, culminating in a record haul of five **BAFTA's for Best British Game, Best Audio, Best Artistic Design, Best Performer and Game Beyond Entertainment.**

It is that final category that I think we can be most proud of what we achieved. The game is set in the Viking age and tells the story of a broken Celtic warrior who embarks on a haunting vision quest into Viking Hell to fight for the soul of her dead lover. We collaborated with neuroscientists, as well as people who

experience psychosis themselves, to create an authentic and powerful exploration of mental health. Since the game's release, we have received countless messages from people all over the world who have appreciated the honest and uncompromising depiction of these complex issues. Video games can have a genuinely positive impact on people, and this is something we are keen to explore further.

I still regularly see old friends from St George's, although not often enough with family and work commitments, but every time we meet we just pick up from where we left off. The school gave me a wonderful platform, both academically and socially, and I continue to be grateful for it.



Robert Cameron

(OG '96)

Set Decorator, Game of Thrones

I am just packing up my office over in Belfast after eight years and an array of highs and lows, finally my watch has ended! As Set Decorator on Game of Thrones my primary job is to as authentically as possible bring to life the fantasy world that begins as words on a scripted page. I have always been passionate about the visual element of films, television and theatre. My childhood spent with my mother, an art teacher visiting numerous art galleries, theatre shows and cinema releases and after finishing studying film design at Wimbledon School of Art (in 2000) I began my career joining my father, a production designer (whose credits include: 1984 James Bond, Tomorrow Never Dies, The Da Vinci Code, to name but a few).

I had grown up around the film Industry, visiting numerous sets and locations all over the world during the school holidays with my brother Alex (OG '93), (who is also now a Production Designer) gaining an insight into the inner workings of a movie. There are many varied and talented technicians and artists that all contribute to the look and feel of a film.

I worked as an Assistant Set Decorator (2001-2011) on many films, some good some bad, (Troy, Sahara, Elizabeth the Golden Age, Fred Claus, Robin Hood, etc.) getting to visit wonderful locations around the world.

Each project offered different challenges and experiences, working for some of the best, imaginative Set Decorators around. Peter Young (Oscar winner for Batman and Sleepy Hollow) Anna Pinnock (Oscar winner for Grand Budapest Hotel, Fantastic beasts) and gaining more experience, knowledge and confidence.

Then in 2011 I was offered the chance to become Set Decorator on Game of Thrones. Which has been a roller coaster of a ride.



Rob Cameron and Deb Riley (Production Designer on Game of Thrones) winning a BAFTA for season 7 in 2018

Hugely ambitious with usually three shooting units running parallel with each other, often one foreign unit based in Spain or Croatia. It is demanding, exhausting work but also hugely enjoyable and fulfilling. From massive set pieces, castles, battlefields, docks, city streets etc. to intricate chambers and cells it offers a Set Decorator an opportunity to spread ones wings and be as imaginative as possible creating the different worlds the characters inhabit. These sets often taking months of planning and realising for what can be sometimes a very brief moment on screen. One example of this was the camp/siege at Riverrun, shot on location in Northern Ireland. Planned through the end of the summer months we started dressing around ten weeks from the shoot day. Making many of the props and hiring in others. One of the main challenges was dealing with the changing weather: rain, wind and mud all hampered the dress but in the end added to the overall look of the battlefield. The scene (which was shot over three days and only on screen for five minutes) involved the making of

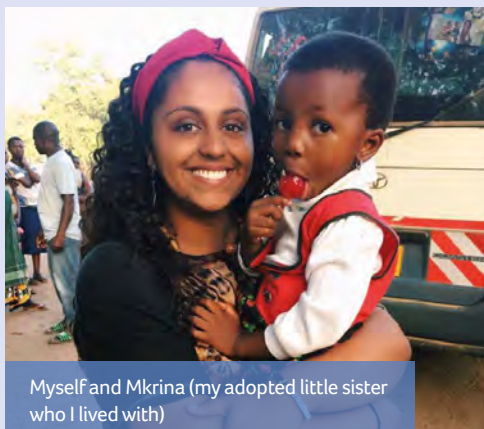
catapults, battering rams, castle battlements, an encampment of 150 tents, flags, banners, horse dressing, and so much more... oh and the hiring of two very smelly pigs! Once shot the set was quickly taken apart and revamped into another.

I have a lovely team of graphic artists, concept artists, art directors, assistant set decorators, buyers, drapes men, model makers, painters, props boys etc. None of my work could be done without the support and hard work of these talented people. Although film work is mainly a freelance one it invariably involves a huge amount of pulling together as a team and working with other departments to coordinate each project and with the ever growing visual effects budgets no more is this needed than on Game of Thrones.

Now having just finished I look forward to my next challenge, maybe this time I will leave the muddy fields and medieval rust and do a nice clean Sci-Fi.



Rob Cameron, Deb Riley and Paul Ghiradami (Art Director) winning one of their three Emmy Awards (Game of Thrones season 4, 5 and 6) in LA.



Myself and Mkrina (my adopted little sister who I lived with)

Jaskirat Mann (OG '13)

In August of last year I finished my MA at the University of Sussex, and set off to Morogoro, Tanzania.

The decision to volunteer was easily made; I needed to do something entirely different. Aware of 'voluntourism', I was careful to ensure that I wouldn't be another young Westerner paying lots of money to make little impact. Through word of mouth I came across International Citizens Service (ICS). It is a DFID funded initiative that sees 18-25 year olds from the UK working on development projects around the world with the aim of creating active global citizens. I was allocated to work on a WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) project with Raleigh International whose reputation and history instilled confidence within me.

Raleigh is a youth-focused and youth-led sustainable development charity who currently work in Tanzania, Nepal and Nicaragua. Their work comprises WASH projects, Livelihoods projects and environmental impact projects delivered through ICS or Expedition programmes. Operating since 1984, our 42 000 international alumni includes astronaut Tim Peake and HRH Prince William.

After arriving in Tanzania, we spent the next week at a training centre in Morogoro where we were joined by our in-country Tanzanian counterparts who, like us, were 18-25 and ready to make a difference. Hours were spent understanding health and safety protocols,

cultural differences, communication techniques, WASH related issues in Tanzania, beginners Swahili and international sustainable development. We were allocated to six carefully chosen teams who would be placed in six different villages.

My village, Mgudeni, is nestled within the Kilombero Valley and neighbouring the Udzungwa Mountains. To get to it we drove through Mkumi national park and were able to see African elephants, giraffe, zebras and wildebeest. In the village, each UK volunteer was paired with a Tanzanian counterpart and then placed with homestay families. My counterpart Catherine and I were with Flora, 23, and her family. In comparison to the almost overwhelming abundance of England, our provisions were basic. Although, having mentally prepped myself I settled in easily after only a few days and by the end of the second week my new home, including no electricity and sharing a single bed, felt normal



The construction site on week 3

and natural to me. What I loved about the community and my family in Tanzania is that everyone is open and welcoming always. To say that my time in Tanzania was easy and breezy would be a lie. Our project involved helping to build a new toilet block for the village school which included a disabled toilet and an MHM (menstrual hygiene management) room. We were phase 1 of the project and a month after our departure, the second cycle of volunteers completed our work. Previously there were only five toilets for over 1000 children and they were not maintained. We contributed to the building and completion of a large septic tank and the structure of 16 toilets in total. Building wasn't the key aspect of the project

A young girl from the primary school used a tippy tap which we had built. Tippy taps were temporary hand washing stations whilst the permanent ones were being built.



though. What was important was working with the community and schools to think about behavioural change and understand the positive impact of WASH related practices, whether that be covering water storage spaces or ensuring toilets were maintained to prevent the onset of waterborne disease. We carried out research, taught almost 100 lessons in schools, set up after school clubs, held focus group meetings with different groups in the community, held large community action days and tried to be innovative in our approach. We weren't there to tell people how to do things differently, but to collaborate. We usually worked at least 6 days a week, by choice, and our days were long and always involved half a day of construction, often starting the day at 6am and ending the day at 7pm. In our final week, as we wrote our Debrief Report for Raleigh, we had exceeded our expected outputs threefold.

To try and summarise the experience and the three months is near impossible and it has been without a doubt, the most memorable and amazing experience. Tanzania is beautiful and I miss waking up to the Udzungwa Mountains and walking home under the Milky Way every day. Everyone is incredibly welcoming and full of energy and happiness that you just don't see in London, especially not on the underground commute. It was heart-breaking to say goodbye to our families and friends and I cried from the moment we left the village to the moment that the aeroplane wheels hit the tarmac at Heathrow.

I gained so much from my time in Tanzania and volunteering from Raleigh. We were told, as expected, that you get as much out as you put in and that couldn't have been truer. We were

also told that it would be a transformative experience and a chance for real personal development. Volunteering gave me a unique sense of purpose and fulfilment and upon returning, a renewed sense of energy and motivation to work hard and to also make a positive contribution to the world around me.

I would encourage anyone and everyone to consider volunteering with Raleigh, whether that is on their ICS programmes or as part of their Expedition programmes, if you are older you can take the role as Expedition Volunteer Manager. Expedition provides more adventure, combining various different project work with trekking and exploring. Living with homestays and working with in-country volunteers is unique in itself and I now have a second family and great friends in Tanzania. It is definitely not easy, but as the words on the back of my ICS t-shirt say, you have to challenge yourself to change your world.

Volunteering with Raleigh is the best decision I have ever made. I am now part of a wider, international network of alumni that spans continents. Having met some of these alumni from the UK, Nicaragua, Malaysian Borneo and Nepal who have volunteered with Raleigh over the past thirty years, I can see the evident common threads that run through all our experiences. It's comradeship, energy and a commitment to change. I am excited to continue working with Raleigh as I will now be co-chairing the Alumni Advisory Board, working closely with the Chief Executive and alumni team. We will continue to develop and nurture our 42 000 (and growing) former volunteers from across the world and maintain our commitment to making sustainable, positive change.



Peter Ruffell (OG '93)

My earliest memories are of watching David Attenborough programmes on a Sunday evening. This ignited, for want of a better word, a fascination with the wild, and Africa in particular.

Throughout my life the only place I have felt truly comfortable has been in the "bush" but it took me until I was 42 to decide to make the move. I had recently been made redundant from a company for which I had worked for ten years and had just started a new job with another company in the same industry.

The realisation that what I was doing did not inspire me in any way and that my position of seniority there meant nothing to me and resulted in my selling everything I owned and enrolling on a Field Guide's course with FGASA, the Field Guides Association of Southern Africa.

The course itself was twelve months and covered everything from geology all the way up to astronomy. During the course I and my fellow students moved between camps in Northern Kruger and Southern Botswana. Since then I have been at the Ol Pejeta Bush Camp in the Ol Pejeta Conservancy, in Nanyuki, Kenya, which is home to the last two surviving Northern White Rhino on the planet.

My role consists of, primarily, assisting with the day-to-day running of the bush camp. Also, as a guide, I take people out onto the conservancy and show them what it's all about.

In addition to trying to regenerate the Northern White Rhino species the conservancy also has a sanctuary for rescued Chimpanzees, set up by Jane Goodall, and is involved in all sorts of community projects, local engagement is extremely important.



Percy, his son Piers (Rudimental Band Member) and grandson

Percy Aggett (OG '69)

I left St George's in 1969 and went to study Social Science and Psychology in London. After my degree I went to work in Hackney as a schools attendance officer, where I met my partner Dorothy, and then took a Masters in Social Work at York University.

Returning to London I worked as a field social worker in Tower Hamlets and then in 1984 took a job as a psychiatric social worker at St Barts hospital in the City, specialising in addiction, chronic fatigue syndrome and eating disorders. I was at St Barts for 18 years and during that time re-trained as a systemic psychotherapist. Following two years as a team leader in a Community Mental Health team in Hackney I became Head of Family Therapy and later Associate Clinical Director of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services in Newham, East London in 1998.

I semi-retired from the East London NHS Foundation Trust in February 2017 having worked for two years as Associate Clinical Director for Tower Hamlets CAMHS. During the last 45 years I have played in various bands

around East London and Essex and Hackney where we lived (none were very good, in fact most were awful!) and had three great children, **one of whom went on to found the band Rudimental with two friends. Rudimental went on to have 4 number one hits and 2 number one albums.**

I trace the particular interweaving of music and social work in my life to a cold winter afternoon at St Georges, around 1967, when I walked off the rugby pitch not really understanding why these rough boys appeared to want to cause me physical injury and went to see Fr Dominic O'Brien who persuaded me and some of my pals, equally fed up with rugby, to visit old peoples' homes and Botley's Park psychiatric hospital playing music and befriending the residents.

This was tremendous fun and I am thankful generally to the strong tradition of music support at SGC. I am still in touch with a number of 1969-ers and in fact Julian Derrick (OG '70) plays in my current band King Toadfish and the All Weather Riders. I am also in touch with a number of 1968-ers who were in the SGC band Times V! Dorothy and I have just become grandparents which is great fun too.





NKG Coffee Mills, Ruiru, Kenya 2018.

Peter Kehr (OG '83)

After arriving from Barrow Hills in 1978, I joined the Third Form as a border, a year later than normal as we had been the Common Entrance exam guinea pigs; and found our old classmates from Witley already in the swing of things and royally messing Fr Adrian about in the White House dormitories. My father (the late Peter Christopher Herbert Kehr, OG '55) had already told me how he had climbed about on the White House roof when he was a border; and one of his classmates fell in through a window and landed on Fr Bede I think it was, who was peacefully asleep in bed – I was consequently on my best behaviour, but truth be told, I was always a “goody-goody” in those days; and never really got up to real mischief.

Those early College years passed swiftly, through the Red House with Fr Paul, and there was always fun and laughter to be had, amongst the quest for O-Levels. As borders in the Fourth Form we were still in large dormitories, but in the Fifth Form, we had cubicles or rooms – however, the doors never locked properly, and I remember coming back from home after a weekend exeat; and suddenly realising all my friends were wearing my entire wardrobe of home clothes. I had my revenge by sewing someone's name tags onto ladies lingerie, (“borrowed” from certain St Maur's ladies, who shall remain nameless) and sent them to the laundry. I'm not sure who was more surprised, the laundry ladies or the

recipient when he went to collect his freshly laundered items from his laundry cubby!

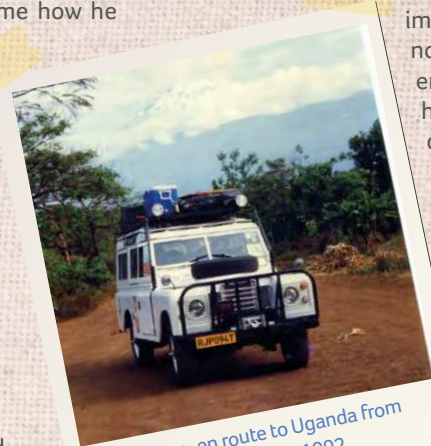
The Sixth Form arrived with great anticipation. The girls arrived from St Maur's, and the sense of growing up and adulthood approached. I chose Geology as my main A-Level for two reasons – an interest in rocks and minerals and then, as my remaining classmates did, we anticipated a riotous classroom time and field trips with Mr “Dai” Passant. If you weren't interested in the lesson you had Mr Moorcroft flitting around in his cape in the background, or you could gaze down at the girls in the Aviary – the not so PC name for their old common room building. Again, we had Fr Paul as our Housemaster, but apart from his steel discipline, he also knew when to let us off the leash – there was the weekly Clubhouse Night (with beer), The Armadillo Society (with Port), the quietly sanctioned pub excursions and a sense we were being allowed to develop and find our feet, ready for the real world. On leaving, I think it was

important that we had not left a cloistered environment, nor had we a chip on our shoulders or a sense of undeserved entitlement and I have always thanked the College for that.

After graduating in Geology from Kingston Poly in 1987, I travelled to South Africa

to join the platinum

mining industry. However, after a few years of working a kilometre underground, I had had enough and went searching for fresh air again, now as a hydro geologist, prospecting for, drilling and developing water reticulation systems for the then Bophuthatswana homelands. It was a beautiful and scenic country in those days, but spoiled by its politics, so I was relieved to leave SA in 1992. A friend and I bought a Landrover, filled it with our worldly goods, as well as golf clubs, fishing rods and a beer fridge, and we golfed, fished and partied our way up through Africa, arriving in Uganda as our final destination.



Kilimanjaro, en route to Uganda from South Africa, November 1992

Our first project was to help prospect, plan and restart a small gold mine in S E Uganda, which had been previously worked in the 1950's, building up our own little mining village and employing the local people again. We completed some drilling and started a new mine shaft. Our first house was a mud hut, and if the gold mine had been successful, we would have then moved into a yacht in the South Pacific, but it was not to be...

A lack of mining finance delayed the underground development of the mine, and this drove us off to go and prospect for further minerals for ourselves; we found gold, tungsten and tin, but never enough in the right concentrations, and our own money soon ran out too.

After these dreamy escapades, I thought I had better get a more normal job, so I then managed a quarry in Kampala for a while, then joined an agricultural company and ran their fumigation division, which put me in contact with companies in the Ugandan coffee industry. I heard that one company wanted to start a coffee buying operation in the eastern part of Zaire, but they couldn't find anyone to go and set up the business, as it was still a bit of a war zone after the Rwandan genocide. However, knowing that the area was full of minerals, I went to see the company. They of course told me I knew nothing about coffee, but I told them they had no one stupid enough to go there for them. A deal was struck, they taught me about coffee and I told them I would set up the coffee buying for them, then go off and start a mineral export business once they had eventually found someone more sensible

to take over. Thankfully my mineral business was a short endeavour, as (a) I was inadvertently dealing in what is now known as a blood mineral, (b) I luckily never dealt in rough diamonds as two friends were murdered for doing so, and (c) I was finally chased away by Rwandan soldiers who wanted the business, and I was told I would be shot dead otherwise. I consequently asked the coffee company if I could stay in their buying operation and have been safely in this industry ever since!

I worked in Rwanda for a year, and then spent seven happy years in coffee operations in South Sumatra (too close to the remnants of the still active “baby” Krakatau volcano for my liking though, it erupted once as we sailed past it...) and also Vietnam, before arriving in Kenya in 2006, where I remain to this day.

I'm now the Director for the East African coffee milling operations of the Neumann Gruppe, a German company that is currently the world's largest coffee merchant.



Building our first mine house, January 1993.



Our mud “mansion” completed, Tiira Village, Uganda, February 1993.





Will Jacks (OG '17)

The glorious sun drenched view of the Pavilion from the shade of the large oak tree was the obvious place to interview our Georgian cricket star, Will Jacks as he took some time out to tell us how his cricket career is developing.

Will is a tall and powerful batsman who can also bowl off-spin. Will has been making his way towards first-class, List A and T20 appearances since the start of the 2017 season. Having hit 678 runs across 4 youth tests and 17 ODI showings for England U19s and skippered the side too, Will has demonstrated his quality beyond the county game.

Will started playing cricket on the beach with his parents and joined his first club (Valley End in Chobham) at the age of six. He recalls what fun it was and how much he enjoyed it. He remembers that as a young boy he enjoyed all sports but found he had a much more natural talent for cricket. Will was selected for the Surrey set up at the age of eight. By the time he was fourteen he realised this was what he wanted to do professionally and knew he would have a chance if he continued to work

really hard. He joined St George's in the Senior School and enjoyed playing school cricket and used this opportunity for training and scoring runs over the weekend.

Future aspirations? Will's ultimate goal is to play for England. He has to prove that he can perform better than other players in all conditions. Year after year he has to score runs and perform well under pressure. During the U19 World Cup in 2018 Will got the opportunity to Captain the team – and he thoroughly enjoyed this and hopes for more opportunities.

Kevin Peterson is Will's sporting role model. When Will first saw him bat he absolutely loved watching him perform. When he bats something interesting always happens and he puts on an incredible show for the crowd. Other sporting influencers include Roger Federer and LeBron James. They both deal with the public in such positive ways.

I was interested to find out from Will about his view on the ever increasing popularity of T20 cricket and the future of test cricket.

"T20 is most definitely becoming increasingly popular amongst the public, but there will always be a place for test cricket which is the ultimate challenge for most professional cricketers", says Will. They are completely polar opposite games. Major differences include duration – a test match may last up to five days, and it is unusual for a test to be completed within three days.

A T20 game lasts a matter of hours – perhaps around three hours. During a test match each team has two innings, of indeterminate length. T20 has one innings per team of 20 overs. "As time goes on there are so many more tournaments around the world that it will become impossible to play both but one will have to sacrifice for the other a little bit – playing test for your country will always come before a T20 tournament".

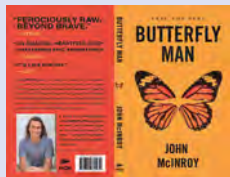
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What advice does Will have for any aspiring young sportsperson – “If you really want to do something you have to give it 100%. It doesn't matter what other people think, if you want to do it you have to give it everything and give it your best shot and work as hard as you possibly can. Don't let anyone stop you”



Georgian Authors...

Butterfly Man



**John
McInroy**
(OG '00)

I'm on the last leg of my book and teaching tour which has taken me barefooted around South Africa, North America and Europe reading from *Butterfly Man*, listening to many people, teaching yoga and sharing my vulnerability.

I'm sitting at Café Liebling (meaning "darling" in German!) in Oslo, Norway and finally getting round to the task of "sharing what I have been up to since leaving St George's".

It's been 20 years almost to the day since I received my GCSE results and left St George's and returned to the land of my birth, Cape Town, South Africa. I will never forget my 16 year old heart beating uncontrollably as I was walking through security at Heathrow, and away from my parents, my safety, my identity, my achievements, everything that I knew. Where was I going? Why? Was I mad? Why is it that walking towards the unknown is so scary? And instead we would rather stick with what we know? It feels safer right? Is it really? Would you consider what's all around us, what's known, to be safe?

Instead of telling you what I have been up to over the last 20 years I want to share with you the most important insight I have discovered so far. That success and happiness built upon the exploitation of others or at the expense of others or at the expense of your own body and wellbeing, is not serving the world. Kindness to self and others, this changes the world for the world around us is a reflection of ourselves.

Peace be with you.

May all Old Georgians have the courage to walk the path towards their true self no matter what the world is telling you to do? And may you be gentle.

You can purchase *Butterfly Man* on [Amazon](#). Or make personal contact with me here, do join me for a retreat one of these days, I would love to see you:

www.johnmcinroy.com



John catching up with Danny Haydon (OG '98) in New York. They took a similar photo about 15 years ago with John in his South African hockey gear and Danny in his England hockey gear.

Jonathan Lee (OG '99)

Jonathan Lee was born in Chertsey, Surrey, in 1981 and attended St George's for eight years, leaving in 1999. His father, Bob Lee, was a Chemistry teacher at the School for more than 30 years.

Jonathan is now the bestselling and award-winning author of three novels: *Who Is Mr Satoshi?* (2010), *Joy* (2012), and *High Dive* (2016). His books have been translated into a dozen languages around the world and have been picked as best books of the year in *The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, *The Guardian*, *The Independent*, *The Sunday Times*, *The Telegraph*, and many other publications. He is the winner of a Society of Authors Award and a Barnes & Nobel Discover Award, among other prizes, and was recently interviewed by Mariella Frostrup about his career for BBC Radio 4's *Open Book*.

Jonathan also does some writing for TV and film and is currently working on a new television drama he has co-created with the producer of the HBO show *True Detective*.



Who Is Mr Satoshi?, Jonathan's first book, is a novel about a reclusive photographer who goes to Japan in search of an old friend of his mother who she spoke of before she died. Jonathan lived in Tokyo in 2006, and did a lot of his research for the book while there.

Joy is set in a London law firm – Jonathan worked in such a firm for several years – and follows a single character, successful lawyer Joy Williams, on the last day of her life.



High Dive, Jonathan's most recent novel, concerns the 1984 I.R.A bombing of The Grand Hotel in Brighton, which came close to killing Margaret Thatcher and her entire cabinet. Jonathan's novel reimagines this event and presents us with life in the hotel in the 26 days, 6 hours, and 6 minutes that the bomb was left ticking under a bath in room 629 of the hotel.

Credit photo to Tanja Kernweiss

Melanie, Alumni Relations Officer had a few questions for Jonathan.

When did you attend St George's and what was your time at school like? What did you do immediately after completing Sixth Form?

I think I was at St George's from 1992 to 1999, but that might be a lie. I've always been bad with dates. After completing Sixth Form I went to Bristol University to study English Literature. Then I did a law conversion course and worked as a lawyer in the City for six years before publishing my first book.

Who was your favourite teacher and why?

One teacher who will always stand out in my memory is Mr Witter. He was my English teacher. I found the way he talked about books inspirational. He got me excited about novels and plays and poems, and made it alright for me to be excited about those things too. As well as teaching the curriculum and making it feel fresh, he'd recommend contemporary fiction that he thought each of us in his class might find interesting. For me, the prescription he gave for my summer reading was Ian McEwan, A.L. Kennedy, and Colin Thubron, who are still writers I read today. Mr Witter always seemed to know what was great a few years before everyone else. And he didn't laugh at me when, as a spotty 14 year old, I told him I wanted to be a writer.

How old were you when you wrote your first story? What was it about?

I think the first thing I wrote for fun was a terrible story about a WWF wrestler who had an obesity problem. Then when I was 16, I wrote a whole (terrible) novel about something else, and I remember asking my mum to help me mail it to Penguin Random House. They responded very politely a few months later and informed me it wasn't good... Twelve years later they became my publishers, and they still are, but hopefully they'll never dig that manuscript out of the archives.

What is the most memorable book you have ever read? How did this book help influence you as a writer?

The Stone Diaries by Carol Shields is a special book. It taught me that you can be adventurous with the way you can structure your narrative, but still tell a great story that no-one will want to put down.

What is your favourite childhood book?

The *Twits* by Roald Dahl. Good portrait of a marriage.

What is your writing Kryptonite and how do you overcome this?

Time – that's a writer's Kryptonite. The question of how to find enough of it to write the stories you want to write. Between kids, other jobs, etc.

Do you think someone could become a writer if they don't feel emotions strongly?

I think so, because coldness is itself an interesting thing to explore in a book.

Do you think someone could become How did publishing your first book change your process of writing?

I think it taught me that you can't please everybody, but you never stop wanting to.

What did it feel like to hold your very first book in your hand?

It was good! A moment of liberation. I was in my mid-twenties (I'm 36 now) and publishing my first book with a good publisher was the first time I really felt I'd fulfilled a major dream,

and that it was possible to fulfil major dreams. And it was liberating in other ways, too – the success of that book enabled me to leave me job as a lawyer in London, to focus on writing and editing. And I was pretty keen to leave that lawyer job...

You have written three novels: *High Dive*, *Who is Mr Satoshi and Joy*; of the three which has been your most favourite and why?

I suppose *High Dive*, because it was the most recent. There are things I'd change about the other two books if I wrote them now, because I'm a different person now. There's a good Joan Didion line about trying to keep on nodding terms with the people you used to be. That's all we ever manage, I think – keeping on nodding terms with our past selves, nothing more. We're strangers to who we were 10, 15 years ago.

If you could chose Hollywood Actors to portray each of your leading characters in the three books who would you chose?

A movie version of my novel *High Dive* is in the works <https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/news/cannes-beyonces-lemonade-producers-developing-891900> but I'm not sure who might play who. I'm waiting for the call up but I don't think it'll come.

Have you started a fourth novel? Any spoilers you can share?

I have. It's very different. It's set in 19th century New York. I currently live in (21st century) New York.

What was the best money you have spent as a writer?

A good laptop and a good chair. But I've seen a lot of friends who want to be writers buy the laptop and chair, and then stop there. You have to remember to write the book.

Are there any authors you disliked at first but grew to like?

I sort of feeling like life (and reading time) is too short. If I dislike something, I tend to stop, and move on to the next book. I'm sure I've missed out on some great books this way, but I've also found lots of new ones.

What does literary success look like to you?

Being able to write the books I want to write.

What's the best way to market your books?

I've heard that interviews for the Reunite magazine are a good way...?

What's the most difficult thing about writing characters from the opposite sex?

My wife is my first reader and first editor. I get a lot of red scribbles from her in the margins saying things like: "That's not how women pee."

How many hours a day do you write?

It depends. I have two energetic young kids and lots of other commitments that are also important to me. A few years ago I probably wrote 10 hours a day. Now, if I can get a couple of good hours done in the morning that feels like a victory.

How long on average does it take you to write a book?

I tend to publish a book every few years. It always, always takes longer than I think it will take.

Dr Peter Neville (OG '62)

Earlier this year we welcomed Dr Peter Neville back to St George's as a guest speaker of the History and Politics Department with just over 100 students and parents in attendance. Dr Neville has written nearly twenty books on topics such as the Holocaust, Hitler and Appeasement and most recently on Vietnam with a focus on Ho Chi Minh. These topics fitted perfectly into the Departments 20th Century IGCSE syllabus and American Dream A level content.

Dr Neville's biography of Ho Chi Minh was published by Routledge in their Historical Biographies series both in the US and UK.

Ho Chi Minh explores the life of this globally important twentieth century figure and offers new insights into his lengthy career, including his often-forgotten involvement with British intermediaries in 1945-46 and with the US in 1944-45.

Ho was the father of his nation, a major protagonist in the Cold War and anti-colonial struggle, and the promoter of a distinctive Vietnamese form of communism. This biography charts his life from his early years and education in Europe to his establishment of the revolutionary pro-communist movement, the Viet Minh, and his subsequent

rise to power. Placing important emphasis on his role as a military organizer while stressing his preference for diplomatic solutions, this book contains detailed analysis of the complex talks with France and failure to prevent the Franco-Viet Minh war in 1946. It also follows Ho's complex relationships with America, China, France and Russia and explores the Vietnam War and his legacy.

In addition to providing extensive coverage of the 1954 Geneva Conference, the rivalry between Ho and First Secretary Le Duan, and the 1968 Tet Offensive, Ho Chi Minh is also the first English language biography of Ho to pay close attention to his attitude to women and their role within the communist party. It is the perfect introduction for students of Vietnamese history and twentieth-century history more broadly.



Ho Chi Minh



Geoffrey Samuel (OG '65)

A Career in Academic Law

I arrived at St George's College Juniors School (the 'Hill') in 1956 and left after A-levels in 1965 to train as an Accountant with Price Waterhouse. I soon realised that this profession was not for me and much to everyone's surprise (including the then Headmaster, Fr Peter!), I secured a place at Pembroke College, Cambridge to read Law. Looking back, I have no doubt that this academic success was due to one person at St George's, namely Dudley Woodget who secured us good results not only in history but also in General Paper (which along with use of English, was most useful in those days for securing a university place). He was nothing less than inspiring and I remember his classes to this day, as does my life-long friend from St George's (who also arrived in 1956) John Roberts.

I had not intended to become a law academic on graduating from Cambridge. I was hoping to become a writer on cinema and (or) journalist, but financial pressure encouraged me into a lecturing job at the then City of London Polytechnic (1971). Soon I was faced with a choice. Was academic law to be my career? If so, it would require me going back to Cambridge to do an LLM (then quaintly called the LLB degree). In fact, as I had been an undergraduate, I did not need physically to go back to Cambridge, save for the exams, and so

I was able to continue with my job at City Poly. On receiving my postgraduate degree (1973), I managed to obtain a lectureship in law at Keele University, which was still an experimental and interesting institution in 1974. At Keele I developed a specialism in Contract and Tort law as well as in legal theory.

At Cambridge I had studied not just English law, but also much Roman (Civil) law and during the 1970s, when the UK had just joined the EEC (now EU), it seemed important for me to become knowledgeable in a modern civilian system and I looked towards France. In 1980 I was offered a visiting post at the University of Dijon which required me to resign from Keele. Happily I had to teach in English on an international course, but it at least gave me the opportunity to learn French (which I did not find easy). After Dijon, and some part-time work in London (where I had bought a flat opposite St Pancras station in 1972 for £7,500!) I was appointed to a Readership at the then Bristol Polytechnic (1984) where I was able to develop my research and publications. After Bristol I went to Lancaster in 1989 and was finally appointed to a Chair at the Kent Law School in 1997.

However parallel to this English career I also developed one in France. Lancaster had a close relationship with the University of Nancy where I soon became a very regular visiting professor right up to retirement age. Nancy also awarded me an honorary doctorate, an award which brings me much pleasure. For it was in Nancy where I was able to develop my French so that when I was appointed as a full

French professor at the Sorbonne (Paris I and II) for the year 1994–95 I was able to fulfil the requirement of doing all my lectures in French.

I continued as a visiting professor at Paris II (1999–2002) and Paris I (2003–2010) – and at many other French universities – but had to retire at 65 (in 2011). However I was able to carry on at the Science Po Law School because it is a Grande École and can offer private contracts. I have only just retired from this superb institution with its very stimulating colleagues and very hard working students, although I no longer miss the weekly Eurostar commute which was tiring (but I do miss Paris).

I was also fortunate enough to be appointed as a professor in Brussels on the Academy of Legal Theory programme which continued until the Belgian government's cut backs forced the Academy to leave Belgium. This period permitted me to develop an in-depth course on comparative law theory among post-graduate students many of whom themselves went on to become academic lawyers. Other visiting posts included Auckland and Zaragoza; and of course, also thanks to my French, I have been a visiting speaker in Montreal several times (McGill and the University of Montreal). I still teach courses in Aix-en-Provence and in Rome.

I mention these visiting posts for a specific reason. They indicate just what benefits flow from having a second language and a reading ability in others. This is something I would really like to impress upon those still at school. Whatever your chosen career, you will benefit immensely, and in all sorts of ways, if you have more than one language. And it is so much easier to learn when you are young and at school. Sadly (for me at any rate) Brexit will probably have a negative effect on many academics and others with close European connections. (My middle son, a physicist, has equally profited from his fluent French.) But Brexit must not deter the new generation from acquiring language skills.

In addition to contract and tort, my research took me into the fields of civilian legal history (especially Italian and French) and, as mentioned, into comparative law theory.

I have also specialised in French social science epistemology which has proved vital for comparative law and legal reasoning scholarship. Being a Cambridge graduate meant that I was able to submit my publications for a PhD and this, along with my doctorate from Maastricht (in The Netherlands), has permitted me to sit on doctoral juries in France and to be a supervisor at Sciences Po. In fact these doctorates were quite important for working in continental law faculties because, unlike UK law schools before the 1990s, a PhD has always been a basic qualification since medieval times. Today in the UK, a doctorate has become a fundamental requirement for potential law academics and this has brought UK law faculties much more in line with their continental partners.

I have not quite retired from Kent, but most of my time is now spent researching and writing, as well as indulging my passion for cycling (fixed wheel!). In 1980 I married Jennifer Roberts and we have three adult sons, all of whom now say they benefitted from the year in Paris when they were very young (though they did not say that at the time!). I should perhaps add that I still write about cinema when I can (see <https://british-association-comparative-law.org/blog/>). I also have a sister, a painting (by Ethel Gabain) of whom (when she was five) is exhibited in the Imperial War Museum (<https://www.iwm.org.uk/collections/item/object/10200>). She went to St Maur's in the 1950s.

I wanted to write about my career not just to inform school students of what an academic career can be like (although it has changed considerably since the 1970s). I also want this to be a tribute to the late Dudley Woodget. This teacher had a huge impact on my formative intellectual years and I still try to teach in the relaxed but informative way that he did. Those who were taught by him in my time at St Georges were well prepared for applying for, and succeeding at, university. I still have my A level history notes.

Geoffrey Samuel's latest book *Rethinking Legal Reasoning* is published by Edward Elgar.

Paul Shrimpton (OG '74)

Dr Paul Shrimpton teaches at Magdalen College School, Oxford. A specialist in history of education, he is author of *A Catholic Eton? Newman's Oratory School* and *The 'making of men': the Idea and reality of Newman's university in Oxford and Dublin*, both published by Gracewing. His latest book has recently been published: *Conscience before conformity: Hans and Sophie Scholl and the White Rose resistance in Nazi Germany* (Gracewing). It tells the story of the Munich students who distributed leaflets during the last war urging Germans to resist the regime, and how they were caught, tried and executed 75 years ago.

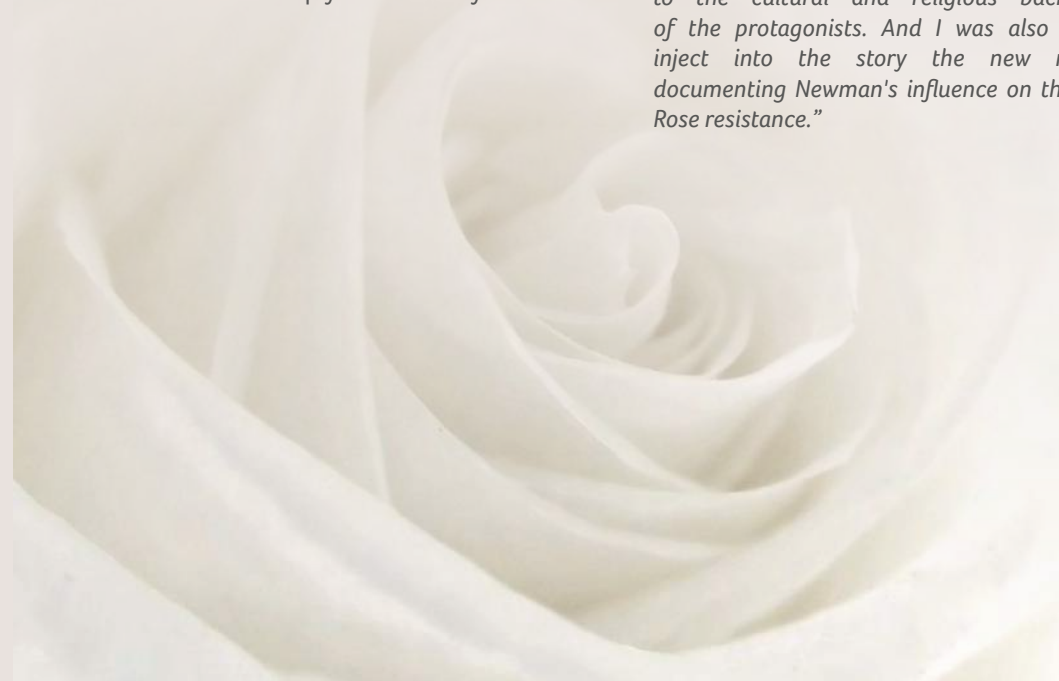
Conscience before Conformity tells the story of German students who dared to speak out against Hitler and the Third Reich, and died for their beliefs. Operating under the name of the White Rose, they printed and distributed leaflets condemning Nazism and urging Germans to offer non-violent resistance to the 'atheistic war machine'. By looking at the cultural and religious journey of the protagonists, Hans and Sophie Scholl, we can see what made them change from active participants in the Hitler Youth to leaders of the White Rose resistance. These modern-day heroes were deeply influenced by intellectuals



they met in secret, and by the writings of great Christian thinkers such as St Augustine, Pascal, Georges Bernanos, and Bl. John Henry Newman. What they learnt gave them the strength to put their consciences before conformity to the Nazi lie.

What inspired Dr Shrimpton to write this book?

"It was in the run-up to the beatification of JH Newman in 2010 that I read an article in the German journal of Newman studies claiming that the White Rose students were profoundly influenced by Newman's writings. In 2014, once I had finished my last book on Newman, I started researching the White Rose story and read all the books in English that I could get hold of; then I discovered the published letters and diaries of Hans and Sophie Scholl. That was when I decided to write my own book, as I felt none of the others had done justice to the cultural and religious background of the protagonists. And I was also able to inject into the story the new material documenting Newman's influence on the White Rose resistance."



Chairman's Report

Tony Jansen (OG '83)



Tony Jansen

The 2018/19 School year has started which heralds the start of the Old Georgians' rugby and hockey clubs seasons. The Rugby Club had another very successful 2017/18 season gaining promotion and now face new challenges. The Hockey Club won a playoff in the last minutes of a very tight game to retain their position in their league and again they face new challenges as the league structures in hockey change next season.

The cricket season is closing, Old Georgians spanning leavers from 1979 to the current year enjoyed another successful season reaching the semi-final of the Cricketer Trophy.

Old Georgian golf succeeded in qualifying for the finals of the Grafton Morrish in October, and winning the Russell Bowl. In June we held our summer meeting at New Zealand GC. The autumn meeting is being held at Coombe Hill on 23 October, all OGs, parents and staff are welcome.

Finally the OGA would like to thank the school for all their support, providing facilities and encouragement to engage with the entire Georgian Family and wish the School every success in the coming year.

Cricket

Once again this was an Old Georgian cricket season to savour. We are so privileged to play on the marvellous facilities at St George's – the grounds team do such a fantastic job in preparing the wicket.

This season we enjoyed welcoming our long term old boy rivals the Old Cranleighans and the Old Wimbledonians, defeating them both and the Old Amplefordians, losing at a 20/20 match on world cup football day. Our valued opponents are also the Grasshoppers, Isipathana, Troubadours and Sussex Martlets. The year we had perfect weather conditions which most certainly favoured the batsman but the bowlers had to work manfully.

We had a good run in the Cricketer Trophy, defeating a strong Old King's Canterbury team, to reach the semi-final and losing narrowly to Lancing but with a different team, save one, to the preceding match, showing our potential strength when all are available. These matches are great fun to play in and appreciated by all who do. To those who have missed out this year I urge you to consider taking part in the future. You will certainly enjoy a good day's play, with friends and visitors, old and new.

**Brian O'Gorman
(President OGA
and Hon Sec
OG Cricket)**



Brian O'Gorman





Dan, Greg, Ed and Tim

Tennis

The two highlights of the Old Georgians' tennis year were our participation in the inter-old boys' competition, the D'Abernon Cup, and our match vs the College on the Annual Reunion Day in June.

In the former, our team of Jeremy Fleming (OG '08) and Gregg Kovic (OG '96) just fell short of coming through a tough qualifying group behind Old Salopians and Old Wellingtonians. Our thanks though to the College for once again hosting the group in the Easter holidays.

In the latter, our long unbeaten run sadly came to an end against a strong College team which subsequently went on to win the Youll Shield in the Independent Schools' Tennis Championships. As ever, the Annual Reunion match was played in an excellent spirit and everyone participating much enjoyed the opportunity to play on the superb College grass courts in glorious sunshine. The final result was 3-1 to the College in a closely fought contest which was ultimately decided on a final set tie-break. My thanks to Daniel Boden, Ed Fry, Gregg Kovic and Tim Lovegrove for representing the Old Georgians so capably – and so nobly by, for once, permitting the boys a rare victory!



(L-R): Kevin Whitehead (guest) Andrew O'Sullivan (OG '00) Tom Doran (OG '04) and Andy Mitchell (OG '80)

Golf

On Tuesday 12 June the annual Old Georgians Golf Day was held at New Zealand Golf Club in Woking.

With the Brooker Bowl and St George's Cup on offer for the Old Georgians, and an individual stableford available to guests as well, it was all to play for and you could detect the tension across the breakfast table as everyone sized up the competition over their bacon rolls.

Reigning champion David Moorat (OG '78) started the day off knocking it down the 1st fairway on his way to a respectable score, unfortunately not enough to take the spoils this year. Bringing up the rear of the field was Bobby Burns (OG '55) who ran the OGGs for many years and it was fantastic to have him involved.

Simon Willis (OG '81) also performed exceptionally well but it were the guests who shone through with Steve Parrish claiming the 1st prize on 39 points and Simon's guest John Linney coming second on 36 points. The top ranking OG in 3rd place on count back was Tim Clark (OG '89) who showed his prowess on a testing course with a solid 34 points, enough to claim the Brooker Bowl as the lowest Nett

Old Georgian. The St George's Cup (lowest gross score) was won by Lewis Jansen (OG '13) who although landing back from holiday at 3am still managed to shoot an impressive 30 points gross.

Aidan Annandale (OG '13) had the Longest Drive by almost knocking out the group in front with a monster 330 yard drive on the 18th. Nearest the pin was a close run thing with Tom Doran (OG '04) holding it for most of the day but in the end Andy Mitchell (OG '80) arced one into the 5th green to claim the spoils.

The golf was followed by an excellent four course lunch and some even managed to roll back out onto the golf course for another round, safe to say the scores deteriorated. Our thanks go to Adrian McCarthy (OG '78), current captain, and New Zealand Golf Club for hosting a truly excellent day and we look forward to returning there for our summer meeting next year.

If you would like to get involved in the Old Georgians' Golf then please don't hesitate to get in touch with Tom Parrish by emailing tom.parrish@btinternet.com. The next event is the autumn meeting at Coombe Hill Golf Club on 23 October 2018. All Old Georgians, The Georgian family (parents, ex parents and staff) and their guests are most welcome.

In other news the Old Georgians were invited to take part in the Russell Bowl which is a golf competition which started in 1956 by four Catholic Independent Schools, Ampleforth, Beaumont, Downside and Stonyhurst. Since the founding of the competition Worth have taken the place of Beaumont and this year St George's took Stonyhurst's place. We turned up at Woking Golf Club on Sunday 8 July to play 36 holes scratch foursomes with a formidable team, Michael Watts, Aidan Neill, Dale Johnstone, Robert Pugh, Lewis Jansen and Tony Jansen. After the morning round we were 28 points ahead of Ampleforth and were able to enjoy a fabulous lunch before completing



Tim Clark (OG '89) and Lewis Jansen (OG '13)

our victory with what appears (records are incomplete) to be a record winning score of 178 points.

Between October 5 – 7 brings the finals of the Grafton Morrish at Hunstanton which we will be competing in. On paper we have a strong team and hope to improve on our quarter final performance last year. Any support would be greatly appreciated.

Tom Parrish (OG '08)

Rugby

OGRFC Season Review 2017/18 – written by Christian Hanson (OG '11)

The elation around Old Georgians Rugby Club continued into the 2017/18 season with a fine promotion winning year that was capped off in some style. Having finished fourth a season prior (the celebrations of which were based around avoiding relegation), the squad were yet again promoted which signaled the end of their stay in the Surrey Leagues. That is now five promotions in seven years, which is a fine achievement by all involved.



With new coach Ben Johnston at the helm, the focus was really around finding a tougher mentality within the squad. Renowned for our attacking rugby, defense is always an area we can improve and this weakness showed in the first games of the year. Losing the first match vs Old Mid-Whitgiftians, (who were to be one of our two closest challengers for promotion) was rectified by winning our following three games by 2, 3 and 5 points respectively.

Special mention to Jack Cooney, who we congratulate for being next seasons new Vice Captain, for slotting the last minute winning penalty vs Law Society to allow us to take the spoils in our third game.

We were then hit with a shock to the system when we played Old Whitgiftians and were outclassed all over the pitch; succumbing to a 10-29 loss. We've learnt to deal with losses much better over the past few years and this time was no different, however Old Whits were the team we were unfortunately chasing all year and set the standard.

In the run up to Christmas, a time period where we have typically struggled, the boys put in some more fantastic performances and having played an additional game, we were sitting pretty at the top of the table to finish a wonderful 2017; the best year without doubt in our short history.

This momentum ceased in February after a scrappy win vs Old Freemans the month prior. We lost matches to both Walcountians and Whitgiftians again, although the latter game was much tighter than our last outing against them. With other teams catching us, it was essential we halted this dip in form. Although the next fixture against Wimbledonians resulted in a draw, this was definitely a game that we can now look back fondly on as a key moment in our season. It was in this game, whereby the team were trailing 17-0 at HT, where Mike Tierney scored one of the tries of the season at the death to salvage a highly valuable point.

From then on in, we didn't look back and won the next four fixtures, the highlight of which was a trouncing of Mid-Whitgiftians 43-19 in a genuine 'winner takes all' fixture. This then

meant we secured second spot in the league and therefore had the opportunity to travel to Bognor Regis, who finished second in their respective Hampshire 1 league.

Thankfully, much owing to the previous four weeks of scintillating rugby, the play-off to reach London 3 was the boy's best performance of the season and although we were the much smaller side, we ended up putting 50 on the scoreboard after a tight first half. It was a wonderful way to finish a wonderful season and we now cannot wait to ply our trade in London 3. It was a richly deserved reward for a team who is still coming on leaps and bounds. If we can recreate that end of season form across a whole season, this team can scale some serious heights.

Special mentions go to Nick Bennett (OG '13), our player of the season who didn't miss a single minute; a fine, fine achievement considering he is a prop! Louie Dunmore (OG '17) deservedly won young player of the season, whilst Jack Chard won top try scorer and Jack Cooney top points scorer. Last but not least, clubman of the year went to Miriam Geraghty (OG '81) who posted live updates of the majority of our games and travelled to every away day she could. We wouldn't be where we are now without supporters like Miriam!

Thanks again to all involved with the club, from the school to the supporters and not least the boys themselves, who put in hours of hard work and enjoy their rugby as a result.

Roll on London 3!



Hockey

OGHC

The hockey social media is buzzing with red hot comments on the OGHC Men's 1st team.

Your club has attracted not just 1 International/ Premier League player, or 2, but 7! James Tindal will enjoy playing with some of his old GB/Premier League mates as well as OG Matt Ming. We have a new coach, video analysis equipment, and a win culture.

Training is in full swing every Tuesday and Thursday evenings with over 30 players from our 1st and 2nd squads.

We finished the 2017/18 season with two teams promoted and none relegated. This success is a repeat of what happened in 2016/17. The men's 2nd team starts the new season playing in the London Premier against the 2nd team of the clubs in the national premier league. Consequently the OGHC needs to attract high quality players.

The other three men's teams enjoyed last season, with the Vets beating Reading HC (with all their internationals) for the first time. Rumour has it that Chris Jansen will move from the Vets and play with his son, Oliver, a Dragon, in the men's 3rd or 4th team! This is the kind of OG's family spirit that we all love.

The OGHC Ladies 1st team keep getting promoted. Unfortunately, maternity leave applies to hockey as well as work, so the next

few months will be pressure time for the rest of the squad. New babies means more OGs hockey players in the future. Sarah, our ladies coach and Captains Emma Kramer and Claire Beetlestone, have entered an additional team in the leagues for the 2018/19 season. Consequently, new OG hockey players are needed. The ladies enjoy a fantastic social life, and keep the club events rolling.

On 1st September the PJJ day got underway, with about 200 having a fun preseason session followed by a BBQ. It was wonderful to see so many juniors, "Dragons", participate. Steph, the Director of Dragons, ex GB player and Harriet, a current GB player, run a most successful and enjoyable junior section. These Dragons number nearly 300. They will be having occasional training sessions with our Men's 1st players; the lucky ones will have a session run by Dan Fox with his Olympic experience.

OGHC are committed to providing hockey from elite level all the way through to those looking to try it for the first time and enjoy the social side. Please do get in touch if you are an OG looking to play.

Noel Doran, OGHC Chairman

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Activity Centre and Campaign News

In October 2017 we launched the Celebrate 150 Activity Centre Campaign as part of our plans to provide world-class facilities as part of our long term master plans. The new Activity Centre will be completed in the autumn of 2019 to celebrate our 150th Anniversary.

We are asking Georgians to support our campaign to ensure we provide a wonderful, inspiring centre for all sport and activity for current and future generations of Georgians.

If you visit St George's you'll see a very different view at the College as you enter the main car park in front of the White House. The new Activity Centre structure now fills the enormous space prepared earlier in the year after the demolition of the old green sports hall.



The superstructure is in place giving you a real sense of the shape and size of the new building. In September the large expanses of glulam (laminated wood) roof beams were delivered for installation and are now in position bracing the main reinforced concrete columns. This has been a major operation involving a 90 tonne crane which in turn necessitated a specially thickened concrete slab to support it! It is a beautiful structure.

It is now possible to see the feature staircase that runs up through the building to the second floor where a bridge is being constructed

which will reach across to the same level of the athletics track on the top field.

The building is due for completion in autumn 2019 and will be opened in our 150th Anniversary year which runs over the 2019-2020 academic year. Thank you to everyone who has so generously supported the Activity Centre Appeal.

Regular updates and photos are posted on our social media and websites. If you would like to find out more please contact us on 01932 839352.





The Glass Floor gets the go ahead!

We are excited to announce that we have now formally committed to installing the glass sports floors in the main hall.

The fact that both spaces will benefit from this cutting edge system will really put St George's on the map.

We are keen to get the Activity Centre built for the beginning of the School year in 2019 to celebrate our 150th birthday! We need your

help to make sure that every aspect of the building provides students with the very best opportunities to learn and develop skills now and in the future. By supporting the project you can play an important role in Georgian education. You will be part of the future of your wonderful school as we all celebrate 150 years.

Thank you to the whole Georgian Community for generously supporting the project so far. We still have a way to go to meet our target and hope that you will join in and donate at whatever level you can.

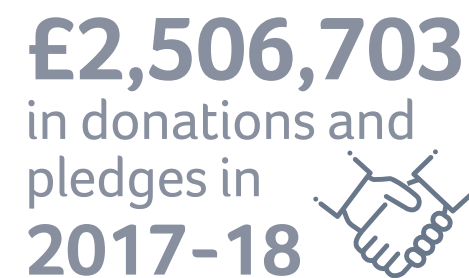


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Last year you generously gave £9,211.29 in 24 hours!! Join in on **Friday 30 November** and show your support. You can help us beat the 2017 total!

Celebrate 150 Gala Ball – Saturday 17 November at the Grosvenor House, Park Lane

Join the Celebration at our once in a lifetime black-tie event. For details about the event and to book online visit www.stgeorgesgalaball.com

Don't miss the opportunity to attend our fabulous Gala, meet friends, enjoy a beautiful dinner, entertainment and the chance to win a Mini Cooper S Convertible – helping to raise funds for the Activity Centre.

Weddings

Andrew Burton (OG '00)

Andrew Burton married his fiancée Marijana Matic in Belgrade's main cathedral on 3 June 2017.

Belgrade is where Marijana was born so it was very special that so many guests flew out from the UK for their marriage. The wedding party included no less than twelve Old Georgians

with four of them – William Powell, Giles Wood, Jason Kelly and James Relph – acting as ushers and two – Richard Parrott and Jeremy Doyle – acting as best men. The Old Georgians in attendance spanned graduating classes 1988, 1990, 1998 and 2000. Andrew and Marijana moved to New York City in October 2017 and are adjusting well to the hectic pace of life in the Big Apple.

With a guest list of over 120 people, they were joined on the day by family, friends and Old Georgians alike. Old Georgians in attendance were: Kenneth Dunlop (OG '02), Richard Dunlop (OG '03), Nicholas Peake (OG '03) and Richard Hames (OG '03), who all served as Ushers on the big day. They were joined by Richard Hames' daughter Ruth, who did an excellent job as the flower girl.

The best man speech was given jointly by Nicholas Peake (eldest son of former headmaster Joe Peake) and Richard Hames. The trio of Rob, Nick and Richard originally met back on their very first day at St George's College, all joining the First Year in the same Form. Laura and Rob had a wonderful wedding day together, and as keen travellers soon set off on their honeymoon exploring New Zealand and Australia.

Robert Harding (OG '03)

Rob and Laura were married on the 21 October 2017 at Hanbury Church in the Worcestershire countryside.

Nick Thorpe (OG '00)

Nick married Courtney Terrey on a beach in Hong Kong in October 2017, surrounded by friends and family.

They continue to live in Hong Kong, and regularly meet up with other Old Georgians for dinner and drinks.



Leah Bramwell (OG '08)

Leah married Daniel Dubery on the 2 June 2018 at St Mary's Otlands, Weybridge.

They celebrated afterwards at the Ramster Hall in Chiddingfold where many Old Georgians were in attendance.

Callie Sweet (OG '04)

Callie Sweet and Mark Sobey got married in Torbay, Devon on the 19 July 2018.

Old Georgians who joined us the happy couple to celebrate were: Vicki Nunn, Kiera Welman, Tamryn Reynolds, Christobelle Reina (née Krishnan), Nino Reina, Maria Kois, Alex Benson and Jonny Pratt. All from the class of 2004.





Births

Emmie (Emilie) Anneke May Gottschalk was born on 9 August 2018 to Anja (née Baynham) and Matt, both OGs 2001 at 12:04 weighing 7lb 9oz, a little sister for Olivia.



Birthday Milestones

Anthony Bellamy (OG '31)

Congratulations to Anthony who celebrated his **100th birthday** earlier this year, surrounded by friends and family.



Sadly we have recently received news that Anthony died on the 25 September. An obituary will be in the Spring edition

Achievements

Elizabeth Dymond (née Bennell) (OM '85)

Elizabeth left St Maur's in the 5th form in 1983 was awarded a CBE for public service in the 2018 New Year's Honours List.

After qualifying as an accountant in the private sector, she worked at the Office of Fair Trading, the Competition Commission and from 2009 to 2016 at H M Treasury. At the Treasury she worked on issues related to nationalised banks in the latter part of the financial crisis and then led the team that runs Central Government's day to day cash management. Since April 2016, she has been the Finance Director at the Charity for Civil Servants. She is also a trustee at the national charity, Victim Support. She was invited to an investiture at Buckingham Palace on 15th March.



James and Emily Stather

Congratulations to James (OG '93) and Emily (Current St George's Junior School teacher since 2007) on completing their very first London Marathon

Martin Conroy (OG '81)

Martin has recently been ranked as one of America's Best Real Estate Professionals in 2018!

Top 10 in Palm Beach! 71st out of 221,000 licensed Realtors in the State of Florida. Here is a link to the REAL Trends website – <https://www.realtrends.com/best-real-estate-agents-florida>. To be included in the ranking, real estate agents must have closed at least 50 transactions or \$20 million in closed sales volume. Teams must have closed 75 transaction sides or \$30 million in closed sales volume.



Robert O'Farrell (OG '67)

Robert recently took part in the Henley Masters Regatta where he won his first race 'easily', only to be beaten by the same distance by a true sculling Master later in the day.

This was the climax of his 'rowing revival' year that saw him return to competitive rowing after 40 years. Robert boats from Bath Minerva Rowing Club, training on a quite bendy stretch of the River Avon. To make things worse there are loads of great big willows hanging 10 – 20 feet out into the river, and from time to time fast training schedules are disrupted by these. There is lots of wildlife, too: herons, Kingfishers, Swans (dodgy), dragonflies and...O yes, other crews as well, often in one's way. Since he is just approaching 70, Robert rows in the Masters 'H' category. Sometimes, though, he finds himself racing someone up to 10 years younger, in which case he gets given a start (of 19 seconds on one occasion). It is really weird to scull alone, watching these chaps catching up, wondering when to respond etc. The Henley win was actually the first time I beat a fellow human being this season.

For next season Robert plans to get his own boat, improve his technique and upgrade his fitness, and he hopes to compete on the 6-lane course at the Masters Championship and, who knows, race in a Continental or Irish regatta. That will involve carrying his own boat atop his trusty Skoda Yeti, the prospect of which rather terrifies him.

For the record, in 1966 Robert became the first person from St Georges' to win an open sculling event at a Regatta when he took the junior title at Egham Regatta. The following week he won the Senior Sculling event at the College Regatta, beating his friend Charles Illing by 1 length in the final. The following season he rowed in the College First VIII and got his rowing colours. Then, in a later incarnation as a teacher of Economics and Politics at the College, he coached the College First VIII for three seasons from 1983 to 1986. A high point here was when John Boulous won the same trophy at Egham that he had won 20 years earlier. Robert is still in touch with Charles Illing who, it turns out, is an experienced sculling coach and has been giving him some useful advice.

Mike Dalton (OG '18)

Congratulations to Mike on recently winning a gold at the Junior World Rowing Championships which took place in Munich in May.



Mike is furthest on the left

Mike and his GB team took the gold by nearly a length in the prioritised race.

"When I first started rowing at SGCBC I never imagined I would become a world champion.

The feeling of winning a Worlds Gold Medal and breaking the Junior World Record was both shocking and immense."



Ian Weatherseed (OG '02)

Ian graduated cum laude this past June from the University of Tartu's MA Semiotics program.

He is now in the process of repatriating to the UK after 17 years as an expat, most of that time having been spent in the US, followed by multi-year stints in Thailand and Estonia.

Alice Richens (OG '15)

Alice received a First Class Honours in Mathematics at the University of Exeter.



James MacDonald (OG '15)

Congratulations to James who graduated with a 2:1 from Nottingham Trent University for History BA (Hons).

Tim Senanayake (OG '15)

Congratulations to Tim who graduated from the University of Southampton with a First Class Honours in BSc Computer Science.

In September, Tim will start as a Software Analyst / Developer at a company called Gamma in Newbury.





Back row: H Appleby, W Noble, D Burrow, R Greville, D McKenzie, C Everett. Front Row: A Robson, J Spengler, C Withers-Green, M McKenzie, A Percival.

Richard Greville (OG '75)

Richard's older brother Anthony informed us that Richard passed away in Tsawwassen, British Columbia, Canada on the 11 July 2018. Richard attended Woburn Hill between 1967 – 1971 and then the College until completing his O Levels in 1975. Richard played on just about every school sports team, but was particularly strong in rugby and cricket. After St George's Richard went to Brooklands College for a year and after graduating moved to Canada with the family.

Sean Creak (OG '63)

We were informed by Brian Creak (OG '59) that Sean died on Sunday 10 June. He died peacefully after a short illness. After a successful career as a pilot in the Royal Air Force, during which he saw active service on secondment to the Sultan of Oman's Air Force, Sean became an airline captain with several international airlines and retired in 2004.



Angie Sawyer (OG '64)

Angie Sawyer, wife of Patrick Sawyer (OG '64) died on Friday 18 May. She leaves behind her loving husband, two sons John and Joseph, their wives and her two grandchildren. Angie and Patrick reside in Australia and met with Fr Martin a few years ago at a school reunion gathering.



Angie and Fr Martin at an OG reunion in Sydney, Australia

John Strong (OG '58)

Obituary written by Neil Strong (OG '84)

John Alfred Edward Strong was born in Walton on Thames, on Tuesday 23 July 1940. John attended St George's College Weybridge leaving in 1958. His younger brother Brian followed (OG '62) and one son Neil (OG '84). Academically astute, he ploughed diligently through his schoolwork as quickly as he could, before throwing the doors open to maximise his time and considerable abilities on the expansive playing fields. His talents were immense particularly on the Rugby and Cricket pitches.

He was a Fullback with a mighty boot, playing four years in the 1st XV and if stories are to be believed, he still holds the record for the longest placekick from within his own half and that was with a wet, leather Gilbert Rugby Ball.

His ability did cause me some difficulties when I latterly attended St George's. On the first day of the rugby term as a nine year old, I lined up for Trial's, with all of the other boys from the entire year. The Master bellowed "Which one of you is Strong?" I stammered "Me Sir", he responded "Well you are Fullback as your Father was the best Fullback this School has ever seen", and I lasted two games at Fullback before being moved to Hooker! With also three years in the 1st XI cricket, he was an elegant left handed bat and as someone kindly wrote to us "was well known for taking a bowling attack apart with his powerful cover drives".

If it was not rugby or cricket, it was football, athletics, hockey or even skiing. He attended in 1955 the inaugural St George's College ski trip lead by Father Dunstan to Amden, Switzerland. Old fashioned wooden skis, no gloves, grey flannel trousers and blue school jumpers, no great surprise that there were a number of broken bones in the party.

Upon leaving St George's John pursued a career in the Shipping world, starting at Louis Dreyfus, including a year spent in Mombasa, followed by Galbraith's and lastly Howe Robinson. In 1963 he married in St Erconwald's Church, Walton on Thames, his childhood sweetheart Nina Blunden. Four children, Julie, Neil, Nicki and Matt produced 11 grandchildren for John.

There were two important and vital parts to his wonderful life; the Family and his Faith.

With early retirement from an illustrious career on the Baltic Exchange, John loved to travel and be busy. In addition to spending as much time with the family, he liked nothing more than tackling long walks around whole islands and a great part of the UK coastline, he marching ahead with our poor mother with much shorter legs taking twice as many steps to keep up! Particular favourite travel destinations included Canada to see family, India where many long term friendships were created, that now span the family generations, memorable annual family holidays in Cornwall, all four Tennis majors across the globe, many City breaks inevitably involving a sporting event, the Isles of Scilly, various wildlife expeditions and latterly annual trips on a Pilgrimage to Lourdes, organised and run by Fr Adrian.

After bravely fighting an aggressive illness for a short period, John passed away peacefully on 16 May 2018. The Requiem Mass at St Augustine's Convent Chapel, Addlestone was a true Celebration of his Life. Mass was presided over by Fr's Adrian (OG '55), Jude (OG '49), Richard (OG '57) and Martin (OG '69) and attended by a large number of OG contemporaries, family and friends.

Many kind words have been shared with us, describing Daddy, these include; unassuming, understated, kind, generous, reliable, gentle, true and honest with a captivating smile, all perfectly described by someone who said that he was one of the World's nice guys.



Joseph Anthony Connor (OG '57)

Anthony died suddenly on 14 April 2018.

Anthony entered St George's in the September of 1946 and thoroughly enjoyed his time at school.

After St George's he went to Christ's College, Cambridge as a Modern Languages scholar but was then enabled through the ICI Transfer Bursary scheme, to change to Science and graduated in Chemistry. He spent a year postgraduate in Cambridge before being awarded a Demonstratorship at what was then Manchester College of Science and Technology, now the Faculty of Technology in the University

of Manchester. After completing his doctorate, he went to Germany to work for two years at the Technische Hochschule, Munich which is now the Technische Universität. His research interests focused on organometallic chemistry and then later in his career he specialised in thermochemistry of organometallics. In 1967, he was appointed as lecturer in Chemistry at Manchester University. He was invited to be Kenan visiting professor at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, USA in 1977. In 1981, he was appointed Professor of Inorganic Chemistry at the University of Kent, becoming Dean of the Faculty of Science in 1988 and then Pro-Vice-Chancellor at Kent in 1992. He received his Doctor of Science from Manchester University in 1994 and retired from the University of Kent in 1999, but continued teaching and research at the University of Greenwich until 2011. He also taught post-graduate courses in Colombia and in Chile.

Since retiring, he was involved in prison visiting and in work at hospices and as a Macmillan visitor. He is survived by his wife Meriel, two daughters and six grandchildren, two boys and four girls.

Roger May (OG '65)

Doctor Roger Nicholas May aged 70, of Thornlie Western Australia, passed away peacefully at home on 2 March, 2018. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Yvonne May and his brother John (OG '64), and is survived by his wife Christine, his brother Peter May, nieces Elizabeth and Amanda May and stepsons John, and William Ophuis. Roger left St George's in 1965 and became a Short Service Regular Officer in the RCT, then he transferred to the Army Reserves, and later the Territorial Army 1970-1986. Roger gained a BA at the Open University, while he worked for the Road Transport Department. He was a Tory Councillor for Malden Essex in 1975. In 1987 he migrated to Western Australia where he gained a Grad Dip Ed St, Murdoch University, a Grad Dip Bus, Curtin University, MIR, University of Western Australia and PhD Curtin University. He was an active member of the local Liberal (Conservative) Party, a volunteer in the State



Emergency Service, and a swimming coach. He married widow Christine Ophuis in 2014 but sadly was soon after diagnosed with terminal cancer. Roger and Christine were thankful to have had four happy years together. Roger's humour, honesty and loyalty were precious to all who knew him, and he often remembered and spoke fondly of his time at St George's. A requiem mass on 12 March at Sacred Heart Church Thornlie Western Australia, was conducted by his friend Monsignor Timothy Corcoran.



Philip Healy (OG '55)

Memories of Phil's later school life written by his younger brother Michael (OG '58)

Philip was at St George's from 1948 until 1955 along with his three brothers Maurice, Tom and Michael, whilst his sister, Mary, attended St. Maur's. His brother, Michael, recalls "Phil and I were at St George's only for one year together as I had just come up from Barrow Hills and Phil was in the Senior School. He looked after his little brother very well, albeit it was difficult to have conversations together as he was very senior and the only sensible place to talk was the playground!" Phil loved his time at St George's as had many previous generations of the family – Leahy's initially (of which go way back to the 1880's) followed by the Andersons.

Phil excelled at rugby, a very tough individual on the pitch and at an early age played for the First XV either as number eight or wing forward. Phil's eyesight was not too great and in practice

or house matches he had the tendency to tackle one of his own side by mistake, or just to prove a point to someone who had annoyed him!! He loved playing the Old Boys, especially if brother, Tom, was playing!! Phil played many times in the First XV and was also picked for the Surrey Schoolboys. He played number eight, keeping the future England player, David Perry, out of the team. During his National Service in Germany with the Royal Irish Fusiliers he was picked for a trial for the British Army of the Rhine (BAOR) but a broken arm quickly ended that chance. However, post National Service Phil was a regular for London Irish and consequently supported them to the end.

In 1965 I was lucky to be asked to be his Best Man when he married Zoe – a service officiated by Father Francis at St Mary's Church, Cadogan Street, London. Phil and Zoe then moved to East Sussex where their three children, James, Annabel and Mark were born – the latter of which carried on the long-standing family tradition by also attending St George's until 1989. He was an outstanding family man and absolutely loved spending time with his four grandchildren. Phil's last two years of life were very difficult with health issues but with the support of his family he fought his problems bravely and with dignity. Phil was an outstanding brother to me and at the same time a wonderful and kind friend.

We all miss him.

Michael Healy

Robin Murtough (OG '67)

Written by Ed Newton (OG '67)

After a spirited and lengthy fight against cancer Robin sadly died on 5 April 2018. He was cremated on 10 April in Ales, in the Gard, Southern France. I had known Robin since 1956 when we both started at Woburn Hill School in our short trousers and probably long faces. Robin and Brenda had moved from Worplesden to Ales in 2004. They had become very well integrated into local village life. There were approximately 90 or so in attendance at the funeral, which was followed by drinks and lunch at their house in Cendras. Other Old Georgians present were Christopher Murtough (OG '65), Siobhan Murtough (OM '71) and John Slatter (OG '66).



Robert Lee (OG '72)

Angela Lee, Roberts's wife, informed us that her husband died on 12 June 2018. The funeral service was held at St George's Chapel in the summer. Robert was very active in the Boat Club for many years. Robert was cox for different crews and was chosen to represent England in the Junior Fours International events. He maintained his interests in College rowing and often attended the Regatta and he became an OG golfer. He will be sadly missed.

Provided by Brian O'Gorman (OGA President).

Richard Scimone (OG '83)

Richard died on Sunday 8 July. His brother Frank has been in touch with the office.



year as Father Christopher) having been awarded a scholarship to read Modern History at Hertford College, Oxford. His career was essentially in marketing in the UK and various Commonwealth countries, with stints in management consultancy before turning to financial advisory services over the last 20 years.

He had a healthy capacity to enjoy life and was quite willing to show the ropes and encourage his sons and other diverse reprobates (a reasonable selection of whom were OGs) who were willing to attend the annual 2nd XI Oatlands Parks Cricket Club dinners. He also hit a cricket ball harder than most with a fine horizontal four iron over long on. He remained interested in Old Georgian activities to his death and had frequently attended the OG annual reunion until his illness.

More profoundly, his dry humour, calm advice and ability to influence will be missed by all members of his family. He leaves behind three sons, six grand-children and a bereft wife, all of who valued his lucidity and his love. His life may not have made the Economist but many of his quieter values of tolerance, support and love would undoubtedly be extolled there as they are here."

Michael Talbot (OG '51)

Obituary supplied by Jonathan Talbot, son (OG '80)

When reading the Economist book of Obituaries, you are informed of the lives not only of the great and good but also, for instance, the life of the last type-writer repairer in New York. So where in that spread does that leave my father Michael Talbot who recently died aged 84 after an illness of several years?

He attended St George's during and after the war and had a formidable sporting and academic profile. One house master who crossed him found the last three pages of his novels removed for his further enjoyment. He left SGC in 1951 (he was in the same

Michael Thornhill (OG '49)

Written by Fr Adrian Cadwallader (OG '55 and Josephite)

Michael died on the 27 July at the age of 87. He was the cousin of Robert McCarthy (OG '56). He joined St George's in form two as a day boy in January 1944 and left in form 5B in 1947. He was in the same form as Fr Jude. He played cricket for the 2nd XI and rugby for the 2nd XV. His real love was table tennis.

He regularly played in the Staines League whilst still at school and had been noted as a very talented player.

Shortly after he left the College, he successfully represented the English Junior Team against Sweden. He made his senior England debut on 4 March 1950 against the United States. This started an international career which spanned ten years.

He played in five World championships, gaining fourth place in the Swaythling Cup in 1951. In 1960, he and Johnny Leach won the Men's Doubles Competition at the English Open.



Right to left Ron Thompson, Michael Thornhill, Brian Kennedy

He presented the College with a Table Tennis Cup.

Mickey was a great support to the College, supplying essential table tennis equipment and organising some exhibition table tennis matches with international players sponsored by Dunlops.

He died in a nursing home after a long battle with Alzheimer's. Our sympathies go to his wife Sue and his two sons Simon and Andrew. He will be remembered as a true gentleman and a great ambassador to his sport.

Ivor Facey

Ivor very sadly died after complications following a motorcycle accident on the 3 August. Ivor Facey joined St George's in 2008 as Resistant Materials / Design and Technology Teacher and after 10 very happy years left St George's at the end of the Easter Term to become a mature student at Salford University whereby he was going to undergo a three year Prosthetics and Orthotics Degree. When we asked him a few months ago why he enjoyed teaching Design and Technology he replied saying 'its art with a purpose!' – It's taking products and looking at the world around you by trying to make them more sustainable. During his time he has seen 1000 buggies, 1500 mono amplifiers, and over 200 different GSCE projects (tables, lamps, speakers and even a bike trailer). Our thought and prayers are with his family and friends.



3rd Year amp



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OG Visitors

The Development Office always encourages any member of the Georgian family to come back to St George's Weybridge and visit. It is the perfect way to share with your family an important part of your past and to relive your memories! The tours can be adapted to what you would like to see.

You are welcome to visit any time of the year (Monday – Friday only). We recommend you contact the office beforehand, to ensure one of the team is available to meet with you. During 2018, we have welcomed a number of visitors back and we will share a handful of them with you.



Robert Kennedy (OG '78)

Bob and his wife Susan returned to St George's on Friday 20 July. They were visiting the UK from the USA and enjoyed walking around and seeing the buildings and grounds.

Colin Platt (OG '75)

Colin returned to St George's in July to meet up with an old colleague Andy Jones, who is our Facilities Manager. Andy and Colin used to work together at BT. Colin enjoyed his personal tour around the School taking in many familiar and even more new sites.



Sergius Triay (OG '49)

Sergius, his wife Maddie and their granddaughter returned to St George's for a memorable walk down the corridors. Their sons Charles (OG '77) and Michael (OG '79) attended the College along with many other members of the Triay family. Charles recently visited himself earlier this year. Sergius had a wonderful time chatting with Fr Jude where they both delighted in talking about their school days.

The new family school house system

St George's wanted to introduce two new houses to reduce the numbers in each house so that we could develop house families. We were very keen to develop our pastoral care through more integration of the year groups. All staff have also been allocated houses, including all business staff.

The House system was first introduced to the college in 1925. There were originally three houses; Kilmorey, Petre and Southcote named after three of the former owners of Woburn Park, the site upon which the school was built. Stirling was added later and we introduced **Woburn and King in 2017**.

Each house is made up of roughly 150 students and 40 staff from both the teaching and business sides of the school. House events take place every week and activities vary from drama, music, art and sport right through to maths, cookery and the annual penny chain event. All students within a house are actively encouraged to participate and house points are awarded for taking part as well as achievement.

Within each house there exist roughly 20 'house families'. These have been created to support all students throughout their time at the College. The families are made up of two 'grand-parents' from the Lower and Upper Sixth, two 'parents' from the 4th and 5th year, an older 'sibling' in the 3rd year and 2 younger 'siblings' from the 1st and 2nd year. As with all families there will be a mix of different personalities within each group. Each person will bring to their family their own unique set of skills and experiences which hopefully they will feel able to share with the rest of their



group. The families have all been hand-picked according to the interests of each student so families should find that they have something in common with each other!

The families all have a member of staff attached to each of them although the 6th form, grandparents, are encouraged to take the lead. Each family has been created, taking into account the strengths and weaknesses of each member. Students are intended to benefit from the wisdom and experience of their older 'brothers' and 'sisters', 'parents' or 'grandparents'. The children will be encouraged to communicate their worries and concerns to their family members and the whole unit will aim to look after one another.

The families can meet up on a regular, yet informal basis so that they can build a relationship with each other and encourage problem sharing. They can also meet more formally over a biscuit in the Orchard Hall on a Wednesday break-time in the autumn term or for a 'family lunch' in the spring term or for a picnic in the summer term.

Jamie Boden (OG '18)

Congratulations to Jamie Boden who was awarded Triple Colours for representing the School in sport. Jamie has been in the A Teams in rugby, tennis and hockey. Whilst at the College Jamie has always given 100% in all the sports he has played. He is a natural sportsman and able to turn his hand at most sports. Jamie is an excellent role model for others, showing what can be achieved with hard work and dedication. His brother Dan and Father, Conor are also OGs.



Farewell

At the end of every academic year we find ourselves once again saying farewell to staff as they take on new challenges elsewhere or begin their retirements. Those goodbyes never get easier.

Further members of staff who we sadly said farewell included:

Martin Parnham, who retired from the Technology Department after 36 years.

Melvin Tiley, who retired from the History Department after 30 years.

Joe Cunningham, leaves the RS and DoE Department

Elizabeth Fox, leaves Biology Department

Andrew Gradon, leaves the Maths Department

Agnes Colantuoni, leaves the Chaplaincy

Mandy Smith, Head of Sixth Form



Without a doubt the role as Head of Sixth Form is the best in the College because it gave me the opportunity to support so many students through a challenging phase in their lives. When your adult self looks back on this period, you will agree that you wouldn't want to be 16 again, with the academic pressures, the desire to find a social 'fit' and the intense period of 'growing up'. I still have your year group photos outside my office and I can honestly say that all 1000 of you (and that is how many students have passed through the Sixth Form doors in eight years) left St George's as well-balanced, kind-hearted, compassionate young people.

I remember my first term as clearly as if it was yesterday, the Class of 2011 had to adapt to a new Head of Sixth Form and I had to establish some order. I cannot forget Mr Barker's petition against Supervised Study. His claim that 'Supervised Frees' were an oxymoron and shouldn't be enforced was supported by many – except those who wanted to be Captains! I still have the poem on my wall that Harry gave me when he left and eight years down the line, Supervised Studies are still in force!

The Leavers' celebrations are always indicative

of the Year Group and a few students will try to leave their mark. I am sure a Mr Stanley will cringe now at the thought of the honey and jam he spread over the new Henderson Centre and I won't mention Mr Quinn or Mr Faulkner and the water bomb! The Rhododendron that he gave me as an apology is growing beautifully. Every year I tried to encourage the students to host a breakfast for the staff and this year they finally appeased me – so thank you to the Class of 2018!

There are so many highlights from every year that stand out for me: I still love the EB Sixes and the students ability to play a hockey tournament in fancy dress; Six Live is another favourite as stars really are born – even if for one night only; and I love the end of Christmas Term celebrations with the traditional singing of The Twelve Days of Christmas. We tried to introduce something different one year and had a protest!

Walking down the corridor towards the end of term, I was reminded of the vast number of international sports people I have supported in the Sixth Form over the eight years of my tenure. Keeping track of so many of you via LinkedIn makes for fascinating reading: I am so proud of your successes and amazed at some of the careers you have pursued. Two of 'my girls' gave up their creative interests to enter a nursing career; some have graduated as medical doctors or dentists; others are in computing or in the City; many are overseas or in academia. I delight in your successes: when I hear of students achieving First Class degrees after struggling with A Levels or forging unusual careers after following an unconventional path. Whatever you are doing now, I am so proud that I was in your life for a fleeting moment in time.

You may think that I do not remember you, but I hold so many memories in my heart and your cards and best wishes in my memory box, I get them out every year and go back in time to a point when our lives converged in the Henderson Centre.

I wish you all very happy and successful futures and hope to see you again at a Reunite event.

Deforestation or regeneration?

By Rob Deacock, SGW Grounds Manager

In December 2017 a licence was granted for the felling of the woodland area that lies between Farm field and the Addlestone and Chertsey Bournes.

Over the years the woodland, which mainly comprised of Poplar trees, had fallen into disrepair and become unsafe to use.



After consultation with the Josephite community, a decision was made to regenerate the area and bring it back into use. The main issue was how the project would be financed. Further to advice from the Forestry commission it was decided to employ a timber harvesting contractor, who would carry out the felling work at no cost but would take the profit from the sale of the timber. Concurrently the College entered into talks with Runnymede Borough Council who were keen to come up with a scheme to reduce tree cover and allow more light into the section of the stream that borders the College site.

The help of Surrey Wildlife Trust was engaged to conduct the appropriate surveys of the area and put together a Woodland management plan that also incorporated ideas and suggestions to reduce the tree canopy cover along the Bourne. During this

process the Wildlife Trust also came up with some proposals for a number of in-stream rehabilitation measures, which complimented their long term plans to improve water quality within the River Wey catchment.

The objectives were to reduce the amount of silt and sediment in the stream and create areas with the potential for increasing fish stocks.

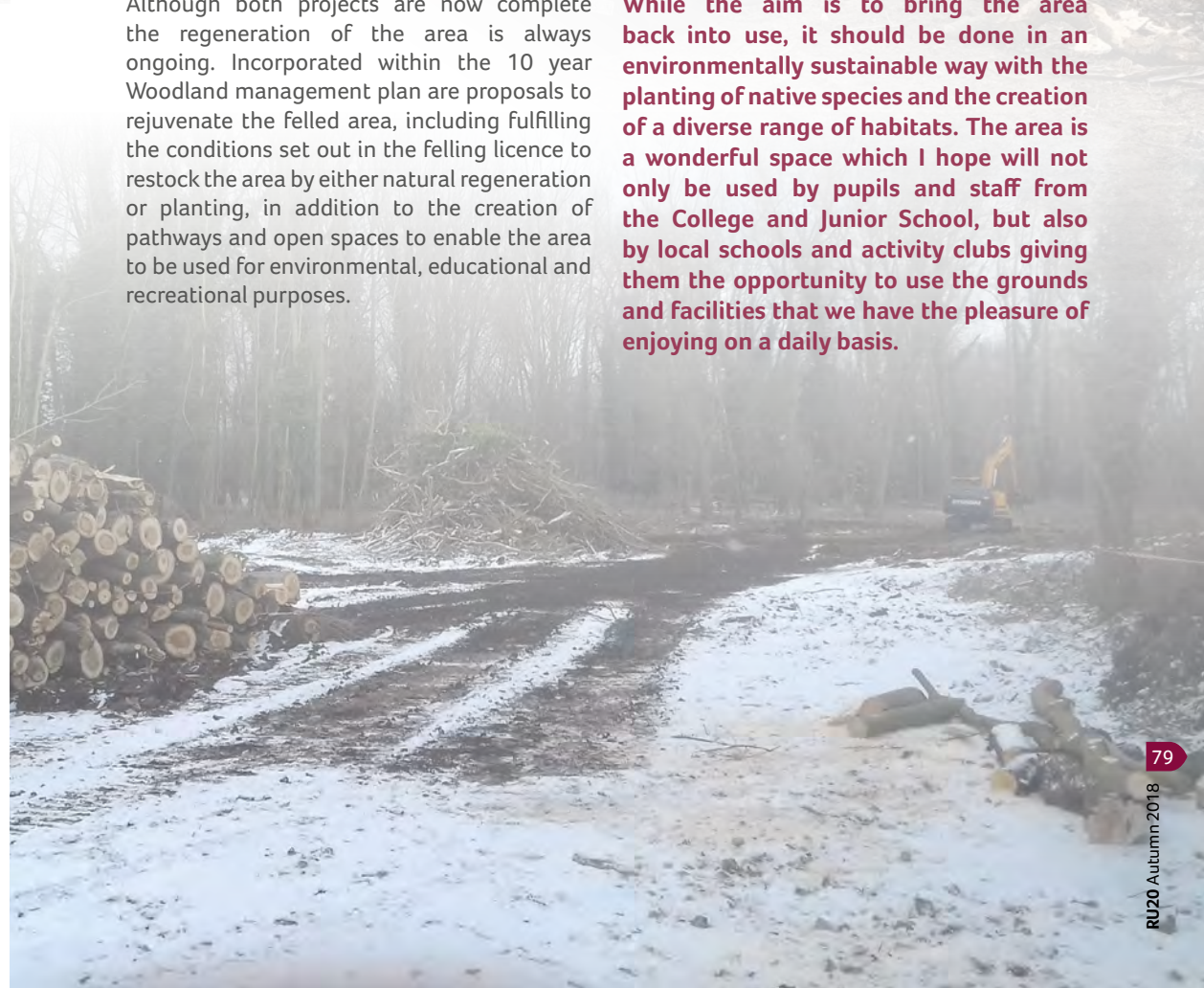
In March 2018, after gaining permission from the appropriate bodies including the Environment agency, work began on the in-stream rehabilitation measures which included the construction of woody berms, re-profiling of banks and the addition of gravel and boulders to the stream.

A month later the felling of the woodland commenced and by the end of May the work was mostly complete. In total around 1700 tonnes of wood was harvested from the site which was then taken to Kent to be processed as biofuels.



Although both projects are now complete the regeneration of the area is always ongoing. Incorporated within the 10 year Woodland management plan are proposals to rejuvenate the felled area, including fulfilling the conditions set out in the felling licence to restock the area by either natural regeneration or planting, in addition to the creation of pathways and open spaces to enable the area to be used for environmental, educational and recreational purposes.

While the aim is to bring the area back into use, it should be done in an environmentally sustainable way with the planting of native species and the creation of a diverse range of habitats. The area is a wonderful space which I hope will not only be used by pupils and staff from the College and Junior School, but also by local schools and activity clubs giving them the opportunity to use the grounds and facilities that we have the pleasure of enjoying on a daily basis.



The Year 2017 – 2018 Fr Richard

We Josephites are coming to the end of our year of celebrating 200 years of our foundation.

I was invited to the opening of the year in 2017 by our Sister Congregation, the DMJ Sisters, in California. We came together in one of the Old Missions, San Buenaventura, so full of the history of the first settlement and mission.

In my homily I dwelt on how we had been invited by the Sisters to join them in their educational work, which we have done together ever since, and how we have not always been good at recognising each other. But when we do there is a special grace, as I think there was when St George's and St Maur's joined together.

Here in England we celebrated at St George's with a mass on the 1 May 2017, the Founder's birthday. Fr Robert presided and we had a wonderful meal afterwards; wonderful because it brought together friends from many of our other works or parishes.

On the back of the programme was listed the places where Josephites are at work today. Even since then, there are new ventures, mostly in Africa.

Of course, the vast majority of our brothers are African – there are more, four times more, than in Europe and California.

They too, celebrating the Bicentenary, listed the places where we work, but being African and loving colour they had created a shirt. What a shirt! I wore it at a recent family wedding – a wedding where we had to wear bright things to represent our lives! And glitter – who knew that a wedding comes with glitter these days?

But this shirt spoke more than anything else about the change in the congregation. People who have supported St Joseph's African Aid, our main fundraising charity, for years, were asking questions about the Founder, about the places, about the future.

In the Josephite Congregation, Fr Martin has the general oversight of our confreres in formation, novices and scholastics. So this October, he is planning to go to Kimwenza, in the DR Congo, to visit. We shall have the opportunity to learn so much more about what our brothers are doing and planning, and we look forward to that.



St George's Staff visit California

Over the summer two members of St George's staff together with former SGC staff member Joe Cunningham, went travelling in California. While there they visited the Josephites and spent a night with them. They delighted in the Josephite hospitality and enjoyed Mass.



Becs Potter, Fr Albert Gerado, Fr Mark, Fr Aidan (OG '78) and Sarah Goodfellow



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