

Alumni



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## SENNOCKIAN CLUB EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR



*Above: Paul Harrison, Alistair Drage, Keith Maclean, Ollie Watt, Elliot Webster at the class of 1997 reunion*

*Top right: Nick Moore and Ray Hackett meet at Founder's Day.*

*Bottom right: Patience Birkett with her daughter-in-law and granddaughter*

*Previous page: The staircase in Manor House, where the Alumni and Development offices are situated (along with the Classics and Economics departments); an image used on the front cover of the last Old Sennockian Newsletter.*

### TENTH REUNION FOR THE CLASS OF 1997

Sixty-six Sennockians and members of staff who had taught them gathered for a tenth anniversary dinner on 11 May 2007 at the school. Katy Ricks welcomed former students before a tour of the school conducted by John Walton, Director of Development. Mike Bolton hosted the drinks and dinner in the Dining Hall.

### FOUNDER'S DAY

The stalwarts of the Sennockian Club did not let a little rain deter them from attending the Founder's Day drinks party on 30 June. Among the highlights was the chance meeting of John Coomber (Grote 41) and Nick Moore (Hardinge 78). Neither had known the other had attended the school. Nick had been a great friend of John's sons. Bernard Loughlin (Hardinge 35), looking very spry, came with his son, and Di Day came to support the festivities. Just as the afternoon was ending Sarah Saunders née Hardingham (Fryth 80) turned up with her daughter Jo, who is in the Sixth Form, and her mother-in-law, Patience Birkett, the granddaughter of Daniel Birkett, former head of the school. Old Sennockians are always welcome to join us on the last Saturday of June for a picnic and Founder's Day events.





### REUNION DINNER FOR THE CLASS OF 1982

The first ever Sennockian Club twenty-fifth reunion dinner was held at the school on 21 September. Staff from that period joined 42 OS and wives for a black tie dinner in the dining hall. For many it was the first time they had been back to the school, while others were current parents, and even more declared that Sevenoaks was the only choice for their younger children. The last guest departed just after midnight, and the party carried on at the Royal Oak.

### SPONTANEOUS REUNIONS

Informal reunions are springing up everywhere. Alan Bumstead (Sackville 65) organised a tour of the school and lunch in July for Chris Johnson (Fenton 65), Richard Bird (Sackville 65), Bruno Hanson (Sackville 65), Bob Bowyer (Hardinge 65), Jeremy Harker (Wordsworth 64), Malcolm Honey (Sackville 66) and Lance Johnson (Grote 64).

In September Philippe Vander Elst welcomed 15 former IC and GIH classmates from the class of 1987. In Philippe's words, 'The meeting was a huge success; everybody had a smile from ear to ear from 3pm to midnight. We had drinks downstairs and then dinner upstairs at the Fat Badger in the Portobello Road. The toughest ones went on to close a nearby pub. Old pictures were brought out and laughed at, old stories, old secrets, old everything. It made everyone feel good, happy and stronger about the school friendships which tend to vanish with time.'

The farthest-flung, Jenny Goodley from Calgary, James Samford from San Francisco and Jeremy Waters from Virginia, were joined by Dewi-Ann Paardekooper, Sarah Sanders, Laura Banz, Arrigo Bordicchia, Muffi Devlin, Jackie Frize, Tom Gunnerod (formerly Leaver), Azhar Merican, Patrick Oon, Jennifer Rueggeberg, Rajesh Shah, Malcolm Shearmur and Philippe.



*Top: David Pryke, Ralph Adams and Steve Davie at the reunion dinner for the class of 1982*

*Above: Tim and Nick Mottram at the reunion dinner for the class of 1982*

*Right: Carolyne and Steve Sullivan and John Walton at the reunion dinner for the class of 1982*





### CELEBRATION OF 80 YEARS OF JOHNSONS

Clive Hutchinson (Johnsons 49) has been hosting OJ reunions for 13 years and editing the OJ newsletter for 12. This year marks his last official reunion, for which he gathered together 75 OJs and wives to celebrate 80 years of Johnsons House. A traditional dinner was held at the school on 13 October. Mike Bolton welcomed the OJs to the school, Clive replied and Colin Neilson (Johnsons 48) gave the address.

### FIFTIETH REUNION LUNCH

Lunch was held in The Sennocke Centre for 16 former students and their wives to mark the 50 years since they had left the school. Some had never been back nor seen any of their classmates since leaving in 1957-8, but that did not inhibit any of them from enjoying the day. Tours were given of the school before and after lunch, and a few OS joined both. Of particular interest to them was the contrast between The Sennocke Centre and the old swimming pool. Katy Ricks welcomed them, and David Bishop (Grote 58) made a spontaneous and warm reply.



*Top: Geoff Tetlaw and Andrew Clifford celebrating 80 years of Johnsons*

*Above right: Fern and Bob Ogley at the fiftieth reunion lunch*

*Right: Colin Major, Ann Williams, Jake Backus and David Bishop at the fiftieth reunion lunch*

## SENOCKIANS' WRITING

### Three OS have found success in the British fiction market: Lucy Cousins, Charlie Higson and Frank Barnard.



#### HURRICANE GOLD

Published in September, *Hurricane Gold* is the fourth Young Bond thriller written by Charlie Higson (Fryth 76) featuring a teenage 007.

Charlie Higson read English and American Studies at the University of East Anglia and then went to London where he worked as a decorator with the writer and actor Paul Whitehouse. The pair met the comedian Harry Enfield and began to write material for him. The rest is entertainment history.

In 2004, Higson was signed to write a series of James Bond novels, aimed at younger readers and concentrating on the character's schooldays at Eton. The first novel, *Silver Fin*, was published in 2005, *Blood Fever* in 2006, *Double or Die* in January 2007 and *Hurricane Gold* this autumn. There is a fifth and last novel in the series. Higson doesn't know why Ian Fleming Publications chose him as the author, but with characteristic modesty said they were looking for someone who had a simple, direct writing style, who was a fan of Bond and who would be willing to work within the guidelines they had established for the book.

#### BLUE MAN FALLING

Frank Barnard (Grote 54) went straight to the *Kent Messenger* from Sevenoaks School and continued in public relations and advertising until the publication of his first novel, *Blue Man Falling*, in 2005. His third novel in the series, *To Play the Fox*, will be published in March 2008.

Frank left school at 16 and worked until he was called up in 1959 for two years' National Service in the RAF. His novels home in on the everyday realities of flying during World War Two. They are exciting and romantic and filled with wonderful,

detailed information which has led readers to believe that Barnard is himself an ex-World War Two Spitfire pilot. Not a rumour he would want to discourage, but unfortunately he was flying in a pram at the time.

Frank says, 'Now, allegedly retired, writing fiction has become a full-time job, but it is what I dreamed of doing, even when I was in the Lower Fifth at Sevenoaks in the early 1950s.'

#### MAISY MOUSE

Lucy Cousins (Fryth 82) is the author and illustrator of the *Maisy Mouse* books, with 12 million copies sold worldwide.

Lucy says, 'I've been illustrating and writing children's books for 20 years. For as long as I can remember I wanted to be an artist, so when I arrived at Sevenoaks School in 1980, I had an ambition to get to art college.

'At my previous school, art lessons had been very dry and uninspired, but that all changed with Bob White. The art room at Sevenoaks School was the place to be. It was fun, exciting and interesting. Bob White was the most inspirational art teacher I ever had. Bob set us projects in drawing, painting, photography and sculpture. He not only taught us practically how to use the materials, but how to think creatively. "Personal Space" was the title of one project I remember. He refused to explain what he meant, saying we had to interpret it in any way we wanted. I found it a real challenge, but it got me thinking.

'I went on to study art at Canterbury, Brighton and the Royal College of Art. During the creative journey of those six years I discovered what I really wanted to do and by the time I graduated from the RCA I had my first book published, after entering it for the Macmillan Prize. Within a few months, I had drawn a mouse, decided to call her *Maisy*, and done a couple of books about her. Those two books did quite well, so I did some more and I've continued ever since. Now, I think there are over 200 books about *Maisy*.'



## SENNOCKIAN CLUB SPORT

*The sixth annual Festival of Sport was held on Sunday 9 September 2007. More than 130 OS and current students played hockey, football, girls' football and rugby.*

*Members of the hockey team*



*Former pupils line up for the annual rugby match against the school.*



### FESTIVAL OF SPORT

#### Hockey

Miranda Thorne (Sennocke 07) captained the hockey, and for the first time three boys joined the OS team. The current school team, however, proved too strong for the former students, and the final score was 6-1 to the school.

#### Football

The action then moved from the all-weather pitch to Duke's Meadow where an OS football team, organised by Ben Reynolds (Fryth 98) won 2-1 with both goals scored by Stuart Seldon (Taylor 97). At the same time an OS team of girls and staff members played against the Burger Belles. The match ended in a draw with Helen Smith for the OS and Livy Ainsworth for the school each scoring once. But the OS lost on a penalty shoot-out 2-1.

#### Rugby

Even before the football had finished the rugby began. A strong OS team captained by Alex Hickling (School House 06) beat the school 20-0. Rob Mankiewitz was the referee. Two hundred spectators enjoyed the autumn sunshine, lively sport and the tea that followed.

*Simon Mansfield, Rupert Thorp and Ollie Harris with their Real Tennis rackets*



### REAL TENNIS

This year's OS v the Old Tonbridgians was hosted by The Queen's Club on the 16 October. The OS line-up, Simon Mansfield (Johnsons 72), Rupert Thorp (School House 98) and Ollie Harris (Groves 98) was unchanged from 2006. Tonbridge won 4-2 this year, and a convivial dinner followed. Rupert is moving to Boston, Massachusetts, next spring, where there is a Real Tennis court. The challenge to Tonbridge is to play next year's fixture there in the autumn.

In the meantime, for any OS interested in playing or wishing to learn, please do not hesitate to contact [simon.mansfield@garnerinternational.com](mailto:simon.mansfield@garnerinternational.com) or the Tennis & Rackets Association. The T&RA offer new members two free lessons at a court of their choice, which is an inexpensive way to discover that you are a 'natural'.

[www.tennis-rackets.com](http://www.tennis-rackets.com)

### SAILING

Christina Bassadone (Park Grange 00) is ranked No 1 in the world in the Women's 470 Olympic Class and has been selected to represent Great Britain in the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Paul Campbell-James (Johnsons 01) and his sailing partner Mark Asquith completed the season winning Cowes on the VX40 the *Blue Project*, and ending up ninth overall at the Seiko European Championships in Sicily on the *49er*. They are on course for the Beijing Olympics.

Alex Beddoes (School House 04), Southampton Captain and silver medalist, Sarah Mann (Fenton 05), Peter Bunch (Plender 05), Jonny Cavill (Fryth 03), Penny Beddoes (Park Grange 06) and Tom Sain (School House 06) have all featured in university championships.

### CRICKET FIRST XI V OLD SENNOCKIANS

Following heavy overnight rain the match was reduced to 20 overs per side. The First XI won the toss and batted first. Dan Haley got the school off to a flying start with 46 from 20 balls, but it was left to Josh Parker, 26, and Will Wilkin, 15, to reach a competitive total of 124. Pick of the bowlers were Richard Hughes (Fenton 01), 3 for 20, and Sahil Sharma (Tammadge 03), 3 for 19. Wickets fell regularly when the OS went in to bat. David Franklin (Grote 06), Stuart Seldon (Taylor 97) and Chris Fletcher (Groves 99) all got themselves in and threatened to take command, but the school's excellent catching was their undoing. Only Richard Hughes came to terms with the slow pitch, and the Sennockians were finally all out for 84. Josh Parker finished with 3 for 14 off 10 balls and Will Wilkin 3 for 11.

This was the First XI's first win against the OS team since the match was resurrected six years ago. The Sennockian Club are keen to redress the balance in 2008.

*Sennockian Club team: Oli Jones (Groves 01), David Franklin, Stuart Seldon, Mark Spelman (Sackville 75), Chris Fletcher (captain), Alfie Weston (Fryth 05) (WK), Sahil Sharma, Nick Tunnell (Sackville 05), Sam Wilkin (Groves 01), Richard Hughes*

*The school maintain possession in the OS match at the Festival of Sport.*



#### **GOLF SOCIETY**

The season began with the Spring Meeting at Littlestone. Nigel Henson's (Fryth 69) experience carried the day, and he held off David Caldwell (Hardinge 73) and John Kittow (Hardinge 73) to win the Lark Tankard, but inadvertently left behind his bag with the trophy outside the clubhouse... nice one Nigel.

Honours were shared with our hosts at the annual match against Wildernesse, organised by Paul Kempton (Wordsworth 70), where we welcomed back Gary Skivington (School House 69).

The Grafton Morrish Qualifier at Knole Park, where we were represented by Simon (Caxton 90) and Jonathan Barker (Caxton 95), James Howie (Tammadge 95) and Colin Gellatly (Grote 01), Paul Kempton and Jeremy Smith (Park Grange 72), was an edge-of-the-seat experience, qualification for the finals only being confirmed after a count-back of all the regional qualifying competitions and the invocation of a technicality – details of our performance in the finals (first round exit again) remain classified.

Our match against the school took on special significance this year, as Jenny Harvey (Park

Grange 01) became the first lady member to represent the OS. Paul Kempton's esoteric squad defied the odds to record a narrow victory, and thanks are due to Brian Fugard at the school and Hugh Llewellyn-Jones (Hardinge 56), our host at Wildernesse, for their efforts.

The Summer Meeting at Royal Ashdown Forest was again enjoyed by a select band, with David Caldwell winning both the morning stableford and the afternoon foursomes in partnership with Ian Mitchell (School House 60) on this delightful course.

At the Autumn Meeting at Rye, we played the shorter Jubilee Course in the morning and the Championship Course after an excellent lunch (poor planning). Paul Thompson (Caxton 91) took the honours with his ladies' handicap and shook off the 'adulation' of his fellow competitors very well. We continue to be loyally supported, but also welcome any newcomers.

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*See Looking Forward section for dates of 2008 meetings.*

## MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

Paraag Amin (Sackville 97) married Lena Thakkar on 18 December 2006.

Hannah Barlow (GIH 92) married Andreas Nitschinger on 9 September 2006.

Alex Beaumont (Hardinge 96) married Claire Harle on 18 August 2007.

Jan Bolte (IC 93) married Ekaterina Pavlovna Ossipova on 22 July 2007.

Victoria Bolton (ex Staff 98) married Duncan Jauncey 29 July 2006.

Nick Booth (Fryth 82) and Marko Lovrekovic entered into a civil partnership on 4 May 2007.

Clivia Bunnemann (Sennocke 98) married Christian Breuel on 1 July 2006.

Chris Bryden (Wordsworth 97) married Ann Carpenter on 14 April 2007.

Bill Castell (Fryth 96) married Rhona Ralston on 11 August 2007.

Justin Clackson (School House 92) married Carolina on 12 May 2007.

Annabel Cooper (Sackville 94) married Simon Cham on 8 September 2007.

James Drage (Fryth 94) married Anna Strawson (Fryth 94) on 28 July 2007.

Claudia Ehrke (Sennocke 95) married Guenter Grimm on 16 September 2006.

James Fraser (Tammadge 94) married Susie Harding on 1 September 2007.

Giles Giffin (Wordsworth 88) married Gill Drury on 14 June 2007.

Megan Harvey (Park Grange 97) married Luke Johnson on 16 September 2006.

Mark Holmes (Groves 94) married Claire Salmond on 8 September 2007.

Yoko Kubo (GIH 01) married Will Tseng on 2 June 2008.

Chris Leithead (Johnsons 01) married Kathryn Rowley on 6 April 2007.

Sophie Leslie (Sennocke 99) married Tom Pakenham on 19 May 2007.

Lara Leyshon (Hardinge 91) married Matt Dixon on 14 July 2007.

Nicky Mee (Park Grange 96) married Mike Cummings on 3 September 2005.

Raymond Ooi (School House 83) married Karina Yong on 7 July 2007.

Nicky Robinson (Park Grange 93) married James Hope on 1 April 2006.

Susannah Senior (Sennocke 86) married Shawn McGuire on 13 May 2006.

Paul Slater (Groves 93) married Lisa Head on 2 December 2006.

Andrew Thornton (Hardinge 93) married Claire Busby on 2 December 2006.

Zahid Ziyaev (IC 97) married Xenia Beckchanova-Ziyaeva on 17 November 2006.

## DEATHS

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of the following former pupils of the school:

Gordon Anderson	(1931) died 4 April 2007.
Ian Arrol	(Johnsons 1934) died 4 August 2007.
Peter Bassett	(Hardinge 1938) died 29 May 2007.
Ronald Bassett	(Wordsworth 1931) died 18 April 2006.
Julian Burnett	(Johnsons 1944) died 8 January 2007.
Diana Chadwick	née Ruck (GIH 1982) died 19 August 2007.
David Cloke	(1942) died in 2006.
Gerry Farmer	(Wordsworth 1958) died January 2007.
Clifford Hodges	(1936) died 10 April 2006.

## OBITUARIES

### IAN ARROL 1915-2007

In his last letter to the OS Ian Arrol (Johnsons 34) referred to himself as a 'survivor'. He had moved to Downlands Park nursing home ten years ago, having served in the RAF as a Flight Lieutenant, mainly in the Azores for five years, and then Chief Electrical Engineer at Iraq Petroleum in both Iraq and Lebanon. Upon retirement in 1962, he became involved in the local primary school near his home in Shiplake and the Scouts and Cubs. He maintained a keen interest in Sevenoaks. One of Ian's fond memories was running in Knole Park – something he never took too seriously – picking flowers, watching rabbits – until he reached the final stretch with no one else about, only to discover he had come in first and got his pink colours. His correspondence with the school has formed a bridge with a past that is slowly becoming inaccessible. His views covering 80 years were always welcome. He left a generous bequest to the Acorn Fund.

### PETER BASSETT 1921-2007

Peter Bassett (Hardinge 38) loved cross-country running, particularly around Knole Park, and was known to run so fast that he would be back home and in the bath before his classmates had returned to their boarding houses. His war years are available on the web where he relates how he memorised the eye chart in order to gain entry to the RAF. When it was discovered that his eyes were not up to the required standard, he was promptly sent to Aberdeen to have special flying goggles made to enable him to map read. Seconded to The Royal Canadian Air Force, he was later posted to Wick, serving in 404 Squadron, part of the Strike Wing of Coastal Command. The Squadron was responsible for escorting Allied convoys in the North Sea and prevented the Germans from bringing Heavy Water down the Norwegian coastline. Peter was renowned for navigating the fjords at such low altitudes that his Beaufighter was often hit by waves. He and his pilot, Sydney Shulmenson, received the DFC and DSO respectively.

## OBITUARIES (CONTINUED)

After the war, Peter returned to the Westminster Foreign Bank and continued to enjoy sporting activities – now at the Bank’s sports ground in Norbury. He admitted that while running for the Westminster there was one particular competitor against whom he was totally outclassed – Roger Bannister. Peter and his wife Lesley returned to Sevenoaks after their daughters, Angela and Rosemary, were married, and he became active at St Nicholas’ Church. Widowed in 2006, he is survived by his two daughters and four grandchildren.

*Angela Bassett (daughter)*

### RONALD CHARLES BASSETT 1915-2006

Ron Bassett (Wordsworth 26-31), who was born in Seal, was the only member of his family to go to a grammar school. He was an air gunner in the RAF in World War Two and survived three crashes. He married Carol Mercer in 1940 and they had one son Christopher who died in 2003. He was a furniture buyer by trade in the Sevenoaks area. Ronald died in Cirencester, where he had lived for many years. He was always very proud of the fact that he had attended Sevenoaks School.

*Valerie Tuttle (niece)*

### JULIAN ‘BUNNY’ BURNETT 1925-2007

Coming from the arms of his somewhat overbearing mother, Bunny (Johnsons 37-44) flourished at Sevenoaks and was able to develop a personality that nurtured his leadership qualities, thoroughness and keenness on fair play. His school reports suggest that while he enjoyed a prank or two, he was a good scholar and keen sportsman. He was House Captain and Prefect in Johnsons, under Mr Groves and the Rev Robbs. He went up to New College, Oxford, to read Law.

Later, after a stint in the Navy, Bunny worked in shipping in Singapore and Malaysia. Most of his working career, however, was in publishing where he became well known and popular in the

scientific, medical and technical area, providing, among other things, jovial conversation and much-needed coffee at the trade fairs. He is survived and much missed by a partner of many years, two children by his late wife and three grandchildren.

*Tina Burnett-Pope (daughter)*

### DIANA CHADWICK NÉE RUCK 1964-2007

Diana, or Dinah as she preferred to be known, was a boarder in the GIH from 1980 to 1982 and part of that elite group of girls who joined the school in its third year of co-education, Art being her all-consuming passion.

Having been at a strict all-girls boarding school before Sevenoaks, Dinah relished not only mixing with boys but the huge opportunities that Sevenoaks offered. She marvelled at a selection for every meal, the huge grounds that could be explored with a secret packet of cigarettes tucked into her scarf and all the sport you could want, and a lot that you didn’t want.

After Sevenoaks, Dinah studied graphic design in Ealing. Not enamoured with the commercial side of art, she took a Business Studies degree at South Bank University. She worked briefly at Reuters before embarking on an 18-month tour of Hong Kong, Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, India and Russia. Immediately before the tour Dinah was diagnosed with MS, but was not the type of person to allow such things to get in her way.

Dinah married Tony Chadwick (Park Grange 82) with whom she had been going out since Sevenoaks. In 1998 Dinah and Chad had a beautiful daughter named Jessica Jasmine, JJ for short. She started out life looking much like Chad; a lack of hair follicles and a bit tubby – but has fortunately grown up and inherited her mother’s amazing looks. A few years after the birth of JJ, the worst of the effects of MS kicked in and Dinah began a gradual decline with ever-increasing caring and medical needs. She lives in the hearts of friends and family.

*Tony Chadwick (husband)*

## NEWS FROM HOME AND ABROAD 2007

### 1930-39

Ron Terry (Fenton 37) is the author of *Old Corners of Sevenoaks*.

### 1940-49

Martin Gray (Hardinge 45) and his wife continue to ski at Courcheval.

Peter Ware (Grote 45) writes, 'For the record, my twin brother and I were called up into the RAF in 1945. We were demobbed in Melbourne and decided to stay, bringing over our widowed mother.'

### 1950-59

Radley Spencer-Wilson (Johnsons 59) writes to congratulate the school on its success and says, 'I'm sure this is the belated result of my having received four strokes with a double cane for swatting flies at a cricket match in 1956. My biff was an admirable fly catcher but as I had my back to the field of play the essence of the offence was bad manners towards the visiting team.'

Brandon Stuart-Barker (Johnsons 59) has moved to the Garmisch-Partenkirchen area of Germany to expand his portfolio of clients interested in providing venues for social and corporate events. He welcomes Sennockians of his generation to call.

### 1960-69

Chris Budgen (Fenton 62) was in UK during May 2007 for a presentation of the Fellowship he was awarded by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain.

### 1970-79

Tom Nottidge (Fenton 71) writes, 'Back in Stamford after three years in Germany, now studying law and building houses which makes a change after 30 years in factory and operations management. Our son James is back from India and our daughter about to go on a TEFL year courtesy of the Japanese government.'

Chris Cornthwaite (Sackville 77) is Finance Director for First Capital Connect Limited.

Elie Saad (IC 77) writes, 'I joined the Bayer

headquarters in Germany in 1988 and am now the Global Vice President for the Polymer Additive Operations. Being at Sevenoaks was an experience of a lifetime, and boarding at IC was wonderful. It would be great to renew contact.'

Marcus Wood (Grote 77) is the Professor of Diaspora Studies, University of Sussex. He has just won a Senior Leverhulme Research Fellowship to write a book and make a film about slavery in Brazil.

Rory Paddock (Park Grange 78) was in the UK briefly last November and stayed in London with Jeremy Hawes who arranged lunch for a few other ex-PG friends, Steve Brownlow, Steve Lister, Nick Cramer and Jeremy's younger brother, Michael.

### 1980-89

Clive Gregory (Fryth 80) has been appointed the Bishop of Wolverhampton.

Olaf Venema (Fenton 80) has been in Asia for 22 years, living in Singapore, Indonesia and now Singapore/China. He is in the healthcare business operating clinics and medical evacuation services.

Costas Metaxas (IC 81) joined Amoco Chemicals in 1989 and now works for INEOS in the Olefins and Polymers group. He lives in Friendswood, TX with his wife Deena and their two children. He would like to hear from OS in IC during his time there.

Richard Padley (Wordsworth 85) writes, 'I still compose and play jazz with an improvised music group called In Sand. Also I run Semantico, which I started in 1998. We have 27 employees and a turnover in excess of £1M. Things are going very well, with major contracts to put content on line for publishers such as OUP and Blackwell.'

Alastair Bullock (Tammadge 86) was the Art Director for *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* and *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*.

Matthew Hocking (Fenton 86) is the Director of a high technology spin-out company from Keele University called SciSite, which has developed and patented a method for directly detecting rust on steel (SciSite RustScan).

Lillian Wallace née Painter (GIH 86) and her husband Rob Wallace coordinate a conservation programme in northwest Bolivia. Lillian has led policy and outreach efforts that have resulted in the titling of the 3255-square-kilometre Tacana indigenous territory and a participatory plan for land management.

Samih Toukan (IC 87) upon returning to Amman in 1998 came up with a simple plan to replace English with Arabic when setting up email systems. Maktoob, meaning message in Arabic, became the first Arabic language website in the world and has grown to be an integrated group of companies and websites. In 2006 Samih introduced Araby.com, the search engine, and has since acquired Uaesm.com, a leading stock market and business website in the UAE.

Anna Wilson née Hankey (Hardinge 88) has written a series of ten books for five to eight-year-olds, *Nina, Fairy Ballerina*. Her new three-part series for seven to nine-year-olds, begins with *One Girl and Her Dog: Puppy Love* and is published in 2008.

Kate Evans née van Beek (GIH 89) writes, 'Following a couple of years in Sydney I now live in London with my husband Simon and three-year-old daughter Matilda (goddaughter of Joanna Hall 89). I am currently working as strategic communications consultant for Waitrose and John Lewis.'

Maaiké Jansen (Grote 1989) is the proud mother of three little girls. She still works for the United Nations Environment Programme but spent last year dealing with UN reform issues as part of the Secretariat of the Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on UN System-Wide Coherence.

### 1990-99

Stephen Hale (IC 90) is responsible for the overall management, including strategic planning, fundraising and representation of Green Alliance to its stakeholders, the public and the media.

Alex Morris (GIH 91) moved with her husband Craig and son Oliver back to London in 2007 from

Wellington, New Zealand, where they have lived for the last seven years. She would love to hear from friends who were at Sevenoaks at the same time.

Tom Lucas (School House 92) has been appointed director of marketing and communication at UKTV, a joint venture between BBC Worldwide and Virgin Media Television, following his work at IRV as controller of channel marketing and interaction. He will be overseeing marketing communications for all nine channels.

Alexander Steinbeis (IC 92) is the Director/conductor of artistic planning of the Berlin Symphony Orchestra.

Camilla Baker (Park Grange 93) has contributed a chapter on high expectations, achieving potential and establishing relationships to *Professional Attributes and Practice*, published by Routledge in 2007. She works as an Inclusion Manager overseeing the achievement of Ethnic Minority and Special Needs children in East London primary school.

Jessica Latimer née Norrie (GIH 93) and her husband Max announce the birth of their son Monty on 28 November 2006.

Evelyn Sweerts née Vermeulen (Tammadge 93) has moved to Luxembourg. She writes, 'Michael has started working at the European Court of Auditors, focusing particularly on educational programmes such as the European Schools, Erasmus, Comenius. I am on a break from history teaching to spend a bit more time with our children, Alexander (4) and Laurent (2).'

Ben Brearley (Taylor 94) has returned to farm animals veterinary practice in West Sussex/Surrey, having worked for three years as an adviser in the animal health pharmaceutical industry. He and Emily have a three-month-old son, Fraser. Creaking knees and a dodgy shoulder have put an end to rugby playing, though he did have the pleasure of beating a Sevenoaks RFC team including James Priestley (son of Malcolm).

## NEWS FROM HOME AND ABROAD 2007 (CONTINUED)

Frances Martin-Isaacs (GIH 94) has been living in France for the last two years. She is a professional graphic designer.

Isabelle von Rundstedt née Overbeck (Sennocke 94) married her childhood sweetheart Constantin von Rundstedt.

Kate Taylor (Sennocke 95) ran the 2007 London Marathon raising £2,793.38 for Breakthrough Breast Cancer.

Alex Beaumont (Hardinge 96) was married in August to Claire Harle. Floris Vermeulen (IC 96) officiated, and Jeremy Harvey (Wordsworth 96) was best man.

Nicky Cummings née Mee (Park Grange 96) writes, 'I am the Senior Psychologist in Human Factors for the MOD – trying to facilitate better negotiation and understanding among international decision-makers in order to avoid further conflict. Mike and I married in September 2005 in a beech wood at the top of the hill behind our house, with our chickens, dog, friends and family in attendance. In addition to my work, I have started training part-time to become a psychotherapist.'

Jacobina Plummer (Sennocke 96) was a reporter for Television New Zealand's main news programme, *One News*, for the past three years. She is now back in London.

Anne-Marie Haskell (GIH 97) is working as a scuba-diving instructor on the island of Utila, Honduras.

Zahid Ziyaev (IC 97) is setting up a consulting, trading and travel company in Beijing. He married for the second time last year in Karaganda, Kazakhstan.

Anna Bolte (GIH 98) is the director and co-owner of BolteLang which opened in January 2008 in Zurich.

Eleanore Browning née Ward (Park Grange 98) and her husband Matthew have a daughter, Christine Patricia, born 20 September 2007.

Kirabo Jackson (IC 98) writes, 'After completing my BA in Ethics Politics and Economics at Yale University, I did my MA and PhD at Harvard University. I am now an assistant professor of Labor Economics at Cornell University. My primary research focus is on the economics of education.'

Emily Rowcliffe (GIH 98) studied Nursing at the University of Brighton and is now a school nurse at Tonbridge School.

Mike Soulsby (IC 98) is living in Peru, trying to start an export business in agricultural produce, initially working as a broker (sales agent) in mangoes, grapes, and asparagus. He plays cricket in Lima with a team founded in 1900.

Claire Le Hur (Sennocke 99) is head of Classics at Rugby School.

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Christopher Pollard (Fryth 00) is engaged to Philippa Bone (GIH 00). They continue to work for the NHS in Oxford.

Andrew Gourlay (IC 01) toured South America in the summer playing with the Gustav Mahler Jugendorkester and was interviewed on BBC TV during the orchestra's Prom.

Alexander Sparey (IC 01) is working for the art house Phillips de Pury towards the shows of fashion photographers Mario Testino and Guy Bourdin. Alexander will be moving to Pimlico in September with Janina Joffe (GIH 01).

Mariko Tavernier (GIH 02) is living in London with Lilian Kwok (GIH 02) and studying the Legal Practice Course. If all goes well with the exams she should begin her training contract with Slaughter and May in March 2009, after a break, travelling.

Ai San Lim (GIH 03) works in a think-tank for an opposition party, Democratic Action Party in Kuala Lumpur as a Researcher and Administrative Executive.

Chris Candfield (Fryth 04) spent his third year at Warwick in Frankfurt working for Deutsche Bank's Equity Research department and JPMorgan Cazenove in the Mergers and Acquisitions department.

Chris Porter (Groves 04) writes, 'Max Cooke (Wordsworth 04), John-Paul Duncan (Caxton 04), Leopold von Bulow-Quirk (Wordsworth 03) and I have been working on our debut album for Columbia Records. We, GoodBooks, signed to Columbia in May last year and have had the most amazing year of our lives. Our first single proper came out in December and the next, 'The Illness', the first chart eligible single was released on 7 May 2007.'

Ed Rance (IC 05) has been elected as the Rhodes Scholar for Bermuda for 2008. He will take up his place at Oxford to read for a Master of Studies in English after finishing his first degree at Cambridge.

*The Club office welcomes all your news and appreciates change of address and email.*

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## AVAILABLE FOR OLD SENNOCKIANS

### CLUBS

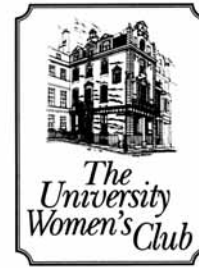
In common with all HMC Schools, OS can join three clubs in London, which also have wide-ranging reciprocity agreements. Under the J7 scheme, a fee of £185 will cover OS men up to the age of 25 at The East India Club in St James's Square, provided membership is taken up within 18 months of leaving school. OS women can join The University Women's Club in Audley Square. The Lansdowne Club, off Berkeley Square, offers membership to all OS.

Details of all three clubs can be obtained from Hope Pym at the Sennockian Club office:  
telephone: 01732 467708; email:  
club@sevenoaksschool.org.

### A HISTORY

*Sevenoaks School, A History* by Brian Scragg is available from the Bursar for £23, including p&p. Published in 1993, it covers the nearly 600-year history of the school up to Richard Barker. It is profusely illustrated with maps, drawings and photographs.

Please make your cheque payable to Sevenoaks School and send to The Bursar, Sevenoaks School, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 1HU, stating your name and address, or, for details of how to pay by credit card, email [jb@sevenoaksschool.org](mailto:jb@sevenoaksschool.org).



The Lansdowne Club



## 2008 DATES FOR DIARY: SCHOOL AND SENNOCKIAN CLUB

Wednesday 9 January	08.30	Beginning of Lent term
Saturday 12 January	14.30	35th Knole Run & 13th Girls' Knole Run
Tuesday 22 January	19.30	Development Office reception in Munich
Tuesday 12-Thursday 14 February	19.30	Junior School Production – <i>Insect Play</i>
Thursday 13 March	19.30	Music at Sevenoaks Concert (St Nicholas' Church)
Wednesday 19 March	15.30	End of Lent term
Tuesday 15 April	08.30	Beginning of Summer term
Friday 25 April	19.30	Alan Adler Concert – St John's, Smith Square (London)
Tuesday 29 April-Thursday 1 May	19.30	Middle School Production – <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>
Saturday 3 May		Sennockian Club 5-a-side Football (Sennocke Centre) (contact <a href="mailto:acs@sevenoaksschool.org">acs@sevenoaksschool.org</a> for details)
Friday 9 May	19.00	Sennockian Club 10th reunion for class of 98
Saturday 24 May		Leavers' Day
Saturday 24 May	19.00	PA Great Gatsby Ball (PG Lawn)
Friday 13 June	13.30 16.30 18.30	Junior School Sports Day Middle School Pentathlon Competition Sennockian Club – Central London Reunion
Sunday 15 June	16.00	PA New Parents' Drinks
Wednesday 18-Saturday 21 June	19.30	Senior Production – <i>Another Country</i>
Monday 23 June	19.30	Young Musicians' Forum
Saturday 28 June		Founder's Day (all OS are invited to bring a picnic and have a drink in Manor House)
Sunday 29 June		OS cricket v First XI (Solefields)
Thursday 10 July		Vine Cricket Week: the OS v the Vine Cricket Club and the Old Tonbridgians in a triangular 20:20 competition
Wednesday 3 September	08.30	Beginning of Michaelmas term
Sunday 7 September	am/pm	Sennockian Club – 2008 Festival of Sport
Friday 12 September	19.00	Sennockian Club – 40th reunion dinner for classes of 68 and 69
Friday 3 October	19.00	Sennockian Club – 25th reunion dinner for class of 83
Tuesday 7- Friday 10 October	19.30	Senior Production: <i>The Compleat Works of Shakespeare (abridged)</i>
Saturday 8 November	pm	Round Table Fireworks (Duke's Meadow)
Friday 5 December (TBC)	14.30	Junior Knole Run
Monday 15 December	19.00	Carol Service, followed by PA reception (St Nicholas' Church)
Wednesday 17 December	15.30	End of Michaelmas term
Thursday 18 December	13.00	Staff Christmas Lunch
2008 Fixtures, Sennockian Club Golf:		
Friday 28 March		Spring Meeting (Littlestone)
Late April (TBC)		Invitation match v Wildernesse
Friday 30 May		Summer Meeting, Royal Ashdown Forest
Mid June (TBC)		v Sevenoaks School; v Royal Cinque Ports, Deal
Friday 12 September		Autumn Meeting, Rye

All dates are correct at the time of going to press, but may be subject to change.