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*Opposite: Detail of
GCSE artwork by Max Thorpe*

OLD SENNOCKIANS

ALUMNI REVIEW



SENNOCKIAN CLUB EVENTS



Above: Class of 1999
10th reunion.

Below: Jon Hallett,
Andrew Grant, David Baumslag,
class of 1989.

Above Right: Class of 1999,
Claire LeHur, Helen Tebay,
Jo Baxter.

Below Right: Louise Basson,
Emma Fung, Coco Kakaria.



TENTH REUNION – CLASS OF 1999

There was a record turnout for the tenth reunion for the class of 1999 held at the school on 25 April. Over 100 former students and staff had drinks on Jockey's Platch before dinner in the dining hall. Mike Bolton greeted the guests, and a lively party ensued. OS from the US, Germany, Italy, Austria, Belgium, Switzerland and Namibia came especially for the evening.

JOHNSONS SPRING LUNCH

Johnsonians met for lunch at Edwards Brasserie in Weald on 30 April. Christopher Castle (Johnsons 58) has taken on the role of organiser from Clive Hutchinson. Next year's lunch will be on April 29 for all Johnsonians up to 1960. Christopher would like to expand the mailing list and welcomes OJs to contact him via: club@sevenoaksschool.org

20TH REUNION – CLASS OF 1989

The OS office was uncertain how many members of the class of 1989 would return to school on 15 May for their reunion – a new fixture in the OS diary – but thought that it was worth a try. In the end twice as many as were anticipated came from as far away as Hong Kong, Australia, Canada, the US and, as Mike Bolton said in his greeting, Dunton Green. Drinks in the library, followed by a delicious dinner in the dining hall, were just a preamble for quite a few OS who went on celebrating all night. Four perfectly articulate, but rumpled former students could be seen walking to the train station at 8 o'clock the next morning. For most of the guests the 25th reunion cannot come soon enough.

CENTRAL LONDON REUNION AT THE COOPERAGE

Alex Smith, Staff Liaison for the OS, and four colleagues hosted the Central London Reunion on 12 June at The Cooperage by London Bridge. Forty OS, including several from the class of 1989 who had recently celebrated their 20th reunion at the school, came for a drink. This is now a permanent fixture in the OS calendar. All OS working or living in London are most welcome to come.

FOUNDER'S DAY

The Sennockian Club had open house on Founder's Day, 27 June. Former students sat on Manor House lawn with picnics and renewed their acquaintance with the school and one another. Chris Horncastle appeared, spoke to the school archivist, went away and reappeared with seven pristine school sporting caps from earlier days. Promises were made to donate biffs gathering dust in people's attics. All OS are invited to come to the next Founder's Day, 3 July 2010. Just let us know.



SENNOCKIAN CLUB SPORT



KNOLE RUN

Five OS ran in the 36th Annual Knole Run on 17 January 2009. Ben Reynolds, having been absent for a number of years, was back on form and had the fastest time of 33 minutes 2 seconds. Elliott Bourne, Marcus Fanshaw and Sam Gregory, who also competed, will be celebrating their 10th reunion in 2010 and promise to start the year participating in the Knole Run. All OS are invited to come.

FIVE-A-SIDE FOOTBALL

The second annual five-a-side football tournament for OS took place in the Sennocke Centre on Saturday 2 May. Twelve teams competed for the impressive Sennockian Football Cup. It was great to see such a wide range of age groups represented, from former pupils who left the school in 1990 to those who left in 2004. Once again there was also a good contingent of supporters to cheer on the teams. The tournament was won by the OS of 1994, captained by James Fraser, who beat the 2003 team led by Miles Gardiner, in a compelling and keenly contested final. The cup was presented by Alex Smith who had organised the event. It was a highly enjoyable day, and the club looks forward to seeing everyone back again next year.

SAILING

OS Sailors Ben Field and Dom Johnson along with the new Sevenoaks School Sailing coach, Andrew Cornah, won the prestigious Wilson Trophy 2009 in May. Bruce Hebbert umpired the finals against the top American team from Larchmont.

Ben Field and Dom Johnson, with Andrew Cornah, all sailing for The Hawks, are also the newly crowned 2009 RYA National Team Racing Champions after a showdown at Bough Beech Sailing Club on 14-15 March. The Championships were dominated by OS sailors. Three past Captains were in the runners-up team, The Lions, and 11 of the 24 teams were crewed by Sennockian sailors. This is a huge tribute to the quality of the racing programme at Sevenoaks School.



Nick Tunnell, Stuart Seldon,
Ollie Jones

CRICKET

On 21 June 2009, the First XI once again entertained a team of OS on a warm summer's day at Solefields. After a successful season to date, the school were looking for their ninth win of the campaign to set a post-Millennium record for the number of victories in a season. The OS side had a more youthful look about it than in previous years with four of the 2008 team making their first appearance.

On winning the toss, Captain Nick Tunnell elected to bat first. The decision was vindicated as openers David Franklin (20) and Stuart Seldon (32) got the side off to a quick start, before Dan Haley (51 in 26 balls) took a particular dislike to the school attack, dispatching the bowling to all parts and sending spectators scurrying for cover with three huge sixes. The OS looked to be cruising at 110-1 after 15 overs, before the loss of three quick wickets reduced their momentum. Solid rebuilding work from Ollie Jones (23), before he was cruelly run out, laid the platform for Sam Cox to score a well paced 47 and lead the Old Boys to 214 all out from their 35 overs.

In reply, the school suffered an immediate setback with one of the openers removed in the first over. After this however, the two young batsmen

equipped themselves well and it looked like being a tight affair until the introduction of the spin of Jones and Will Wilkin. The pair claimed two and three victims apiece at regular intervals to halt the First XI's progress and ensure the OS were always on top. They were assisted by an excellent fielding performance that saw Bryan Richardson snare a sharp chance at slip and Nick Tunnell cling onto four catches in the deep. Josh Parker claimed three late wickets to seal an impressive 70-run victory as the school eventually succumbed to 144 all out, four overs before the end.

Team: Nick Tunnell (captain), Stuart Seldon (wk), David Franklin, Dan Haley, Mark Spelman, Josh Parker, Ollie Jones, Sam Cox, Will Wilkin, Bryan Richardson

Nick Tunnell

CRICKETING NEWS:

Henry Wardley

Henry Wardley (School House 08), who regularly plays for the Excalibur in the New Jersey State Cricket and Umpire's Association was selected to play for the United States U19 team in a qualifying tournament in Canada for the 2010 U19 World Cup in Kenya. The US came second and won four out of their five games. Henry played throughout and was awarded Man of the Match in the first game against Bahamas when he scored 73 runs and took at least one catch.

OS v Vine and Old Tonbridgeans

A headline in the *Sevenoaks Chronicle* on 16 July, 'Old Sennockians take title' referred to the triangular tournament on the Vine with the OS competing against the Vine and the Old Tonbridgeans. Will Wilkins and Josh Parker were among the OS who brought us to victory.

OLD SENNOCKIANS' GOLF SOCIETY

The first event of the year was the Grafton Morrish Qualifier at Knole Park, where the OSGS was represented by Simon Barker and James Howie, David and Colin Gellatly, Paul Kempton and Rob Whiddett. We duly squeezed home on the final green in a close finish and booked our passage to the finals in September. Congratulations to Paul and his team.

The Society's Spring Meeting was held at Littlestone in May. Jan-Peter Baert and his guest Bruno, a Belgian amateur international, commuted from Hasselt, west of Brussels to play and were having breakfast in the 19th hole by 7.30am while the rest of us were about to leave home! Conditions were bright and sunny with a vigorous 25mph wind, making the back nine particularly tough. Bruno excelled on his first visit to the course with a level par round of 72 for 37 Stableford points off a handicap of 1 – strong stuff!

However, Hugh Llewellyn-Jones showed his class and admirable stamina for a winning 36-hole score, with Rob Whiddett, one of our young lions, sharing the spoils for the Lark Tankards, one of which emerged from the depths of a cupboard after an absence of several years, thanks to James Howie's mum! We also welcomed Hugh's brother, Peter, for the first time and he dutifully partnered his elder brother to an afternoon foursomes win.

We are looking forward to the next fixture on 18 July, a match against Royal Cinque Ports, Deal, which will this year be a rather sad occasion due to the recent passing of Dick Sannucks, a past captain of the Club and long-standing member of OSGS. Dick was a great friend and mentor to many in the Society and we shall miss him dearly. We send our condolences to Dick's widow, Hilary, and the rest of his family.

Jeremy Smith, Secretary

MARRIAGES

Meera Chandaria (GIH 01) married Ricky Shah on 13 September 2008

Richard Chilvers (Grote 94) married Louise Marks on 15 November 2008

Edward Cooke (Fryth 97) married Chloe Barnes on 16 August 2008

Emma Coulter (Park Grange 94) married Jim Collingbourne on 9 February 2008

Alexander Dunaev (IC 04) married Marina Munkina on 25 October 2008

Katrina Frost (Fryth 93) married Greg Butler on 14 March 2009

Richard Harris (Tammadge 94) and Georgia Kennett (Taylor 96) were married on 21 June 2008

Nigel Hawkins (Johnsons 95) married Alice Gillington on 6 September 2008.

Alistair Leach (Wordsworth 96) and Shevaun Porter (GIH 96) were married in April 2007

Gavin Palmer (School House 89) married Marleen van Griensven on 6 June 2008

Marion Raguin (GIH 01) married Jack Langdon on 10 May 2008

Tammy Reynolds (Fenton 96) married Alex Barker on 30 August 2009.

Russell Seymour (Fryth 93) married Kim Chivers on 30 May 2009

Vandana Shah (Sennocke 90) married Richard Harris on 14 February 2009

David Showell (Taylor 00) married Hanna Dartnall on 24 May 2007

Buky Sofola (GIH 01) married Lanre Alakija on 30 December 2008

Salim Somjee (Plender 94) married Katherine West on 15 November 2008

Clare Spallini (Tammadge 90) married Andrew Hedger on 17 June 2007

Vicky Tucker (Plender 01) married Chris Smith (Johnsons 01) on 27 June 2009.

Sarah Tunstall (Fryth 99) married Iain Milne on 6 September 2008

Andy Wallis (Wordsworth 99) married Michelle Spence on 25 April 2009

Georgina Watts (Wordsworth 99) married Ian Fletcher on 21 December 2008

DEATHS

Jack Aisher (former Governor) died on 14 November 2008

John Bricknell (Johnsons 49) died on 8 October 2008

Ros Chard (former Staff) died on 20 August 2009

Frederick Collingwood (Fenton 55) died on 12 October 2008

Carol Cookson (former staff) died on 1 February 2009

Michael Davis (Hardinge 70) died on 9 January 2009

Alan Everitt (Grote 43) died on 8 December 2008

Robin Everitt (Grote 42) died on 31 May 2008

John Fraser (Hardinge 50) died in April 2008

David Greene (Johnsons 1955) died on 16 November 2008

Peter Jeremiah (Grote 51) died on 18 September 2008

Nigel Luby (Johnsons 72) died on 29 November 2008

Anthony Parkhurst (39) died on 14 February 2009

Colwyn Philipps, 3rd Viscount St Davids (Hardinge 55) died on 26 April 2009

Christopher Prout, Lord Kingsland (Johnsons 59) died on 12 July 2009

Richard Sunnucks (School House 44) died on 18 June 2009

Nicholas Taylor (Fryth 71) died on 5 August 2007

Ron Terry (Fenton 37) died on 16 September 2008

Brian White (Johnsons 31) died on 10 November 2008

Ian Wood (Wordsworth 53) died on 5 September 2008

OBITUARIES

ROS CHARD 1955-2009

We were very saddened to learn that Ros had died at the end of the summer holidays, following a year's battle with illness.

Ros studied Classics at the University of Exeter and King's College, London. She joined the school in September 2000, having previously taught at West Heath School, where she had been a pupil herself. In between West Heath and Sevenoaks, Ros pursued the very different career of selling seaweed as fertiliser. The determination and resilience which were always hallmarks of her character ensured she made a success of this most unlikely of ventures. Ros managed to combine her work at Sevenoaks with the arduous task of managing a farm and looking after five daughters. It is testament to her character that she managed all three aspects of her life so well. Ros was never one to cut corners, and was determined that none of her pupils should underperform through laziness or lack of application. This meant that she was particularly effective with the disenchanting and less able, and I am sure many of her former pupils are very grateful to Ros for the encouragement she gave them at GCSE. All of us in the Classics department shall miss her greatly. Ros took great pride in the numerous achievements of her five daughters. Our thoughts are very much with them as they adjust to life without such a supportive and caring mother.

Simon Carr

CAROL COOKSON 1945-2009

As Headmaster's wife for five years, Carol preferred to work quietly behind the scenes, entertaining visitors and guest speakers or helping out at the Festival. 'She was a lovely quiet lady,' wrote one Sevenoaks School correspondent after her death. 'I can't say I knew her well,' wrote another, 'but each week after Wednesday 8 [a lecture series], the speaker, together with a couple of prefects, would repair to the Headmaster's House where Carol would be the perfect hostess; humble, touchingly shy, always poised, utterly hospitable and gracious. In the hurly-burly of the school week, it was like entering an oasis of gentility and refinement. I cherish those memories, and I think of her now, her eyes filled with kindness as well as sharp humour, alive for the irony of any situation.' Carol was many things: a devoted wife and mother, a fine cook, a gifted gardener, a fixer and maker of anything from chairs and dresses to electric wiring: she was wildly capable – and a brilliant improviser. She was born in Sri Lanka and educated at the Hill School, Nuwara Eliya, before being sent home to school at Woldingham. Spells at the UN in New York, with the Foreign Office in Kuala Lumpur and with Butterfield & Swire in Hong Kong allowed her to see more of the world before she married Tommy. They had three daughters, the youngest of whom, Liz, spent three years at Sevenoaks. On 1 February this year, Carol lost her long and courageous battle with cancer.

Tommy Cookson

Robin Everitt, goalkeeper,
with other members of the
Sevenoaks School Staff Soccer
Team 1948.

Left to right:
Mr Tozer (Master-in-charge of
PE); VG Hopkins; JMC Parks;
Mr Preece (school cleaner);
EJ Wenham; Mr Cole; Mr Mason;
RM Bate; J Robinson;
RW Wheeler; Robin Everitt



ALAN MILNER EVERITT 1926-2008

Alan Everitt (Grote 43) was the third of the Everitt brothers to attend the school. His older brother, Robin, also died in 2008 (see right). He was an outstanding local historian, raising awareness of the academic importance of his field, as demonstrated by his election as Fellow to the British Academy in 1989. He held the Hatton Chair of English Local History at the University of Leicester from 1968 until his retirement in 1982. Obituaries of him appeared in *The Times*, the *Guardian* and the *Independent*, where the headline read, 'Alan Everitt: Historian who transformed the study of local communities.' His brother Francis spoke at Alan's funeral and wrote to the OS office immediately following his death: 'Two masters at Sevenoaks School had a powerful intellectual influence on Alan: George Rich, whom I never knew, who later became the Head of Bristol Cathedral School, and "Jimmy" ie the Headmaster, James Arthur Higgs-Walker, who in his younger day had been a serious, published historian.' A fourth brother, Leslie, also survives him.

Hope Pym

ROIBIN GEORGE EVERITT 1924-2008

Robin Everitt (Grote 42), the oldest Everitt brother to attend the school, returned in 1946 to teach for two years, having received a first in Maths at Imperial College. One of his pupils was his youngest brother Francis, now Professor of Astrophysics at Stanford University. Robin continued to teach and was Head of Maths at Solihull School from 1959-84. He kept the OS office up to date with the achievements of his siblings and shared his schoolboy recollections. Insightful and charming, his letters offer an observant and unsentimental portrait of a school. In his retirement he continued to be a leading member of the Tyndale Society and pursued a wide range of interests including philately, British rail network and Abyssinian cats. He was predeceased by his son and his wife Joy, to whom he was married for 30 years.

Hope Pym

THE REVEREND DAVID ARTHUR KIRSOPP GREENE 1936-2008

David Greene, who died of cancer in 2008, infused everything he did with gusto, conviction and grace. The great turning point in his life was being converted to Christianity during his two years National Service in the Royal Artillery. He had vowed when he left school that he would never enter a church again, having been forced to go every week as a boarder at school. However, he attended a Christian meeting during his first week in the officer's mess at Larkhill where he had been posted, and the direction of his life was radically changed from that time on. David was born in Winchester, spending his childhood in the ancestral family home on the edge of the race course at Epsom. He attended school as a boarder in Johnsons where he finished as House Captain. He played a full part in school life, singing in the choral society and taking lead roles in the school plays. He was also Vice Captain of swimming, Secretary of Boxing, Secretary of the Science Society and Company Sergeant Major in the CCF. Following National Service he took up a place at St Peter's, Oxford to read geology but felt a call to be ordained in the Church of England. This required a further two-year course at theological college (Tyndale Hall, Bristol). Following curacies in Crawley and East Riding, Yorkshire, he ministered for over 30 years in a number of rural parishes in the Sherborne area, where he made many friends and influenced many lives. This was borne out by a very moving Service of Thanksgiving in a packed Sherborne Abbey attended by a congregation of over 500. David supported his Old Johnsonians and could be relied upon to say grace at their gathering as well as joining in the fun. He was a very loyal friend to many and his exchange partner from a 1953 Danish school exchange, Hans, was present at the Thanksgiving Service. David met and married Susan when in his first curacy at Crawley. They have two children, Deborah and Stephen, and two grandchildren. For all his warmth, enthusiasm and caring nature he will be remembered best for his Christian faith and ministry.

David Stuart-Smith



PETER JEREMIAH 1934-2008

'You must grow, Jeremiah,' Mrs Higgs-Walker said when the Headmaster sent Peter to be auditioned for the school play. Peter was short in stature but big in heart, both generous and very gregarious. His schoolboy honour was much in evidence when, on one occasion, he refused to name the boy who hoisted a shot-put in the classroom and broke his arm. He had a passion for sailing and all things nautical. During National Service in the Navy he celebrated the Coronation by setting off fireworks from the deck of a destroyer in the English Channel. And earlier, he helped keep the 1953 Floods at bay as part of a sandbagging detachment. In later years, he was active in the British Legion. Peter's working life was spent chiefly in London. He imported cotton while employed by a merchant bank, had a job with Lloyds and latterly sold council houses for the GLC. He became a senior member of a London Masonic Lodge, in the footsteps of both his father and grandfather. Peter met his wife Diana while working as a holiday representative in Guernsey. They had daughters Alison and Mary and then, more than ten years later, a son, William. Peter lived all his married life in Otford, a short distance from where he and his brothers were born. His ashes were scattered at Windy Corner on the Norfolk Broads. This was done, under full sail, in the presence of his sailing friends in a flotilla of boats.

Brian Jeremiah

NIGEL LUBY 1954-2008

Nigel Luby (Johnsons 72), who died at his Eel Pie Island home on 29 November 2008, was best known for his work as a sound technician for Yes and for his studio work with bands like The Alarm, Marillion and Mike Oldfield. Having attended the New Beacon, he joined the school in 1968 as a boarder in Johnsons. He excelled in art and according to his housemaster, Mr Holliday, in his last report, 'survived this year thanks entirely to his artistic ability and sheer charm, both of which are considerable'. His charm in particular stayed with him along with a fabulous sense of humour. Nigel was a recording engineer of the highest professional standards. He is survived by his daughter Eleanor and will be missed by all those fortunate to have met him in professional or personal life.

Eleanor Luby

CHRISTOPHER PROUT, LORD KINGSLAND 1942-2009

Christopher Prout, Lord Kingsland (Johnsons 59) was knighted in 1990 and made a life peer in 1994. As Barrister-at-Law, legislator, member of the European Parliament, Shadow Lord Chancellor, deputy High Court judge and Fellow of Queen's College, Oxford, Christopher distinguished himself by his ability to be a political animal true to the law. He earned the respect of his colleagues in the Lords for his skill in building bipartisan consensus, and was awarded Peer of the Year in 2006 by *The House Magazine*. His entry in *Who's Who* cites gardening, boating, musical comedy and the turf as recreations. These are fitting pastimes for a Sennockian and Johnsonian who achieved much distinction.

Hope Pym

NICHOLAS TAYLOR 1952-2007

Nicholas Taylor (Fryth 71) worked for the Education Department of Hammersmith Council until his retirement due to ill health in 1994. He continued to be active in the community and fulfilled the role of parent to his young son Benjamin and house husband up until 2007. He leaves his wife Rosemary, son Benjamin and OS brother Simon.

Rosemary Taylor



RONALD TERRY 1920-2008

Ron Terry (Fenton 37) began writing to the OS office in 2005 with memories of his schooldays and his classmates in particular. He would scan the lists of deaths and fill in any details that he could remember. A walking compendium of facts about Sevenoaks, Ron could focus on any time period and recall the appearance of the High Street and quite possibly who was walking along the pavement. He was the author of *Old Corners of Sevenoaks* and worked for the Sevenoaks Rural Council for 37 years. Brother to two Sennockians, cousin to another and nephew to another, Ron came to the school in 1930 from Lady Boswell's and stayed until 1937. He was a keen musician and played in the school orchestra on a clarinet given to him by A P Rollett.

He donated the clarinet to the school in 2007 for use by a similarly placed scholarship boy. He is cited in the Sennockian 1936, playing cricket: 'His left-hand action is very easy and natural but his bowling seems to lack life from the pitch. He must learn to put more energy into the last part of his delivery and also to vary his flight better.' He died four days before his 64th wedding anniversary. He leaves his widow, Joyce Terry.

Hope Pym

BRIAN WHITE 1913-2008

Brian White (Johnsons 31) travelled from Guernsey to attend Sevenoaks School as a boarder from 1928-31. He always spoke with pride of having been an 'old boy' of Sevenoaks and credited the education he received there with recognising and fostering his creative talents, particularly in the arts. He also treasured a photograph of the undefeated First XV Rugby team of 1930, of which he was a member, presented by J A Higgs-Walker. Although it was not possible for him to keep close links with the school over the years, he did maintain the friendship of another member of that team, Neil Robertson, until Neil's death three or four years ago and they were both best man at each other's wedding. He was a Captain in the Royal Signals and was responsible for providing communications for the advancing troops during the Normandy Landing. As Secretary to the Ancient Monuments committee of Guernsey he instigated the development of the Fort Grey and Castle Cornet Museums and then the building of the Candie Museum where in 2004 an exhibition gallery was named after him.

Meg White

1940-1959

Jack Reason (Johnsons 46) and his partner, Jacky Berry, went on a cruise starting in the Antarctic and travelling back to UK via South Africa, the Indian Ocean, the Suez Canal, the Black Sea, the Mediterranean and finally arriving home at the end of May 2009. It was a suitable celebration for an about-to-be octogenarian.

Jeremy Shaw (School House 47) has moved to Oxford, New Zealand, a lovely, small town nestled in the foothills of the Southern NZ Alps. He remembers how cold it was in the winters during World War II as there was little heating in School House. He also recalls tobogganing in Knole Park after heavy snowfall. Girls were almost totally absent except for concerts in Johnsons' Hall, which may explain his lifelong love of classical music and drama.

John Watts (School House 58) left the UK in 1966 for what turned out to be a lifetime career in the offshore banking world in the Bahamas. Since retiring, he and his wife have left the bustle of Nassau and are now enjoying the peace and tranquillity of life in Eleuthera.

Radley Spencer-Wilson (Johnsons 59) waited two months for the arrival of his 2008 Sennockian. As soon as it appeared he wrote back, 'Received this morning. Many thanks indeed. I was particularly interested in the description of the 2008 production of *The Insect Play*. In the first production in 1957 I played the lepidopterist. Our daughter took the role of Otto at her school, Parktown Girls', in Johannesburg in 1982 and so the game goes on.'

1960-1969

Oliver Taplin (School House 61) retired in 2008 as Fellow and Tutor of Classics at Magdalen College, Oxford, and was commemorated in *Performance, Iconography, Reception: Studies in Honour of Oliver Taplin*, an Oxford University Press publication.

Ian Brinton (Fryth 68 and former staff) writes that his book, *Contemporary Poetry: Poets and Poetry since 1990* has been published by Cambridge University Press. It will, he trusts, place a rather large cat among some self-satisfied pigeons. Reactions to it have been excellent so far, and Ian has visited Tonbridge School and Wellington College to speak about modern poetry. He also has a book about the postmodernist poet, J.H. Prynne, coming out from Shearsman Press in April.

Simon Fradd (Hardinge 68) writes about Michael Varnam (SH 62). 'He was a remarkable man, a senior member of the Royal College of General Practitioners and one of the first GPs to achieve Fellowship of the College by assessment. He practised for nearly 20 years in a very deprived inner-city area of Nottingham and specialised in providing care to the homeless and people with drug and alcohol problems. He died very quickly from carcinoma of the pancreas but managed to give a public lecture, for which he received a standing ovation, on the day he died.'

Dave Roberts (Johnsons 69) wrote *The Bromley Boys: The True Story of Supporting the Worst Football Team in Britain*, a personal account of their disastrous 1969-70 season. It was published in paperback in August 2008 by Portico.

1970-1979

Alastair Nisbet (Wordsworth 72) writes, 'In the days before the school dining room, we used to have our lunch in the Odeon cinema cafeteria. As we hurried along the narrow pavements into town, we were surprised to see none other than the Fab Four squeezing past, on their way to film a piece for Top of the Pops.'

Stephen Pennells (Wordsworth 72), having taught marginalised children for 19 years, is in his first year of teaching mainstream English and feeling reactionary. Not only is he the grumpy old codger of the department, but he is infuriated that his perception of teaching is so different from that of his younger colleagues. He is however coming to

have a deeper grasp of Dickens and Shakespeare which makes him aware of his naiveté at A-level. He continues to campaign on issues of international justice and development.

Roy Cross (Johnsons 73) and his family moved from Edinburgh, where he has been Director of the British Council, Scotland, to Stockholm, where he will be British Council Director, Nordics and Baltics, in July 2009. He will continue to be in London at regular junctures.

Nick Ingram (Hardinge 74) took redundancy at the beginning of 2009 from the *Daily Express*, where he was Assistant Night Editor. He is taking time out to learn Japanese, take a TEFL-style training course and do some writing.

Max Saunders (Johnsons 75) Professor of English at King's College London, was awarded the Leverhulme Major Research Fellowship 2008-10.

Jonathan Bate CBE (Wordsworth 76) has recently finished an edition of the Complete Works of Shakespeare in association with the Royal Shakespeare Company and a book about Shakespeare's life and times entitled *Soul of the Age: The Life, Mind and World of William Shakespeare*. He has also written the script for a one-man Shakespeare show performed by Simon Callow. He confesses that he is now Shakespeared out and intends to spend his time writing about Ted Hughes, whose poetry he remembers studying with Jon Campbell for O-level and discussing with his contemporary Jonathan Evans, now the director of MI5. Jonathan's wife, Paula Byrne, is the author of *Mad World: Evelyn Waugh and the Secrets of Brideshead*, which was published in August.

John Prossor (Taylor 78) was made a fellow of the Royal College of GPs last year. He and his wife Rita are both GPs in Poole. Their two sons are tennis players to watch. The elder, David, aged 19, is winning some of the full-time, lower events in Australia, and Tim, aged 15, played in the national final of Road to Wimbledon doubles in 2008.

Gordon Alchin (Caxton 79) teaches English at an eight-year gymnasium in Banska Bystrica, Slovakia, a mountainous city with access to skiing, hiking and forest walks.

Anton La Guardia (IC 79) Defence and Security Editor of *The Economist*, was shortlisted for the 2008 Orwell Prize for Journalism.

Michael Prodger (Johnsons 79) is on the panel of judges for the 2009 Man Booker Prize.

1980-1989

Ben Summerskill (IC 80) was awarded the MBE in the 2009 New Year's Honours List for services to equality and diversity.

Monica Buckley née Torry (Sackville 81) teaches History at James Allen's Girls' School in Dulwich. Her husband, Anthony, is the Chaplain at Alleyn's.

Dexter Dias (Fenton 81) was formally installed in the rank of Queen's Counsel at Westminster Hall and the High Court on 30 March 2009.

Richard Woolard (Groves 81) writes, 'I was saddened to read of the death of Jonathan Bridgwater in the last review. Johnny was a stalwart of the cross-country team in the lower years, and later became a friend in the Sixth Form. Always fun, generous, and good-natured, he was later to devote his athletic time to swimming. However, he returned to run in the Sixth Form cross-country competition – and destroyed the field. Out of school he "borrowed" his dad's company car and took me and Andy Lewis on high-speed tours of the countryside, plus trips to Brighton and Margate. His house at the top of Solefields Road was a lunchtime haven in the Sixth Form, prior to the rigours of double English on Wednesday afternoons. Although I am sure his parents must have caught up with his exploits, he never let on, and never passed the blame onto others.'

Ben Reynolds (Fryth 82) completed the London Marathon in 2 hours 33 minutes 6 seconds, finished in 80th place and 4th in the over-45s category.

Stuart Beard (Taylor 84) has been Head Teacher of an infant school in Norfolk for three years. He is married with two children.

Jonny Bourne (Wordsworth 84) was awarded the OBE for his work as commander of the Gurkhas in Afghanistan from April to September 2007. One of his responsibilities involved the overseeing of Prince Harry.

Cicely Brown (GIH 84) writes, 'After 20 years working in the printing industry in London, with a degree in Geography and an MBA, I felt, at age 42, that I needed to expand my horizons. Brought up as a British Council child I was familiar with VSO, and when a colleague on my college alumni committee came back from working with VSO in Bangladesh I felt there was an opportunity for me. I have started life in Nigeria with the Fantsuam Foundation in Kafanchan, Kaduna State.'

Denis Ovenden (former music staff 84) writes from Charleston by Glamis that he is now fully retired but still accepts the occasional bassoon engagement.

1990-1999

Nikki Grant (Grote 90) works front of house at The Folk House in Bristol: a well-established co-operative offering adult education courses, an organic café, an exhibition space and a busy programme of music and arts events. She also works one day a week supporting a woman with Down's Syndrome, writes, and regularly hosts art, music and poetry events in her home. She lives with Philip and Dylan the cat, and keeps in touch with Katja Leslie, Marcus Toop and Lizzy Guyatt.

Vandana Shah (Sennocke 90) was married at Half Moon, in Montego Bay on Valentine's Day. All the family came from Kenya.

Marie Kindberg-Martin (Groves 91) is leaving Aberdeen and moving to France with her husband Stephen.

Clare King'oo née Costley (Park Grange 93) has had a momentous 2008. Her son Edward Kibo was born in June and in September she took up a tenure-track position at the University of Connecticut in Medieval English. Her husband Kyele is Vice President in charge of Communications at the School of Business.

Rebecca Finlay née Poulton (Fenton 93) and her husband Fin are over the moon to have become proud parents of twins Elliot Tom and Oscar Louis, born on 1 August 2008.

Harry Lagarrigue née Green (Tammadge 93) writes, 'I have two children now, Jules (five) and Rose (three) and have been working for over two years for a British firm, Financial Dynamics, in Paris as a senior consultant in financial PR.'

Russell Seymour (Fryth 93) is an IT consultant. He and his wife Kim, whom he met a couple of years ago on a London to Paris bike ride, are living in Haslemere. Kim is getting her PhD, funded by Cancer Research UK, at Southampton.

Richard Chilvers (Grote 94) writes, 'I have retired from the city after 14 mostly enjoyable years. My wife Louise and I recently had a beautiful baby girl whom we named Lily. The good news is that she looks like her mother which is a relief for everyone.'

Nicki Daw née Johnson (Groves 94) and her husband James are the proud parents of Amelia born on 26 September 2007 and live in Edinburgh.

Giles Wakefield (Taylor 94) writes, 'I completed my degree in Construction Engineering Management at Loughborough in 1998 and have been software consulting for various companies in the UK and Australia. I have been living in Sydney for the past five years. I am currently working as a Planning Manager in Brisbane on a rail engineering alliance. I am due to become an Australian Citizen next year; my application is being processed by immigration. When I am not working I can be found surfing in Australia or Indonesia on one of my nine surfboards.'

Shevaun Leach née Porter (GIH 96) and **Alistair Leach** (Wordsworth 96) have been living in Hong Kong for the last three years where Alistair works for Crédit Suisse. Their daughter Clara Jade Elizabeth was born on 9 April 2009.

Laurel Pardue Smith (GIH 96) writes, 'Having been in London a couple of Novembers ago, I ended up getting hired at a Pro Audio company in California. We make hardware and write the programs on which most CDs are produced and film tracks are assembled. It's refreshing after the military. Now I'm working with a bunch of wannabe rockers. But for some reason I have decided to go back to graduate school. It will be either Mills College in California or the Media Lab at MIT. Mills has a phenomenal contemporary music program. MIT is more engineering, two very different vectors. Both will be interesting and fun. I'm leaning towards the Media Lab.'

Chloe Breen née Bunn (Park Grange 98) and her husband Shane established Breen Equestrian in May 2007. Breen Equestrian is at the heart of British Show Jumping at the All England Jumping Course, Hickstead. In Ireland, Breen Equestrian is based in Cashel, County Tipperary.

Brett Goldstein (Hardinge 98) has branched out from acting and stand-up comedy to write *Success Story* which was broadcast on the Radio Four Play for Today slot and starred Geoff Streatfeild.

Kitty Jack (SEU 98), along with 18 Wellington College staff and students, swam the English Channel in August 2009 to raise money for Hope and Homes for Children, a charity that provides refuge and support for children who have lost parents in civil wars (see www.justgiving.com/wellingtonchannelswim). Seven swimmers made it to France in an amazing 12 hours and 18 minutes. Kitty writes, 'I cannot thank you all enough for your generous sponsorship, which not only will change the lives of many children but which served as a source of inspiration to keep swimming and pushing ourselves over the last 15 months.'

Ed Blanchard Wigglesworth (IC 99) is at the University of Washington working towards a doctorate in Atmospheric Sciences.

Svenja Malchow (Park Grange 99) is living and working in Munich where she is a freelance Senior SAP BI (Business Intelligence) Consultant.

Sarah Milne née Tunstall (Fryth 99) is back in the UK, having worked in Sydney from 2005 to early 2008. Married to Iain Milne, whom she met at Southampton University, she now works for Hyder Consulting on their Environmental Impact Assessment team, based in Bristol.

Stanley Pignal (IC 99) writes, 'Latest developments here: I am engaged to be married to Elvira Eilert, whom I met while studying at the LSE. After a few years at Shell doing corporate finance, and a bout of travel, I moved to the *Financial Times*, where I've been covering UK corporate news for the past year. I am now in Brussels, where I'll be covering EU politics, still for the FT. Always happy to hear from anyone passing through town.'

2000-2008

Buky Alakija née Sofola (GIH 01) married Lanre Alakija in Lagos, Nigeria. Andre Wegner, Bryony Sellars, Rachel Kwok, Catherine Jeffery, Kamaru Alofoje and Simi Dosekun were there to celebrate.

Nicholas da Costa (IC 01) is at The Royal Society working for their Conferencing and Catering team, organising prestigious science events at their premises overlooking the Mall and St James's Park.

Andrew Gourlay (IC 01) was selected in 2008 to conduct the London Symphony Orchestra in a public masterclass with Valery Gergiev. Other master class performances have included those with Bernard Haitink and Marin Alsop.

Johnny Chatterton (Johnsons 02) graduated from Leeds University with a first in Economics and Geography in 2007. He is at present a Campaigns Officer at the Burma Campaign UK, working for human rights and democracy in Burma. Sign up for a newsletter at www.burmacampaign.org.uk

Ben Evans (IC 02) writes, 'I've been doing some TV commentary for Setanta Sports covering the World Series by Renault, which is an international motorsport championship one rung below F1. Initially studio-based, I did the last six races of the year live on site which was an amazing experience, as we go out to 25 million people. I've also been doing a lot of work at Brands Hatch on their public address circuit commentary, which is great fun.'

Julie Willats (Barker 02) graduated from UCL, and the Institute of Education where she completed her PGCE in Secondary Geography. She taught at The Bradbourne School in Sevenoaks for two years and has now moved to Solefield School, where she is Head of Geography.

Henny Syers (Grote 03) taught French, English, Games and RS to boys and girls ranging from 6-11 years at Wells Cathedral School in Somerset until September when she started a new job at St Paul's Cathedral School. She is teaching a combination of English and Humanities to pupils ranging from nine to 13 years.

James Hurley (Plender 04) directed *Madam Butterfly* for the Surrey Opera in February. He was on the spring tour of the English Touring Opera as Staff Director, assisting on productions of *The Magic Flute*, *Katya Kabanova* and directing the concert production of *Norma*.

Camilla Sanger (Taylor 04) is a trustee of SAND, Sustainable African Development. She runs a community development project in West Africa.

Alessa Popovic (GIH 06) writes, 'I'm at the end of my second year of Business Studies in Mannheim and am very excited about spending a semester abroad in Seoul starting in September. Hope to visit Sevenoaks on my next UK trip.'

Jonny Recaldin (Grote 06) writes, 'The word, filtered down, was indeed true. I was in Athens as a student during the December riots. I'm on an Erasmus scheme at the National and Kapodistrian University from the University of Leicester. I became an amateur journalist for the BBC as they interviewed me a couple of times on live TV and asked for some video footage. The *Sevenoaks Chronicle* asked for an interview as well. It spoiled Christmas which was a shame. Thankfully, it's now died down. The area where we were living had the reputation as a flashpoint because many of the residents are anarchists and anti-government. It was interesting for the first day, a bit nerve-racking on the second, but we rapidly grew accustomed to it. The low point was watching riot police retreat from our street under fire from stones, fireworks and petrol bombs. Stun grenades were used, and they were noisy, as I found out while trying to sleep.'

Tom Wild (Plender 07) has completed his first year at Exeter University studying Business Management with European Studies. Playing football and at the gym regularly, he also works at Britannia Building Society to help with the fees.

Matthew Burrard-Lucas (KJM 08) was in Washington to see one of his photographs in an exhibition at the Smithsonian Institution. It won the Youth category in an American nature photography competition.

Danny Caprice (IC 08), selected for the England men's rugby sevens squad, made his debut in Hong Kong in March where he scored a hat-trick in the first seven minutes of the game.

AVAILABLE TO 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 one-off fee 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. The Lansdowne Club in Fitzmaurice Place offers the 18-24 membership for men and women. A one-off payment is valid up to the age of 24. This must be taken up by the age of 21. OS women can join the University Women's Club off Berkeley Square.

All Sevenoaks School alumni, and Pipemakers' Scholars in particular, are most welcome to apply for membership of the Livery. Once you are granted your Freedom of the Company you are automatically eligible to apply for your Freedom of the City of London – after which you can exercise the right to walk your sheep across London Bridge! Members of the Livery have the opportunity to dine with their guests and fellow members in the surroundings of the wonderful City Livery Halls and the Mansion House.

FOR SALE THROUGH THE SENNOCKIAN CLUB

Enamel cufflinks with a chain fitting, designed in school colours of red and silver and featuring the school crest. Each pair comes in a presentation box.

Silk ties in school colours, 9 x 150cm.

Pashminas made from a mix of wool and silk in school colours, 164 x 62cm.

For further information contact Hope Pym, The Sennockian Club, 01732 467708. club@sevenoaksschool.org



**RACHEL CARGILL THOMSON**

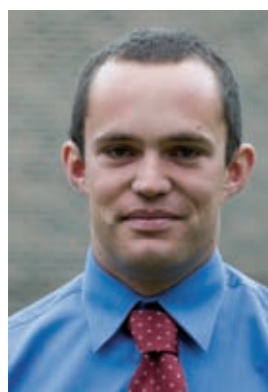
Five years ago Rachel came from the world of finance to join the Mathematics department. As IT coordinator, Rachel greatly enhanced our ability to deliver our subject. In the classroom she has been enthusiastic and the Junior Maths club thrived under her supervision. I know that her tutees have appreciated the time and effort she has put into their care. Outside the classroom, her contribution to shooting cannot be overstated. The introduction of shooting in Year 9 has allowed the better shooters an extra year to represent the school at major competitions. We wish Rachel all the best for the future.

Andrew Presland

**HANNAH ELLIS**

Hannah first got to know about Sevenoaks School while working as an apprentice and youth leader at St Nicholas' Church. She was a recent Oxford Biology graduate and, in 2004, joined the school to find out whether a career in teaching suited her. It soon became apparent that she was an absolute natural. She inspired her classes with her enthusiasm for the subject, and a great sense of humour balanced with just the right degree of discipline. She taught both netball and hockey in the Middle School and was a demon on the pitch herself, playing for the staff ladies' football and hockey teams, usually on the forward line. She also helped run the Junior Christian Fellowship group. Hannah leaves Sevenoaks to look after her baby, Elspeth, and we wish her and Paul the best of luck with their new life in Suffolk.

Arabella Stuart

**RICHARD CROOK**

Richard joined the school in 2004 as a fresh-faced 24-year-old who could have easily been mistaken for a Sixth Former. He has been an extremely enthusiastic Chemistry teacher, passionate about bringing across the excitement of his subject to his students. He carried out spectacular chemical demonstrations in class, as well as for the benefit of the whole school during Science Week. The ceiling of his laboratory will bear the scars for many years to come.

Outside the classroom, Richard's major love was sailing and he helped out three afternoons every week at Bough Beech Reservoir, giving up a great deal of his time for the C team. Richard spent four years as a non-residential tutor in the International Centre, where he was highly regarded.

Richard enjoyed an excellent relationship with all his classes and will be sorely missed. He leaves us, hardly looking a day older than when he arrived, to take up a position as Head of Department at Ardingly College.

Steve Owen

**MARTIN GOFF**

Upon meeting Martin, you soon realise that he's a man of many parts. But there's one thing that unites these parts – an irrepressible competitiveness.

Cricket matches can go on until quite late, and most people are keen to leave once it gets past seven o'clock on a Saturday evening. Not Goffy. His team talk and post-match analysis can sometimes go on longer than the match itself. After a while, one of the boys will say, 'Sir, it's dark.' The pupils, of course, adore him.

Next there's the cut and thrust of debating. Martin has transformed the status of MUN within the school, and raised the school's profile internationally. The club is so popular that every week students spill out of the classroom.

But always leavening the competitive streak is his strong sense of compassion. And it's the two together that make him an outstanding teacher of both English and RS. His lessons are lively, full of enthusiasm and fun. In an era of increasing specialism, Martin is that rare breed, the all-round schoolmaster. He can turn his hand to anything. He has transformed the provision of EAL (English as an additional language) in the school, run a fantastic programme for Junior Scholars and secured wonderful results for his students. He's taken umpteen theatre trips and is a regular on exchanges.

So, man of competition and compassion, tremendous teacher, inspirational sports coach, MUN guru, captain of the staff cricket team, the Orbilians, and all-round good egg, Martin's loss is immeasurable. We wish him every happiness in his marriage and every success at King's Chester, where he will delight his colleagues and enrich the lives of his pupils for many years to come.

Chris Greenhalgh



Bruce Hbbert

BRUCE HEBBERT

It will come as no surprise that Bruce Hebbert has had a passion for sailing from his childhood days. He grew up and learnt to sail in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Following three years studying Maths and Chemistry at Dalhousie University he left Canada to join the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth and went on to serve as a sub-lieutenant in the Far East, South Pacific and the Antarctic. He then left the Navy and in 1973 went to Jesus College, Oxford, to read PPE. Following graduation he had a spell in business and then, in 1983, joined the school to teach Business Studies.

He and Amanda, whom he had married a year earlier, both quickly became involved in boarding, initially as tutors in the GIH and then in setting up and running Sennocke. If this wasn't enough to keep him busy, at the same time Bruce took over the Sailing Club from Keith Churchman.

Sailing had been a successful sport at Sevenoaks since the days when Brian Scragg had organised it at Chipstead Lake, but over the next 20 years Bruce made us into the premier sailing school in the United Kingdom. During this time our sailors have competed successfully and won a total of eight international championships.

In 2000 Bruce joined the RYA as a high-performance manager but, fortunately for us, returned to the school a year later having missed teaching Economics and coaching our pupils. Bruce's influence on sailing has extended well beyond the school, as Commodore of the British Schools Dinghy Racing Association, Chairman of RYA Team Sailing and an international umpire.

Bruce can be justly proud of what he has achieved at Sevenoaks and will be greatly missed by pupils and colleagues as a respected and dedicated teacher and a truly inspirational sailing coach.

Mike Bolton

**PHIL LEESE**

After 22 years of dedicated service to the school, we say thank you and wish Phil Leese a very happy retirement.

His involvement in the life of the school has been extensive; he has always given his time freely for the benefit of those that he has taught and tutored, or supervised on one of the many trips in which he has been involved.

Being an exceptional organiser, he has turned his hand to many 'secondary duties' which have included the formation of the William Sennocke Society. He ran this for six years and invited some 60 renowned speakers to talk to our Junior Scholars. He ran the Bronze section of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award for seven years and has been involved with VSU, as a driver, for all of his 22 years here. More recently he has organised all the Maths Challenge competitions in which the school has had ever-increasing success.

Many say that Mathematics and Music go together and this is definitely true with Phil. Apart from his passion for all things numerical and logical, he is a very talented singer and his involvement with the Music department started the day he joined the school, when he signed up to the Choral Society. He is proud to be the longest-serving member of the Sennocke Consort, but only because he and Peter Young joined at the same time.

In his farewell speech to the staff he finished off with an original version of 'I've got a little list' from Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Mikado*, compiling the very witty lyrics himself. Fortunately he will still be singing with the Staff and Parents' Choir and is looking forward to performing in the new auditorium when it is finished.

Andrew Presland



Emma McCoubrie

EMMA MCCOUBRIE

Emma was, and remains, a Head of Department's dream. She can teach the full gamut, from Year 7 to Upper Sixth, both English and Drama. She enjoys an excellent rapport with students and colleagues alike. When pupils see EJM on their timetable, they know they'll be well taught and fully prepared for the exams; but more than that, they're certain to enjoy the subject, be infected by her enthusiasm and reassured by the level of her professionalism and care.

Emma quickly began to cultivate an interest in pastoral roles. She began as fourth person in Lambardes, then did a successful stint covering maternity leave in Sennocke, as well as a brief spell covering maternity leave in GIH. So successful was she in these roles that Emma was soon appointed Assistant Boarding Housemistress in Park Grange, before taking over the helm after five years. With her mother running a school boarding house as well, you could say it's in her blood.

In her role as Housemistress, Emma had the opportunity of really making a difference to students' lives. She was firm and fair, and instilled good manners into the girls. She has always enjoyed a strong sense of values and a real conviction about the need to communicate a sense of right and wrong – not in any preachy way, but in a manner that makes for good neighbourliness, courtesy, and ultimately fun.

Emma moves on to Dover College where she herself went to school. She is delighted to be returning and, amazingly, was promoted even before getting there, to Head of Sixth Form.

Relentlessly cheerful, hugely dependable, supportive and strong, Emma will be sorely missed at Sevenoaks. Her new students and colleagues will relish her exceptional warmth, positive attitude, intelligence and vitality.

Chris Greenhalgh

**ASHBY MERSON-DAVIES**

Ashby retires this year after 36 years in the Biology department and 34 years as a Middle School tutor. He has been a mentor to the current Biology staff and we have all relied on him greatly to share his astonishingly detailed biological knowledge with us. In the classroom he has been meticulous in his preparation, has gone beyond the call of duty, spending his free time helping students overcome their difficulties, and has loved passing on his great enthusiasm for the natural world.

Ashby developed a passion for travelling the world to work on ecology projects and learn about the local flora and fauna. He has for many years led groups of students to various far-flung places, most recently to Indonesia. He has also accompanied a large number of other trips including DofE expeditions, BAAS meetings and YoungSox trips. His interest in the environment also led to his involvement in energy conservation and recycling projects at Sevenoaks. In addition he ran GroundForce2, the VSU group that completed many landscaping projects under his capable eye. Ashby was Theatre Technical Director for several years and designed the current Biology department staff and technical areas. He was also a dedicated sports coach, working with the U14 Rugby and Athletics teams, and U16 Tennis.

Ashby is a successful author of textbooks, including 13 OSC Revision Guides. He is currently involved as co-author of a textbook for Cambridge University Press and an Extended Essay student guide for the IB, and he has been an IB Workshop Leader. He has been an outstanding Senior Exam officer and his exceptional organisation and attention to detail has been praised by visiting inspectors. Ashby has been an immensely generous, committed and hardworking colleague and we will all miss him very much. We are delighted, however, that he will be back to organise the exams.

Arabella Stuart

**KIERAN MCLAUGHLIN**

Exceptionally bright, convivial and wise, a lippy Liverpoolian and a fine physicist, Kieran came to Sevenoaks with a reputation as a terrific teacher and as Head of the Science Faculty.

Since then, his achievements have been many and substantial. He inaugurated Science Week, successfully lobbied for the Group 4 days to be held off timetable, organised and led Science trips to CERN and Chicago, and enacted two major and brave strategic decisions. He opted to steer all our candidates towards Triple Award Science, his conviction being that this would prepare them much better for the Sixth Form. The same conviction led him to switch from GCSE to IGCSE Science. Both of these moves have since been completely vindicated.

Kieran was a key member of the Academic Committee and Heads of Faculty, where he contributed robustly but always constructively to discussion. Forthright in his views and a fierce champion of his faculty, he was also a dispenser of common sense on wider curriculum issues. This made him highly respected among his fellow HoFs. Beyond the classroom, Kieran was a dedicated Sixth Form tutor, and was jointly responsible for delivering the timetable. But after four years here, he was clearly ready for a role in senior management.

He'll make a terrific Director of Studies at Rugby. We sincerely wish him, his wife Katherine and two young boys every success and happiness in their new life there.

Chris Greenhalgh

**CHLOE TOSTEVIN**

Chloe joined the Chemistry department in September 2005 from Bancroft's. She quickly established herself as a well-organised, thorough and successful teacher. Her students have appreciated her dedication and support, especially in Extended Essays where she has helped secure many A grades.

Chloe was always willing to help out around the Chemistry department and amongst other things ran a popular discussion group for prospective medical students. She also helped out with sport wherever and whenever required and looked after Hockey, Netball and Rounders sessions. Her involvement with the CCF extended not only to Thursday afternoons, but also to night exercises and field trips.

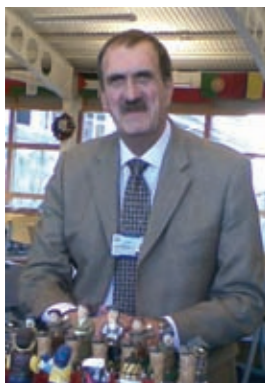
Chloe leaves us to take up a position teaching Chemistry at Alleyn's School in London. We wish her every success in her new job and for the future.

Steve Owen

**DAVID PROCTOR**

'The Doc' or 'Doc Proc' joined us from Queen Margaret's School, Escrick Park, York, in September 2004 and immediately impressed with his dedication, enthusiasm and expertise across the board. He was widely respected by the pupils he taught and was passionate about putting across the excitement of Chemistry; his spectacular bangs and flashes were legendary. He holds the record for the most fire alarms set off by a single teacher in Sevenoaks' history. Doc Proc was the original Sevenoaks 'hard man'; he loved his rugby, climbing, diving, skiing and CCF. He took part in several school skiing trips, although fortunately his skiing style of 'point down the hill and go' was not imitated by too many students. During his time at Sevenoaks he coached both the First XV and the Second XV rugby teams and took part in the very successful rugby tour of Australia. He spent the last two years of his time at Sevenoaks as Assistant Housemaster in the IC. He was greatly admired and loved by the boys for his relaxed but caring style of leadership. David leaves us to become Head of Chemistry at Lord Wandsworth College but he will be sorely missed by staff and pupils alike.

Steve Owen and Nigel Connell

**GRAHAM MERRETT**

Graham Merrett, who retired in December 2008 after almost seven years as the Estates Manager, joined Sevenoaks School after a career in the Royal Engineers, retiring as a Major. The wide experience gained and the challenges he faced in his previous career helped to develop Graham and his approach to his work. An honest, straight-talking, extremely hard-working and loyal individual, Graham provided outstanding service during his time at the school. He was a pivotal figure in the major refurbishment of D Block and the building of The Sennocke Centre, as well as in the planning and preliminary works for the Performing Arts Centre. However, his real legacy is the significant improvement to the quality of the estate, which he left in a much better state than when he arrived. Graham and his wife Elizabeth have retired locally.

Andrew Burton

**BRENDA WALPOLE**

Brenda first joined Sevenoaks in 1990 when she came to cover two maternity leaves. After 18 months she left to work at New Beacon where she ran the science curriculum. Brenda returned to us full-time in 1993 and has in her time here has been third person in Park Grange, a Lower School tutor, Head of PSD, Chair of Common Room and Head of Biology.

I asked other members of the department to describe Brenda and the recurring images were of an unflappable, knowledgeable, kind, supportive and gentle person. She is a marvellous teacher who has a genuine liking for her students and a strong desire for them to achieve the very best standard. Her knowledge of her subject is deep and her experience is immense. Brenda brought a fresh approach to the teaching and delivery of Biology when she became Head of Department and made the important decision to expand our field trip provision. In July 2007 we successfully ran the Honduras expedition, taking 25 Lower Sixth students away for 18 days. The students lived with local families in the rainforest, supported scientists in the collection of data and did a stint in the village primary school. On Utila Island, the group learned to dive and saw some amazing reef ecology. Some even wrote their Extended Essays while they were away.

Brenda is a fantastic colleague who has been a huge support to both staff and pupils alike. She will be very much missed, but we wish her all the best in her future plans.

Kerry Pitcher

We also say goodbye to the following members of the Academic staff:

Mr D Dusil Dieguez

Miss A Hammache

Mr D Rogers

Miss P Royo Grasa

Mr R Senigallia

Miss M Viruete Navarro

And the following peripatetic music teachers, sports coaches and members of the Catering and Support staff:

Mrs C Andrews

Mrs S Francis

Mrs M Goodwin

Mr A Higgins

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: SCHOOL AND SENNOCKIAN CLUB

Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14, Thursday 15 October	19.30	Upper School Production – <i>Gulliver's Travels</i>
Saturday 7 November	19.30	Round Table Fireworks, Duke's Meadow
Thursday 19 November, Friday 20 November		Student Drama Showcase
Friday 4 December	13.00	Junior Knole Run
Wednesday 9, Thursday 10, Saturday 12 December	19.30	Middle School Production – <i>A Christmas Carol</i>
Monday 14 December	19.00	Carol Service, St Nicholas' Church
Wednesday 16 December	14.30	End of Michaelmas term
Wednesday 13 January	08.30	Beginning of Lent term
Thursday 14 January	17.30	OS Netball v the school
Saturday 16 January	14.30	37th Knole Run and 15th Girls Knole Run
Sunday 17 January	14.00	OS Football
Tuesday 2-Thursday 4, Saturday 6 February	19.30	Lower School Production – <i>Brick by Brick</i>
Friday 26 March	19.30	End of Lent term
Tuesday 20 April	08.30	Beginning of Summer term
Friday 23 April	18.00	10th Reunion for the class of 2000
Thursday 29 April	12.30	Johnsons lunch at Edward's Brasserie, Weald, for OJs up to the class of 1960
Friday 30 April (tbc)	19.30	Alan Adler concert
May (tbc)		OS Golf Society spring meeting at Littlestone
Saturday 1 May	14.30	OS Five-a-side Football
Friday 14 May	19.00	20th Reunion for the class of 1990
Saturday 29 May		Leavers' Day
Friday 11 June	18.30	Sennockian Club – Central London Reunion at the Cooperage
Wednesday 23, Thursday 24, Friday 25 June	19.30	Middle/Upper School Production – <i>The Suicide</i>
Sunday 27 June (tbc)		OS Cricket v the school at Solefields
Monday 28 June (tbc)	13.45	Middle School Sports Day
July (tbc)		Vine Cricket Week: the OS v the Vine Cricket Club and Old Tonbridgians in a triangular Twenty20 competition
Friday 2 July (tbc)	09.00	Lower School Sports Day
Saturday 3 July		Founder's Day (all OS are invited to bring a picnic and have a drink in Manor House)
Saturday 3 July	16.10	End of Summer term
September (tbc)		OS Golf Society autumn meeting at Rye
Thursday 2 September	08.30	Beginning of Michaelmas term
Sunday 12 September	12.00	OS Rugby and OS Hockey
Friday 17 September (tbc)	19.00	25th Reunion for the class of 1985
Friday 12 November (tbc)	19.00	40th Reunion lunch for the classes of 1970 and 1971

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