

## 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



The news many of you have been waiting for. There will be a **GRAND DINNER on SATURDAY 14th JULY** for past students, ex staff and staff. This will take place in a marquee on Kett lawn and numbers will be limited to 500 so it will be first come first served with a closing deadline of 15 June for applications for tickets. The meal will be interspersed with some entertaining brief speeches and music. We have already heard from several people living abroad who are intent on being there - to quote '...it's only 12,000 miles'. We hope that many of you will be able to come and if the previous reunions are anything to go by it promises to be a splendid evening.

As some of you may not be able to attend the Dinner or the Ball but would like to visit the College on 14 July there is to be a **\*President's v the College cricket match** from 2.00-6.00pm. Anyone wishing to play in this match please contact **John Beales (-59)** on **01536 723460** or e-mail **johnbeales@isham60.freemove.co.uk** You are welcome to come with your family and bring a picnic. There will also be guided tours of the College for a nostalgic visit to old haunts. **\*see also page 11.**

**The 50th Anniversary Book**, written by Roger Garrard and Michael Brand, is finished, please order your copy on the enclosed sheet.



On **SATURDAY 29 SEPTEMBER** we will be holding a **COLLEGE BALL** for all past students, ex staff, staff and current parents. This will be held in the Sports Hall (for old times' sake!) Judging by the last Ball we had in May 1998 this will be a great occasion. **Details of all these events are included on the response sheet. Please fill in the appropriate section including your details at the top of the form.**

**1950s** **Bob Rowell (53-58)** is keen to make a weekend of the **50th Anniversary celebrations and would like to help to co-ordinate some 50s Former Pupils and Staff activity, Golf, general socialising etc. on Friday 13 July in the run up to the Reunion on 14 July. He is particularly keen to gather past members of the 1st XV and 1st XI from the early days. If you are interested please contact him on 01629 582229 work fax 01629 826185 mobile 0410 229126**

We have been asked if we can offer accommodation in the College on these occasions unfortunately this is not possible. But **Vanessa Scott (-76)** has been busy on your behalf and has compiled a list of local accommodation. If you stay at her hotel, Strattons, they will include transport to and from the College. Tel: 01760 723845 [www.strattons-hotel.co.uk](http://www.strattons-hotel.co.uk) [strattonshotel@btinternet.com](mailto:strattonshotel@btinternet.com) Other hotel and useful websites [Catton Old Hall www.catton-hall.co.uk](http://Catton Old Hall www.catton-hall.co.uk) [Strenneth www.strenneth.co.uk](http://Strenneth www.strenneth.co.uk) [www.south-norfolk.gov.uk.uk/tourism](http://www.south-norfolk.gov.uk.uk/tourism) [www.breckland.gov.uk/tourism](http://www.breckland.gov.uk/tourism) [www.visitnorwich.co.uk](http://www.visitnorwich.co.uk) There are also the Which? guides. More information on application will be sent with tickets.

## Reunions



**1960s**

Besides the 'official' reunion last July for the leavers from the 1960s several people have organised mini reunions which is great news.

**Andee Byron (73-78)** sends this report - *Dominic Doe is actually the instigator of the 73-78/79 reunions - without the interference of the Doe we would all still be carrying on life without the added blessing of these get togethers. June 1999 saw a general reunion at the College, to which Dominic asked if Francis (nee Chipperfield) and I would like to go along too. At this event we met up with Ulphy (he of the long hair and even longer raincoats!) Jane, Debbie and Lyn. It was amazing that we all recognised each other instantly after the gap of a mere 20 years or so, and we went on to have an absolutely amazing evening. This is when the continued mini event was born. Since the summer of '99 we have had several great fun evenings, at the Unthank Arms, hospitality by Dethers and our number has grown to around 20 on the mailing list, with usually 12 meeting for much wine and food around three times a year. The last time was November 2000, with the next evening planned for 19 May 2001. Andee's email for*

*anyone of this generation who would like to join them is - andee.b@virgin.net*

## 1960s Reunion

After the 60s Reunion **Philip Wade** decided to try to trace all of his generation with great success. He does half marathons in his spare time and has looked people up around the country. As at July 2001 I only knew the whereabouts of two others who moved into WyCol in September 1960 with me, or joined us in 1962. Today I know where 50 are. Not having been to any kind of organised reunion for 30 years, suddenly 3 have come along in quick succession. All have been held at The Kings Arms, Hall Road Norwich, a really great pub of which Nicole Howard (nee Keatley) is the landlady and a fine hostess. As Richard Conder and his wife, \*Sandra (Edge) were visiting Norfolk a round of quick phone calls and e-mails resulted in the first get-together on 26 November 2000. Graham Smith and I had been to watch the Canaries lose to Wimbledon, but that disappointment was immediately forgotten when we entered the pub to see Nicola chatting to Kathy Eastwood (Mesut). Alan Bridges arrived, Richard and Sandra pitched up as did Alan Dean and Steven Human. Richard and Sandra produced a scrap book plus various photos. There were other photos and magazines on show. There was lots of chat, chat and more chat which was amazing, as if we had merely left college the previous week. Had anyone changed? Certainly not! Time went by rather quickly but not before we decided to have a pre-Christmas drink on 17 December, same place. On 17 December much the same group arrived except for Richard and Sandra (to far from Dorset to Norwich), and Alan Dean who unfortunately had 'flu, but Eileen Pearson (Wyatt) joined us. We spent a pleasant afternoon culminating in a Chinese meal brought in at 6, (no food there, just excellent ales, but you can bring in food) - again time just flowed. The next surprise was an e-mail from Martin Harper who lives in Zimbabwe telling me he was visiting for a few days after Christmas and would like to meet. There was little time to contact many, but we did what we could and met him in the evening on 4 January. Were we envious of his lifestyle and tan?! By now a few of the

*other past students, spread around the country, had said how they wished they could have joined us, but travelling such a distance is a problem. To get over this, the next mini-reunion is being held over the weekend of 7/8 April at St Ives, Cambridgeshire. Graham Smith is researching the local hotels and details will be mailed to as many as possible. Contact us if you require details. Saga status we may have reached but we are still school kids at heart!*

**Philip Wade** (e-mail philip@melton101.freereserve.co.uk)

**Graham Smith** (e-mail gesmithhcc@talk21.com) \*Sandra is one of a group of girls who keep in regular contact see Stella Batey (nee Haylock 60-67)

**Alan Dean (60-66)** *I was delighted to see so many people there. Mr Brand was his usual self, even after all this time, and I thought his speech one of the funniest I've heard for a long time. Since the reunion I have been in contact with Bill Atkins, Sandra Hornagold (nee Leeks) and Eileen Wyatt (nee Pearson) and we are trying to rustle up as many as we can for next year's grand reunion. If anyone else from his era would like to get in touch his e-mail address is amcid@ukonline.co.uk*

**From Stella Batey (nee Haylock 60-67)** *Making our bed the other day I was instructing my partner in the art of envelope corners. "This is the first thing I learnt at Wymondham and I know we all still do them" This snippet of conversation has prompted me to write something I intended to write 18 months ago.*

**September 1960 West House Girls** Susan Burwood, Sarah Coggles, Margie Cornwell, Sheila Ebbons, Kathleen Gascoigne, Stella Haylock, Diana Langley, Judith Lord, Stephanie Randall, Ann Willson **Sept 1963 Westminster House 'New Thirds'** Sandra Edge, Nicky Dollery, Rosemary Petts Cathy Turton **Sep 1965 Anita Dorak** (expressed by jumping the 5th and joining us in the 6th) *We haven't all been in touch all of the time and I confess I have lost contact with Nicky Dollery completely. Somehow though someone has always been in touch with someone who was in touch with someone else etc. We were obviously a scared and nervous bunch back in 1960, leaving home and starting a new school, and I remember us*

*deciding to pair up so that we had 'best friends'. Strangely 'mine' by sheer fluke has been a lifetime friendship. Diana Langley was my bridesmaid, my children's Godmother, and recently in London sat with our family as we watched my daughter get married. In 1992 Diana and I travelled to Australia and spent some of our time staying with Sarah Coggles in Brisbane. It was over 20 years since we'd met, but the years soon rolled away and we were gossiping as only women can. In 1983 Ann Willson decided to host a big reunion for us at her home in Newton Flotman. We had lost touch with Susan Burwood and Ann put an ad. in a Hampshire newspaper which was luckily read by one of Susan's friends and she travelled up to join in our day. Letters were sent from Sarah in Australia and Margie in Texas to say they were both thinking of us. In the afternoon we went back to the College and Westminster. When we had started in 1960 there were luxuries such as central heating and divan beds which few of us had at home. by 1983 it still seemed to have exactly the same furniture and my children failed to understand our excitement and thought it really awful. We still meet from time to time and over the years we've had a lot of fun. We've also shared each others heartaches offering not just emotional support but in several cases financial help too. We have tried to give each other encouragement to try new things and pick up the pieces of badly shattered lives. So what am I saying? That in these days of league tables and A-C passes something more important came out of Wymondham. Something I realised was 40 years old last September. I honestly don't know whether we would all agree that we had a great education there even, although we do have a doctor and dentist amongst us. We would all say that some teachers did not have our best interest at heart, but no naming no shaming. Sadly in 1999 **Ann Willson** died and I would like to dedicate this article to her for getting us all back together again, always having such a positive attitude to everything. There is one more chapter in our story, and a happy one too! Last year Ann's widowed husband married Anita! And of course it is not the end of the story, and who knows with so many years of already living together we'd have no bother in sharing an old folks*

home!!!

**Phil Robinson** and co. who got together at the 1999 reunion for 70s leavers and also attended last year's reunion have also organised their own mini reunions since, with a weekend at Walsingham.

## REUNION 2002

The Reunion next year will focus on the leavers from the 1980s and 90s. So you have plenty of time to follow the example of your predecessors to find all your old friends in readiness to gather for your reunion. Please get in touch with Carole Arnold if you wish to be involved in the planning, preferably after the celebrations for the 50th Anniversary are over !

## E-mails, letters & news

**Margaret Blanchflower (nee Gardiner 51-56)** enjoyed reading the article by David Turner (Newsletter 2000) and remembers him well. She has fond memories of life at the College in its infancy and she made friends with Valerie Griffiths (nee Ellis) and remained so ever since. Valerie now lives in Australia. She recently met up with Anne Kelly (nee Read) - they had plenty to talk about after a gap of 40 years and they are both looking forward to the reunion. **Judith Sowter (nee Harris 51-55)** Even thought the rules were strict on such things as boarding routine and uniform Judith is very grateful for the help and good teaching she had which enabled her to start and finish her nursing training and she is still nursing. She would very much like to get in touch with Joanne Rose. **Emba Jones (51-58)** has just retired and is now finding time to recall his time at the College. **David Tilson (52-60)** Head Boy in his last year. He retired in '96 as a Wing Commander with the RAF Engineering Branch and is currently working in the MoD in London. **Janet Heathcote (nee Fincham 53-59)** is in her last year of teaching and hope to seek out old dorm mates when she retires. She never takes a drive through Norfolk without thinking of Necton - Cora Burton, North Repps - Michael Reynolds, Morston - Ann Rudd, Wymondham - Judy Wright - just names at moment but it would be

lovely to see them again. They spent great times at the College in those early days. Life was fairly bare and not a lot of home comforts but some really good memories of staff and pupils.

**Memories of former days.....** When **David Rudd (53-60)** found the website all sorts of memories came flooding back. The Nissen hut beside the grass housed the Tuck Shop in the block known as Admin block which housed the Warden, Dr Mosby his deputy Mr Sanderson and then Mr Wolsey and his deputy Pip Appleyard. He spent his whole seven years in a Nissen hut, Butler 25, 27, 28 and 29 and became head boy of the annexe when the others moved to the new buildings. Amongst his school friends were Richard Bell, Lionel Kett, Laurence and David Burdett (Head Boy) and David Everett with whom he used to train for athletics. He recalls playing rugby against Bob Rowell (known as Skylon because of his height) who played for England. Segregation of the sexes was strictly enforced and he recalls being caned for walking on the girls' playing field after Sunday lunch although there were no girls in sight. On summer evenings at weekends they went to their respective playing field and there was an area of rough grass near the start of the 220 yds straight athletic track which marked the dividing line and known as the Gaza strip. Of the staff he remembers Mr Banham (French) whose nephew Kenin Hayes was in his year; Andrew Sealy (Woodwork/ metalwork) who married Pam Cooper (PE) she used to ride a black bike around college with her name painted on it. Maths was taught by Eric Dudley who went on to do the local weather forecasts on Anglia TV. Jack Hawkyard who cleaned the blackboard with the tatty sleeve of his gown. And of course David Goman (Technical Drawing) and his 3-wheeled Reliant. The sixth form debating society organised a murder trial on one occasion with jury and barristers. The accused was the Irish boilerman who was found guilty of disposing the body in his boiler. The electricity supply to the College was not always reliable during a storm and they had many a tea by candle light and they used to hope that the blackout would last longer so that they did not have to return to the classrooms for prep. **Ron Wilson (54-58)** started his career in teaching and then ran a residential field studies centre for Northamptonshire CCED. He has

had about 60 books published and says his love of books comes from his many hours on library duty and has to thank his housemaster, Roger Garrard, for the opportunity. Of these books *Back Garden Wildlife Sanctuary Book* was a best seller and two titles *How the Body Works* and *The Life of Plants* were published in the USA and won Outstanding Science Books for Children awards; *Mice in the Nature in Close Up* series was short-listed for a TES book award. Writing continues to be his hobby and he published *Churches in and around Daventry* in January 2000. He has also been involved with local radio and produced and presented the Country Air programme for seven years. **Paul Rump (56-61)** was one of the so called 'late developers'. After graduating he emigrated to Canada and continued his education at University of Calgary with an MA in Geography. His career focused on regional planning, natural resources management and sustainable development and he worked in Saskatchewan Water Resources Commission and Environment Ministry and Environment Canada. This has enabled him to travel widely in Canada including the Arctic as well as globally. He has established his own business offering consulting services in the environment and sustainable development fields, primarily to international organisations such as the UN and European Environment Agency. Just as the move to Canada was a major milestone for him, he is now in the process of retiring to enjoy a more relaxed pace of life with his children and grandchildren. His recent move from Nova Scotia to a farm close to the sea reminds him of his early days in Norfolk. Even though it has been a long time since his school days he still values his English educational foundation, which prepared him well for adult life. **Pauline Cheeseman (nee Hensley 56-59)** and **Joan Tomlinson (nee Wright 56-59)** renewed their friendship last year when they met for the first time in 31 years. Joan is planning to come over from Canada for this year's reunion. **Mike "Hank" Jones (57-58)** now lives in Sacramento, California working for the State Department of Consumer Affairs. On receiving the last Newsletter. **Brian Orford (58-64)** After qualifying as a Chartered Quantity Surveyor he moved into the oil and gas industry working in various places here and abroad and

finally emigrating to Australia in 1988 with his wife and twin daughters and is currently working as a Contracts Consultant with the Water Corporation of W.A. **Ian Watling (61-68)** moved from the Caribbean where he was in heavy civil engineering to Perth, W. Australia and is now a building consultant. **Mike Bell (62-63)** was in East House in form 3D and then moved to Salisbury and remembers the boys in his dorm were Tony Marter, who he met again later in the RAF, David Corbridge, John Elmer, Lowton, Trett and Ross Jarvis. Since leaving the College he went on to RN school in Malta. He graduated as an electrical engineer and served on HMS Eskimo and HMS Dreadnought, Britain's first nuclear submarines. He took part in the Royal Navy Field Gun display for Portsmouth Command at the Royal Tournament. After leaving the Royal Navy for the RAF in 1973 and spent 15 years as a flight engineer on five different Nimrod squadrons. From 1988 he spent 4 years on VC10s at Brize Norton. His last two years in the RAF were spent at RAF Northolt where he met Sgt (John?) Savage, bomb disposal expert, rugby player and ex Wymondham College student. Since leaving the RAF in 1994 he has flown B727 and B747 for civil airlines and privately for Qatar government. Over the years he has come across Peter Bonsall, Bryn Harper in the RN and Tony Marter in the RAF. He would like to hear from Eddy Walker, Paddy Hodgson, Howard Bambridge David Corbridge, Percy Banham, Ross Jarvis, Mason, Trett and Thain. **Michael John Parker (59-64)** is a part owner of a company which employs 150 people which produces drug supplies particularly clinical trial supplies where they help to provide protocols. He would be delighted to hear from anyone from his era. **Annette Booth (nee Spear 60-67)** works with the Mortgage Code Compliance Board and wrote in appreciation of staff who taught her especially Mr Ken Bowman who was the biggest influence on her life next to her parents. **Derek Chown (60s)** remembers taking part in the first ever Mair Cup which was won overwhelmingly by Burham House **Tom Stone (61-66)** spent 28 years as a seafarer as he was not invited back to do A levels. Retired in 1994 after a back operation. Then graduated from Northumbria University (aged 49) and

is now a self employed IT Consultant which just proves that it is never too late.... **Paul Flattery (62-65)** lives in California and is a TV producer. **Stephen Farthing (62-70)** is a senior civil servant and is currently seconded to the Crime Concern Trust in Swindon where he is responsible for IT strategy and implementation. Since he says he didn't shine at school he hasn't done too badly. He tells tales 'out of school' which would make your hair stand on end now, some good some bad, but the grounding he got in Biology and Physics has served him well. After spending 9 years in the armed forces. **David Printer (63-68)** lives in Alberta Canada, working in a pulp mill and would love to hear from any of his old friends. He is hoping to make the trip 'over the pond' for the reunion this year. **Moirra Scott (66-73)** has reported that all the girls that started off together in Wells that became Fry Hall are now all found! or almost, the last one being Julia Bennett and although she is on our doorstep with two children at the College we do not know her married name! **Colin Cooper (67-72)** known as **Colin Taylor** whilst at school, doubted whether we would still have any teacher still here from his time - he was wrong! He is now Genetic Engineer Professor of Molecular Biology at London University and Head of Hadow Laboratories at the Institute of Cancer Research in Surrey. He reckons it is all Mr Brand's fault as he first introduced him to science!! **Simon Mills(67-75)** has fond memories of the College campus as he lived on site. One of his brothers was actually born in a Nissen hut - No 42! He clashed shins with Tim Perkin, and remembers Brian Middleton, Peter Major the midfield general and Gary O'Shea. He has been married for 12 years now and has a son of 10 and a daughter of 8. Qualified as a pharmacist he works for GlaxoWelcome. He would like to hear from any of his contemporaries. **Jenny Robertson (67-74)** is a senior lecturer in accounting and finance at University of Brighton. **Catherine Irving (nee Kidd 68-73)** Boarding schools do not suit everyone as Catherine does not have happy memories of her school days, though she very much enjoyed art classes with Miss Johnson and remembers with affection other pupils who brought a little humour into school life- Nigel Chapman, Steve Dobbin,

Happy Lund, Zac, Patrick Dawson (brother of Phil) Willie Relton, Jeremy (Sugar Puffs) and Tickle and someone who always called her Tigger! The highlight of her years at the College was the amalgamation with the County Grammar School, not only because she made a load of new friends who had lots of spare home-made packed lunches, but she suddenly became aware of a different breed of male! Boys who boarded were mates, comrades who kept up your morale, day boys were cool, well-dressed, good-looking, mysterious and usually unobtainable! Richard Pierce, Bruno Brown, and Roger Butler she remembers as being outstanding. Jimmy Johnson was the favourite because he actually spoke! Wymondham College became a little more bearable after this development. Others she remembers were Sally Kerridge, Heather Arnold, Alison Eales, Mandy Jacobs, Lesley Breese, Sue Mallett, Elaine Wardrop, Paulette Cross, Nora Lee and Louise Craven. After school she got some A levels and a degree in English. After a variety of jobs she now lives in Suffolk with her husband and educates her three children (15, 9 and 6) at home and relaxes by horse-riding and working as a Saturday girl in the Mid-Suffolk Tourist Information Centre. **Ruth Cureton (nee Green 69-76)** *I have mixed memories of boarding life but has always been thankful for the excellent educational basis the College gave me, together with much enjoyment from taking part in plays and musicals. I have sadly lost touch with school friends, before the days when e-mail could follow anybody through marriages and relocations. Mrs Woodrow is a faithful Christmas correspondent, having nursed me through two years of OA Maths with great patience and perseverance! Mr and Mrs Brand were also very kind and encouraging at a time when their own young family were growing fast. My ambition from the age of 7 was to be a GP, and I am very much enjoying the fulfilment of that. My marriage, family life and Christian commitment have been very important to me also. I married a fellow Nottingham medical student whilst still training, then completed my postgraduate GP training before having our family. We have two daughters and a son, ages 14, 12 and 9 and I have worked only part-time since the children arrived. A year ago I took*

on a half-time GP partnership on a permanent basis. My husband is a full-time GP who periodically visits and supports clinics in Nigeria and Mozambique. **Robert Creasy (71-77)** is a Technical Account Manager with InterVoice-Brite in Orlando FL. **David Griffiths (72-76)** is married with two children and has his own financial Services business. He remembers John Killingback and playing rugby with Tim Perkin both mentioned in the last Newsletter. **Tim Pooley (73-80)** has very happy memories of cricket, rugby growing up and study. He is now a partner in retail sale and wholesale distribution business - Norwich In Car Entertainment (NICE) and he offers discounts to past students! He is married with 2 sons (6 and 4) and a baby daughter. **Sally Rolfe (nee Biggs 75-81)** is now a company director in the family firm and she has two sons aged 9 and 7. She would love to hear from anyone from her ere and hope to attend this year's reunion. **Nick Lakey (77-84)** is a Business manager with HSBC. **Tom Grover (89-96)** is working in the new gym at Wensum Valley Hotel and Country Club and was hoping to have a full season playing rugby with Wymondham Rugby Club. **Lisa Glover (-79)** is now a teacher in Norfolk. **Morag Ward (74-79)** worked for Barclays Bank until she was made redundant last year and now works for the TUC and also, in a lay capacity, on Employment Tribunals. **Chris Boreham (73-79)** became an Engineer Officer in the Merchant Navy and after leaving the MN in 1997 and qualifying as a Chartered Engineer he works for the Maritime and Coastguard Agency as a Marine Engineer. He lives with his wife and two young children in Kent. He sent news of **Andrew Lynn (74-79)** who is an Aircraft Engineer and is currently Chief Engineer for FieldAir in Palmerston North, New Zealand, where he lives with his wife and three sons. **John Ellis (-82)** went to Welbeck College on leaving here, then went on to Sandhurst and from there to Cambridge to read Engineering. He is still in the army and has served in Germany, Belize, UK, Bosnia and the Gulf and has recently returned from India where he spent a year at the Indian staff college. **Claire Johnson (74-81)** is an English teacher, a freelance writer and is currently doing an MSc in Computer Based Learning at Southampton. **Fiona**

**Smith (74-77)** is a ward manager of a Cardiology Ward at Huddersfield Royal Infirmary. **Miss Sue Therrien (ex staff 74-80)** now teaches in a very different school in Exeter, she is hoping to get to the Reunion. **Mark Crewe (74-81)** now known as Mark Gilmour to carry on the family name. After leaving school he spent a couple of years working/studying and travelling and eventually ended up back in Norwich at the Technical College, using a BTec diploma to get him into Humberside Poly to do Business Studies. From there he went into the oil and gas industry in Yarmouth in an attempt to clear his debts, and almost 10 years on he is still in the Oil industry (and still in debt) based in Aberdeen having worked in the North Sea on various rigs and platforms here and abroad. Deciding that being a 'North Sea Tiger' was not for him he took an office job and worked his way to his current position of Quality and Safety Manager for UK and S Africa. He is now married and has two children. Mark sent news of his sister Mim (now Pitman) happily married and running her own business in Southampton, his brother Dan is also married and living in Sweden where he works for an international communications company and Bruce Miller who lives in New Zealand and is an osteopath. He would be happy to hear from anyone who spent their last two years in Lincoln 79-81. **Mim Pitman (nee Crewe 75-82 aka Gilmour whilst at College)** wrote with news of her brothers and sister. Mim says she graduated from Hull with a Business Studies degree and a fiancé! who she married in 1990 and they have two daughters. She was a Sales Account Manager and now runs her own ladies fashion business. Her brother, Daniel lives in Sweden and is married to a Swedish girl. Sian Liddington lives in Norfolk with her four children. Louise Maffett lives in Kent with her husband an 2 sons and Kerry Goldstone runs a coffee plantation in Australia with her husband and two children. **Barbara Hunt (75-82)** lives in Manhattan and sent news of some of her friends. Her brother John and Andrew also attended the College, Andrew is a successful business man in North Elmham and has three sons. Continuing the family connection her nephew now attends the College. Kerry Goldstone married an Australian doctor on her first leg of a round-the-world trip, she never came home!. Sarah

Davison is a freelance interior designer who has undertaken projects all over the UK and is now branching out to the States. Her latest project is the Haagen Daz Cafe in Castle Mall in Norwich. She is still in touch with Anne Rednall (nee Goddard) who is a landscape architect/planner working on Heathrow Terminal 5, she lives in London and has a baby son. Julie Ashbee (nee Barratt) runs her own company in London and has a little girl. Sandra Fraser (nee Warren) moved back to Norwich last year, she has 3 children and has pursued a career in journalism. Kelvin Wyles was a lawyer who relocated to San Francisco and is now a scriptwriter, he got married last year. She also gave news of Mim Pitman and Louise Maffett. Barbara and Sarah Davison would love to hear from Mark Hayman, Antony Collins, Tony Manson, Wes Paynes, Andrew Meek, Lloyd Perkins, Adrian Garrold, Karen Fielding, Ian Wedderfield, Bill Blake, Mak Mainwaring, Janet Macgregor, and Mike Smith. They hope to meet up for the Reunion, Sarah is offering he small place to put people up but it will be cramped! **Tim Lane (was Armishaw 75-80)** is a teacher and a musician. **Terry Brooks (75-82)** is the General Manager for Somerfield Superstore in Gorleston. **David Dickerson (75-83)** is working with the Emergency Medical Control Centre for East Anglian Ambulance. **Amanda Carey-McDermott (77-84)** After graduating for LSE Amanda spent 11 happy years with Esso in analytical and management roles, mostly transport and distribution (tankers, trucks and more trucks) She now works for a retail finance group as Head of Contact Centre. She has been married for 10 years and has two children who are 6 and 4. She is in touch with some of her old friends and having been inspired by the Newsletter she is trying to find more of them. If any New/ Lincoln people would like to make contact she would be pleased to hear from them. **Susan Thorpe (nee Courchee 75-82)** is currently a physical therapist in Fort Worth, Texas and planning to come to come over for the Reunion this year. **Duncan Partridge (77-83)** is living with his family in Lima, Peru where he is involved in the I.B. Primary Year programme in an international school. **Ben Carter (-81)** did a degree in History at Queen's College Cambridge and from there went on to Royal Naval

College Dartmouth, he passed out as a Sub Lieutenant (Seaman) in 1985, worked in UK until 1992 and has been abroad ever since. He joined offshore finance brokerage in Dubai and moved on to Azerbaijan to open his employer's Baku office and set up his own offshore finance company. After the collapse of the Baku market he moved to Kazakhstan and became the first ever offshore finance specialist in Central Asia. Last year his company opened its main office in Moscow and he has been resident in Russia ever since, where he has been very happy and intends to stay. He has recently contributed to a Kogan Page publication, *Doing business in Kazakhstan* and has had his first book published, *Personal Finance Management* which may be of interest to those of you studying for MBA as it will be used as part of that programme. He is still proud of achieving his great dream, whilst at the College, of captaining the College first XV. He still trains daily in the gym but has hung up his boots. Ben survived a serious cancer in 1988-89. He sent photographs of himself which unfortunately I cannot reproduce because of my limited technology. Hopefully next year we may be able to include photos in the Newsletter. **Colin Fincham (80-87)** is a GP in Farnborough, Kent and also Chief Medical Advisor to Brands Hatch Leisure Ltd and Federation International Motorcyclist licensed chief medical officer. **Liz England (nee Lake 80-87)** joined Kett at 11 years old with a sister Isobel Lake already in the 5th year. Had a great time from the word go, still in touch with Sally Stevens (nee Webster), Kim Mortimer, Elaine French (nee Long), Lisa Johnston and Dominic Ashbee. But whatever happened to Sue Cliff, Julie Hayter, Andrew Lonsdale, Robert Lockwood, Penny Jones, Jo Ridgers etc.etc? I remember the socials, the cinema (and 'runner'), Bad Taste Days, Work Party, Mr Sayer, Mr Garton, and the very lovely Mr Varnon and Dr Joyner; cold Nissen huts, wet socks on the pipes, hidden TVs in the cupboards, tuck shop, Sunday walks to Morley; revising in the park during long hot days, the Mair Cup and generally having a great time. One other good thing to come out of Wymondham College was meeting, and eventually marrying, David England. He and his brother, Mike, joined the upper sixth in 1986. David joined the Army and went

abroad, we married in 1992. After working and living in various places I am now a Mum to two gorgeous children and David is a Major commanding a company in Northern Ireland. I still look at photos and think about Wymondham College, the friends, teachers and good times as if it were yesterday. David and I still have connections with the school as my Mum (Mrs Hyde) teaches the piano there and we have three nieces who attend. So, we like to keep it in the family, I can't help but think our daughter would love it there just like we did. I wonder if Mr Sayer will still be there in 6 years time to settle her in as he did her Mum.

**Liz Clarke (nee Betts 81-88)** has been a police officer in Norwich for 8 years after graduating with a degree in History. She is married to Phil Clarke (70s) who is also a copper, and she works with Paul Cant and Craig Ives (70s) Craig is a detective and Phil a traffic officer. She sees Clare Jones (nee Swindells) and Angela Tynan who was planning to marry in Las Vegas last October. She says her Wymondham days were the happiest of her life and she would love to hear from Mr Entwhistle and Mr Lockwood who she reckons are the two best teachers in the world. **Peter Blair (83-89)** is a primary school teacher in Bridgnorth. Mr Peter Woodrow had a long chat with **Kelvin Rashbrook (84-90)** who went on to City College from here, did a BTEC and then worked in Norwich, Hong Kong and Australia. He did the travel thing - South and North America and is now back in London applying for Drama School at the age of 28. He was a contemporary of Edward Durham, Adam Kittow, David Burns David Rendall and Marcus Millicone - all New Hall rogues. He would love to hear from any of his old friends. **Adam Kittow (84-91)** After leaving Keele University he went travelling. He is now back in London working as a Database Administrator for a telecoms company he is still in touch with Ben Weston, Shan Henderson, Mark Harding and Nathan Fletcher. **Daniel Bookham (84-91)** wrote with news of the 84-91 'mob' Upon receiving my copy of the WCA Newsletter and noting that Ken Hytch retired, I feel I have a confession to make. Mr Hytch I was the author of 'McHytch', the 'Macbeth' parody. I would have told you before, but if I remember rightly you wanted the

perpetrator expelled. I'll also own up to 'The day of the Cliffords', the true story of Cliff 'Kosh' Martin. Both plays were performed in secret by Course 34 in the spring of 1987. I have turned my penchant for lampoon and satire into a career. If anyone is interested, since leaving Wymondham I have done the university thing, the various jobs befitting a history graduate, and now find myself as Station Manager and Morning Show Host on the Bridge 107.7FM WMDI, an alternative rock radio station on the coast of Maine, USA. I also picked up a few dollars as a freelance writer. Massive thanks to Mr Lockwood, Mr Hoare, Rev Hare, Mr Walker and Doc Joyner for teaching me that intelligently questioning the status quo is a fine way to make a living. My little brother, Barry (87-94) is living in London with his girlfriend and working for QA Training. Despite having been in Cavell he has become a well adjusted and capable young man. I am also in contact with a few of the other hooligans from the late 80s. Alex Bowles (Peel 85-91) is a primary school teacher straight out of the DL mode. . Dave Stelfox (Fry 84-89) works for News International as a sub-editor ("Mr Brand ate my hamster shocker!") Adam Kittow (New/Lincoln 84-91) and Shan Henderson (Lincoln 89-91) trade insulting e-mails and forward them to the rest of us. Mark Trotter Harding (Cavell/Peel 84-91) does something odd with chemicals. Ben Weston (Fry/Peel 85-91) earned his PhD and is on the faculty of Imperial College meddling with human kidneys. He is engaged to be married Miles Cumpstey (Peel 89-91) is off in his own universe. Prasad 'Bob' Dissanyke is a doctor, I believe at James Paget in Gorleston. Annie Philip (Fry/Peel 84-91) shares a house with Lara Brown (Cavell/Peel 87-90 in Suffolk; Annie teaches and Lara is a full time mum to her son Charlie. On a more sombre note I was deeply saddened by the passing of Joan Potter, my third grandmother. Mrs P was both my biggest defender and biggest critic for seven years. None of her boys ever grumbled when she asked for help carrying her shopping or whatever; to help Mrs P was always a pleasure never a chore. She taught me that homesickness is a passing phase, how to iron a shirt, how to appreciate "Crimewatch", and how to be fair to the younger pupils even when their crass stupidity earned them a month of

"4 to 6". Mrs P., you can rest at last, safe in the knowledge that Austin Maxi's never need repairing in heaven **Chris Bajak (86-93)** is a Marketing Manager and a professional rugby player with Premiership 2 side Bedford. He would like to get in touch with old friends. **Jenni Chapman (nee Couzens (88-92))** wrote 'My legs and high heel shoes haven't been able to get to work quick enough so that I could write you this email...! She had a wonderful time and has fond memories of school. She has lost contact with many of her house and class mates and would love to hear from any of them. 'Ben Porter was my bestest friend. I have fond memories of Damien Nicholls, who sadly died in 1999, and the summer we used to have on the playing fields. Then there was Kieran O'Shea....we had a few giggles along the way. Jenni qualified as a dental nurse and a oral health educator working in Hereford, Basingstoke and then Camberley as a credit controller She got married in August 2000 and her husband is in the Army based in Colchester. She sent news of **Simon Malek-Jahanian (90-94)** now an accountant working for Microsoft. **Robin McDonnell (81-82)** says that due to the influence of his maths teacher (Mr Ings) and his very early enthusiasm towards IT, he now works as web-developer for Evaluate Plc and he also runs a part time business in software development and web design. **James Holdsworth (85-92)** is teaching maths at Eton College. **Chris Ravenscroft (84-89)** joined the Army as a helicopter technician but left 4 years ago and now teaches secondary level PE. **David Rendells (86-91)** did a 4 year apprenticeship as a toolmaker and now runs his own business in precision engineering. He doesn't live far away and often bumps into old members of staff such as Mr Morley, Rev Hare and Mr Gooday. He says hello to Danielle Snow, Claire Green, Hattie Taylor a nurse living in Bath, Bella Taylor also a nurse, Vicki Jones. He went to Karen Wassell's wedding last year. Eddie Durham and Jenni Simms got married, Marcus Mollicone was in the Royal Marines and married with a son. He caught up with Jackie Perfect for a drink last year, she is living in Italy. Dawn Gregory is a beauty therapist at Ragdale Hall. He asks if anyone knows where Vicki and Jemma Vawser went?. **Ashley Revell (81-89)** is a constable with the RUC and gave news

of his sister Michelle (81-89) who is married and living in Colchester. **Lucy Downer (87-89)** returned to Canada after leaving College and is now working as an Environmental Engineer at a gold mine in western Nevada. **Ken Copland (82-89)** After graduating from Edinburgh where he read Engineering, Ken joined the Army and served for 7 years with the Royal Anglian Regiment in Germany, Bosnia, Canada, UK and Cyprus and reaching the rank of Captain. He is now working as a Financial Services recruitment consultant in the City. He still keeps in touch with Francis Brackley. **Toby Wood (84-89)** is a Freelance Recording Engineer. **Will Webster (80-87)** has memories mainly to do with football particularly an 1-11 defeat to NORCAT in the semi-final of the County Cup in 1986. He works in the Government Economic Service and may now be with the European Commission. **Daniel Tams (88-93)** has been working in the field of learning disabilities in Glasgow for the past 4 years. **Amy Williamson (nee Christison 86-89)** Lives in Perth with her husband and baby and as a qualified staff nurse she works in the Renal Dialysis unit in Dundee. Also in Perth is **Alan Wright (70-77)** working with CGU Insurance. News of the **Brand family - Justin Brand (Fry 87-92)** graduated last summer from Reading University, Building Surveying, **Katherine Brand (87-94)** graduated from University of London in Clinical Pharmacy and was admitted to the degrees of MB and BS at Guy's and St Thomas's combined Medical School last summer. She is spending her first 6 months of her pre-reg. House Officer at Eastbourne hospital and a further 6 months at Guy's. **Lucy Gowlett (89-96)** graduated from Liverpool with a 2:1 in Ancient History and Archaeology. She is now in New York and working in an art gallery which deals in contemporary American Modern art. **Stuart Davison (90-97)** is studying music at Wolverhampton and is currently vice-president of the student union. **Nina Lovelace (92-94)** is now working as a journalist. **Mark Brenner (93-95)** is very grateful to the staff who encouraged his artistic talents and he has particularly fond memories of the Nortons. He is now a professional musician and songwriter and living in the south west of France. He has just recorded his third album which should

be available in UK around June 2001 and with a bit of luck he will be coming over to play in England later in the year. His band has a website - www.brennercom.com **Kieron O'Shea (-95)** came to visit last year and promised some news of his crowd He was trying to organise a bash in time for Christmas. *I was whisked off on holiday, an impromptu and unexpected adventure and two weeks stretched into six. I have barely had time to think over the past 2 years as, allied to my degree at Goldsmith College, I was holding down two full time jobs. One was for money while the other, at the BBC, was to help further my ambition of becoming a TV producer. The regular 84 hour weeks and ever escalating mountains of deadlines and paperwork tested my stamina and sanity in equal measure. However the aforementioned holiday has helped to soothe some of the lines on my ever-furrowed brow. Las Vegas(where I partied) and Ibiza (where I worked) have yet to recover from my exertions, but I am thankfully on the mend. Garry Bond has married Claire Barker; Nathan Wide has been working at the Millennium Dome and entertaining VIPs and corporate big-wigs, he has plans to work in Florida Quays, his foppish charm and dynamic facial features remain as pronounced as ever; Adam Rayner is currently studying at LAMDA. He has taken 'thespish' charm to new levels and the fifties quiff to new heights, he is still attracting the amorous advances and attentions of anything with a pulse while always managing to keep them at arm's length; Anthony Butterworth is in the throes of amassing more qualifications than I've got freckles. He's onto an MA in something to do with Art and is probably the next Damien Hirst. Not long before he is being fought over by agents and paparazzi who will no doubt force him to give up his twin loves of Guinness and poverty. A student and loving it. Neil Budd is huge! He works on IT recruitment. He drives company cars, talks on company mobiles and is probably earning a fortune. Still beautiful with his Beckham-esque visage, but now he is hairy, and I mean forest-for-a-chest-and-bell hairy! Ben Ailey works as a city executive in Covent Garden, works hard, plays hard and is still a winner with the ladies. Plays more golf than rugby nowadays and has lost only a little of his youthful*

*cuteness! James Powell is an advertising executive out of a Baker Street publishing house. Soon to be earning millions he needs to keep all of his harem happy. This did not stop him jumping the fences at this year's Glastonbury Festival nor has it secured him a patch for the hole in the back of his work trousers. He remains as happy and loony as ever! Neil Hollinshead - 'Welly' owns a BMW. Enough said.*

Kieran gave up rugby shortly after the death of his mother in 1995. He has had five operations on his right knee to contain cartilage damage sustained as a result of too much too young during his days at Wymondham. He got his degree 2:1 and now looks forward to fame, fortune and school reunions. Having caught up with those mentioned Kieran would like to hear from any of the following Dave Carden, Graham Simms, Martin LeGrice, Andrew Bailey, Garrick Munday, Ben Handford, Paul Jackson, Matthew Stent, Sally Abel, Katie Stark, Steph Ebril, Adamos Kyriakou, Samantha Seager, Becky Milne, Amy Scott, Simon Spink, Charlotte Rutter, Alice Cotterel, Hannah Maufe, Penny Hague, Vicky Alford, all left between 93 and 95.

**Amy Warren (94-96)** has had a very varied and interesting life since leaving Wymondham. In brief, she fulfilled her childhood ambition and got her Zoology degree from Newcastle. Whilst at Newcastle she took part in an expedition to Mulanje Mountain Forest Reserve, Southern Malawi. Their team, 'Mulanje 98' studied aspects of the ecology surrounding the decline of the Cedar forests. The Mulanje Cedar being an endemic tree to the mountain, of great economic importance and the national icon tree of Malawi. After she graduated she worked in the same department in the 'Air Pollution Lab' and this led her to a six month contract in Finland as a Research Assistant in the 'Oxidative Stress Group' at the Genetics Dept. of Helsinki University. She is now working on an MSc in Environmental Anthropology at the University of Kent. She has also been working towards co-ordinating a further research expedition to Mulanje and has to raise several thousand pounds in funding. If anyone would like to help her, her email address is amywarren\_uk@hotmail.com. I have more information but space here is limited. **Rob Cameron (-96)** started his teaching career last September in

Melton Constable. **Toby Wilson (94-96)** after graduating from Bristol with a degree in Business Studies with Combined Science now has a job with a stockbroker in Bristol and aims to progress to London or go travelling.

## Where are they now?

**Chris Hines (62-67)** would like to hear from anyone who knew him during his time. He is Education Officer in Cornwall. **John Allen (73-77)** Would like to make contact with his old friends particularly Tony Eve, Nick Boltero, Glenn Smith and Roger Lemmon.

**Kirsten Bezant (nee Cromie 83-88)** joined the RAF in 1989 where she still is. She married in 1997 and has a son who is two. She would love to make contact with old school friends especially Stephanie French. **Trevor Chapman (56-64)** would like to hear from others of his generation. **Seth Charlesword (84-89)** would like to hear from Ed Steed, Amanda Hoskins, Phil Hoskins, Adam Turner and Stuart Oddie. **Tina Richardson (72-77)** would like to make contact with Joanna Bowers. **Kate Still (87-89)** emigrated to Sydney Australia and went from Art to Zoo Keeping and now works in the hotel industry and is a pastry chef at 'Claudes' in Sydney. She would like to hear from Paula Christmas, Angela Tynen, Lucy Chappel and Kate Winter-Goodwin. **Steve Gorbutt (86-87)** is keen to hear from anyone who was in the sixth form at the same time as him particularly those in the rugby team.

**Alan Fry (53-57)** was in West House with Mr Garrard as housemaster. On leaving school he joined the Metropolitan police for whom he played football and represented them at athletics and boxing. He ultimately became a teacher in Norfolk. He is keen to trace James Fuller who left in 1956.

**Julia Haes (50s/60s)** would love to hear what happened to other chums of that era. **Jo French (82-87)** would like to get in touch with anyone from that era who was in Kett. Dawn Butler, Caroline Tillet, Jason Hayter, Nick Soleau etc. **Martha Griffiths (nee Hamilton 64-68)** Now lives in Australia and would really like to contact Patricia Murrell who she lost touch with when she moved house.

**Tina Richardson (72-79)** would like to hear from Richard Booty. **James Manchip (85-91)** would like to get in touch with David Lawrence-Brown or

his sister Catherine. **Verity Willison** lost contact with Annabelle Hawkins after A levels, other members of the gang include James Griffiths, Adam ?, Graham Hunter, James Metcalf, and Ben Handford. **Tim Lloyd (71-77)** is particularly keen to find Michael Claydon, Richard Symes and Melanie Kellet-Bowman. **Hoi-Shan Lee (84-89)** would like to hear from anyone she was at college with. **Tim Lloyd (-)** is keen to contact Michael Claydon, Richard Symes or Melan Kellet-Bowman. **Brian Middleton (66-74)** is looking for Andrew or Sarah Bawden (nee Taylor), Alan Goldsworthy, Oeter Marples, Tony Anderson, Siobhan (Alison) Bailey, Mike Reeves, Steve Turner, Steve Bishop and Gary O'Shea. **Monica Myles (64-71)** trained as a nurse and now works in Occupational Health. Her sister, Pam, is married with two children and living in Downham Market, her brother, Geoff, is in Seattle. She still keeps in touch with Jane Clark and Chris Blakey who are both teaching. She would like to hear from Jackie Gibbs. **James Ormrod (78-80)** would love to hear from his contemporaries Andrew Boyd, Angus Gillard, Tom Baron, Jonathan Wheeler, Andrew Brown, Sarah Ashbee and Stephen Petts. **Anne Robinson (nee Fawell 53-59)** works at LSE as editorial assistant. She has completely lost touch with all her contemporaries (*there will be plenty of them here on 14 July*) **Karan Taylor (nee Snow 87-91)** is looking for Sarah Shears and Judith Savage. **Kirsty Wilson (87-94)** like us has lost touch with Georgina Self. **Phillip Voza (72-79)** Would like to hear from Peter Hooper, Gavin Kedar, Peter Churchill and Andrew Green. **Ron Wilson (54-58)** would be delighted to hear from David Everett, Rodney Cook, Barry (Donut) Dane, Harry Sanderson, Esme McNulty, Colin Wright and 'Herbie' Utteridge. **Diana Smith (nee Ebbs 69-73)** would particularly like to have news of Janet Cummings, Laurretta Caputo and the gorgeous John Boon! **Paul Stockaj (59-64)** was in HM Forces and Education, now semi-retired and acting as IT consultant. He has been trying to find Graham Haw for some years now. **Andrew Winstanley (87-93)** Would like to get in touch with others of his year from Fry Hall, Lindsay Leader and John Donald are the missing links. He has just completed his final year in Maritime studies having had time off in



Australia. He is a RYA sailing instructor and power boat instructor and involved in the running of RYA Olympic classes regattas and event.

**Joan Tomlinson (nee Wright 54-59)** is trying to trace Wilma Ross. **Trevor Wadlow (69-75)** is searching for Sally Williams. **Bob Wassell (67-72)** would be delighted to find Ann Pond and Michael Garton. Steven Kilroy (90-98) is looking for Richard Lee, Andrew Mcdonell, Kevin Chatten, Louise Kitchen, Mark Rayfield, Luke Robertson, Stuart Davison. He can be contacted on steve.kilroy@prima-pc.co.uk and

steve\_2001@secretsservice.co.uk  
**Tina Davis (87-92)** is desperate to find her best friend Naomi Couchman and would also like to hear from Angie Bolton, Joanne McCallum, Emma Hanbury and anyone else from this era.

**For those of you searching for old friends you may like to try this website [www.friendsreunited.com](http://www.friendsreunited.com) and for those without access to a computer you can try - Teletext page 466 Channel 4**

## Obituaries

We are sad to record the deaths of **Ann Clare Houghton (nee Willson 60- 67)** in April 1999 (see also news from Stella Batey (nee Haylock 60-67)) **Alan Harvey (65-70)** died suddenly on 26 July 2000. **John Philip Forrest (1950s)** died 4 years ago. **David Wright (-56)** died in July 1999.

Andrew Street (51-54) wrote to say that his daughter **Gillian Bradley (70-75)** was killed in a road accident in 1991. Phyllis Whitney (nee Barker) wrote to say that **Rae Bulsara (nee Fuller 1950s)** died on 9 June 2000. *Rae will be sadly missed by me having maintained our friendship over fifty years. We first met at Wymondham and soon became the best of friends and happy memories of Rae and the college will stay with me forever. Rae married and had three children, during her life she travelled quite a bit including living in India for a short while..*

**ANNE AREY (nee Thornton 51-56)**

It is with a sense of shock as well as great sadness that we have to report that Anne died early in February this year. Few people knew it, but she had been seriously ill for over a year, though those who met her at a reunion in Norfolk in 1998 will have realised she was not the vibrant, happy person that

they had known.

One of the first generation of 13+ "Grammar School" pupils who arrived in September 1951, she was Head Girl of the whole College in the school year 1955-6. She was an all-rounder, a member of the school hockey and tennis teams, an actress, appearing in three major plays in the old Nissan hut theatre, a member of the senior choir, and one of the first to take A levels. Her combination of good looks, smart appearance and cheerful demeanour made her popular with both pupils and staff. Above all, she was a loyal, caring person, enjoying life to the full, whose enthusiasm livened many a lesson and many a social occasion.

These qualities she carried with her into her life in Nottingham, with her husband, David, and her family. It was moving to hear the tributes paid to her at her funeral, from those who had known her there as, for example, a magistrate and as the organiser of a day centre for old people.

Despite her illness, she was looking forward to coming to the reunion in July this year, and those who knew her will miss her greatly on that occasion.

*Roger Garrard*

Those from Salisbury will remember **David Armsby (1960s)** who was in the fifth form in 1966. Phil Robinson has not seen him since but remembers his signwritten grey van parked off the road at Wereham when he used to pass by on the A134 over the years. As a youth he played football for local teams and started up Ferry Park Football Club. He was a keen racing pigeon enthusiast and had numerous hobbies. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

## COLLEGE NEWS

**We extend a warm welcome to the new Principal, Victoria Musgrave and hope she and her family will be happy and fulfilled at Wymondham College**

### From the Principal

When the Governing Body offered me the post of Principal, back in September 1999, I greeted their offer with a stunned silence. This was a result of two very intensive days of interviewing and my absolute delight at the prospect

of being the first female Principal of one of the country's leading foundation boarding schools. Of course, the reputation of the College is widespread and having met the staff, students and Governors, I have no doubts whatsoever about why. This is a first class seat of learning as well as being an exciting, challenging place in which to learn and grow.

Whilst my background in industry and education has prepared me to, as one Governor stated 'drag the College kicking and screaming into the 21st Century', I would not for one minute wish to lose any of the more unusual characteristics that have become part of the College's charm over the last 50 years. I am a traditionalist and enjoy the Christmas Carol Concerts, the formals and the Mair Cup. Similarly, sporting competitions feature at the forefront of any good school coupled with my own personal interest in the Arts - particularly drama and I was delighted to see the quality of the latest production 'Oliver' - it was outstanding. One only has to walk along corridors of the College to see the high quality art displays and listen to the beautiful music emerging from the M & D, which never fail to impress all visitors here.

For the future, I see my role as one which will build on the strong foundations laid by my three excellent predecessors as well as introducing my own particular brand of educational impetus. By introducing the latest information technology systems to the College, our staff and students will be able to access information and communicate not only with one another but also with people in far flung places at the flick of a switch. Improving the quality of students' accommodation and the learning environment is a high priority for me - gone are the days of the functional boarding house with only the hail and hearty able to survive. Environment is all important! Thankfully, today we see comfort as an entitlement for all ensuring that our students and staff can work, rest and play in the most comfortable setting possible.

### Staff Changes

After eight years as Principal, **Mr John Haden** is now Regional Director for Cambridgeshire Education Associates.

**Mr Dick Palfrey**, Head of Geography, moved on to Kirklees to become General Inspector for Environmental Geography and Environment Education.

**Ms Jenny Orton**, Head of Maths, became School Improvement Advisor, with Norfolk Maths. Advisory Service.

**Mrs Viv Lloyd** is now Head of Drama at Langley School.

**Mr Malcolm Kerridge and Mrs Sandra Kerridge**, Head of House, New Hall, move to Skegness Grammar School as Houseparents at the end of the summer term.

**Mr Paul Spencer-Ellis** has been seconded as acting Head Master of Royal Albert and Alexandra School in Reigate

## Music Dept News

Sir Malcolm Arnold is 80 years old this year and the Concert Band has been asked to play in a special birthday concert for Sir Malcolm Arnold at St Andrew's Hall, Norwich on Sunday 1st April. It is an early evening concert 5.30-8.00pm and they will play just one piece Little Suite No 1 by Malcolm Arnold. The Concert Band will be playing as usual at the Royal Norfolk Show 27th and 28th June.

New Hall won the Mair Cup for the fifth year running

## Drama

Past students and staff are always welcome at the Drama productions. Details of these will be posted on the College website which is updated regularly now.

www.wymondhamcollege.co.uk

## Sport at the College

### From: Mr. Andrew Boorman (Director of Sport)

Much has happened since I took up the post of Director of Sport in September 1999. Students, both male and female, have continued to excel at inter school and county or national level, ably supported and taught by their enthusiastic and expert staff. The quality and quantity of the sporting

programme is impressive; 673 inter school sports fixtures last year with this figure likely to be exceeded this year, we ran 89 different sports teams, and delivered 3,456 different PE/Sport lessons to all students in the College. A few of the sporting highlights are as follows .

The College 1st XV rugby team progressed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the National Daily Cup in both seasons, going out narrowly to Bishops Stortford 15-13, this season. The under 14, under 15 and under 16 College rugby squads completed an historic "treble" last season when they all became County Champions in their respective age groups. Something, which we believe, might be a "first" for the College rugby sides but some readers may be better informed than us! This remarkable achievement looks set to be repeated this season as the same age group teams have all again progressed to their respective County Cup finals. These will be played on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February for the U16 and U14 teams and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March for the U15 team. In concluding this brief rugby review it should also noted that the College rugby squads across all the age groups recorded their best season since master in charge of rugby, Roger Morgan, could recall. The future looks bright with 21 College rugby players gaining County "caps" or above last season.

Not to be out done, the ladies did well at hockey (particularly in the junior teams) becoming winners of the Area Tournament at U13 level and runners up of the same tournament at U14, U15 and U16 level. They excelled in Netball last season with all five teams becoming Area Netball Champions in their respective age groups whilst the U16 squad went on to be County league runners up. Again this season looks to be equally successful with two teams already crowned area winners and a third top of their group with matches still to complete. College Netball teams won 64% of their matches last season whilst the hockey players won 48%. The restrictions and limitations of not having our own "Astroturf" make substantial developments in hockey very difficult. Never the less, well done to all the girls.

The junior girl's cross-country team had a marvellous season this year and

progressed from the county championships to represent Norfolk at the regional finals in Bedfordshire back in November. Congratulations also go to the students, who won their "county vests" for cross country by being selected to the Norfolk Team at the recent Anglian Schools', and to those who were selected to be members of the Norfolk Team at the recent Anglian Schools Championships at Northampton. At the Norfolk Schools Team Cross Country Championships the U15 Girls and U15 boys teams won their events. The U13 girls' team was 2nd.

The College has embarked on another "first" by entering the U19 basketball team into the local Sunday evening men' league. Although initially this is quite demanding the students have responded magnificently and have improved beyond recognition, in no small part due to their coach Mr. Barnsley's expertise and knowledge.

In May 2000 the College was re-awarded the prestigious "Sports mark" Gold award by Sport England. We were 1 of only 3 schools in the county who achieved this standard, which is a mark of recognition of a high quality and varied curricular and extra curricular PE/Sport programme. All involved in the PE/Sport programme at the College richly deserve this coveted award. Football at the College is blossoming and programmes are being established to develop it to the standard and quality of the existing rugby programme. Changes have already been rapid. Fixtures have increased by nearly 80% over two seasons; teams have been entered into the Norwich Schools' League with the U15 side unbeaten and the 1st XI are currently unbeaten in their inaugural season of the Region's Independent Schools' League with matches still to play. Outside coaches support the College coaching staff and girl's football teams are also run at U14, U13 and U19 levels. We also have 3 boys playing for the County U16 and 2 for County U19 .

Other initiatives are that there are now two GSCE PE groups in year 10 and year 11 plus twelve Advanced level PE/Sport students in year 12 and year 13. The sports hall, gym, squash court and corridors have recently undergone a redecoration programme and the long awaited resurfacing of the tarmac sports

hall floor, looks to be near agreement.

Finally, plans have been made to organise an Wymondham College PE/Sports Presentation Evening sometime in May/June to celebrate the years sporting achievements and Radio 5 Live presenter Ian Payne has agreed in principle to be the guest speaker for our inaugural presentation evening, which we hope will become an annual event for students (past and present) and staff involved in the College sports programme.

**me at the college on 01953 609021 (answer phone and fax. number).**

**We hope to introduce regular Old Students versus College Students sports matches to the College calendar, starting with an Old students versus the College 1stXI cricket match to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the College. Despite being unbeaten against student opposition last season, the current college 1st XI cricket squad is fairly young and inexperienced but are still very keen to test their youthful exuberance against the “wily” old heads of the ex-students!! Other such matches involving football, netball, mixed hockey and perhaps tennis are also invited. If any old students are interesting in playing in or co-ordinating any of the suggested Old Students versus College sports fixtures, please contact**

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