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From the Head's Study

Dear Friends,



I hope that you all had a restful summer holiday, and I should like to welcome you all back to the new academic year at Tiffin School. Our term has begun well and the changes that I informed you about last year are beginning to bed down.

This summer's examination results were again excellent. Our GCSE and AS results were the best that the School has recorded, and our A-Level success was also notable. At GCSE we had our best ever scores in terms of the percentage of A and A* grades and the average total points score. Last year's figures are in brackets. There were **66.6%** (63.7%) of grades at A*/A, and the average total points score at GCSE per student was **559.4** (549.9). At A-Level the School recorded its third best set of results, with the average points score at **381.5** (407.2) and **71%** (76.5%) of the grades at A/B. 39 (55) students achieved at least three grade As at A-Level.

As always, we said goodbye to a number of Staff at the end of last term, including Richard Sanderson, who moved as the result of a promotion. He has gained the deputy headship at Lady Margaret School in London. A former student, Richard returned to Tiffin in September 1989 to take up his first teaching post as Teacher of Chemistry. Quickly establishing himself as a leading practitioner, his teaching was always characterised by first class subject knowledge and a deep, lasting concern for his students. This professional and committed approach was recognised in a series of fully deserved promotions: Head of House; Head of General Studies; Head of Careers and Deputy Head of Sixth Form. In September 2002 Richard was appointed Assistant Head teacher with

specific responsibility for Key Stage 4 and ICT Development. The fact that Tiffin's ICT philosophy and infrastructure are significantly more advanced than that of most schools is testament to his ability. Richard has also been hugely excited by the prospect of fundamental curriculum reform, and his chairing of the Curriculum Group has ensured that the School has both the capacity and voice to articulate its own views. Richard has always adopted a highly moral, balanced approach to issues encountered during the school day and these principles have left a lasting impression on both colleagues and students. We wish him every success in this fully justified promotion.

I look forward to keeping you all informed as Tiffin faces the opportunities and challenges of the years ahead.

Sean Heslop

FINAL REMINDER !!

OTA Old Boys' Dinner



Friday 24th November 2006
Malden Golf Club
Cost : £25



Reservations have been coming in since June. Have you booked YOUR place yet ? Please check the date is in your diary and contact us NOW to secure your place:-

Contact - Dick Rumble: 01342 843663, Stu Vidler: 01590 678789 or
Huck Wright: 0208 337 8965

Alternatively you can make contact or make your seating preferences clear by emailing us at: otadinner@hotmail.co.uk

Please post off your cheque as soon as possible for £25 per person (payable to "The O.T.A.") to Dick Rumble at his home:

35 Alma Road, Reigate, Surrey RH2 0DN

We will send full details and tickets in due course. Hope to see you there!

OTA Dinner Committee

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 12th October

- OTA Social Lunch

Monday 16th October

- Lower School Concert

23rd – 27th October

- Half Term

Thursday 26th October

- Tiffinian Lodge meets

Thursday 2nd November

- All Souls' Eucharist (Tiffin Choir)

Thursday 9th November

- School Public Speaking Finals

Sunday 12th November

- Music & Readings for Remembrance Day (Kingston Parish Church)

Saturday 18th November

- School Oratorio Concert

Wednesday 22nd November

- Association AGM

Friday 24th November

- OTA Annual Dinner

Thursday 7th December

- OTA Social Lunch
- Instrumental Concert (St Luke's)

Friday 8th December

- First Night of Carmen (Covent Garden)

11th – 16th December

- School Drama Production

Wednesday 13th December

- Judge Cup (cross-country)

Wednesday 20th December

- Carol Service 7.30pm Parish Church, followed by the usual Reunion at the School (Walden Hall) from 9.00pm
Parking available all evening at the School (London Road)

Saturday 23rd December

- TYO Christmas Concert (Parish Church)

Wednesday 3rd January

- OT Golf at West Byfleet

Friday 5th January

- Britten's War Requiem (St Paul's)

Monday 8th January

- Spring Term begins
(Further details of school events can be found later in this newsletter or on www.tiffin.kingston.sch.uk)

Chairman

Dear Old Tiffinian,

The photograph of your Chairman is a prompt for the important upcoming event in our calendar – the Annual Dinner on Friday 24th November – which your Council hopes will be well supported again.

During the summer I have attended a number of Tiffinian events, but have been surprised and disappointed that there was not more support of them from members of the OTA: the cricket matches of the School v. MCC and the Staff v. the boys are annual events which, in their format, lend themselves to OTA member support and I commend them to all next year. Anyone living within striking distance of Grist's will be sure of finding someone that they know at these matches and, if time is not available for the whole event, it doesn't matter; to call in for an hour or two to meet up with old friends and Staff members is rewarding in itself. In the same vein, Tiffin in the Garden was a very successful display of the School's excellence in music and drama, but lacking, sadly, in OTA member support. Of course a Saturday in mid-July is crowded with alternative events, but I commend Tiffin in the Garden to you next year as a priority for your diary. Equally, I repeat my commendation of membership of Friends of Tiffin Music. A major upcoming event in the music field is the Oratorio on Saturday 18th November. Some members will be eager participants in this, but for others may I suggest you get on to the box office.

It may be that the lack of OTA member support for School events is another symptom of the wider and general phenomenon, touched on in the last edition of 'Tiffnews', that of reduced participation in club activities: it may also be a reflection of the wider geographical dispersion of members today. In my own case I claim, in jest, to be the 'last of the great nomads' living as I do within a couple of miles of where I did when I was at School; but this is not typical. I can't do more than point out what is available at the School to entertain OTA members, and urge support from the body of the members which is still more or less local to the School.

Turning from my theme of lack of OTA member support, the opposite is true in relation to the Peter Smith appeal in the March 'Tiffnews' for funds for sprucing up the Dean Pavilion. To have raised around £9,000, which with Gift Aid will make about £11,000 in all, is an exemplary gesture of support; Peter's appeal has plainly touched a button of nostalgia and a feeling within the OTA members that they could do something even at a distance. Well done, Peter, and thank you to all those who have contributed. The first fruits of this appeal are already evident: those who have visited Grist's will have observed that the painting of the external woodwork has transformed the facade of the Dean Pavilion from its wholly unacceptable run-down appearance. Well done also to Tony Millard for procuring this work during the cricket season.

For those of you who still recall the appeal in 'Tiffnews' of the Ground Company Chairman, Tony Millard, you will recognise the great paradox – and illumination – in the success of a financial appeal and, sad to say, the absence of fruit for Tony's plea for help for human resource to help him address the physical problems at Grist's. Tony's need is not so much for volunteers to act as tradesmen but more to help specify and supervise work put out to contractors. Tony carries a great load and he needs, and deserves, more support than he is getting.

This is, of course, part of our long-term problem, on which I discoursed in the last Tiffnews – the OTA involvement in the day-to-day management of Grist's needs fundamental reappraisal. I have received many emails and letters of support for my analysis and how to move forward, and for these I have expressed my thanks to their authors. Your Council has engaged consultants to advise on the general planning issues that would have to be addressed, if an application for redevelopment of part of Grist's were to be made: if redevelopment is considered to be non-viable and dropped, then now is the time to remake this decision, but if there is some reasonable prospect of success then, equally, now is the time to make a planning application. When the consultants report is to hand your Council will consider whether and how to proceed: a decision on this will be guided by input from the wider Tiffin community as well as those members who are particularly able or willing to add to the analysis and guide the decision-making. A report on the situation will be made at the AGM of the OTA on Wednesday 22nd November.

At the AGM I shall make myself available for re-election as your Chairman, and Ravi Kamineni likewise as Vice-Chairman. Naturally, the Members present at the meeting will consider other nominations.

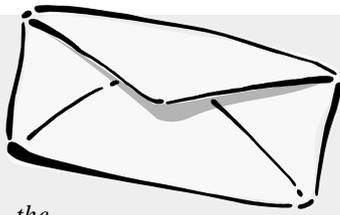
I hope to see you at the Annual Dinner and/or the AGM, or even at the Oratorio.

Yours in fellowship,

HOWARD MALLINSON



Letters



Dear Brian,

I was very interested to read the article on Tiffin History in the June 'Tiffnews', and I think I might be able to shed a little light on one or two of the points raised.

Concerning the arrival of the Bofors Gun, I left Tiffins at the end of the Summer Term 1940 and I am sure there was no gun on the school field by then.

Regarding the collecting of work from somewhere on the Fairfield, while the start of the Autumn Term 1939 (my Matric year) was delayed owing to the construction of the shelters, I can confirm that we collected and handed in our work assignments once or twice a week at another building. This was in fact the Kingston Public Library. I believe we had some lessons there too.

One of the four airmen who crashed in the Alps was, I think, Keith Mooring (1937), who was the navigator.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Cockrean (1940)

Dear Brian,

There has been speculation about the aircraft on the school field in about 1940. I know for certain that it was NOT a Tiger Moth and am almost as sure that it was a De Havilland Dragon.

The reminders about George Spriggs almost left me with a sleepless night. As a Junior I was absolutely terrified of him, but later on, particularly when I was in the Third & Fourth Form, I found him to be a very good Maths teacher. I have concluded that he had a dislike of small boys but had a better relationship with older ones. I remember he was almost at the point of shedding tears, when at the end of my third year he ceased to be our Form Master and the boys presented him with a record token "as a mark of our respect and affection", as our Form Captain (Bryan Ford) put it. The master who most affected my life and for whom I have the greatest affection and admiration was, I think, Wyndham-Smith, who was in charge of the Juniors, when I was in that form.

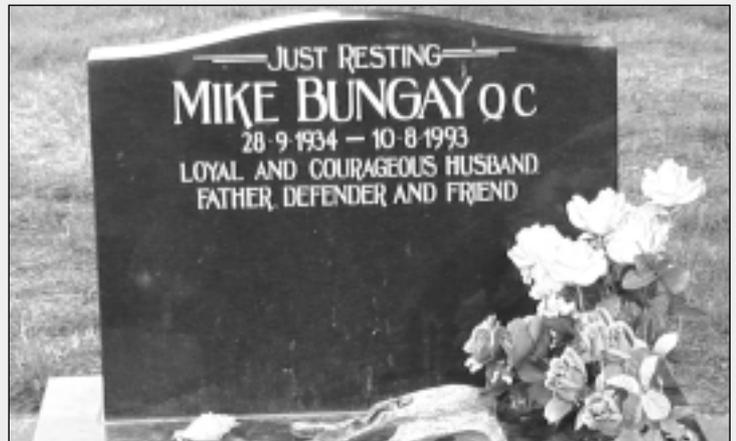
Kindest Regards,

Nigel Mudie (1944)

Dear Brian,

Earlier this year, while my wife and I were visiting our daughter in New Zealand, I took the opportunity of visiting the grave of Mike Bungay, an Old Tiffinian, who died some twelve or thirteen years ago, I believe. He made his career in that attractive country, becoming a famous criminal defence lawyer. He was a colourful character by all accounts. Certainly, whenever I asked any Kiwi if he knew the name Mike Bungay, a grin of recollection would usually pass over the speaker's face with words like "Oh, him! Yeah, he was quite a guy!", and there would follow some anecdote. One famous one was of Mike refusing in court to pay a parking fine, since he'd registered his car in the name of his dog! In the right hand column, is a picture of his grave a few miles outside Wellington. Note the

epitaph, appropriate to his profession. I recall Mike at School in the late 1940s, but was not a personal friend of his. Perhaps some of you out there who did know Mike will have one or two stories to add about him.



Before arriving in New Zealand we stayed with another colourful character, our dear old friend, David ('Daisy') Barker and his wife Catherine (Old Tiffin Girl), who live near Sydney. Soon after our return home in April they came over to Cambridge for three months, so we had the pleasure of another meeting with them when they visited our neck of the woods – bringing with them another (younger) OT, John Dixon, and his wife. Never have so many OTs been together in West Somerset. Which reminds me - how many other OTs are there in the West Country? Perhaps we should form a sub-branch!

Very best wishes.

Michael Webb (1954)



J Dixon, M Webb & D Barker, together with wives

Annual General Meeting

This year the AGM is on Wednesday 22nd November (7.30 for 8.00pm). Do come along and give your views on important issues confronting us – in particular, the future of the Sports Ground.

STUART LESTER Hon. Secretary

Editor

Many will read with sadness in this edition notification of the death of **Keith Southan**. His contribution to Tiffins during his thirty years of service was outstanding. As Classics teacher, as Housemaster, as a major contributor to the success of the early Tiffin Fairs and as an inspiring leader of the Scouts and Boat Club, he will live long in the memories of those of us who were taught by him or served with him as a colleague. The large numbers attending his funeral in Twickenham bore witness to the respect in which he was held.

This is my last opportunity to remind you that preparations for the **OTA Annual Dinner** are well under way. If you have still not booked your place, do send off your cheque NOW, before you forget !

With this edition of 'Tiffnews' we send out our reminder that **annual subscriptions** are due (for those of you who still pay by cheque). As usual, remittance slips are sent to ALL members, in case they are required. If you pay by Standing Order, please ignore this slip, unless you need to update your contact details.

Some **email addresses** we hold on our database have proved to be out of date (despite my reminder in June). Please send me a quick email, if you think yours might have changed.

BRIAN HOLDEN

OTA 200 Club

First of all, apologies to those who looked in high hopes but in vain for this article in the June issue. Unfortunately it was overlooked and not noticed at the proof stage. Here is a complete listing of all £10 winners announced since the March edition of Tiffnews:

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| 96 R.G.Hill | 21 Mrs B.K.Bonfield | 167 P.Bayman |
| 109 A.Gee | 153 B.Hunt | 152 A.M.Pringle |
| 53 Mrs L.Hainsby | 89 Mrs D.L Leather | 77 L.Durham |
| 180 B.E.Crisp | 51 D.J.Henson | 105 C.J.Harwood |
| 29 P.D.Smith | 95 A.G.Smith | 167 P.Bayman |
| 122 Mrs J.Smith | 163 D.A.Booth | 187 Mrs B.Johnson |
| 68 E.A.H.Key | 158 A.J.Millard | 162 T.J.Wiseman |
| 141 J.P.Dixon | 17 E.Holbrook | 167 P.Bayman |
| 169 R.G.Adolphus | | |

Congratulations this time to **Dan Godfrey** (No.168), who won the **£500 Big Draw** Prize this summer ! It's good to see a loyal supporter (and a former member of the School Staff!) win the 'Big One'. This was drawn, as usual, at a meeting of the OTA Council.

As the cost of belonging to the 200 Club is only just over £1 per month, several members are helping the Association finances by taking out a second ticket. If you are not already a member of the 200 Club and would like some more information about it, please get in touch with me on 020 8393 3293 (or email me on bholden93@hotmail.com) The subscription is so small that you won't really miss it — and you could find yourself on our next list of winners!

BRIAN HOLDEN

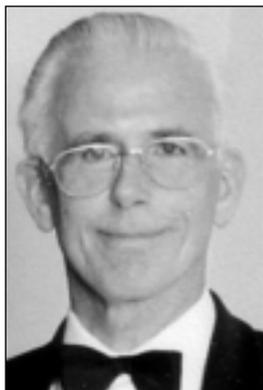
OTA 100 Club

Since the last report draws have taken place as follows :-

| | | | | Previous win |
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| Apr '06 | £50 | Dick Power | Norfolk | '04 |
| May '06 | £50 | Stuart Lester | Kingston | '01 |
| Jun '06 | £50 | Sid Millar | Huntingdon | |
| Jun '06 | £1000 | Gus Armstrong | Church Crookham | '01 |
| Jul '06 | £50 | David Booth | Surbiton | '99 |

The above draws were held at a recent OTA Council meeting.

The June 'big one' was won by Gus Armstrong, who, in his enthusiasm, tells me this will go towards a new kitchen. Congratulations to all the winners and thanking others for their support.



The 100 Club makes a major donation towards the Association's income, so do please consider becoming a member. The cost is £60 per annum (or £5 per month) by standing order. The prizes are £50 each month, plus half-yearly major prizes of £1,000. Further information can be obtained from me at 28 Railton Road, Guildford, Surrey GU2 9LX (Tel: 01483 850705).

GREER KIRKWOOD

Internet Corner

Amongst our readers there must be quite a number of crossword addicts. If you get terribly frustrated towards the end of a crossword, when searching in vain for the last word needed to complete it, you might, I suspect, not be averse to a little 'cheating'. I am not referring here to those marvellous electronic gadgets, which I am sure you always have handy. I refer to the last resort solution of turning to the web-site : www.theanswerbank.co.uk/Quizzes_and_Puzzles, where fellow-addicts post their chief difficulties, hoping for answers (and usually get them). If you are near the end of your crossword, the chances are you will find here the answer to your prayers.

Have you often wondered why you are paying out a fortune every time the prescription for your spectacles changes ? Yes, you're right ! It's because the high-street shops have to make a huge profit to meet their overheads (well, that's their story, anyway). One solution is to hand, thanks to a young entrepreneur who set up a new company dealing on the Internet or by post. Ordering through the web-site www.glassesdirect.co.uk is simple and reliable, and this costs from £15 (for simple lenses) or from £35 (for bifocals) – complete with case and guarantee. This is the cost for lenses in their standard frames, though more expensive ones are available. (Those without the internet can contact me, and I can supply the phone contact for obtaining their printed catalogue.) The routine is that you obtain a prescription in the normal way from a high-street optician – there is no obligation to purchase from them – and then send it to Glasses Direct with your instructions and cheque. (They do not yet supply varifocal or varilux lenses.) I have tried this scheme and encountered no problems. Even, if your eyesight is unchanged, you might wish to obtain a spare pair in this way. It's also worth checking out www.cheapspecs.co.uk (who also supply varifocal lenses).

Keep looking out for useful tips helpful to other readers !

BRIAN HOLDEN

OT Golf Society

We were at Guildford in June for our annual match against Old Surbitonians. Mainly because we again outnumbered them (this year by 20 to 15), we won by 397 to 367, to retain the trophy. Although the course was in superb condition, there was some wind to contend with, and scoring generally was lower than in recent years, with Allan Piggott being our best scorer with 35 Stableford points. Other prizes went to Norman Mayes (second place, also with 35), Keith Goodwin (third), David Edney (for the outward nine) and Peter Smith (for the second nine holes).

The Surrey Old Boys Championship was this year held at Clandon Regis, but the change of venue certainly did not bring us any more luck than we have had before. Our top two players were both held up by traffic jams – indeed our Captain (through no fault of his own) was still sitting on the M25, when the last group teed off, and so missed out altogether. This also had the knock-on effect that other team members had to rush out before they were really ready to start, with predictable results. However, Dillwyn Rosser did well with 36 points and also Allan Piggott with 33, but overall we finished 7th out of 8 teams – well behind Old Emanuel, who won for the first time this year. Disappointing for us – but, as I say every time, "There's always next year"!

Howard Mallinson does an excellent job running our annual knock-out competition. He tells me that Dillwyn Rosser beat Paul Baker in the first

semi-final and awaits the winner of Alan Bonfield and John Edney from the other half of the draw. Either way, it has the makings of a good final.

Our last meeting this year is our (all-day) Autumn meeting which will be at Rusper on Friday 22nd September. In the morning we play for the Steeper Trophy, with our main event being the competition for the Ford Plate in the afternoon.

I know most people won't have 2007 diaries yet, but (for the record) the dates so far arranged for next year are:

Wednesday 3rd January - Breakfast, golf and lunch at West Byfleet

Friday 30th March - Afternoon golf, dinner and AGM at Surbiton

Thursday 3rd May - Afternoon against Old Kingstonians at Tyrrells Wood

Tuesday 19th June - Afternoon match against Old Surbitonians at The Drift

Friday 6th July - Surrey Schools O.B. competition at Clandon Regis

We are always pleased to be joined by new members or guests. We hope that nobody will be put off, because they think that we are all super golfers – some are, but most of us are not! As Secretary, I can be contacted on 01372 274441.

ALAN (GUS) DAUNT

Tiffinian Lodge

After our summer recess we are about to embark on our 95th year as a Masonic Lodge, and it promises to be an exciting and an enjoyable year. Our first Committee Meeting of the year was held at Surbiton Masonic Hall on Thursday 14th September, preparing the way for our most important meeting on October 26th, when we shall install our new Master.

The Installation Meeting is always looked forward to by all members, for not only is our new Master installed, but the officers for the year ahead are invested, and the ceremony is always well conducted and highly enjoyable. This year is particularly significant, as it will be the first time that we shall be installing a Master who has served as Master of the Lodge once before. We had hoped to reach our centenary maintaining our tradition of having a Master of the Lodge each year that had not served before in this Lodge as Master. However, slightly diminishing numbers of new members have made that hope sadly unrealisable.

Our new Master will be David Jagger, who was our 72nd Master in 1982, and who will now become our 95th Master this year. David is a highly experienced and very popular Mason who was unanimously elected by the Lodge members, and we are looking forward with great pleasure to his installation. We are all confident that his direction of the Lodge for this coming Masonic year will be marked by his usual excellence.

We are also looking forward to a very full year. In November we shall have an initiation ceremony to bring a new member into the Lodge, and in the following three meetings we shall have second and third degree ceremonies, and also an Open Meeting, to which friends and family of Lodge Members are invited, together with anyone who may be interested in Masonry, and after which a very convivial dinner is enjoyed by all. In our regular meetings we are also to be treated to short lectures which will extend our Masonic knowledge.

We are also confident that more new members will wish to be admitted to the Lodge in the near future. Masonry is highly rewarding, thoroughly worthwhile, and socially satisfying, and anyone who may be at all interested is invited to speak to me as Lodge Secretary on 020 8979 0107.

MIKE BECKERMAN

Old Tiffinian Social Lunch

Our forty-seventh Lunch was held on Thursday 6th July at our usual venue, viz. the Ristorante Sorrento, 379 Ewell Road, Tolworth, Surbiton, Surrey.

Those present were :-

Dennis Barnard, David Baron, David Evans, Graham Fitchett, Jack Foster, Dan Godfrey, Brian Gosling, Brian Holden, Chris Hunt, Ken Jenkins, Godfrey Jillings, Ted Key, Greer Kirkwood, David Larmar, Howard Mallinson, John Phillips, Bryn Prisk, Ray Rathbone, Howard Watson & John Wright.

Our Summer Lunch numbers were helped to reach the 20 mark again by the arrival of John Phillips, plus his host for the day, Ray Rathbone (a non-OT). The usual excellent lunch was enjoyed by all. Several apologies were received for holiday or health reasons.

The Autumn date will be **Thursday 12th October**. The Christmas date is **Thursday 7th December**.

All are welcome, and, if you wish to attend and bring guests, please let me know on 01483 850705. Early notification will be appreciated.

GREER KIRKWOOD

Membership Matters

Once again we are at the end of another Old Tiffinian membership year and I have to remind you that your subscription became due on the 1st October.

The rates now applying are as follows :

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| Ordinary Members, wherever resident | £20.00 |
| Pensioners (i.e. 65+ on 1st October) | £15.00 |
| Young Members (i.e. under 25 on 1st October) | £15.00 |
| Those receiving full-time education | £10.00 |

All of the above **less £5**, if payment is made before the end of October.

Please note that the special Student Rate does NOT include a copy of 'The Tiffinian'. If students wish to receive a copy of the School Magazine, they should send an extra £5 towards the cost of printing & postage.

If paying by cheque (payable to the "Old Tiffinians' Association"), please send it as soon as possible to me: Dennis Barnard, 40 Bramshaw Rise, New Malden, Surrey KT3 5JU.

Should you be writing from abroad, please ensure that the cheque is drawn on a UK bank. Clearance charges on cheques drawn on foreign banks can be somewhat excessive, even exceeding the amount being paid. An alternative method would be for you to mail the equivalent in local currency notes.

All members of playing sections wishing to receive the Association newsletter (and school magazine, where appropriate) should send their payment directly to me before the end of October.

REMITTANCE ADVICE SLIPS If you are sending a payment, I should be grateful if you would complete and enclose a slip with your cheque; this enables us to double-check addresses, post codes, e-mail addresses and telephone numbers. Any of them could well have changed, since we last heard from you.

Please ignore the slip, if you are a member who pays his subscription by Bank Standing Order, provided that the payment is being made at the rate applicable to your status.

'THE TIFFINIAN' (2005/2006 edition) We expect that the forthcoming issue will be published during the Spring Term. Perhaps I should once again point out that the magazine is only posted to fully paid-up members who are Old Boys of the School. Every year we have to disappoint some who leave the payment of their subscriptions until late in the year. They miss receiving their copy, if stocks become exhausted.

ARREARS Regretfully there are still some members who appear from my records not to have paid their subscriptions for the year just ended. Should you find a personally addressed reminder letter enclosed, please respond as soon as possible. This will avoid my having to include your name amongst those candidates recommended for removal from the membership roll later this year.

MOVING? Please let **ME** know (or email Brian Holden), whoever else you may inform in the OTA, should you change your address. We still seem, needlessly, to lose touch with some members, when they move.

DENNIS BARNARD

The Dean Pavilion

Many thanks to those who have contributed since the last edition of the newsletter. The total contributed to date is now £8,979 (£10,908 including tax reclaimed). A splendid effort – and we know of others who have made promises, but who are not so quick off the mark. In this issue we should like to express thanks for the support of the following additional donors :

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| Atkins D W | Crisp B E | Minihan M G |
| Banerjee R | Everson J A | Owen A E |
| Bennett M E | Hardy D K | Pringle A M |
| Chaffey D G | Jillings G | Truin R P |
| Chivers G | | |

If you do plan still to support this Appeal by Peter Smith in March 'Tiffnews', please send off your cheque to him NOW at : 13 Kings Drive, Thames Ditton, Surrey KT7 0TH, making your cheque payable to "TIFFINIAN LTD". We can reclaim Basic Rate tax, if you are able to include a declaration along the lines of the following:

"I am a UK taxpayer and have paid tax at least equal to the tax I want Tiffinian Ltd to reclaim on my donation of £....".

Many thanks!

OT Rugby Club

We have a new First Team captain and vice-captain this season (2006/07), in Jim Lynch and Colin Mander respectively, with Tim Parsons kindly agreeing to continue as Second Team captain. We wish them all well.

Every year the Rugby Club loses players for various reasons, next season being no exception. Whether it's due to players moving away from the area, work/family commitments on Saturdays, or injuries causing retirement from the game, it's a fact of life that we must accept happens and which is out of our control.

In addition, for the very same reasons, you will all no doubt be aware of the difficulties faced towards the end of last season in the Club, raising enough players to put out two sides each week.

It is essential, therefore that, as a Club, we do whatever we can to try and recruit new players. There is no doubt that the best way to recruit new players is through current/former players/members introducing friends, relatives, work colleagues etc. to the Club. So please do all that you possibly can. If you could let me know the contact details of any interested players, then I would be grateful.

My contact details are as follows:

28 Amberwood Rise, New Malden, Surrey, KT3 5JF

Home tel : 020 8942 7194 (Mobile : 07962 562512)

E-mail: andy.green@defra.gsi.gov.uk OR andy.r.green@talk21.com

The 1st XV began their Surrey League One campaign on Saturday 9th September with a trip to London Exiles, with the 2nd XV also away against Chobham 5th in a 'friendly'.

Training continues every Tuesday (a prompt 7.30pm start) at 'Grists' (our home ground – Summer Road, off Hampton Court Way, East Molesey, Surrey, KT8 9LS). Please make every effort to come down and take part.

ANDY GREEN
Hon. Secretary

Old Tiffinians Meet Indian Gymkhana

Nawab of Pataudi, recovered from his recent illness, was among the notable personalities in the Indian Gymkhana eleven who met Old Tiffinians at Osterley, on Monday. The match was left drawn. With him were R. M. Khan (All India) and E. B. Eytley (West Indies).

Batting first, the Old Boys scored 150 for 9 declared. P. W. G. Johnston contributing an excellent 81, before being caught off Pataudi.

Pataudi and Nimbalkar (wicket-keeper in India's Test match eleven), opened for the Gymkhana, but the Nawab was caught by Johnston off Willis, for 32, and his colleague was run out for 29. After this wickets fell rather quickly.

When stumps were drawn, the Gymkhana still required 47 runs to save the match with one wicket to fall.

Old Tiffinians

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| J L N Hall b Eytley | 0 |
| C G Cannons c Rockwood b Rajji | 26 |
| J L Glasscock b Smythe | 1 |
| R E Jennings b Pataudi | 12 |
| P W G Johnston st Nimbalkar b Pataudi | 81 |
| C E Ashfield st Nimbalkar b Rajji | 0 |
| N Wilton b Pataudi | 6 |
| L Syrett lbw b Sangh | 11 |
| T H Willis c Khan b Sangh | 5 |
| A Billingham not out | 5 |
| Extras | 5 |

Total (9 wkts dec) 150

Indian Gymkhana

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| Nawab of Pataudi c Johnston b Willis | 32 |
| Nimbalkar run out | 29 |
| Rajji lbw b Billingham | 3 |
| J Sangh c Cannons b Johnston | 7 |
| E B Eytley c Glasscock b Hall | 7 |
| E Livers run out | 2 |
| J Escallin not out | 5 |
| Sargut run out | 5 |
| T Smythe b Wilton | 1 |
| U Arun run out | 4 |
| R M Khan not out | 5 |

Total (9 wkts) 105

OT Cricketers of Yesteryear

This extract from the Surrey Comet of Wednesday June 12th 1946 was sent in by Peter Johnston (1942). It gives the results of an OT match against Indian Gymkhana, played over the holiday weekend (in the days when the Bank Holiday was always on Whit Monday).

Peter wonders whether Indian Gymkhana still have a cricket club. In those days it was an amalgam of Indians and West Indians. On that particular day they had three test cricketers in the side, which the OTs narrowly missed beating. He recalls that 'Tubby' Willis was our best bowler, although on that occasion he took only one wicket.

OT Cricket Club

The cricket season started off in tremendous fashion for the OTCC, especially for the Saturday 1st XI league side, which looked almost unbeatable this season. The first defeat came at the end of July against the then league toppers Guildford city. With two further losses, it was very disappointing for the side to finish without any silverware in the end at all.

6 wins, 5 winning draws, 2 losing draws and 3 defeats left the side in 6th place overall. Injuries and non-availabilities for various reasons at crucial times of important personnel have been the major contributing factors for the side's not gaining deserved accolades in 2006. The side even enjoyed a superb League Cup knock-out run, reaching the semi-finals and losing to the eventual winners, Valley End.

It was highly encouraging to see a marked improvement in team spirit and the will to win this season, which certainly bodes well for the 2007 season. Congratulations though must go to our opening batsman, Sohail Butt, for topping the League batting averages, with some tremendous innings throughout the season, the highlight being the unbeaten 168 against Merstham in 120 balls. Faisal Khan exuded class with both bat and ball. The skipper Ravi Shankar, along with Waseem Butt, had a reasonably good season with the bat. Good contributions also came from Simon Clews, Matthew Bennett and Justin Smith during the season, when their availabilities permitted. Mohammad Ali opened the bowling with Rob Jones, our new acquisition this year, to some effect. It was good to see the ever-green Ted Wightwick perform with some real gusto, and a good job was also done by Nadeem Syed behind the stumps all summer. Mention must also go to Danny Boustead, who had been quite instrumental in the few matches he had managed to play this season.

The Saturday 2nd XI league side under James Kinstler, again with limited resources at their disposal, performed superbly when most needed, to maintain their presence in the Surrey Championship. Once more, non-availabilities and injuries to important personnel had severely handicapped their season throughout the year. The mainstays of the side were Zahid, Tahir, Jimmy Kinstler, Grayson Giddy, Tissa Fernando, Richard Bates, Keith Fairey, Gary Pocock and Greer Kirkwood. Just five wins in the end is certainly not a testament to their undoubted talent. Hopefully, with better availability of good players next year, real progress can be achieved.

The Sunday 1st XI, though, had an uncharacteristically poor 2006 campaign; a major contributory factor had been the non-availability of both the captain (Andy Pitts) and the vice-captain for almost the whole season. The Sunday 'Old Boys' League results have ended up being the poorest on record so far. On the few occasions when a good side could be mustered, Matthew Bennett skippered the side superbly to put together a few good wins during the season. Nevertheless, a good time was had by all in the end.

Many thanks as usual, though, must go to all those much-needed and highly appreciated supporting cast this year. Peter Smith for his ever-present support and wonderful score book, Mick Giddy and Rodney Blicke for their umpiring duties and Mary for her teas.

Finally, a major Thank You and gratitude from the whole Club must go to our Vice-Presidents, who supported us and contributed so generously to our cause this year. Hopefully this will continue in future years. We shall certainly look forward to welcoming and seeing more of you at the VPs' Lunch next summer, and, if not, certainly at some of our matches in 2007.

RAVI SHANKAR KAMINENI

People

PAUL ARMSTRONG (1981) has recently joined the Association. As Captain of Tyne Rowing Club he attended Henley and was interested to see the School competing with success. Paul is now Director of Christison Particle Technologies Ltd., based in Gateshead. He bought the company in 1994 and now wishes he had listened a bit more in Chemistry lessons. Those interested in the technicalities of his operation should check the web site www.christison.co.uk



DAVID BARKER (1953) is to be congratulated on being named in the Queen's Birthday 2006 Australian Honours List. David was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM), and the citation reads: "Professor David Leslie Barker – For service to legal education in Australia and the Pacific region, to professional associations, and to the community". The investiture took place at NSW Government House on 6th September.

ADAM BARRETT (1999) was an exceptional athlete at School – particularly in the triple jump. On leaving he went to Cambridge and obtained a Physics based degree, before moving to Sussex to take a post-grad course. He then followed his mentor to Oxford to do work on string theory. He plans now to move from Physics to Mathematics, to do brain function modelling (possibly in Paris) for his next postgraduate studies.

RICHARD COEKIN (1980), following the piece in our last edition, won his battle with a surprise decision by the Archbishop of Canterbury to uphold his appeal against the Bishop of Southwark, Dr Tom Butler, who had banned Richard from officiating in his diocese after an irregular ordination service. The Archbishop found that "the revocation of the licence was inappropriate and disproportionate". The case was fully reported in the Radio 4 programme 'Sunday' on 11th June, but both Richard and the Bishop declined to be interviewed. Richard stated that he would attempt reconciliation, as called for in the appeal judgement.

JONATHAN DAVIES (1998) is now in his seventh year at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, where he achieved a First Class Honours in Natural Sciences and then went on to study for a PhD in Psychology. This is his final year.



CHRIS HEATON-HARRIS (1986), is never out of the news for long! Like a number of other MEPs, he is outraged by the attempt by the EU Presidency, currently held by Austria, to introduce a pan-European counter-terrorism force, which formed part of the constitution rejected by democratic votes in France and the Netherlands. Chris stated: "This is meant to be a time for reflection – but instead the EU is cherry-picking from the constitution". He was also one of the signatories to a letter addressed to William Hague, reminding him of David Cameron's pledge to leave the EPP grouping and to set up a Euro-sceptic group with like-minded allies.

Chris is co-founder of the campaign backed by a multi-national group of MEPs from across the political spectrum, to abolish the wasteful trek to Strasbourg each year and move permanently to Brussels. The constant moves are costing the taxpayers more than £130 million a year, but unfortunately the French seem to regard it as a matter of honour, and it is regrettably enshrined in the original Treaty and cannot be changed without their agreement.

DON HARTRIDGE (1955) was again in touch with the School a few months ago. He has fond memories of his time in the orchestra playing the French horn and remembers well the dedication of Denis Bloodworth, who conducted rehearsals out of school hours. He also pays tribute to the work of Stuart Griffiths and George Spriggs in instilling cultural values.



DAVID JAGGER (1958) is to be congratulated on his being elected as 95th Master of Tiffinian Lodge, with his installation taking place shortly. David is the very first member of this Lodge to serve for a second term — a tribute indeed from his fellow-members.

PETER LLOYD (1961) is now a co-senior partner in a very old-established firm of mid-Surrey solicitors and is very grateful for the encouragement & help he received from 'JJ' in getting him launched on his career. He has been happily married to Ria, who is Dutch, for nearly 31 years, during which time they have visited Holland at least that number of times. They have a married daughter, who has just qualified as an actuary, and a son, who is an aspiring film director. In his spare time Peter is a keen walker and photographer, and he has built up a picture library, which he has put on the web (www.peterkilloid.co.uk). He and his wife are both committed members of Guildford URC.

DOUGLAS LUCIE (1973), living in Oxfordshire, still enjoys his career as a playwright. His play 'Pass It On' was performed in the Cottesloe Theatre in July as part of the Shell Connections Festival of new plays commissioned for young companies across the UK. The play looks at some of the ways in which war, in particular, and adult life in general, impact on the lives of teenagers at different levels of society. It has been described as a compellingly powerful and thought provoking piece with some marvellous comic moments. It was convincingly performed by the Brewery Youth Theatre from Kendal and well received by a full house.

Doug's stage plays include 'Hard Feeling'; 'Progress'; 'Fashion'; 'Grace'; 'Gauch'; 'The Shallow End'; 'Love You, Too'; 'The Green Man'. For radio he has adapted 'Little Dorrit'; 'Hard Times'; 'Ghosts'; 'Shut Eye'; 'Hold Back the Night'. For TV his credits include 'A Class of his Own' (an autobiographical play about Tiffin School, with Graham Crowden as the JJ Harper character); 'Funseekers'; 'Headhunters'; and episodes of 'Eastenders'.

MICHAEL McCABE (1994) trained as a physiotherapist, but is now working on a comedy circuit. He is doing well and has been appearing on ITV2/3 on Saturday mornings in an interactive show.

MARTIN MOORE (1958) has been living in the USA for many years, involved in building performing arts centres. His latest venture is Empac, an experimental media & performing arts centre designed by Nickolas Grimshaw (Waterloo Station and the Eden Project) and engineered by Buro Happold (Millenium Dome). He and his wife are at the moment planning to retire to England eventually.

ROBERT RICE (1988) sings the role of Judas in a newly-released CD of Elgar's oratorio *The Apostles*. This was a live recording made last year in Canterbury Cathedral with **Richard Cooke** (one-time Tiffin Director of Choral Music) conducting. Robert was summoned at a few hours' notice to take this role, making a 50-mile dash by taxi to get to Canterbury in time for the performance. For much of the journey he was on the phone to

Richard, singing through his part, which he had not previously performed. On arrival Robert discovered that the part of Jesus was being sung by **Roderick Williams** (also a one-time Tiffin Director of Choral Music). By an odd coincidence the role of Judas was to have been taken by an ex-Tiffin parent, Michael Pearce, who had fallen ill during the afternoon rehearsal. Michael's son **Richard Pearce** (1986) is now a well-known accompanist and organist.

STEPHEN RICE (1985), brother of Robert (above) founded the choir The Brabant Ensemble, which has recently released its second CD, this time on the Hyperion label, of a Mass and motets by the 16th-century Flemish composer Thomas Crecquillon. The disc was favourably reviewed on the BBC's CD Review programme, and in a notice in the BBC Music Magazine. A third CD by the Brabant Ensemble, of music by Pierre de Manchicourt (also 16th c. Flemish), is due to appear early next year.

COLIN RITCHIE (1951) enjoyed participating in the Heritage Open Day in September and took the opportunity of renewing his acquaintance with Tiffins. He was then tempted to join the Association, to keep in touch. Colin entered the School in 1943. After special coaching in the Sixth Form by Dr Chapple he applied to Lincoln College, Oxford, and Caius, Cambridge, to study Modern Languages. The latter offered him a place. As was then usual for all except scientists, he was obliged to do his National Service (in the Intelligence Corps in Vienna) before entering Caius in 1953. He graduated in 1956, having switched from French & German to specialise in German Philology, an interest fostered by his National Service in Vienna.

His father was a banker, and, after a summer spent visiting various companies proposed by the University Appointments Board, he decided to approach Lloyds Bank, who had a branch in Geneva, as he was a keen skier. He then had three years in the UK Lloyds Bank, before joining Lloyds Bank (Foreign) in Paris in May 1960. Over the next 31 years he served this bank, working in Paris (three times), Geneva, Zurich and Amsterdam as an Inspector based in London and as a roving systems integrator in Lloyds French branches in the early days of stand-alone computers. He spent the last 8 years in Geneva, finally as Head of Administration for Switzerland, and retired in 1991. As he had a sterling pension, he decided to retire to the UK (he had retained a flat in Surbiton).

BRIAN ROLES (1965) took part in the Radio 4 programme 'Brain of Britain' on 25th September (repeated 30th September). Brian says he is still trying to prove Roy Knight correct, when he said he only *seemed* asleep during lessons!

RICHARD SANDERSON (1984) after graduating returned to Tiffins in 1989, to take up his first teaching post as a teacher of Chemistry. While at the School he gained a number of promotions: to Head of House, Head of General Studies, Head of Careers and Deputy Head of the Sixth Form, as well as being heavily involved with the development of IT within the curriculum. He has now been appointed Deputy Head at Lady Margaret School in London. We wish him well for the future.



ALEC STEWART (1980) has a brief mention in D.J.Taylor's widely reviewed and much praised book 'On the Corinthian Spirit: the Decline of Amateurism in Sport' (Yellow Jersey Press June 2006 £10). The author states that Alec "attended a notably upmarket Surrey grammar school!"

Alec was interviewed at unusual length on the BBC1 London Regional News on 11th September concerning his views on the Twenty20 cricket fixtures. He expressed the opinion that it was a good move, clearly popular with the public – and more importantly with the players. Some 18,000 were expected to attend the match the following day.

MICHAEL TANNER (1952) went immediately into the RAF on leaving School, serving for three years. He then joined the staff of a Lloyd's motor underwriting syndicate and was with them for the rest of his working life, ending up as a Director and an Underwriting Name at Lloyd's. In the well-known troubles suffered by Lloyd's in the late 1980s and the 1990s he was forced to take an early retirement in 1991. Since then he has become virtually a full-time student again! He went to Sussex University for three years to get his BA in English, then to King's College, London, for an MA in the History of Christianity, and he is just starting another post-graduate degree at King's for a DPhil. If he lasts the course, it will take him six years! So, at least he can say he has kept his mind active, and the involvement with these colleges and with the students there he has enjoyed immensely. He reckons he is trying to make up for his tendency towards laziness whilst at Tiffins!

BRIAN WEST (1952) and his second wife, Gillian, have just acquired "computer expert" status and associate membership of the British Computer Society by passing the fourth and final Advanced module of the European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL). Brian and Gillian studied together at Deeside College, Connah's Quay, North Wales, helpfully funded by the European Social Fund. They now have qualifications in word processing, spreadsheets, presentations and databases.

Computing became a mainstream hobby for Brian, when he retired from the commercial radio industry eleven years ago, and at 71 he is one of Deeside College's oldest students. Gillian (45) runs her own secretarial agency (Gillian West Business Services), and the computer expertise she has acquired is a practical plus for her.



FRANK WHATELY, now Head of the School of Performance & Screen Studies at Kingston University, following the successful outcome of the discussions about Kingston Theatre, is beginning in January, as planned, the postgraduate course in Fine Arts in Classical Theatre, together with Peter Hall. The theatre should be up and running, with the repertory company in place by next autumn, doing eight new productions a year.



RODDY WILLIAMS (Tiffin Choirmaster 1988–91) had one of his compositions performed on Radio 3 in June this year. The occasion was a choral evensong, broadcast live from the University Chapel of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford. In the Oxford Blues Service was performed the complete jazz setting of Anglican Evensong according to the Book of Common Prayer, composed by Roddy and sung by Schola Cantorum of Oxford.

De Mortuis

We had hoped at one point, as the summer progressed, that this edition would go to press with no sad entries on this page to include. However, that was not to be.

We heard that **Eddie Bruck (1955)** had died at the end of July in Lisbon. He had been in hospital since May, having treatment for a brain tumour, but they were unable to save him. Many contemporaries will remember him as one of the finest rugby players of his time. Though he always lived and worked in distant parts, we were lucky that he made the effort to attend some of the recent OTA Annual Dinners. We hope to publish an obituary in our December issue.



The next blow was to learn of the disappearance of **Keith Southan** (retired Classics master) for 2–3 days in August when venturing out to his allotment, which he still valued greatly, and then of his death some time later in hospital at the age of 95. He had given in all 30 years in the service of Tiffin School (more, if you include the time spent long afterwards maintaining the boats and working on regatta committees), and at his funeral there

were, in addition to his extended family, many who had been touched by his life – notably former colleagues, scouts and rowers. We expect to publish a full obituary in the next edition, but we should be grateful if those of you who have special memories of Keith could write in with them. We would hope to publish a selection of these – and in any case these will be treasured by the family.



The obituary of **John Squire (1936)** was published in the June edition, but some of his fellow-players may regard this photo as more typical! It has since been pointed out that the TV programme referred to was based on the fact that John had turned 65 at the time and travelled to matches using his Bus Pass (not specifically celebrating 50 years with the OTFC).

Mike Bungay QC (1951), who died in 1993, had a colourful life-style, not forgotten by those who knew him. Mike Webb visited New Zealand earlier this year and took this photo of the grave (*see also our Letters page*).



Grave of Mike Bungay QC

Book Column

'*Adrift in Caledonia: Boat-hitching for the Unenlightened*'

by Nick Thorpe (published by Little Brown)

On leaving School in 1987, Nick went up to St Catherine's College, Oxford, to study English Literature. He is now an award-winning writer and journalist. A contributor to the *Sunday Times*, *Daily Telegraph*, *Guardian*, *Independent*, *Scotsman* and BBC Radio 4 among others, he has covered stories ranging from Russian presidential elections to the coca wars of Bolivia, for which he was short listed for the Martha Gellhorn Prize for Journalism.

His best-selling new book, '*Adrift in Caledonia: Boat-hitching for the Unenlightened*', is the story of his recent 2500-mile journey around Scotland on other people's boats. With his characteristically humorous and self-deprecating style, the author charts his journey around both known and unknown parts of Scotland's waterways. In late May 2003 thousands converged on Edinburgh for the International Festival of the Sea. With this as the inspirational starting gun, he embarks the following week on his own voyage, a 1000-mile round trip through the canals, lochs and coastal waters of Scotland. Starting only yards from his front door, he uses any and every vessel available – from a canoe to a fishing trawler, from a square-rigged sailing ship to a nuclear submarine.

Along the way he stops to explore and meet the folk who lie at the heart of this odyssey: sailors and visionaries, boaties and eccentrics, nautical nomads with sea legs who prefer a stretched horizon to a warm hearth. Nick's rules are simple: relying on those he meets to help him on each successive voyage, he travels only where he is in range of water, and uses only transport which floats. As he progresses, he ponders whether the real journey is taking place within him. The book was serialised on BBC Radio 4's *Book of the Week* programme in March 2006.

'*Eight Men and a Duck*', his critically-acclaimed first book, recounts his voyage to Easter Island by reed boat and was published by Abacus in 2003.

Nick has lived for more than a decade in Edinburgh, Scotland, with his wife Ali. He is still in touch with a number of his contemporaries: Matt Hatton, Ross James (now in Paris) and Mark Wilson (currently Deputy Editor of the *Independent* magazine).

'*Adrift in Caledonia*' (ISBN 0316726885) is published by Little Brown and is available from around £8 on the Internet.



OT Football Club

The new season is almost upon us. As we make plans for the new season we extend a warm welcome to any new players looking to play next season to join us for pre-season training at Gristis which is currently being held on Tuesday evenings at 7.15pm. Pre-season matches were arranged for each Saturday during September until the league season started. The First Team was due to kick off its league season on 16th September, with the other sides due to start their competitive matches the following week.

With five league sides and a Vets team, we can offer players across the spectrum of playing ability and age the opportunity of more serious or less serious amateur football week in and week out across the season. Any new players looking to play next season are invited to contact us via www.oldtiffs.com

Once the season gets underway, our fixtures and success or otherwise can be followed by visiting the comprehensive league website at www.amateurfootballcombination.com on a weekly basis.

Finding referees to officiate for the lower team games is always difficult, and we should be pleased to hear from anyone in a position to help out. Please get in touch.

Finally, thanks to all the Captains and Officers of the Club for all their hard work during last year and thanks to those who have volunteered their services for the coming campaign. Good luck to all players for an enjoyable and successful season.

STEVE JOHNSON
Chairman

All Old Tiffinians and Friends

are invited to the **School Carol Service**
in Kingston Parish Church, at 7.30 pm
on Wednesday, 20th December,
and afterwards at a

Reunion Gathering

in the Walden Hall from around 9.00 pm

LICENSED BAR - PARKING AVAILABLE IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Friends of Tiffin Music

Another busy term for FoTM, as we ran our annual car boot sale, as well as bars at various events like the successful Gig Night and Tiffin in the Garden (see photo, with Association Chairman Howard Mallinson and his wife in the front row). For this last event we were blessed with a beautiful evening (but not too killingly hot) – we did a roaring trade in iced lollies, and I had to go off to Asda to buy more! The cold beers and barbecue were also welcome, and the music, of course, was lovely – various school ensembles played and danced, as well as children from our various link schools (part of the Performing Arts College remit). The evening was rounded off by a super two hour set from the Tiffin Swing Band, who have come on in leaps and bounds over this past year. This event is on the last Saturday before the end of the summer term – why not make a note to come along next year and join us?

The Christmas term looks as though it will be as busy as ever, kicking off with the Thames Youth Orchestra concert at the Cadogan Hall in September. Simon Toyne is writing his piece with all the information, but if you would like to know more about membership of the Friends of Tiffin Music, please feel free to contact me on 020 8395 7146 or by email: miranda.fagandini@which.net.

MIRANDA FAGANDINI



Tiffin History

RECENT ACQUISITIONS FOR THE ARCHIVES

We acknowledge gratefully the following additions to the Archives:

a) From Nigel Mudie (1944) his Report Book and Record Book, as well as his copy of the School Rules and his General Schools exam papers from 1944 (a revelation, I suspect, to present-day students who are not convinced that exam papers are easier than they once were).

b) From Jenny Deeprise (daughter of the late Keith Southan) a number of Scout group photos from the early 1950s.

Readers who have contributed items to the School Archives in the past will be interested to know that, although a great deal of sorting and cataloguing remains to be done, the Archive Room in Elmfield is in operation. Recently the Kingston upon Thames Society held its annual Heritage Open Days, and an attractive leaflet was distributed throughout the Borough to advertise the various venues. These were very varied, ranging from Frederick W. Paine (the undertakers), through the Gala Bingo Club (built as a cinema in the late 1930s and used as a bingo hall for the past 35 years), to the local Cleaves Almshouses (1669) and the Lovekyn Chantry Chapel (founded 1309) — and of course Tiffin School (Elmfield in particular). Altogether, 29 venues were listed this year. On the Friday two tours were arranged by John King (Senior Assistant Head), and these were much appreciated by those who attended (including three Old Tiffinians, who were glad to renew their acquaintance with the School after many years). The tours started in Elmfield and finished with the Memorial Tablets in the School Hall, including various points of historical and architectural interest along the way. The Elmfield section of the tour included a brief visit to the Archive Room, where we had managed to arrange a small but significant display. We recommend readers of this newsletter who live in the area to try to visit some of the sites next year. We hope to publicise the dates in the June 2007 'Tiffnews', but it is likely to take place again in early September.

THE TIFFIN SCOUTS

We announced in an earlier edition that we hoped to produce a useful history of the Scout movement at Tiffin School. So far, very little information has been produced by our readers, to enable us to fill in all the details. Nevertheless, an outline of its history is given below, in the hope that those with first-hand knowledge on the subject will contact me in time for the next issue.

The beginnings of a Tiffin Scout Troop under Arthur Hewlett appear to date from 1926. Another name that crops up in connection with the Scout Troop at that time is William Lucas (nickname 'Bedo'), a former member of Staff under Charles Grist. He was a lay member of the local scouting organisation. It has been stated by some that there were two huts side by side at the Old School and that one of them was handed over for Scout use. However, Martin Summers, who left the Old School just two months before the move to the new site, is certain that there was only one hut, permanently divided into two good-sized classrooms and standing at the north end of the site. He himself was actually a founder member of the Tiffin Scout Troop, and he says that at no time did they have a regular meeting place in any part of the Old School building, though he says the Scouts were allowed during 1927 or 1928 to enclose a space behind the entrance lobby area of the hut, to provide secure storage for their trek cart. When the move to the new site was imminent, the Scouts seem to have moved to the Elmfield building to prepare the way, once the Kingston Schools Clinic had moved out. Late 1929 saw an expansion of the Scouts

with the formation of a second junior troop (Junior B Troop) under Mr Miles. The School Scouts lined the route to the School Hall taken by Lord Ashcombe, Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, as he arrived to conduct the official opening ceremony on 31st October 1929. It is chronicled in the Autumn Term 1929 magazine that the Scouts were preparing a club-room on the first floor of Elmfield. They had already got it almost ready, with lino on the floor, patrol corners marked out and picture rails ready to be fixed on the wall, when there was a fire on the night of 15th November on that floor, causing extensive damage, of which the effects were even seen in the dining-room below. The Scouts then had to meet for a while in the gallery, so it was possibly decided then to bring down the hut from the Old School, which, following the move to the new London Road site, was empty or occupied for a while by a confectionery company, prior to its take-over by St Joseph's Catholic School. In November 1930 the Hut was dismantled at the Old School by the Scouts themselves and arrived on the new site in sections (helped, it is said, by the loan of a steam-wagon by a Mr Beckett), and the main structure was put together with Tiffin labour during the Christmas holidays. The records of the time are unclear as to when exactly the Scouts moved in and how they operated before about 1934. There is no doubt that the Scouts were moved from the hut early in the war, possibly when the anti-aircraft gun arrived on the school field, as apparently the off-duty gun crew of the Royal Horse Artillery used it as a mess room. The Scouts then moved into the Lovekyn Chapel, where they joined up with the Kingston Grammar School to form a Kingston Troop. We read in the magazines that the Scout Hut was back in partial use (1942/43), and later it is reported that it was in full use (1943/44). This situation applied following the end of the war, but after a further fifteen years the hut was showing its age. Keith Southan was by then in charge of the Scouts and in 1960 he took matters in hand and rebuilt the hut, with a great deal of self-help by boys, parents and others. Twenty-five years later Keith himself wrote the following:

"The present Scout Hut dates from 1961, when the 'new' hut was opened, a climax to the energy and devotion of our architect/clerk of works, Riccy Turner, the Scouters and parents of the then Group Council. It stands on a concrete base, a couple of wartime prefabricated dwellings, erected with our own hands, as a 'temporary' building to last ten years. I write this in 1986, as it still stands."

Jenny Deeprise, Keith's daughter, has been most helpful in supplying some of our information, and she clearly has her own youthful memories of those days, when her father was so closely involved. She writes:

"It was a fact that a lot of the wood came from Kingston Woolworth's old floor – which obviously provided a large quantity of boards. I do remember every weekend having senior scouts to stay, and my mother providing mountains of food, and most spare hours for months were spent building the hut. My special memories were of the rope store, which was reached by a wooden ladder, and a great hiding place for my brother Vic and myself."

"Every patrol had a section of the hut, with its own lists, badge info, and photos of camp, and interesting knots, there were no restrictions about using Blutack etc. – you just nailed everything to the wooden walls ! I'm sure contemporaries who were Scouts then will also remember the distinctive wonderful tarry, woody smell of the hut."

The Scout Hut in fact survived until that area of the School site had to be cleared of all huts (including the famous Rifle Range, mentioned in earlier articles in this series) and all temporary classrooms as a condition of the planning permission for the Creative Studies Centre (opened officially by Prince Edward in

December 1991). After that, the Scouts used to meet in the previous Art & Pottery Rooms in the far corner of the Gym Square. These were skilfully adapted to give secure, sheltered accommodation for the scouting equipment and meetings. Eventually, in the late 1990s, the activity was abandoned, mainly owing to a lack of Staff members with the necessary time and qualifications.

Of necessity the above notes are incomplete and a certain amount of conjecture is involved. If you can help clarify any of this, please write in. Readers who were Scouts (or involved with rowing) when Keith was in charge, may well remember his daughter Jenny, mentioned above. Any further photos of the Scout Hut would be appreciated.

BRIAN HOLDEN



The scout hut just before its demolition in 1991

JOHN WALKER AND THE TIFFIN CHOIR

The following additional contribution has been received:

Dear Brian,

It was good to hear from Laurence Notley in the March 'Tiffnews' of his memories of John Walker and his choirs – and of his own continuing music-making. In the very first choir photo of 1957 (below) Laurence dominates the back row. He may, however, have let Philip Gould slip his mind, who became John's first success, when he guided him to a choral scholarship at King's in 1957, thus pre-dating Bruce Pullan's entry by several years. Philip came late to the School, with a dark, unmanageable bass voice, and within a very short time he had benefited on John's advice, from a switch to counter-tenor.

With Best Wishes,

David Ingall (1959)

In the photo below some names come to mind:

In the row with Staff: on the left Philip Gould & David Stevens, and on the right David Ingall & Chris West

Back row: Peter Jago, Erland Polden, ????, Howard Gough, Laurence Notley, Paul Williams, ????, Peter Boshier, Roger Charles (Blackwell)
Other names known: Alan Wright (back left of Gould), Chris Shires (behind EG), Peter Field (behind JJ), Graham Saunders (behind DB), with Keeling & Edwards to his right.

Any further identification would be welcome and will be kept with the photo in the School Archives.



Tiffin Choir 1957

Queen Elizabeth Road News

School Boat Club

After the silver medal of the J16 coxless pair at National Schools it was time for exams and to prepare for Henley Royal Regatta. **Marlow Regatta** provided the ideal opportunity for the Henley eight to get one final practice race before Henley qualifiers. Made up of J16 and senior oarsmen there was little time to practice. With some temporary substitutions, the crew performed well in the heat, achieving second position in senior three category. On what was a blistering hot day the eight then came 5th in the semi final.

The crew of the day however was the J15 eight who showed just how much determination and mental toughness they had. For those watching from the bank it was a gripping spectacle: in the heat, despite being fourth out of the start, they had the confidence and composure to row through the rest of the field to win and proceed to the final. A faster start put them in a better position, with a fight then ensuing for third. The toughness came through again, beating Oratory School into bronze medal position.

Like last year, Tiffin travelled to Henley for the qualifiers for **Henley Royal Regatta** fielding both an eight and quad. The challenge this year was to qualify both for the regatta. In a glorious evening, crews powered off the start against the clock. Once on land the boys waited nervously for the results, reminiscent of the voting results from the television show *The X-Factor*. Mission accomplished! Tiffin qualified both crews both in the **Fawley Cup** for Junior Quads and in the **Princess Elizabeth Cup** for Junior eights. No other school had qualified or had pre-selected entries in both the junior events. The quad of **Jeff Wilkinson, Andrew Parrish, Olly Offord, Michael Harris** beat twenty other crews, and the eight of **Sam Grayer, Alexei Chernikov, Sam Hawkins, Freddie Seimers, Komsan Duke, Adam Williams, Kristian Brauten Smith**, coxed by **Matthew Brice**, beat five other crews to qualify. Both crews then acquitted themselves very well, training over the course in anticipation of their first race. The eight met Oratory School in their first round and were prevented from proceeding any further in the event. The quad however raced very maturely, beating Sir William Borlaise quad to meet Yarm School the next day. Henley 2006 ended here for them, after Yarm proved to be the faster crew.

Kingston regatta saw a full Tiffin entry of various crews. The two days were packed with racing. The Senior 3 coxless four won on Saturday, the Octuple gained a row-over to win on Sunday and George Nottidge won in a single in difficult waters to finish off the day.

The term ended in customary style with the **House Regatta**. **Livingstone House** won the overall competition. An impressive Old Tiffinian turn-out meant that they beat the boys in the eights race. The Staff suffered a humiliating defeat by the parents Octuple, despite having the added secret weapon of the **Headmaster** in the boat, after he uttered fatal words the previous year that he would have a go this year.

Following the very successful quiz night earlier in the year, in which boat names were auctioned off, the Stampfli quad, J14 quad, and various singles were officially named by the bidders. It was also a poignant moment as the Boat Club said a farewell to the Upper Sixth rowers, the Club Captain **Jeff Wilkinson, Adam Williams, Olly Offord, Michael Harris, Charlie Gavin, and Sam Overton**. We also say goodbye to their parents, many of whom have helped shape the Club to what it is now and who have been unstinting in their support. A special mention must go to the quad of **Jeff Wilkinson, Adam Williams, Olly Offord, Michael Harris**. When I first arrived at Tiffin for the Summer Term of 2003, these boys were Junior 15s under the guidance and coaching of Alison

Alexander. They won Silver Medal at National Schools and then at the National Championships. Since then they have become Tiffin's most successful crew ever, as you can see from the list below. They have helped transform the Club. It makes such a difference if a club can have a crew or an individual to fly the flag and lead the way for others to aspire to. These boys have certainly done this and more. The profile of rowing within the School and outside has moved to new heights and means now that Tiffin oarsmen are more consistent and competitive at the highest level, both nationally and internationally. And the effort has paid off as there is now the depth of oarsmen in younger years enjoying success with a potentially very bright future ahead of them.



Michael Harris, Olly Offord, Adam Williams, Jeff Wilkinson

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| 2002 | Thames Ditton Regatta | |
| | Kingston Regatta | |
| | Richmond Regatta | |
| 2003 | National Schools Regatta | SILVER |
| | Kingston Regatta | |
| | National Championships Regatta | SILVER |
| 2003 | Kingston Head | |
| 2004 | Schools Head of The River | GOLD |
| | National Schools Regatta | GOLD |
| | Poplar Regatta | |
| | Kingston Regatta | |
| | Henley Royal Regatta | Round 1 |
| | National Championships | GOLD Record |
| | GB France | GOLD |
| 2004 | Kingston Head | |
| 2005 | Wallingford Regatta | |
| | Poplar Regatta | |
| | National Championships | GOLD |
| | Henley Royal Regatta | Round 2 |
| | Home Countries International | GOLD |
| 2006 | Poplar regatta | |
| | Henley Royal Regatta | Round 2 |

A farewell was also made to **Ian Watson** and **Ruth Jenkins**. Both have been absolutely instrumental in changing Tiffin School Boat Club's status and success over the past two years since they joined. Ian's enthusiasm, sense of humour and, above all, wealth of knowledge injected a new dimension to the Club, and under his expert coaching his J15 squads flourished, both in racing and training. He has moved to Downing College Cambridge University Boat Club, where we wish him all the very best for the future.

Ruth Jenkins, leaves for Boston USA, to teach geography. As J14 coach she has been an inspiration to all. It is largely thanks to Ruth that numbers in the Boat Club have increased and, more importantly, the newcomers have then pursued rowing the following year. In a sport that can be monotonous in its training Ruth was able to inject a sense of fun and competition amongst the squad that created a great positive atmosphere. We wish her all the very best for the future. The Boat Club very much welcomes **David White** who comes from Dulwich College as the new boatman to replace Ian Watson and **Jolie Taylor** from Latymer Golphin School as Assistant Curriculum leader for Biology and rowing coach. Both bring great enthusiasm and energy with them, and I am sure the Club will continue to thrive with them as coaches. **Peter Hope** from Kingston Rowing Club also joins Tiffin School as the new Head of Rowing as of September, as this is the last article I am writing as Head of Rowing. I too am moving, as Head of Rowing, to Kings College School Wimbledon. My time here at Tiffin has been a fantastic and extremely rewarding experience. The level of commitment from the boys and parents has been astounding and has continued to impress me on a daily basis. I have made so many friends and have enjoyed so many great times with both boys and parents alike. The support from everyone, Old Tiffinians, Common Room Staff and especially the Headmasters Tony Dempsey, who originally employed me, and Sean Heslop, has helped make this job one from which I will take many happy memories. In particular I should like to thank **Sean Heslop** the Club's President. Rowing is not a sport easy to accommodate in a school, let alone a state school. It is therefore more noteworthy that Sean along with the senior staff of **John King**, **Gary James** and the sports staff of **Dave Morris** and **Steve Cathcart**, have helped support the Club with such enthusiasm and foresight. I know that at competitions I will certainly be aware of the strength of Tiffin sculling and rowing and will never underestimate Tiffin oarsmen.

CHRIS GRIMBLE

(Ed: I am sure every reader realises what a huge debt is owed to Chris, who has achieved wonders with the rowing during his time here. We wish him well.)

School Cross-Country

The Judge Cup race is now on Wednesday 13th December. Any Old Boys are welcome to come along. Contact rshaw@tiffin.kingston.sch.uk for time and place. Please also e-mail to me any other information concerning performances etc.

ROBIN SHAW

School Cricket



After a slow start the 1st XI got into its stride but all the batsmen found runs difficult to come by on the awkward early-season wickets. Quickly into his stride though was Muhunthan Harinath, who began to take wickets regularly and completed his season with a coveted 35 wickets in his first full season in the side. A brilliant Bunbury Festival saw him pick up the award for the best bowler and with it selection for the England Under-15 team.

Muhunthan Harinath

Unlike 2006 no single batsman dominated the scene, but a whole raft of players finished the season with between 250 and 400 runs apiece, and eleven players will find their names in Wisden next April having qualified with the necessary 150 runs or 10 wickets. Harry Weale and Bill Geiringer were the leading all-rounders but to say good-bye to seven of this year's side is going to leave an enormous gap in both age and experience next season. The 2nd and 3rd XIs had highly successful seasons, as befits a school with as much cricketing depth. The Under-15 Colts raised their standards to new heights after losing Harinath to the 1st XI, whilst the Under-14 XI enjoyed success when their season finally started some time in June. With excellent prospects from the two junior elevens, the future looks rosier in the more distant future for the top of the school.

At other levels, the Staff performed with enthusiasm but with widely divergent degrees of talent, the Tercels suffered from a general lack of



The TITS party at Budleigh Salterton

availability through August, but the TITS enjoyed a stifling week in Devon, where the 30th tour was celebrated in some style. The Society won its first six fixtures comprehensively but lost energy, players, the toss and the match at the seventh at Axminster, where a talented cricket week side of teenagers took toll of an exhausted team of TITS!

So much cricket has been played and enjoyed at school and beyond over the summer months, and it only remains to thank all those who give so readily of their time to support, to coach and to play.

MARTIN WILLIAMS

School Drama

We are currently auditioning students for a Christmas production of Middleton and Rowley's *'The Changeling'* which will take place in the Main Hall between 12th -15th December.

At lunchtimes students throughout the School will be invited to take part in acting master-classes run by myself and former Tiffin students, in preparation for National Youth Theatre auditions and to develop acting skills generally.

The Sixth Form play in February will be directed by Mr Anson and will be Brecht's gangster play, *'The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui'*.

Drama Club students will take part in an end of year production for Tiffin in the Garden and will follow on from the success of *'The Tempest'* at the end of last term.

AS-Level students will be studying Jacobean and contemporary Irish plays as part of their course and will be devising and performing their own work for examination in February. A2 students will be studying the work of Brecht and enjoy acting master-classes with professional performers on Restoration comedy and comic timing.

CHARLOTTE STOREY

School Mathematics

UKMT Maths Challenges

Across the School over 200 boys took part in the three Maths challenges, and the standards of attainment this year were usually high; 72 Gold awards, 58 Silver and 36 Bronze. Christopher Fish (Y11) was the outstanding entrant. He achieved a gold award in both Intermediate and Senior Challenges. In the Senior Olympiad his score was sufficiently good to earn him qualification for the Olympiad Round 2. Then in the Intermediate Olympiad he scored maximum marks in 5 out of 6 of the tough problems, gaining him a distinction and a prize for scoring in the top 50 entrants nationwide.

Elsewhere, Hamish Peebles (Y11), Kevin Meng, Michael Gagen, Michael Heaton, (Y10) and Ben Ralph (Y9) performed well in both IMC and Olympiad, for which Ben was awarded a distinction. There were also some notable performances in the Junior Challenge and Olympiad from Stevan

Manokaran (Y7), Jonathon Williams, Aaron Moran and Ben Illsley (Y8). Ben Davies and Patrick Milne (Y8) attained distinctions for their Olympiad performance, and Patrick was awarded a Bronze medal for his efforts.

Team Maths Challenge

The Team Maths Challenge for boys in Years 8 and 9 consists of a variety of team and individual rounds requiring plenty of mathematical agility. The team of Ben Ralph and Eddie Rolls (Y9) and Patrick Milne and Jonathon Williams won the regional round very impressively. Together they scored maximum marks in the team problem solving round, outperformed all opposition in the head-to-head round and dropped few marks in the cross-number puzzle and relay race.

This qualified them to take part in the National Final in July at the Camden Centre, where they performed creditably and, although they finished out of the top three places, they gained much from the experience.

CHRIS O'CONNELL

Performing Arts

A highly active Summer Term, which included the Choir giving two a capella concerts at the Spoleto Festival, the CD release of Britten's *War Requiem* conducted by Kurt Masur (with "the always-impressive Tiffin Boys' Choir" – International Record Review), and a phenomenal cross-curricular Dance and Music project based on Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb* with the Royal Ballet School, has laid the foundations for what promises to be an exciting year. The Boys' Choir will continue their national prominence with a run of performances of *Carmen* at the Royal Opera House with Antonio Pappano, and of the *War Requiem* with the National Youth Orchestra under Richard Hickox. The year 2007 marks the 50th Anniversary of the foundation of the Choir by John Walker, and a number of celebratory events are planned, including a CD of music by Britten and Bernstein, two concerts with the London Mozart Players and a major summer tour – watch this space, and the website, for more information. Perhaps, if anyone has any reminiscences of memorable choral moments, they could write into Tiffnews ?



Tiffin Choir in Spoleto

The appointments of Charlotte Storey as Head of Drama, and Gethin Anthony as Drama Assistant, promise great things, including the setting up of a Tiffin Drama Company and an innovative approach to the space of the Hall with forthcoming productions of *The Changeling* in December and Brecht's *Arturo Ui* in the Spring; and huge strides are beginning to be made in working with neighbouring schools in creative projects.

Perhaps the most powerful example of this is in Dance which, under Karolina Czerniak's leadership, is proving to be a powerful creative and educational force in the community. Leading on from the project with the Royal Ballet School is a five-month long collaboration with Coombe Boys' (ex Beverley) School in the New Year, which will culminate in a choreographed performance with 40 dancers of Dupre's *Symphonie-Passion*, played on the Frobenius Organ in Kingston Parish Church by Timothy Burke. A company called Boys' Dance @ Tiffin has been formed, again with a vision of interaction between all members of our community in Kingston, and its inaugural performance will be of a new composition for 20 drummers by our drum teacher (and supremo in the country!) Clark Tracey.

Finally, by the time you read this, our Youth Orchestra, now called Thames Youth Orchestra (www.thamesyouthorchestra.co.uk), will have made its London debut with an ambitious programme at Cadogan Hall. The orchestra is open to any young people of Grade 6 or 7 and above, who are able to rehearse on Monday evenings (4.30 – 6.30 pm), and want to play the symphonic repertoire. As ever, spread the word!

SIMON TOYNE

October

Thurs 5
7.00 pm Piano Competition Final
(Judge Lecture Theatre – Admission free)
Mon 16
7.00 pm Lower School Concert (Main Hall)
Oratorio Trebles and Tiffin Boys' Choir
All of Year 7: Form Choir competition
Bernstein Chichester Psalms and Songs from the Shows
Tickets £5

November

Thurs 2
7.30 pm All Souls' Eucharist (Parish Church)
Tiffin Boys' Choir: Fauré Requiem
Sun 12
6.30 pm A Sequence of Music and Readings for
Remembrance Day (Parish Church) Tiffin Boys' Choir
Including: Tippett Spirituals
Britten Ballad of Little Musgrave and Lady Barnard
Finzi Lo, the Full, Final Sacrifice
Sat 18
7.30 pm Oratorio Concert (Sports Hall)
Tiffin Oratorio Choir and London Mozart Players
Andrew Staples (tenor) Simon Toyne, conductor
Vaughan Williams Five Variants on Dives and Lazarus
Bernstein Chichester Psalms Britten St Nicolas
Tickets £12 / £8 available from Box Office

December

Thurs 7
7.00 pm Instrumental Concert (St Luke's Church)
Concert Band, Brass Band, String Orchestra,
Second Orchestra and solo and ensemble items
Fri 8
7.00 pm First Night of Carmen (Royal Opera House)
The Royal Opera Antonio Pappano, conductor
Further performances on Dec 11, 15, 19, 22, 28, 30
Jan 2, 6, 8, 22, 24, 26, 29, 31 Feb 3
Wed 20
7.30 pm Tiffin Carol Service (Parish Church)
A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, featuring newly
commissioned carols by Timothy Burke & Alastair Putt
Sat 23
7.30 pm TYO Christmas Concert (Parish Church)
Parish Church Choir Simon Toyne, director
Thames Youth Orchestra Simon Ferris, conductor

January

Fri 5
7.30 pm Britten's War Requiem (St Paul's Cathedral)
Tiffin Boys' Choir National Youth Orchestra
Richard Hickox, conductor
Sun 7
7.30 pm Britten's War Requiem (Symphony Hall, Birmingham)
Tiffin Boys' Choir National Youth Orchestra
Richard Hickox, conductor