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From the Head's Study

Dear Friends,

The text of this edition's letter is adapted from a letter I sent out to all parents last year. As you probably remember, the single biggest source of income, outside of local authority and government grants, is the parental contribution. With the financial pressures continuing to mount upon Tiffin School, this funding stream is now absolutely vital in ensuring that we can continue to offer the range and quality of education provision that makes Tiffin so distinctive. Sadly, it is no exaggeration to say that the financial situation the School is in is desperate. So, last year I wrote to parents asking them to increase their contributions:



'As you are aware, there has been a long established tradition of Tiffin parents voluntarily contributing money on a regular basis to the School. Back in 1997/98, initial budget predictions indicated the School could well be facing a significant deficit, and so the leadership team and Governors sought the immediate financial support of parents, who responded magnificently. The sum sought and agreed was £360 per annum (i.e. £1 per day), and these monies are paid now into Tiffinian Ltd (a registered charity) and are then paid over to the School on an as-required basis. The support of parents in this matter over the last 10 years has been fantastic and I should like to thank you all, past and present parents, for your contributions.'

'The annual amount requested has been unchanged for over 10 years. However, in the last six years the sum requested by the School from Tiffinian Ltd to balance the budget, has risen from £100,000 in 2002/03 to £452,000 in 2006/07. We estimate today that we will need £460,000 for 2007/08, which is over £100,000 more than the current parental contributions provide (after taking into account Gift Aid etc). This dependency on these vital contributions reflects reduced national and local grants, increased staffing costs due to inflation, and the rising cost of those curricular and extra-curricular enrichment activities that Tiffin School is committed to, as part of its established tradition and unique ethos, and which is the bedrock of its success in adding value to your son's education.'

'For example, in the School's two week cycle, over 50 clubs meet on a regular basis, and there is an internationally renowned choir as well as orchestra, and band rehearsals, plus sporting practices and rehearsals for productions. The School has also worked to maintain and develop its ICT infrastructure and we have begun a buildings refurbishment programme, and installed new additional and necessary security arrangements.'

'Of course, we have monitored this situation for the last few years but now, with the local authority seeking expenditure cuts by all its schools, we must act to balance the budget. We are embarking upon two courses of action. We are reviewing current expenditure to identify savings (while also committing ourselves to maintaining wherever possible the activities that support our ethos). We are also confirming a need to lift the level of parents' contributions to restore us to today's expenditure levels.'

'Following consultation with Governors, and the Trustees of Tiffinian Ltd, we now believe that increasing the contributions and changing some of the ways that these funds are collected, will go a long way to securing the School's financial future.'

Last May I wrote to you saying how a bequest could make a huge difference to maintaining the 'outstanding' character of the School. That need remains paramount and, if any Old Boy would like to contact me to discuss this further, I should be delighted to invite them in to the school to discuss this. Please contact me at sheslop@tiffin.kingston.sch.uk

Sean Heslop

OTA Old Boys' Dinner



Friday 14th November 2008
School Boathouse
Cost: £25 again



We are not at our usual venue, but we are pleased to have secured the Tiffin Boathouse, Canbury Gardens. David Tyrrell will again be providing our meal. Please put a positive reservation in your diary and contact us to secure your place:-

Contact - Huck Wright 020 8337 8965, Dick Rumble: 01342 843663,
Stu Vidler 01590 678789 or Jack Foster: 01372 813021

Alternatively you can make contact or make your seating preferences clear by emailing us at: johnwright@clifton66.freeserve.co.uk
Please post off your cheque as soon as possible for £25 per person (payable to "The O.T.A.") to John Wright at his home address:
1 Delta Road, Worcester Park, Surrey KT4 7HP.

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

OTA Dinner Committee

Chairman

Dear Old Tiffinian,

Naturally, I have been cheered by the support and thanks that many members have taken the trouble to express over the proposals to change the focus of the OTA. I was delighted by the response to the Notice of the meeting, by members either attending or letting me know their views in writing. A note of the proceedings at the meeting is given below.

Steps are now in hand to implement the formation of Tiffinian Association Ltd (TAL) and to establish its *modus operandi*. Details of the board of trustees of TAL and the proposed committee structure is given elsewhere. At the inaugural meeting the trustees appointed me Chairman, for which I am honoured. I have in mind doing this job until the AGM of 2009, at which time I shall want to take my leave.

Congratulations are due to David Evans, who was appointed Secretary, and Mark Darby, Treasurer. To this we should add the



name of Ian Redington: the trustees required that the board should have a Deputy Chairman and Ian has been appointed to this role.

I want to add a special note about Stuart Lester. We will all join in our congratulations to him on his appointment as Chairman of the Governors of the School in succession to Mike Taylor; a piece about this is given elsewhere. Stuart had wanted to give up his (very long-standing) position of Secretary to the OTA but deferred this while the reorganisation proposals were developed. This was very helpful to me in particular, but to everyone in general. Stuart, I am pleased to say, will be a trustee of TAL and he will remain a key figure in the running of the charity, just as he is a key figure in the Tiffin community. Well done, Stuart!

Don't forget to put the date – Friday 14 November – in your diary for the TAL Annual Dinner. Huck Wright continues to chair the dinner committee, but he has made a plea: could someone much younger come forward to help make the event more popular with fresher faces!

Finally, why not come to Tiffin in the Garden on Friday afternoon, 11 July ?

Yours in fellowship,

HOWARD MALLINSON

OTA Special Meeting: 7th April 2008

At the Special Meeting of the OTA held in the Dean Pavilion on Monday 7 April 2008 historic decisions were made about the future structure of the organisation for Old Boys of Tiffin School. The background to these proposals was given in 'Tiffnews' No 235, March 2008). There was unanimous support for the resolutions to wind down the affairs of the Old Tiffinians' Association and transfer its assets and undertakings to Tiffinian Association Limited – a company to be limited by guarantee and registered as a charity. At subsequent meetings on the same evening of The Old Tiffinian Sports Ground Ltd and of the trustees of Old Tiffinian Memorial Fund consequential resolutions were also passed unanimously to transfer their assets to TAL.

Thus, in the space of one evening all the necessary resolutions at three different meetings were passed unanimously. Commenting on this, the

Chairman, Howard Mallinson, said: 'The absence of controversy with which these great changes were accepted by the members is a tribute to the care in which the package had been put together by the working group. There was a broad acceptance by members that a profound change in the nature of our affairs had taken place and that a new structure should reflect this'.

The Chairman thanked those 27 members who had attended the meeting for their presence. A further 90, who had been unable to attend, had raised questions or otherwise given their views to the Chairman in writing. The Chairman noted a large measure of warmth in the praise of the working group for their dedication and thoroughness in addressing the difficulties that were being experienced and the coherence of the proposals to address them. Particular questions that had been raised by specific members were put to the open meeting.

Noting the change of name, a member asked if there was to be any change in the names of the playing sections. The Chairman responded that there was no proposal to ask the playing sections to change their names, there being neither the need nor the desire to do so. Another had asked that the OTA name should be protected after the change: this was an issue that should be a matter to be addressed by the trustees of TAL. In supporting the proposals, one member had requested that Gristis should be 'protected from non-Tiffinian interests'. Control over Gristis, the Chairman explained, would lie with the trustees of TAL, and by this means the question should be satisfied, but, the Chairman pointed out, in future it was incumbent to think less inwardly in relation to our assets and to address more openly the needs of the wider community. The ring-fence round Gristis had been breached by the playing sections and the Chairman said that this was going with the grain.

One member had questioned why it was that school-leavers were not given an automatic subscription-free period of membership. There was a widely-held support for this issue to be addressed by the Trustees of TAL in conjunction with the School and to promulgate proposals in conjunction with wider issues on membership development.

The meeting concluded with a warm vote of thanks to the Chairman for the hard work and time he had dedicated to bringing these proposals to fruition.



Tiffin Association Limited (ITAL): committee structure

The organisation structure following the inaugural meeting of Trustees of TAL on 23 April 2008 is:

Trustees:

Nigel Angus, Mark Darby, David Evans, Sean Heslop, Brian Holden, Stewart Lester, Howard Mallinson, Tony Millard, Peter Osborne, Ian Redington, Chris Shires, Bryon Smith, Mike Taylor.

Officers:

Chairman: Howard Mallinson

Deputy Chairman: Ian Redington;

Secretary: David Evans, Treasurer: Mark Darby.

Executive Committee:

Chairman: Howard Mallinson

Ian Redington, David Evans, Mark Darby, Stuart Lester
Peter Osborne.

The **Executive Committee** has the task of overseeing the overall management of the TAL. Its principle task is to co-ordinate the activities of the subcommittees, so that they operate together to achieve the objects of TAL in an efficient manner.

It will be engaged in the establishment of targets and budgets for each subcommittee, and to monitor performance. Its initial tasks will include the monitoring of the orderly transfer of assets in accordance with the resolutions of the members of OTA, OTGCL and the Trustees of OTMF; to monitor the opening of bank accounts for the purposes of TAL's business; to co-ordinate the membership committee and the financial subcommittee to set up systems to correspond with members who pay subscriptions to OTA by standing order and to procure their revised instructions in favour of TAL; and to secure Gift Aid declarations from qualifying members.

Initially, a budget of income and expenditure to 31 March 2009 is to be set and thereafter monthly assessments of actual versus budget drawn up. Lines of communication are to be established with Tiffin Sports Centre and Tiffin School for the management of the facilities at Grist, and levels of pitch provision agreed with each of the OT playing sections.

Finance Committee:

Chairman: Mark Darby

Members: Peter Osborne, Howard Mallinson.

This will oversee the financial arrangements of the TAL and the various subgroups. It will be responsible for the books of account, prepare financial statements for the Trustees and oversee the budgeting and financial controls. It will arrange for the auditing of the books and make recommendations to the Trustees for changes in financial practice within TAL. It will produce an investment strategy for the Trustees and monitor performance and report regularly to the Trustees on that performance.

Outreach Committee:

Chairman: Chris Shires

Members: David Baron (during transition period),
Brian Holden, Ian Redington.

The primary task of the **Outreach Committee** will be to draw up a set of criteria by which applications for grant aid to TAL will be judged. When the trustees of TAL settle these criteria the Committee will have delegated power, subject to budget, availability of funds and a limit on individual grants. The Committee will consider whether it should co-opt a member of Tiffin School Staff

and how members of TAL are to be encouraged to bring forward cases for consideration for grant aid.

The Committee will work out ways of engaging with the School and its organs and the local community of schools, local authorities and the business community in order to pursue the objects of TAL.

Membership Committee: Chairman: Ian Redington.

Members: Mark Darby, Stuart Lester, Tony Millard,
Dennis Barnard (co-opted).

The Committee's role will be two-fold. It will review the present method of record keeping and communicating with the membership and will put forward recommendations as to upgrading the record keeping and accounting for membership income and to coordinate with the Finance Committee to set up systems to correspond with members who pay subscriptions to OTA by standing order and to procure their revised instructions in favour of TAL; and to secure Gift Aid declarations from qualifying members.

The Committee's role will also be strategic and is tasked with developing methods of increasing the membership of TAL in aggregate and in terms of average age. In particular it will develop proposals to put to the Trustees for encouraging into membership school leavers, former schoolboys, parents and former parents. It will liaise with the communications subcommittee as to the best way to promote an increase in membership and, subject to the approval of the board of Trustees, implement such proposals.

Communications and Development Subcommittee:

Chairman: Tony Millard

Members: Stuart Lester, Brian Holden and David Evans.

This Committee will review the communications strategy for TAL. In particular it will consider 're-branding' issues. It will appraise Tiffnews and consider setting up an editorial team to assist and develop the publication and to promote the objectives of the Membership Committee. The Committee will consider the full spectrum of communications options available through the internet. It will look at the development of societies and affiliated groups within the Tiffin community, to assist the expansion of the membership and in the achieving of the objects of the trust.

Dinner Committee:

Chairman: John Wright

Members: Jack Foster, Dickie Rumble, Stuart Vidler.

The Committee is tasked with organising the Annual Dinner of members of TAL.

Grist Management Committee:

Chairman: Stuart Lester

Members: Nigel Angus, Peter Osborne.

This Committee will review and take over responsibility of the existing Ground Company. It will look at all aspects of the use and maintenance of the charity's principle asset, Grist Sports Ground, make recommendations for expenditure and improvement in both structure of the ground and its management.

Grist Development Committee:

Chairman: Howard Mallinson. Members: Nigel Angus, others as required.

This Committee will only be convened if the 'athletics' proposal becomes live.

New Chairman of School Governors



Two stalwarts of the OTA – nay, of the whole Tiffin community – have been in the news recently.

In April Mike Taylor stood down as Chairman of Governors after 15 years in that role and having been a Governor since 1983. Commenting on the end of his chairmanship, the Head, Sean Heslop, said: 'I owe a great deal to Mike Taylor. Having been the Chairman of Governors who appointed me, he has then provided me and Tiffin School with wonderful, selfless and

frequently unnoticed support. Mike is rightly proud of the school he attended as a boy, and he treasures many of its traditions; but he also wanted to ensure that the School moved with the changing times and so made an invaluable contribution to its continual improvement.'

Mike has had a long involvement with OTA affairs, having played soccer for the 1st XI while still at the School, which he left in 1964. In a long career with the Soccer Club Mike joined the committee as a school representative and captained the 1st XI from 1967 to 1973, was Secretary from 1976 to 1980 and Chairman from 1982 to 1991. He chaired the committee that organised the OTFC Centenary Dinner. His sporting interests also included cricket for the OTA (captain of the 1st XI at school), but this gave way to business commitments when he started his surveying practice in Kingston in 1973. His professional skill was put to use in supervising the construction of our two houses at Grist's and the extension to the Dean Pavilion.

In 1979 he was Chairman of the OTA and for many years has been Chairman of the Old Tiffinian Memorial Fund. On ceasing to act as Chairman of Governors Mike said: 'I enjoyed working alongside the former Head, Tony Dempsey, and, more recently, Sean Heslop. I am delighted that Stuart Lester has taken the reins'.

And we are too. Stuart Lester left school in 1975, but his involvement with Tiffin affairs has been more or less continuous. Three sons succeeded him, and the youngest is still at Tiffins. (What is the record aggregate attendance from one family?). Stuart's appointment as Chairman of the Governors follows five years on the board and acting as chair of the personnel sub-committee. Like Mike Taylor before him, Stuart grew into OTA affairs through soccer when still at school and more occasionally through cricket. His main activity, however, was squash which he played at Grist's for some 20 years. He recalls being taught the game by Bert Seaborn, 'which basically consisted



of trying to avoid being crushed to a pulp against the wall for as long as possible'. Stuart is also a regular in the OT Golf Society, having played for the last 20 years and was Fixture Secretary for five of them.

Stuart has been a member of the OTA Council continuously since 1992 and was elected Chairman – an office he held for five years – in 1993. Throughout this period he has been Secretary of the OTA and, additionally, from 1999 has served as secretary also of the Grist ground company, a position that latterly brought its own particular difficulties when volunteers were scarce and long-serving directors retired.

Both Stuart Lester and Mike Taylor continue their work with the Old Boys through their appointment as Trustees of Tiffinian Association Ltd, the successor body to the OTA.

Many colleagues in the OTA have heard its Chairman pay tribute to the way in which some of our key people manage to combine dedicated exertions for the Tiffin community with earning their livings. In the work that Mike Taylor and Stuart Lester have done for Tiffins, only touched on here, there can be few better illustrations of the truism: if you want something done ask a busy person.

HOWARD MALLINSON

Dates for your Diary

Monday 9th June

- OT Golf at The Drift

Sunday 15th June

- OT Cricket Club VP Lunch and Bill Banting Memorial Match

Thursday 3rd July

- OTA Social Lunch
School v. MCC cricket

Friday 4th July

- OT Golf at Clandon Regis

Friday 11th July

- Tiffin in the Garden

Monday 14th July

- House Rowing Competition

Tuesday 15th July

- House Swimming

Wednesday 16th July

- School Sports Day

Thursday 17th July

- Founders' Day
School Term ends

Thursday 9th October

- OTA Social Lunch

Friday 14th November

- OT Annual Dinner

(Further details of School events can be found later in this newsletter or at www.tiffin.kingston.sch.uk.)



OT Rugby Club

2007/08 has been a difficult year for Old Tiffs. A lack of player numbers has seen the Club running just the one team, and never the same starting 15. However, everyone has enjoyed their rugby much more than during the last spell in Surrey 1. Despite relegation, the games have been far more enjoyable this season, with every game having only a few points separating the teams, and with the Club competing well in every match.

The season has ended on two highs – the first was winning the last match of the season 43–0, where the youngsters currently at Uni showed what they may offer in the near future. The second success was in the Haslemere Sevens, where a strong squad, with no practice

and a month without playing, won the Plate Competition with aplomb.

All bodes well for 2008/09 in Surrey 3, but, with player numbers dwindling, the Club needs every single player and friends of the Club to take an active role in recruiting. Any standard is welcome. Our aim is to get back to playing two teams every week, competing in Surrey 3, and rebuilding the Club to what it should be.

Any new players or player leads, please contact me on 07947 546390 or at fentiman11@yahoo.co.uk

Looking forward to next season

JAMES FENTIMAN

OT Football Club

Our season is now over, and we can reflect on a very poor last couple of months' results. Out of our last 23 games played we managed just 6 wins, 3 draws and 14 defeats. This is very much down to our lack of playing resources post Christmas. There is no doubt that we need to recruit a lot more players to the Club, so that we can field more consistent teams next year.

We need new players of all standards next year. If you would like to play Saturday afternoon football, then please contact Club Secretary Errol Walker in the first instance on 07984 473074 to find out when we start pre-season training.

However, as stated in the previous report, it hasn't been all doom and gloom. Players have stuck to the task and enjoyed playing, and morale has remained high throughout. The Firsts accepted their precarious situation and saw relegation as perhaps a good thing, as they can perhaps rebuild next year with less pressure. The 2s finished the highest of the teams and enjoyed a season of 'what ifs', as they drew a number of games they looked like winning. The 3s team weakened considerably in the second half of the season, but despite finishing 8th, were never in danger of relegation. The 4s left it to the very last game of the season to secure the win that lifted them one place above the relegation zone.

FINAL LEAGUE RESULTS 2007/08

1sts – AFC Division – Senior One. Captain – Jon Atkinson

P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Position
20	3	3	14	27	52	-25	12	11th out of 11

2nds – AFC Division – Three South. Captain – Julius Miller

P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Position
18	6	6	6	25	28	-3	24	5th out of 10

3rds – AFC Division – Four South. Captain – Steve Johnson

P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Position
18	5	3	10	32	55	-23	18	8th out of 10

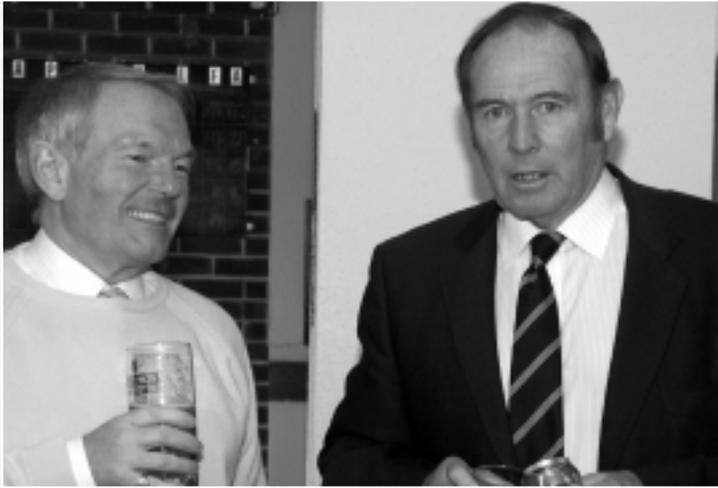
4ths – AFC Division – Six South West. Captain – Paul Cotterell

P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Position
18	5	1	5	38	61	-23	13	8th out of 10

If you are interested, you can obtain details of all our fixtures and results on a weekly basis from the League website www.amateurfootballcombination.com

STEVE JOHNSON

Rugby Club VP and Ex-Players' Lunch



OT Golf Society

Our Spring Cup meeting at Surbiton Golf Club in April was well attended, so it was all the more disappointing to suffer from course congestion and a trolley ban. At least we were lucky with the weather. In spite of the problems there were some very good scores – notably 39 by both Chris Towlson (winner of the Spring Cup on countback) and David Ebenezer, with Ian Langrish not far behind in third place. The other prizes went to Tim Whittaker (for the front nine) and John Edney (coming back).

The AGM which followed the golf was less formal than usual with a general discussion about the future of OTGS. We have elected a good Captain this year in Dillwyn Rosser, and I am pleased that Duncan Knowles has agreed to be his Vice Captain.

As usual, the trophies for the preceding year were presented at the AGM. The Syrett Niblick (which is only presented when there is some out-of-the-ordinary achievement) was presented to John Glasscock for winning at Gatton Manor, having played in the Society's inaugural meeting there in 1973. The Knock-out competition also takes some winning and the Cup was presented to Steve Cathcart who had beaten Dillwyn Rosser in the 2007 final.

ALAN (GUS) DAUNT

OTA 200 Club

Quick! Is your name on the list below? Would you like to try and get it there?!

The 200 Club draws two £500 winners each year and £10 winners every week – £13 gets you annual membership. The next £500 draw will be in June. If you would like to join then please contact me — my details are on the front page. Since the last newsletter the £10 winners are:

100 G Warren	172 H R Seymour	78 P A Baker
53 Mrs L Hainsby	14 R E Glasscock	87 J L Glasscock
90 A Langford	14 R E Glasscock	8 M J Bradford
3 J Ebenezer	82 R C Rumble	10 M Goodbun
193 I Hunt		

Many thanks to all Club members – this provides important additional funds for the Association.

Best wishes.

MARK DARBY

Editor

Congratulations to **Howard Mallinson** and his team on the work done to explain the thinking behind the formation of TAL and to gain the overwhelming support of OTA Members. Much remains to be done, but readers will see from the list of Trustees of the new company that there is a strong team in place to ensure that all necessary steps are taken.

Congratulations also to **Mike Taylor** on a job extremely well done, as he steps down from the position of Chairman of Governors. We are fortunate that his worthy successor is **Stuart Lester**, whose

devotion to OT affairs is well-known. His close knowledge of Tiffin School and of its curriculum & Staff, as a result of having sons going through the School, will also no doubt stand him in good stead.

Details of the next OT Annual Dinner are included in this issue. Please note that the venue has changed, but the meal is still priced at a very reasonable £25 once again. Do write your cheque NOW and book your place. The organising committee under **John Wright** deserve our support.

BRIAN HOLDEN

Tiffinian Lodge

We are now coming to the end of our 96th year as a masonic lodge, and we have had a very enjoyable and jubilant year. At our March meeting a Grand Lodge certificate was presented to Maurice Powell to mark his becoming a master mason, and we were treated to an entertaining lecture delivered by various members of the Lodge, organised and led by Geoff Brook. Following the meeting, we were joined by friends and relatives, and a number of others who were interested in freemasonry, as this was an open evening, and a splendid dinner was enjoyed by all.

At our April meeting we were looking forward to the initiation of a new member, but as he was unable to be with us this time, we demonstrated the ceremony of initiation without the candidate, and we look forward to carrying it out for real later in the year. That being said, we had a great evening, and a really enjoyable dinner afterwards.

The Lodge also elected George Dryden as Master of the Lodge for the coming year, and we look forward with great anticipation

to his installation ceremony in October, and to a great year to follow. George will be the third master in our 96-year history to serve as Master of this Lodge for the second time. We had hoped to reach our centenary without any masters serving for a second year, but at the present time we are still not attracting a sufficient number of new entrants. This is due to the fact that the Lodge is only open to the Tiffinian community, and we do intend to maintain this policy, as it makes the lodge very special.

We should, therefore, love to hear from anyone thinking of becoming a new member of the Lodge, and extend a warm welcome to any Old Tiffinian, any member or ex-member of staff, or any governor or past governor of the School who may be interested in becoming a freemason. Please do not hesitate to call me on 020 8979 0107, if you would like any further information. Alternatively, I can be emailed at **MJB2@talktalk.net**

MICHAEL BECKERMAN
Lodge Secretary

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EDWARD ARTHUR HARRY KEY 1923 – 2008

Ted spent his childhood in Cambridge, where he attended the Cambridgeshire High School (now Hills Road Sixth Form College). His father, Arthur, was for many years College Butler at St Catharine's, and his mother was a Cambridge landlady, but only for Cats men. His close friend was the son of the College Groundsman, and he spent many hours at the ground, becoming immersed in the sporting life of the College. At

the same time as acquiring a love of various sports he learned the rudiments of looking after playing surfaces, knowledge which served as a basis for his major contribution to Tiffin in developing the School's sports facilities after the war.

Before he was 18 years old, he volunteered for flying in the Royal Navy. He left school and tried his hand in the world of banking. This experience at least taught him that on his return to civvy street he would have to think again! Ted's flying training began in 1942. He gained his 'wings' and a commission, first as a Midshipman and then Sub Lieutenant(A) RNVR. During his time with the Navy he flew several types of aircraft, including Tiger Moths, Harvards, Hurricanes and Gladiators. He finished up on HMS Indefatigable in Tokyo Bay at the time of the Japanese surrender.

Following his war service, Ted studied Geography at Jesus College, Oxford, where he was in the Varsity rugby squad during his whole time there, having already reached county level. This was to prove a good foundation for his later contribution to rugby at Tiffin. He also took up rowing and enjoyed going to Henley. It was in his final year at Oxford that he met his wife Mary. After graduation he took up a place in the Department of Education in Cambridge, thus becoming a Cats man in his own right.

Ted was appointed by Brigadier JJ Harper in 1949 to the Tiffin Staff. He joined Tiffin as his first teaching post (and stayed for the remainder of his career), rising through the ranks – Games Coach, Senior Careers Master, Head of the Upper School and eventually 16 years as Deputy Headmaster – a total of 34 years. It was the enthusiasm to educate, and in particular his love of one place – now viewed as rather career limiting – that meant that Ted's contribution to Tiffin School was huge. In fact, he was one of the most important characters in the history of the School, influencing its development and growth to become the School we know today.

In Ted's own words: "I joined JJ and I helped him, with a superb teaching staff which he gathered around him to turn a good grammar school into a superlative state school, which over many years defied the occasional government plans to destroy such centres of excellence". For 30 years he was the School organiser of the Tiffin Whitsun Fair, working in close collaboration with the Old Boys, raising funds for the development of the Grist playing fields at Hampton Court. He was known as Mr Tiffin Fair.

Grists is one of the finest assets which Tiffinians continue to use. John Roberts said of Grists: 'Only those who know the grounds in their former state before development, can measure the effort, organisation, energy and enthusiasm which went into their making'. Ted, along with Ben Lyon, contributed hugely to the development of the school and Old Boys' facilities which we still enjoy today – a tradition so ably carried on since by Martin Williams.

It was very appropriate that Ted was involved in Grists because he was a games man. And for him one of the attractions of teaching was the opportunity for playing, coaching and encouraging games. He took a

central role in building and fostering high standards in cricket and rugby at the School in those immediate post-war years. One of the lasting memories is of Ted standing on the 1st XI square in his white jacket on a glorious summer's afternoon at Grists umpiring the MCC match. Grists ground is a fitting tribute to his efforts and the first class quality of cricket & rugby is maintained to this day. The cricket and rugby tours to Cambridge which Ted organised will long be remembered by OTs who participated.

Ted was not just interested in land-based sport – he was for ten years Secretary of the Canbury Boathouse Company, responsible for maintaining and running what is the base for both the School Boat House and Kingston Rowing Club. In the 1960s he was also involved in the negotiations with the local authority, raising funds for the building of the boathouse, another of the great assets of the School. Tiffin is now one of a handful of state schools that row – and row with distinction.

It is hard to remember that the main school was largely just a collection of temporary, dilapidated buildings. And it was Ted's drive and willingness to take on this frustrating task, fighting battles with the local authority to secure funds to improve and maintain the existing buildings which contributed eventually to the opening of the first new building – the South Building classroom block – three years after his retirement.

But enough about Ted's impact on the fabric of Tiffin – his greatest contribution was his philosophy in regard to teaching, which permeated through Tiffin, influencing its ethos. Shortly before he retired, Ted endowed a prize for Geography which was to be awarded not for a top academic but for a student making progress and effort. This was characteristic of his deep concern for the boys who might find the Tiffin curriculum testing but who contributed greatly to school life with their positive, hardworking endeavours and strength of perseverance. Perhaps it was Ted's own experience when he reminisced in his book *'The Friendly Squadron'* of the time when he was assessed as AVERAGE on flying duties. With the boys in his teaching he was able to see that they were more than just average, giving them the encouragement and confidence to aim for higher things – and not just in academia.

And what was his impact on his colleagues in the common room? Well, John King, who joined Tiffin in 1973 in the same department, Geography, pays tribute to him: "We taught together for ten years. Not only did we share a love of the subject, but I was fortunate that Ted was one of my mentors, teaching me the actual skills and love of teaching. He taught me a great deal of what it meant to be a teacher, and in particular a Tiffin School Master – that at Tiffin it was not just about being in the classroom, but that to earn the right to this role one had a duty to participate fully in all aspects of School life – providing education in its widest sense".

Ted's retirement was more than full. Mary and he enjoyed caravanning, walking the cliffs of the South-West, sailing and gardening. He also got a great deal of pleasure from his own hobbies of painting and sculpting. He was Secretary of Probus until his death and also Secretary to those 1772 Squadron members who survived the war, organising reunions and keeping the overseas members up to date with all the Squadron news. He even tried his hand at writing a novel, *'The Toymaker'*. Throughout he always kept in touch with the School and with his OT friends.

Sadly Mary died in 1993, but Ted had the comfort of being in close touch with his daughter, Rosalyn, and granddaughters Amy & Emily. He also had the good fortune of having his devoted partner, Marion, who nursed him through a number of health problems in recent years. Ted brought remarkable qualities of loyalty, enthusiasm and outstanding energy to Tiffin School, which were felt and acknowledged by boys and staff alike. It is a great tribute that so many former colleagues and Old Tiffinians attended the funeral at All Saints' Church, Banstead.

Revd Canon PATRICK CONNOR MAGEE 1915 – 2008

Pat Magee was born at Stornaway on the island of Lewis, where his father was customs officer. His family moved to Thurso when he was two, and in 1922 went south to set up home in St Ives, Cambridgeshire, his mother's place of origin. She had attended King's chapel as a girl and determined that, should she have a son, she would try to get him into the choir. He was accepted in 1923 and in 1928 was senior chorister, when the college's annual Christmas Eve carol service was first broadcast. In that first transmission Pat Magee read a lesson and sang a solo in the Coventry Carol. He also featured in the recording of two Bach chorales by HMV.

He continued his education at Sedbergh, where he became a useful cross-country runner, coming third in the school's fearsome 10-mile steeplechase. Pat returned to King's as a choral scholar under Boris Ord. After training at Westcott House Theological College in 1939, he became curate at St Paul's, King Cross in Halifax. However, eager to play a part in the war, he enrolled into a naval chaplaincy and in 1944 took part in the D-Day landings. Later he served in Burma, where he was among the first to enter Rangoon – to be greeted by emaciated prisoners of war. He was also involved in the liberation of Bali.

After the war Pat became chaplain of King's, Cambridge. In 1952, accepting it was time to move on, he accepted the college's offer of the parish of All Saints in Kingston. While there, he first came into contact with Tiffins as a Governor of the School. He took part more than once in Gilbert & Sullivan productions of the All Saints' youth fellowship.

He also caused a stir in the local press, when he dressed as a woman and opened the annual bazaar as 'Lady Margaret'. This provoked an indignant letter to the '*Surrey Comet*' by Mrs Ruth Enion, wife of the religious studies master at Tiffins. The Bishop of Kingston, Dr Gilpin refused to condemn this, saying it seemed a typical Cambridge stunt.

From 1960 to 1970 he was chaplain at Bryanston School, and then a short period as vicar of Ryde on the Isle of Wight. In 1972 he joined the Tiffin Staff as Chaplain, following the departure of Alan Chesters. The following year he accepted an invitation to take on St Michael's, Bemerton, Salisbury. He became involved with Salisbury Cathedral, helping out in the choir as a tenor, and taking the choral services. He was later installed as a canon. After retiring in 1979, Pat was able to indulge his passion for travel – to Turkey, to Uzbekistan, to China, to the Middle East.

He later lived at the College of St Barnabas, a home for retired clergy at Lingfield, Surrey. He died on 19th March, and a Service of Thanksgiving was held in Salisbury Cathedral the following month.

Pat's death will be regretted by a number of Old Tiffinians who were taught by him or who were recruited to sing in his church choir during his time as Vicar of Kingston.

We regret to have to record also the death of DENIS GEORGE YETMAN (1950) and also of JOHN VOON (1999).

Old Tiffinian Social Lunch

Our fifty-fourth lunch was held on Thursday 10th April at our usual venue, viz., the Ristorante Sorrento, 379 Ewell Road, Tolworth — meeting at 12.30, for lunch at 1.00, departure usually at 3pm.

The 19 present were :-

Jim Aston, David Chaffey, David Evans, David French, Dan Godfrey, Derek Higham, Brian Holden, Chris Hunt, Ken Jenkins, Greer Kirkwood, David Larmar, Howard Mallinson, Bob Neville, John Phillips, Roy Rathbone, Peter Robinson, Peter Shepherd, Stan Slinger & David Tyrell.

Our Spring Lunch was, as usual, well supported, with nine of those present at the previous lunch, showing an irregular attendance. Apologies were received from several stalwarts wishing us well on the day. The photos below were, as usual, supplied by Dan Godfrey.

David Evans wondered if anyone was interested in Henley on Friday 4th July, as he was ordering tickets for a good day out, even if it rained. The Summer Lunch date will be **Thursday 3rd July**. Also the Autumn date is **Thursday 9th October**.

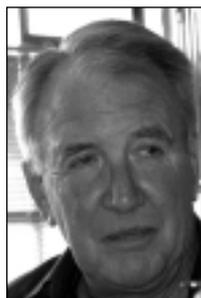
All are welcome and, if you wish to attend and bring guests, please let me know on 01483 850705.

GREER KIRKWOOD



People

RICHARD ABRAM (1975), after exactly 20 years at EMI Classics, has taken redundancy, early retirement and an indefinite consultancy, by which he continues as reissue producer and literary editor for the label Classics for Pleasure and the series British Composers and Great Recordings of the Century. In 2006 he produced six classic drama releases from the 1950s and 60s, among which newly discovered live recordings of the original productions of *'The Entertainer'* (Osborne) and *'The Caretaker'* (Pinter) caught the attention of *'The Time's'* newspaper and the BBC *'Today'* programme. More recently he has compiled 30CD collector's edition of the works of Elgar and of Vaughan Williams. Richard is an honorary life member of the Elgar Society. He lives in Wanstead with his partner of 20 years, the *lirone* player and musicologist Erin Headley, and two warring cats.



DAVID BARON (1955) continues his fight to draw attention to the problem of Gatwick's aircraft noise affecting residents of his area. David, who moved into his home eight years ago, managed to arrange for the relevant officials and the local MP to visit him at his home, where he has had a decibel meter installed for some time. This regularly records levels in excess of 57, considered officially to be a 'community annoyance'.

GRAHAM BURR (1977) is currently working for Birds Eye Foods, and, when we last heard, was in Moscow.

ANDREW DALDORPH (1989) graduated with a first-class honours degree from the University of Southampton in 1993, after which he took up the post of organ scholar at Guildford Cathedral and subsequently gained his Fellowship of the Royal College of Organists. He took lessons from some of the country's most eminent organists. On the harpsichord he studied with Robert Woolley and attended a European Baroque orchestra course directed by Roy Goodman. He was harpsichord soloist in Bach's Brandenburg Concerto at the Bath Bach Festival in 2005, and frequently gives recitals and plays for concerts and services in concert halls and cathedrals throughout the country. Most recently he has performed at Exeter and Guildford Cathedrals, Bath Abbey and l'Auditoria di Girona in Spain. Based in the West Country, Andrew is currently conductor of the East Devon Choral Society and Exeter Chamber Choir, with whom in 2005 he conducted an exciting performance of the Monteverdi Vespers to a capacity audience in Exeter Cathedral. With the Exeter Chamber Choir in 2007 he again filled the cathedral for a performance of the Bach B Minor Mass. Andrew has recently written a new work for choir *'Songs of Hope & Creation'*, which was performed for the first time on 10th May in St George's Church, Tiverton, by the East Devon Choral Society. The next performance is to be on 14th June at Holy Trinity Church, Claygate, by Claygate Choral Society. Andrew teaches organ and piano privately and AT Exeter School. To relax he enjoys playing jazz with his trio at functions in the UK and abroad.

JONATHAN DAVIES (1998) took a gap year after leaving, before going to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, where he took a degree in Psychology. He then went on to do a PhD in the same subject, which was awarded in June 2007. He is now working in documentary television.



GEORGE DRYDEN, former long-serving member of Tiffin Staff, has been elected as the next Master of Tiffinian Lodge and will be officially installed at the October meeting.

ANDREW GORDON-WATKINS (1999) specialised in Drama & Art and was awarded a degree from Exeter University. He then studied for a postgraduate diploma in Musical Theatre at the Central School of Speech & Drama. He has now toured the UK many times in a variety of musicals, including *'Annie'*, *'Hello Dolly'*, *'Treasure Island and the Pirates of the Caribbean'* (Theatre Royal, Lincoln) and *'Beauty and the Beast'*. He spent six months with the Stadium Theatre Company on the P & O Oceana, six months in Zürich with *'We Will Rock You'* and is now with that show in Vienna until July. Andrew is very grateful to the Tiffin Drama staff (particularly to Frank Whately) for setting him off on a wonderful career.

ALISTAIR GORDON-WATKINS (2003) is now working as a statistician with East Sussex County Council and enjoys living by the sea. He still keeps in touch with his Tiffin friends.

ROBERT GOUGH (1976) is Administrator of the Huddersfield Canal Society. He has had published a *'Towpath Guide – Huddersfield Narrow Canal'*. This took many years and was a labour of love, but it is well illustrated and is a first-class publication.

JOHN McAULEY (1987) is still working in Epsom at TWM (formerly known as Tuck & Mann) as head of conveyancing. The firm is an amalgamation of four long-established Surrey practices and is prospering.

JACK MINNIT (1935) continues to keep in touch with the Association. His memories of the early years of the 'new' Tiffin School have in the past provided much useful material for the OT newsletter. Jack's father was also an Old Tiffinian. His mother was at Tiffin Girls' with Edith Grist and later taught there.

CLEMENT POWER (1996) was the conductor at the Festival Hall at the end of April for a concert by the London Philharmonic.

ALEX SENA (2002) is currently studying for a PhD at the London Centre for Nano-Technology UCL.

TOM SOLOMON (1998) was running in the London Marathon. His time was 2.42.13, and he was placed at 225. He hopes supporters will give to his designated charity at www.justgiving.com/thomassolomon

Membership Matters

I must firstly prod those members who are in arrears with their payments. Should you be one of these, you will find a reminder enclosed.

Now to subscriptions, which become due on 1st October annually. The current rates are :

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 £10 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 and postage.

My address is **40 Bramshaw Rise, New Malden, Surrey KT3 5JU.**
(Telephone : 020 8942 9768)

DENNIS BARNARD

Tiffin History

RECENT ACQUISITIONS FOR THE ARCHIVES

We acknowledge gratefully the following additions to the Archives :

- a) From Dick Power (1965) an example of the former Drake House tie in response to our appeal, and also some school magazines.
- b) From Jim Aston (1941) a school cap and some school magazines.
- c) From Michael Staples (1965) a Tiffin boater (vintage 1963) and a school striped blazer (vintage 1987/88).

REQUESTS

We are still hoping that a reader will present us with an example of the House tie of Kingsley and of Gordon.

In an earlier edition we appealed for information about Home Park, used for games activities before the acquisition of Grist. Thank you to those who responded with written information about the arrangements and about the old house in the Park used for changing accommodation. We plan eventually to publish an article summarizing what we now know about the use of Home Park by the School and by the Old Boys. If you have memories of this and have not yet been in touch, please let us have your contribution to this piece of research.

THE DALTON PLAN

In response to an earlier letter published in 'Tiffnews', Ron Truin confirms that the desks for implementation of the famous (infamous?) Dalton Plan were designed by George Spriggs and made by him in the summer holidays, aided by a group of sixth-formers.

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

This September the Kingston upon Thames Society will again be holding its weekend of open days at various venues in the Royal

Borough. Last year several Old Tiffinians took advantage of the opportunity to join a guided tour of Elmfield and some other parts of the Tiffin site. John King (Senior Assistant Head) is again offering tours on Friday 12th September at 11.15am and at 2.00pm. If you are interested, please gather inside the London Road gate just before these times. As an OT, do make yourself known to John (or myself, if present).

BRIAN HOLDEN

OTA 100 Club

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

			Previous win
Jan '08	£50	Andy Langford	Surbiton '07
Feb '08	£50	David Evans	Betchworth '06
Mar '08	£50	Derek Higham	Banstead
Apr '08	£50	Paul Timms	Cheltenham '06

The above draws were held at an OTA Council meeting in April last, where the Tiffinian Association Ltd was formed.

One or two of the names seem to be popping up regularly. Although this is the first win for Derek Higham, he did not start until Jan'06.

Congratulations to 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 £1000. Further information can be obtained from me at 28 Railton Road, Guildford, Surrey GU2 9LX (Tel: 01483 850705).

GREER KIRKWOOD



Queen Elizabeth Road News

Performing Arts

No report has been received, but the big event of the Summer Term is **Tiffin in the Garden**. This year it takes place on **Friday 11th July**. This is very popular event, with large numbers participating. Do come along and support it.

Other musical events to note are :

Wed. 11th June	Friends of Tiffin
	Music Parents' Evening
w/b Mon. 7th July	'Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat'
Mon. 14th and Tues. 15th July	Summer Gig nights

School Boat Club

The Spring Term finished on a high, with the J16 quad winning gold at the National Sculling Head and the Senior coxed four finishing strongly at the Schools Head.

To capitalise on the strengths and in search of some much needed good weather, we decamped, along with 40 boys and a full trailer of boats, to Nantes in France for the second week of the end of term break. The location came highly recommended from the GB junior squad, and indeed our hosts from **Université de Nantes Aviron** could not have been more accommodating, holding a reception for us on our last day. The river was fantastic, offering 24k of good water, which was paddled by many of the boys on the first day. We put in two or three training sessions per day, with the end result that all came home weary and with a few tales to tell !

The Summer Term started well with a warm-up training session against Kingston Grammar School and at Chiswick Regatta. At the latter we won senior pairs, J16 quads and J16 doubles (a Tiffin final, though not a straight breakdown of the quad). The J15 coxed fours performed well in their first sweep oar regatta and were just pipped to the post by St Pauls' 'A' crew. The J14's entered two coxed fours, one coming second in some wild three lane tideway racing, the other crew making it through to the final where they lost to St Georges. Unfortunately there was no competition for our two senior coxed fours, so they trained at the boathouse with Kingston and showed them how to row 500m pieces (allegedly) !

We are currently in the serious process of seat racing, to ensure we enter the best crews for Nat Schools in Nottingham at the end of May and Henley Royal in July. Our regattas for this term will be Thames Ditton (17th May), National Schools (23rd-25th May), Reading

Amateur (14th / 15th June), Marlow 21st / 22nd June, HRR and Kingston Amateur (13th July). Your support at any of the above would be most welcome !

Last, but by no means least...we need helpers and coaches desperately. If you are able to spare some time on either a regular or *ad hoc* basis, please contact me at the School. ccornell@tiffin.kingston.sch.uk Thank you.

CAROL CORNELL

School Cricket

It's been a slow damp start, but the senior teams have completed practically all their matches.

The 1st XI had a disappointing loss to Trinity, having fought hard to get into a winning position, but, apart from that, they look a very competitive side. Bill Geiringer leads the XI, and he himself has had a sensational start to the season with four consecutive half-centuries, including a magnificent 90 against Lord Wandsworth College. Ali Ayyub scored a maiden century against the same opposition in a record third. wicket stand of 185. Good wins against Reed's and Kingston Grammar followed excellent batting performances, with bowling and fielding that has looked pleasantly sharp. Muhunthan Harinath again leads the wicket takers, with 15 wickets to his name already.

Our 20-20 run finished abruptly after a deluge of rain at the Oval. It was a great experience for the boys to play there, even if it was only half a game before the heavens opened.

If you would like to play Tercels or evening staff cricket, do drop a line to me at the School (or on 07918 028528).

MARTIN WILLIAMS

School Canteen

Many Old Tiffinians are aware of the sterling service rendered by successive Canteen Managers over the years since the present building was erected in the late 1940s - now considered a rare surviving example of this type of building (*see below*). Their names include Miss Nightingale, Mrs Kenworthy & Mrs Hince, all of whom rendered great service to succeeding generations of Tiffinians. You will be interested to know that, although the catering service has now been operated under contract for a number of years, from this summer we expect to bring this in house, and a Catering Manager will be appointed shortly.

BRIAN HOLDEN



School Canteen