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From the Head's Study

Dear Tiffinians,

The School has reopened for the new academic year 2011/2012 having achieved an excellent set of examination results. In the A-Level examinations 90.91% of grades were at A/B (of which 67.04% were at A*), which was our highest ever achievement at A-Level. At AS-Level 77.98% of grades were at A/B, which marked an improvement over last year's figures.



At GCSE we gained 82.9% of grades at A*/A, with 8 students gaining all A* in their GCSE examinations and 47 students achieving all A* and A grades. This made us again the 4th highest achieving boys' state school in the country. In a year when all the national news was about the difficulty of going on to university, 171 of our students gained places to study at a range of universities, of which 19 places were at Oxbridge. Our best wishes go to all the students in their future careers.

The new sports facility is reaching its final weeks of construction, and we are hoping to have it handed over for use on Monday 26 September. The facility will include the multi-use games area (MUGA), new cricket nets, a long-jump track and pit, and shot-put area. The project has also included a major clearance and reinstatement of the field area to the Birkenhead Avenue and Norbiton flats boundary. We have also been able to completely renew the gym driveway and car parking area and add on two small extra play areas for the students by the MUGA. Critical to the funding has been the £30,000 from the estate of the late Jim Dixon that has gone towards the MUGA and a generous donation from the Desai family for the cricket nets in memory of their son Neil.

The highlight of the summer was the reception that we held in Sydney for the Old Tiffinians in Australia. To coincide with the School choir tour to Australia, we welcomed 14 Tiffinians and their families from around Australia to the reception at the British Consul-General's Residence in Sydney. It was an excellent evening on which we were entertained by the Tiffinian

singers and discussed Tiffin memories, some dating back to the 1940s. Each Tiffinian was presented with a copy of their school record card and an Old Tiffinian tie. The photographs are on the Tiffinian Association website. The tour was an outstanding success and Tiffinians attended the concerts in Brisbane, Canberra, Sydney, Melbourne and Perth. In Melbourne the Tiffinians set up a special tour of the Melbourne Cricket Ground with a display of the material they hold on Alec Stewart and other Tiffinians for the staff and students. We hope to entertain several of the Australian Tiffinians when they come to visit London in the next year or two.

I was delighted to meet so many of the Old Tiffinians in Sydney and to, once again, realise how strong the bond is between the School and those who have studied here. As the new term starts, I am confident that the School and the Tiffin Association can build up the ties with ex Tiffin students through the excellent network that is being developed.

Yours sincerely

HILDA CLARKE, Headteacher

Tiffinian Association 100th Annual Dinner



Friday 11th November 2011
at 7.30pm in the School Hall



*We look forward to a bumper turnout
for this centenary celebration.*

Please make every effort to come along for an enjoyable evening, to join old and new friends - gather your friends together for a group table. Pre-Dinner drinks from 6.15pm; carriages at 11.30 pm.
Entrance & parking via London Road.

Tickets at £30 each can be purchased online by going to the
Events page of Tiffinian Association website
www.TiffinFriends.org

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If you and your friends have not already done so, do register on the new website www.TiffinFriends.org We hope that this website will help you to maintain contact with people you met through Tiffin School, view photos from the School archives and book alumni events. Please note also that 'Tiffin Friends - the Tiffinian Association' is the official Association Facebook page.

Chairman's Letter

Dear Fellow Tiffinian,

Well, here we are in October, as another summer slips past. I hope the season has been kind to you all. This is an interesting edition of Tiffnews, as Gareth John has taken over the editorship, although Brian Holden, our previous editor is helping out, so there is continuity. I am sure we wish Gareth well in this role, and once again I would like to thank Brian for his significant contribution over the years.



Whilst on the subject of significant contributions, I am very sad to report the deaths of two stalwarts of the Association, who passed away in the last three months. My predecessor as Chairman and a trustee, Howard Mallinson, who you will remember had to stand down through ill health, passed away at the beginning of July. He had been able to resume his trustee duties after his initial difficulties but regrettably took a turn for the worse in the spring. An obituary is included elsewhere in this edition. As I have said previously in this column, it was Howard's thinking and drive that led to the formation of TAL, and he will be sorely missed. The other stalwart was Dennis Barnard, who took over as Membership Secretary some 30 years ago and religiously kept an up-to-date and comprehensive card system. This was before computer systems were readily available, and all his data had already been computerised, before he passed away in August. Dennis was not an Old Tiffinian but his two boys, Ian and Clive, both were, and Dennis (and his wife, Marjorie) were great supporters of the Association. Without wishing to concentrate on sad news, many Tiffinians will remember Bill Bennett, father of Chris and Neil (England fly half in the late 70s), who sadly passed away as well. Whilst obviously a sad occasion, it was great to meet up with Tony and Anthea Smith at the funeral. For many of us, Tony ran the school PE and particularly the rugby for many of our school years. They are both looking very well and living in the West Country now.

Another three months pass, and I am pleased to report that we continue to make progress in attracting past Tiffin pupils and others with connections to the school to register on the website. It is now a year since the new website was established and so an appropriate time to review progress. We now have over 850 registrations, of which approaching 600 are 'new' to the Association. I think this

is a fantastic achievement and owes much to Alex Swift, Stuart Lester, James Strong, Gareth John and all those other contributors who have made it possible.

We held a successful reunion at the school at the beginning of July. There was a range of ages and I met up with some Tiffinians I hadn't seen since I left the school, which is many years ago now. A successful evening was enjoyed by all, and well done to Alex Swift for her organisation. I attended the Founders' Day service in July, which I always enjoy and was not disappointed this year, with great performances from the choir and a special atmosphere. Afterwards I went to the 'Widger' cricket match at Grists, which for those of us who may have been around for longer than most is the School v Staff match. I also attended the School v MCC match, details of which are no doubt reported elsewhere. Finally, the Association attends the school leavers' event at the Parish Church, which really is a great venue. Unfortunately it is going through a renovation, so will not be available for the next couple of years. The event itself is where last year's Upper Sixth receives leaving certificates and prizes – the standards really are very high! The Association gives prizes for those boys who achieve 3 A*s (or more!) at A-Level, and on this occasion there were 20 – no mean feat. I think we can be secure in the knowledge that the school continues to achieve at the highest level.

I am also pleased to report that discussions between the Association and the school regarding the future management of Grists are continuing to progress. Much is now in place for a common management, and this will be the goal we continue to move towards.

I should talk about the up and coming Association events. I mentioned last time that Kush Abeysekera has been the driving force behind the establishment of a Tiffin medics' and dentists' interest group, and the planned initial meeting has been rescheduled for 29th October at the school. In November we have the Annual Dinner, which will also be held at the school, and this will be the 100th Association Dinner – a great landmark, I hope you will agree. Make a note in your diary, and I hope to see you there. Details of all these events are listed on the Events page of the website or please contact Alex Swift for details or help in organising your own event.

I said at the beginning of this letter that this is an interesting edition of Tiffnews, because we have a new editor. Additionally, from the next edition the main way of accessing the newsletter will be on line. There is more information about these changes on page 3.

With kind regards and best wishes for the autumn.

IAN REDINGTON, Chairman

Old Tiffinian Social Lunch

Our sixty-seventh lunch was held at our usual venue on Thursday 7 July viz., the Ristorante Sorrento, 379 Ewell Rd., Tolworth, Surrey - meeting at 12.30, for lunch at 1, departure about 3pm.

The 10 present were David Chaffey, John Dibley, David French, Brian Gosling, David Ingall, Greer Kirkwood, Bob Neville, Peter Osborne, Chris Towson, John Wright.

Our Summer lunch always coincides with the Hampton Court flower show and the travel discourages our photographer, Dan Godfrey. With several regulars now only attending every other lunch our reduced but pleasant number is not surprising. This time we saw John Dibley for the first time and I am sure he enjoyed himself. The usual excellent varied lunch was provided. During the session the draws for the OTA 100/200 Clubs were taken.

Apologies were given from several stalwarts wishing us well on the day. Future dates include Wednesday 7 December (unusual, to avoid the Twickenham rugby match).

All are welcome and, if you wish to attend and bring guests, please let me know on 01483-850705 or new email: greer.kirkwood@virginmedia.com .

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Books

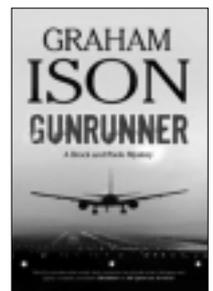
Graham Ison's next book, entitled Gunrunner, was published by Severn House (ISBN 9780727880956) on 25 August 2011.

On Christmas Day, Detective Chief Inspector Brock's celebrations are interrupted when he is called to a murder in a car park at Heathrow Airport. The victim is businesswoman Kerry Hammond who has been stabbed to death in her Jaguar.

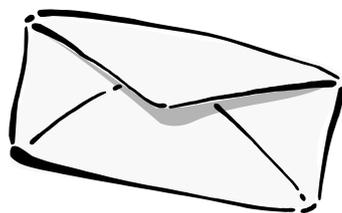
During the course of a complex investigation Brock and his sidekick, Detective Sergeant Dave Poole, discover that there is much more to Kerry Hammond than at first was apparent. Not only does she have a string of lovers, but her estate agent husband is not what he at first appears to be.

It is not long before Brock and his team uncover a gunrunning operation that stretches from the South of France to Central London. The arrests that follow lead them to a shadowy figure in Bethnal Green who is believed to be the mastermind.

Faced with a plethora of suspects, each is eventually eliminated until Kerry Hammond's killer is finally arrested.



Letters



Dear Brian,
Regarding the visit of the Tiffin Boys' Choir to this Great Southern Land! For everyone, boys, staff and OTs and spouses/partners and supporters it was a great success. For us it helped that we had Simon Toyne round for Dinner when he was on his earlier reconnaissance trip to Sydney – that turned out to be a significant evening in itself!

The reception at the Consul-Generals Residence at Vacluse was most enjoyable – I have met the Consul-General, Richard Morris since then and it is obvious that he found it as enjoyable as the rest of us. The evening was enhanced by the singing of the school's close harmony group, **The Tiffinians**, and the speech by Hilda Clark, Tiffin School Head Teacher and of course it was a pleasure to meet Alex Swift in person!

The concert on the following evening in St. James's, King Street, Sydney was outstanding – I had not realized how professional the School Choir now is – it certainly exceeded its pre-concert publicity! The *Fauré Requiem* after the interval provided a terrific finale to the Sydney visit.

It was a pleasure to meet such a large group of OTs – it looks as if our next re-union will be in Canberra – originally 2013 was suggested, but I hope that it can be brought forward to 2012.

David Barker (1953)

Dear Gareth,

When I was at the school during the war years, the names of those achieving scholarships to Oxford, Cambridge and London were displayed on the walls of the School Hall and I am sure they went back before 1940, although at that time there were not very many. It would be a sad loss if this record is no longer there.

Before the ATC there was the Air Defence Cadet Corps (I think that was its title) and the school had its own squadron – 26. After the start of the war, this was absorbed into a new organisation, the Air Training Corps, and to acknowledge our past, the letter F was added, as it was to other existing squadrons. Whilst we opened our membership to KGS, another squadron – 328 – was formed to cater for other Kingstonians whose life patterns would not have fitted in with our school timetable. **Dusty Rhodes** was the CO of 26F, and most, if not all, of the officers and instructors were masters at Tiffin or KGS. I think Mr Dean was CO of 328, but the officers and instructors came from other schools or were civilians, as was my father who taught Morse and later organised a brass band.

When I was in 26F, I had my first flight, in a Tiger Moth on 1 April 1944 from Fair Oaks, very close to where I live now. Within the last month, I have had what will probably be my last flight, also from Fair Oaks, this time, piloted by my grandson who is a member of 1F Squadron ATC.

Best wishes in your new job,

R. J. Pembery (1944)

Dear Gareth,

I was particularly interested to read the article on Form 1C written by David Ingall in the June 2011 edition of *Tiffnews*. I entered the same Form 1C when I joined the School in 1951. My short term memory may be poor, but I have almost total recall of all the names dating back to my years at School, including the opening alphabetical names of Form 1C sitting front left. The names "Batstone, Belcher, Blake and Butler" have a ring to them like the play **Unman Wittering and Zigo** about members of a School, which I believe influenced Alan Bennett in writing **The History Boys**.

I recall the incident he mentions with Colonel Asher and Graham (not Geoffrey) Vincent-Smith. What particularly amuses me is that Vincent-Smith went on to Oxford (to study Maths) and stayed there becoming a Fellow and Tutor at Oriel! David Ingall asks at the end of his article what became of "Thornes, Webb, Weston,

J White, R White and Williams?" We were all at the end of the alphabet and I recall sitting with Weston and Williams and a third boy, not mentioned by David Ingall, Chris West. We were quite friendly. I was best man at Chris West's wedding (sadly he is now dead) and I am in touch with Paul Williams. I lost touch with Peter Weston in my twenties after he graduated from King's College, London. I think he may have emigrated to Canada.

It interests me that the cluster of boys with whom you are located in the classroom in your



We're changing how you receive Tiffnews

For some time now, there has been pressure to ensure that *Tiffnews* makes the most efficient use of TAL funds. We are looking to significantly reduce the cost that the circulation of *Tiffnews* incurs on postage, and to that end, we are changing how we send *Tiffnews* to you:

- *Tiffnews* will now be sent out in **six half-termly editions, by email**. In doing so, we will be merging content with Alex Swift's *Tiffinian Bulletin*. Extended articles will be available via links to the comprehensive TAL website: www.tiffinfriends.org.
- There will be a new **Yearly Tiffnews** magazine which will continue to be **posted to all members of TAL** (first edition Autumn 2012).
- **There will be arrangements to post termly updates to those members of TAL who do not have access to email and the internet.**
- For those who still wish to receive the yearly school magazine, *The Tiffinian*, this will be available for a modest fee. Please write to the *Tiffnews* editor to express your interest, and arrangements will be made in the new year.

What do you need to do?

- If you do have internet access, please make sure that we have your email address! The most effective way to do this is to register on the TiffinFriends.org website.
- If you do not have access to the internet and would like to receive termly updates by post, please write to the Editor to let him know.
- These changes do not need you to change donations (previously termed "subscriptions") you make to TAL. Although donations are of course very much welcomed at www.tiffinfriends.org/donate

Remembrance Day Service

This will take place on Friday 11 November (meeting at 10.30am). Numbers are limited, but if any OTs would like to attend, please contact Alex Swift at the School (TAL@tiffin.kingston.sch.uk).

early school days should have such an influence on friends and contacts later in life.

I attach a copy of a photograph I have of most of Form 1C, taken towards the end of our year. I think David Ingall is bottom left. Included in the photo is Roland Jones, our Form Master. He was a good teacher and I think went off to Canada.

Regards,

Roger White (1956)

Dear Gareth,

Jim de Rennes asked recently if there are any other Tiffin rowing blues in addition to the 3 mentioned.

There is at least one other in Bob Winkless. Bob rowed in the same school boat in 1960 (and 1961 as far as I can remember) as Duncan Clegg and went on to be President of Cambridge while Duncan went on to be President of Oxford. I am not sure even Eton have produced both University Rowing Presidents from the same school VIII.

The 1960 VIII was one of the fastest the school has produced (although I suspect the 1959 VIII might argue). Both were stroked by the excellent Peter Risk who went on to win at Henley for Kingston Rowing Club with his brother and the Pierce brothers. Unfortunately, Peter died of a heart attack many years ago. These VIIs were coached during the summer regatta season by Dick Offer, one of the 3 Offer brothers (who were also leading lights of the OT Rugby Club in the 30s).

Dickie West was the cox of 1959 & 1960 school VIIs and his son, Kieren, won an Olympic Gold in the VIII at the Sydney Olympics. Bob Winkless's daughter, Sarah, in addition to winning 7 blues in different sports including rowing at Cambridge, won a Bronze medal in the Double Sculls in the Athens Olympics.

John Raynham (1954 - 1961)

Dear Gareth,

With reference to Jim de Rennes letter in Tiffnews No. 248 June 2011. Robert Moore got his blue in the winning Oxford boat in 1979 and Duncan Clegg in the winning boats of 1965 & 1966. Andy Powell (St. Catherines) rowed in the Cambridge Blue boat of 1975. Other Cambridge blues were Robin (Bob) Winckless (Fitzwilliam) in 1967 when they lost and in 1968 and 1969 when they won. Also in the winning 1968 and 1969 boat was Graham Hall (Downing).

I rowed with both Duncan Clegg & Bob Winckless in The Tiffin 1st VIII (circa. 1960/61).

Best regards,

Mike Liggett (1961)

Brian Bunker asks:

"Is there anybody out there who can provide the following information?"

1 A list of the members of the Tiffinian Musical and Dramatic orchestra and what instruments they played around 1949?

2 As above but with reference to the 1930s?

3 I presume the programmes of the various productions as above had a cast list I would be delighted to see a copy of such a list".

Dear Brian

In your last issue you included a piece on Roger Garfitt's *The Horseman's Word*, a piece tempting enough for me to order a copy. After reading the first 50 or so pages I was so delighted with the writing that I decided to save it for my holiday reading. And what a superb read it has been. Forever reading bits to my wife (she's the literary one of our duo) she took it over when I'd finished and has also enjoyed it.

The 'Swinging Sixties' we were aware of but missed, having 'grown up' in the Fifties. But before reading *The Horseman's Word* I hadn't realised quite how sharp the change was from the drab 'age of austerity' (which you and I knew) to the vividness of the Sixties.

On parochial matters, I don't remember JJ with a monocle which he must have introduced after my time; George Worth comes across as I remember him even though our paths rarely crossed; Roger Garfitt's English master I couldn't make out but is now named in the latest TIFNEWS and again after my time. (And then I find that's he has been a Fellow at the Swansea University three miles away -- after I'd retired from it.)

A really splendid read and thank you for introducing it to me.

Best Wishes,

Michael Farrington (1956)

Dear Gareth,

The reference to the late Ian Stewart in the last issue reminded me that I long ago intended to write to suggest that Stewart is surely the most globally appreciated musical Tiffinian of all time. Many words of affectionate and appreciative tribute are paid to Ian in Keith Richards' blockbuster autobiography, *Life* [Weidenfeld & Nicholson, 2010], and his essential role in the creation and progress of the Rolling Stones is confirmed in other books and in online material. To have been at the heart of the band for so long, playing on its albums from 1964 to 1986, seems to me to put him in pole position as the Tiffinian whose musical talent reached and stirred more people, in more parts of the globe, than any other. In schooldays we called him "Chin" - for obvious reasons, though not usually to his, er, chin. Short and solidly built, and breathtakingly scruffy, he was a mad-keen cyclist, with a racing bike that was his pride and joy -- and the object of discussion and admiration among the cognoscenti who gathered in the sheds opposite Harry Taylor's woodworking block. But I have no recollection of any conversation about music, even after Eric Griffiths started to encourage boys to bring their favourite EPs to music lessons in the hall - and, to his credit, allowing *Rock Around the Clock* to shatter its dusty quietude. Before the Stones became famous, I was sent by the music monthly *Rave* to interview Jagger and Richards at Wimbledon Palais, and well remember their boyish eagerness to talk about the band. "Chin" was probably backstage somewhere, with his bike padlocked to a lamppost on Merton High Street. How I wish that I had bumped into him - and stayed in touch through his glory years.

With all good wishes

Anthony Peagam (1956)

Hello Gareth,

As the founder editor of Tiffnews something like half a century ago, I would like to congratulate you on taking over the role from my contemporary Brian Holden. I would also like to pay a sincere tribute to Brian on his long and successful tenure of the post. Brian's unreserved commitment to all things Tiffinian shone through the pages of all the editions he put together and I'm confident you will perform likewise.

For those of us who live some distance from Kingston and, like me, come south at irregular intervals, it is most helpful to have this window on the Tiffinian world.

Best wishes for a long and success stint on Tiffnews.

Brian West (1952)

Tiffin Medics Society

First Meeting, 5pm to 7pm on Saturday 29 October 2011

This will be held in Tiffin School's main hall and is open to current students, alumni of both Tiffin Schools and current or past Tiffin parents who are connected to medicine and dentistry. Medic and dental students, doctors and dentists will have the opportunity to network and discuss how the Society could be of use to its members.

There will be no charge to attend this reception, as the event is being sponsored by an Old Tiffinian, but we ask that you book your place via the TiffinFriends website. Admission will be by ticket only.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 15 October

- TSBC Barn Dance (School Hall)

Thursday 27 October

- Golf Society Autumn Meeting at Cuddington

Saturday 29 October

- Tiffin Medics Society – First Meeting

Wednesday 9 November

- Instrumental Concert

Friday 11 November

- Remembrance Day Service
- Tiffinian Association 100th Annual Dinner

Sunday 20 November

- Oratorio Choir Concert (Handel's Saul), Rose Theatre

Wednesday 23 November

- The Tiffinian Association AGM, Dean Pavilion, Grists

Thursday 24 November

- Public Speaking Final

Wednesday 7 December

- OT Social Lunch

Wednesday 7 December – Saturday 10 December

- School Play

Wednesday 14 December

- School Carol Service, Kingston Parish Church

Friday 16 December

- Autumn Term Ends

Tuesday 3 January

- Spring Term Begins

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

People

MARK DELSTANCHE (1992) was one of a team of six to reach the 1996 position of the Magnetic North Pole in Deer Bay on 25 August 2011. They rowed across the Canadian Arctic, from Resolute Bay, a route only made possible by reductions in sea ice. The crew spent over four weeks on the nine metre long rowing boat, under constant threat from sea ice and polar bears.

WILLIAM HARTFREE (1979) recently visited the school after many years and took advantage of a tour of the buildings by John King. William has been in Sweden for many years, where he lives and works in Stockholm. He has published a very comprehensive book teaching spoken English to Swedish students. It is based on modern idiom and includes many references to the English way of life.



CHRIS HEATON-HARRIS (1986) has been the Member of Parliament for Daventry since May 2010. He gave his Maiden Speech very quickly, speaking of his dislike for on-shore wind, amongst other things. His first PMQ related to a Raoul Moat Facebook page and got a huge amount of coverage at the time. He has been very busy sitting on two Select Committees, the Public Accounts Committee and the European Scrutiny Committee, and has generally been enjoying his "not so new, but wonderful, job".

Chris has more recently been in the news as one of the 80 or so euro-sceptics amongst the newly elected Conservative MPs. They aim to

promote debate about creating a new relationship with the EU and reversing the process of EU integration, a subject close to his heart, having spent ten years as MEP for the East Midlands.



ALBERT JENKINS (1937) featured in a BBC 2 programme called 'Hairy Bikers Meals on Wheels' broadcast on 13 September. The programme was about trying to get more volunteers to take round the meals and also to improve the quality of the meals. The programme makers interviewed Albert to find out how much he valued the service, the importance of daily contact with people and the quality of the food.

STEPHEN RICE (1985) continues to direct The Brabant Ensemble, a choir that he founded. The choir was featured in August on Radio 3's Early Music Show, when a concert given at the York Early Music Festival a few weeks earlier was broadcast, with unaccompanied music by composers from the era of Henry VIII. In July Stephen and the Ensemble had been heard on In Tune, just before a performance of music from the same period at the Cheltenham Festival. They recently issued their 9th CD of 16th-century choral works for the Hyperion label, featuring the Flemish composer Orlando de Lassus. In a recent survey of leading choirs in the Gramophone magazine the Ensemble was mentioned as being the most likely to break into the list of the world's top twenty choirs in the near future.

One of the members of the 12-voice Ensemble is **PAUL MARTIN (1980)**, known in the musical world as Paul Charrier.

OT Golf Society

At the beginning of the year under review, 26 of us went to Cuddington golf club for our Autumn meeting. The sun was shining on the autumn leaves and some excellent golf was played. The winner was John Pitchford with 39 points. Paul Baker was second with 38 points, Ian Redington was third. Front and back nine prizes went to Geoff Howes and Nigel Pimm. John Pitchford is also to be congratulated on being our most consistent golfer of 2010, winning the Victor Ludorum trophy.

In November the final of the Knockout cup took place at Surbiton with Geoff Howes narrowly beating David Lester to win the 2010 KO trophy. In December we played our winter meeting at Effingham on a cold but bright day. We were lucky with the weather as the course had been closed with snow for two weeks prior to our event. Paul Baker won the Baron Trophy with 39 points. Second and third places went to Richard Hallala and Nigel Pimm. Front and back nine prizes went to Ian Redington and Allan Piggott.

On March 10 we met at New Zealand Golf Club for our annual match against Old Hamptonians. New Zealand is a difficult but exceptionally good golf course. We managed to retain the Ford Trophy. Our winners on the day were Mike Hickman with 35 points, second Duncan Knowles and third Ian Redington. At our AGM which followed an excellent lunch, Alan Daunt indicated his wish to retire as Chairman of OTGS and Peter Smith was duly elected to succeed him. A small presentation was made to Alan to reflect the 11 years that he has single handedly run the society, and we all wish him well in his retirement. Geoff Latham was elected our captain for 2011, with Nick Wright as his vice captain.

In May we played Old Kingstonians for the fabled 'over the road' cup at Surrey Downs. On the day we were 12 and OKs were 14, thus ensuring an even match. The prestigious cup has been our trophy for 20 years and before this event the results were level at 10 wins each. Unfortunately OKs knew the course much better than we did, and they won quite comfortably. Our winners were Geoff Howes, Peter Smith and David Baron. It was good to see our new chairman and one of our longest serving members back in the prizes. Front and back nine prizes went to John Pitchford and Norman Mayes.

In June we played against Old Surbitonians at Puttenham Golf Club. We had 14 players but Old Surbs managed 31 players, so the team

score was a predictable win for Old Surbs. Our top scorers were Nick Wright, John Ebenezer and Paul Baker. Front and back nine prizes went to John Pitchford and Dillwyn Rosser.

Having lost on three consecutive occasions to Old Surbs, we must do better in 2012.

In July we fielded Messrs Baker, Goodbun, Wright, Redington, Pitchford and Piggott in the Surrey Schools Old Boys match at Clandon Regis. We came 5th equal out of 12 schools represented. Paul Baker was our top scorer. Then in August we had a ten strong team playing *four ball better ball* at Royal Wimbledon against KCS Old Boys, who retained the trophy with the match score level at 2 each. Our winning pairs were Goodbun/Pitchford and Wright/Lester. Royal Wimbledon remains one of our favourite courses.

The golf society is open to any old boys who play the game. We have all ranges of ability, and the handicap system allows everyone to compete. Most importantly, however, we enjoy the fellowship of other OTs whether from the same, earlier or later vintages. We have an interesting collection of courses in 2012, with some new and some old. **Anyone reading this who would like to join us in 2012, please contact Allan Piggott on 01483 282411, or email allan.piggott@btinternet.com**

ALLAN PIGGOTT

OT Football Club

It is that time of year again to dust our boots off and discover just how unfit we have become over the summer by doing some pre-season training, which is currently being held at Grists on Wednesday evenings from 7.00 pm. Pre-season friendlies began on 31 August and further matches will be held each week until the league season starts, providing players the opportunity to get some match fitness and to get to know other players within the club.

As always, as we prepare for the start of a new season, we would like to invite all members of the Tiffin community and their friends who want to play Saturday afternoon football to come and play for us. We run multiple teams offering players across the spectrum of playing ability and age the opportunity of playing amateur football week in and week out across the season. We currently run 3 league sides and a Vets team but this can change as player numbers dictate.

Once competitive matches begin you can follow our league and cup fixtures and success or otherwise by visiting the comprehensive league website at www.amateurfootballcombination.com on a weekly basis.

New players looking to join the club and play this season are invited to contact Club Secretary Errol Walker on 07984 473074 or to join us for training at Grists.

We would also be pleased to hear from any qualified referees able to officiate at our home games.

STEVE JOHNSON, Chairman

OK Row 2011

The Boat Club rowed 71 miles from Oxford to Kingston over the week-end of 8th and 9th October.

This ambitious event involved 56 Tiffin Boys and 4 Tiffin Girls ranging in age from 12 to 18. They did two hour sessions, in relays, to cover the 71 miles through the 31 Locks to get the Six Quads taking part home. They are raising funds for new boats, and will be making a donation towards an ME Supporters Charity.

OK Row has become a major event in the rowers' school experience. T-Shirts from the event are worn with pride and the stories of past events are those of rowing legend.

They are still looking for sponsors. Sponsoring can easily be done with a credit card through the following link: <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/shaunellis1>

Donations through *mydonate* are free of any charges, other than those of the card provider and we are also able to take advantage of Gift Aid.

SHAUN ELLIS, Chair TSBCA

OT 100 Club

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

				Previous win
May 2011	£50	Barry Scanlon	France	
June 2011	£50	Howard Mallinson	Claygate	'09
June 2011	£50	Ian Mason	Horsham	'09
June 2011	£50	Howard Watson	Shepperton	'07

The above draws were held at the Old Tiffinian Social Lunch in July last.

The 'Big one' was won for the third time by Ian Mason (good grief!!) – previously in 1997 & 2001. He tells me a break midwinter is now on the offer. Barry (a previous stalwart of the rugby club) won the smaller amount for the first time. Howard Mallinson, of course, has now died and the lunch itself was 2 days after his death – he had been looking forward to again attending some day.

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/annum or £5/month by standing order. The prizes are £50 each month plus half-yearly major prizes of £1000. Further information can be obtained from Greer Kirkwood, 28 Raiton Road, Guildford, Surrey GU2 9LX, telephone 01483-850705.

Also new email: greer.kirkwood@virginmedia.com

GREER KIRKWOOD

OT 200 Club

We draw a member's 200 Club number each week for a prize of £10. There are two special prizes each year of £500 and the next special draw will be made in November. We still have some available numbers. **200 Club membership** costs multiples of £13 per year per number. Please contact me if you would like to join. My details are on the front of this newsletter. Since the previous Tiffnews the following members have had their numbers drawn for a £10 prize:

19 Gus Armstrong	16 Peter Lear	145 Brian Holden	102 John Raynham	168 Dan Godfrey	27 Chris Ball	9 John Wright
196 Trevor Brain	18 David Tyrrell	80 Mrs B Armstrong	61 Peter Lear	69 Mrs Mary Redington	42 Brian Holden	

Many thanks to all Club members. Your subscriptions provide important additional funds to the Association.

MARK DARBY

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DENNIS ALBERT BARNARD 1926 - 2011

Beset by a number of medical problems, Dennis died in Kingston Hospital on Wednesday 17 August, just one week after his 85th birthday.

Dennis will be best remembered by Association members for his role as an effective and hard-working Membership Secretary. He had served as an efficient Secretary of the Parents' Association, while his two

sons were at the school. When they left Tiffins 32 years ago, Dennis, although not a Tiffinian himself, willingly undertook the daunting task of being OTA Membership Secretary, and has continued to the present day. He was the first to introduce a card index system, to keep track efficiently of those members whose subs were up to date and to send appropriate reminders to those of us who failed to pay on time.

In the days of the Tiffin Fair (or the Whit-Monday Fete, as it was known then, before the bank holiday was fixed) Dennis helped on the Parents' Fruit & Veg stall and then assisted the late Cyril Faulkner in manning one of the main OT stalls, later taking it over himself for a number of years. Dennis did not have an easy childhood, losing his father suddenly when he was only 11. He left school at 14 and, following in his father's footsteps, joined the company which later became Fyffes, the fruit and veg importers and traders, in the old Covent Garden. Towards the end of the war he served in the Royal Navy as a telegraphist, spending time in Scotland and sailing to various ports on the African coast. After the war he returned to his old job and rose to the position of Office Manager, with considerable responsibilities. Staying on after reaching retirement age, Dennis attained the rare distinction of completing 50 years with the same company. He eventually retired in 1992.

He became a key member of Malden Camera Club committee and was elected Chairman at a critical time for the Club. He enjoyed travelling to London for BBC radio or television shows, and his love of classical music and opera led him to join the Friends of the Royal Academy of Music, where he served on their committee and was on the judging panel for the annual Friends' Student Award. For some years he assisted their treasurer by preparing their rather complicated Gift Aid claims. He willingly undertook the job of co-ordinator of his local Neighbourhood Watch.

His family came to marvel at his DIY skills. Everything he did was to a very high standard — indeed he was a perfectionist — whether it involved routine decorating, installing from scratch a central-heating system, a complete new bathroom, a modern kitchen or replacing the old electric circuit with an up-to-date ring main. Nothing was too much trouble for him.

He much enjoyed walking, and for many years spent a holiday each September in Bavaria, where he occupied most days walking the mountain paths. He also tried, when possible, to fit in an evening visit to the opera in Munich. Dennis was regularly seen at the OT Social Lunches and at the Annual Dinner.

His funeral was well attended by representatives of his various activities above, and many members of his family participated in the Funeral Service. He will be greatly missed by his many friends, by his wife, Marjorie, and two sons Ian & Clive, together with their families.



PETER DUNNE 1928 - 2011

Peter Dunne, who died on 27 June, aged 83, began a distinguished newspaper career as an 18-year-old serviceman in Japan. He was the official British photographer on Emperor Hirohito's historic tour of Yokohama and other war-ravaged Japanese cities in early 1946.

Dunne had been a sixth-former at Tiffin School, when Guy Gibson VC gave a talk on the Dambusters. He volunteered for the RAF the next day. Shortly after the formal Japanese surrender ceremony on 2nd September 1945, Dunne was flown out to Japan as an RAF photographer. He was one of the first to be allowed to work in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, once radiation levels had fallen.

Hirohito's tour came a few weeks after he renounced his semi-divine status. It was a great success. No emperor had yet been seen by the mass of his subjects, and pictures of him walking through the streets in a trilby did much to promote him as a constitutional monarch. Young Dunne was given a jade carving as a keepsake.

He later worked for the 'Daily Express' in Manchester and London, before joining 'The Sunday Times'. He was noted for his many stories on the Ulster troubles. He was savagely beaten by B-Specials, the soon-to-be-disbanded Ulster Special Constabulary, whom he described as "whirling about me like dervishes". He attributed the lack of skull fractures to the deerstalker he was wearing. He was also wounded in the legs by mortar fire during the Sri Lankan civil war.

Dunne was a pre-paparazzi photographer, quiet and faultlessly professional. His ability to remain calm under pressure may have been inherited. His great-grandfather fought at Waterloo. His grandfather, General John Dunne, led a group of Turkish irregulars known as the Bashi-Bazouks in the Crimea, and later raised the Reggimento Dunne to fight for Garibaldi, a distinction that endeared his grandson to London's Italian restaurateurs. His father, a Royal Navy commander and King's Messenger, fought in both wars.

For all his understated elegance and good manners, though, Dunne did not lack the rat-like cunning his business demands. At crime scenes, he trained reporters to lift 'Do Not Cross' police tapes, and usher him onwards with a "Through you go, sir". "Thank you, sergeant," he would reply. He carried a clerical dog collar with him, slipping it on to acquire the aura of impeccable respectability needed to gain access to people and places where the press was not welcome.

He married Helen Hunter McWilliams in 1957. She survives him, with their two sons and a daughter.

(For this obituary we gratefully acknowledge 'The Times' newspaper.)

BARRY ESTLEA 1932 – 2011

Barry was at Tiffin from 1943 – 1948. He was one of the first of many boys in the 1940/50s to travel by 218 bus from Kings Road in Walton-on-Thames to study there. He was also probably the unluckiest because, although he did very well in the entrance exams, his schooling was deeply affected by the wartime cuts and changes in staffing. As a result he left school just as post-war education was opening up opportunities in higher education.

After a short spell at Shell-Mex, Barry worked for many years as an estimator/surveyor for a fencing company in Shepperton. He embedded himself in Walton life through church, scouting and sport. He graduated to the highest levels of scouting, winning the Chief Scout's Award for scoutmasters, and played for local football and cricket teams in Walton and Whiteley Village. Then he met his wife-to-be Elizabeth, and between them agreed on his career change, into the Probation Service where he spent the rest of his working life – first in Coventry, Weymouth and latterly – as Assistant Chief Probation Officer for West Sussex – in Chichester.

During those years Barry acquired an Open University degree (1975), three children and, sadly, the problems of a genetic kidney disease which had killed his mother in 1950, not so long after he had left school. His own kidneys started to fail in 1982 and he was forced to dialyse and then take on a transplant. A memorable family image is of a crane lifting a portakabin over the roof of his house in Chichester into the back garden so that he could dialyse at night twice a week and thus be fit for work!

Barry was a calm, courageous man who faced head-on the dangers of his condition. He, Elizabeth, and the family lived a full, rich life which included lots of travel and camping. In fact, Barry got to no fewer than 38 countries by the time he died. Not many in his condition would have been helicoptered off the Milford Track in NZ suffering from hypothermia! Or been taken straight from Gatwick into East Surrey hospital in Redhill from a Moscow flight! But that was Barry – living life to the full. In his retirement in Chichester he took on new interests and hobbies including painting and photography; he became a churchwarden for several years of St Paul's (by the London Road car

park) and he was a trustee of a number of health and care trusts in the city.

Over those years he suffered relapses and he clocked up over 20 operations and a number of life-threatening moments before he lost a final battle this July. He was a week from being 79; with the help of modern medicine and his and Elizabeth's grit, he had added at least 25 years to his expected lifespan.



FREDERICK ALAN GAYDON 1918 - 2011

Alan was born in Tooting in South London. His earliest memories were of moving from Tooting to Staines, when he was about three or four. In his early childhood he grew up with his sister, Ba, in what he describes in his memoirs as a 'pretty chaotic' household, though meals were always good! Later, when Alan was 12, his younger brother, Alec, was born and was adored by all!

At the age of seven he and his family moved to Kingston, and his father began to work in his father's clock shop in Kingston. At the age of 10 Alan started at Tiffin School, where his father had been a student. Some of the older teachers who had taught his father took great delight in turning up his father's marks at the corresponding period of his education and saying: "Well, Gaydon, you seem to be doing somewhat better than your father". He was indeed top at exam time in most subjects, except French! While at school he showed himself to be good at sport, in particular Rifle Shooting, at which he became Captain; Boxing, in which he fought in the London Public Secondary Schools Finals; Rugby and Rowing, at which he later excelled. In fact, in the Sixth Form he was enjoying life, with rowing on summer evenings and rugby in the winter. In his final year at school he was offered a Major Scholarship, because his HNC grades were so good, so in October 1937 he started at University College London (UCL). Very soon he was in the College 1st XV and finding time for rowing as well.

By June 1939 he achieved a 1st Class Honours in Maths, with prizes in pure and applied Maths. The imminent outbreak of WW2, however, brought him up before the Recruiting Board, who said wisely that he should finish the third year of his degree. So he was evacuated to Bangor.

It appears that his 1st Class Honours Degree was omitted from his papers, but as soon as this came to light he was commissioned as an officer, which in turn led him to a three month course in Meteorology at the Royal Naval College at Greenwich. On completion he was posted to Royal Naval Air Station, Lee-on-Solent, where in late 1941 Wren Daphne Eyre-Crabbe joined the staff. In his memoirs he describes her as 'a pretty plump blond and an excellent plotter'. By early 1942 he was taking Daphne out to meals. He had by this time been promoted to Lieutenant RNVR and was earning 18 shillings a day! During the summer of 1942 in his own words "I fell in love with Daphne and asked her to marry me", and so on 15th August that same year they were married at St John's, Burgess Hill, with a cake that was covered with a cardboard replica for icing! They were able to live together as husband and wife for a while. However Alan received more training in order to become a Naval Instructor and he went again to Greenwich for a Tropical Weather Forecasting Course. This was to prepare him to join his ship, the QE which was part of the Eastern Fleet.

On his travels he spent six months in Colombo, where he became the paying guest of the Bishop of Colombo. He found these months most interesting because of the variety of people who called on the bishop and sometimes stayed a few days. He also said of those days that they helped him in his journey of faith.

Eventually, in November 1945, after two years away, he returned to his 'lovely' Daphne in Burgess Hill. In summer 1946 he applied for a post at Bristol University as lecturer in the Dept. of Theoretical Mechanics at £400 per year. To announce the arrival of 1947, Gillian was born, and Alan remembers washing mountains of nappies! He travelled part-time to UCL in London to study for an MSc, and this as well was a time of financial struggle. However, nothing could keep him away from his love of rowing and he joined Ariel Rowing Club in Bristol.

In April 1948 his relationship with HMS Flying Fox began when he was appointed as an Instructor Officer, the first in the RNVR. This led him to deliver two weeks Naval Training in Minesweeping and Meteorology each year for many years.

Meanwhile the family was growing and Andrew was born in the autumn of 1948. This growing family needed more room and they moved to Keynsham, where they soon settled into the life of the local community. Meanwhile Alan had completed his MSc – with distinction of course! He was soon given 3rd year Honours students to teach.

In October 1951 William was born at home, so the family was growing and his career was developing, his university activities were increasing, and his work with RNVr was continuing.

Family highlights in these years included the purchase of a car, an Armstrong Siddley Hurricane; holidays in Norfolk, where on one occasion the car broke down with its big end gone 30 miles from its destination! Later Alan and Daphne's 25th Wedding Anniversary was spent moving to Clifton, Bristol.

With improved facilities at his department in the university and more time for research, as a result, he had papers published in the Quarterly Journal of Applied Mathematics. This produced enough significant material to submit for a DSc. This hard work was productive, and in 1967 he was awarded his DSc (London) and promoted to be Reader in Engineering Mathematics.

Back in 1953 he had began coaching the University 1st and 2nd Eights. This kept him fit as he had to run the bank to keep up. It did the standard of Bristol University rowing good too, with the 1st Eight having a successful Henley Regatta or two and reaching the semi-final on one occasion.

His continued efforts in Naval Training did not go unnoticed. He was awarded an OBE (mil) in 1964. He was the first Instructor Officer RNR to be given such recognition, probably because of the way junior officers were passing their exams as a result of his tuition and were reaching the stage when they could take over command.

During the 1970s he saw all his children and his brother married; looked after an aging and rather demanding mother; with Daphne undertook a memorable trip to New Zealand to lecture in the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, which he described as 'sheer bliss'; bought a motor boat and in 1979 moved with Daphne to spend his retirement in the village of Bampton.

From 1979 to the turn of the new millennium he was involved in many aspects of the life of the village. They became regular members of St Mary's Church and very soon he was appointed Treasurer of the PCC. Later he became Church Warden and in 1996 was closely involved in the appointment of Rev David Lloyd as the new vicar, who in Alan's opinion has proved himself to be 'outstanding'. In addition, he was involved in Christian Aid week and RNLI collections; was an active member of SPAJERS, British Legion the Bridge Club and Burford Golf Club. Above all this he was highly respected and popular.

The last few years were sad and difficult for him and for Daphne, in particular, with the onset of Alzheimers. However, even in such confusion, he still at times had a twinkle in his eye. The final 12 months were spent in Coxwell Hall, a residential home in Farringdon, where he was greatly loved and wonderfully cared for.

How can one sum up such a long life in which so much was achieved? Perhaps it is best done with his own words written on a card on the occasion of his confirmation. "I promise to live a life of honesty and kindness". His friends and family can say that is exactly what he did and much more.

Daphne and he celebrated their Golden Wedding in 1992; their Diamond Wedding in 2002 receiving a telegram from the Queen; their 90th birthdays in 2008 with a grand family party and they were married for 68 years. He is survived by Daphne, his children Gillian, Andrew and William; his grandchildren John, Ruth, Matthew, Nathaniel, Naomi, Christopher and Natasha; and his great grandchildren, Zoe, Eve and Myles.

(The above is adapted from a eulogy by son-in-law Graham Burton, based on Alan's Memoirs.)



DEREK M JEYNES

Derek died recently at the age of 78. He was appointed to the Tiffin Staff in 1957 to teach Chemistry and Biology. During his time there he helped to make the Chess Club one of the largest and most flourishing of the school societies. In 1965 he moved to a senior post at Kingston Grammar School and later to Roehampton College. He was a JP on the

Kingston Bench, though he didn't advertise the fact, and gave a lot of time to this. He had been ill for some time and spent several years in Tolworth Hospital. We offer our condolences to his wife, Rosemary, and to his daughter, Alison.

Bernard Davies remembers Derek very well. Rosemary went to school together with Bernard's wife, as did their daughters. Derek was a member of their parents association and assisted the bursar and also helped fix the level of salaries for the staff. Derek had spent some time in the West Country on the coast and had learnt to sail. As Bernard had a sailing dinghy, they often sailed together on the Thames, with Derek acting as crew. They also spent some time touring Wales together on holiday.



ADRIAN HOWARD MALLINSON 1942 - 2011

Two years ago, when Howard firstly became very sick, he wanted to plan his funeral. After a time he turned to Mum, and with his cheeky grin said: "This sounds pretty good, I'll be sorry to miss it!"

Adrian "Howie" Mallinson was born in York on November 6th 1942. In his formative years, his mother never let him forget he was born, as news of the victory at El Alamein reached London, resulting in the church bells being rung far and wide for the first time since the out-break of war. On Dad's 50th birthday, he and Mum fulfilled his lifelong ambition to be on the battlefield at El Alamein and to share this remarkable ceremony with 3,000 other people.

Being born in York, Dad, was always conscious of his qualification to play cricket for Yorkshire. Sadly, the call never came! He had to be content with beach cricket on our family holidays to Cornwall. Like many parents, Dad convinced himself I would play for England when I showed some aptitude with a cricket bat at aged 4 – but sadly I did not get the call either! The closest we both got to Yorkshire cricket was a chance meeting and lengthy chat with Geoff Boycott at the Oval one sunny afternoon. It made us both happy.

York also gave Dad his lifelong passion for railways and steam locomotion. Preferring not to do battle on the roads, he always 'let the train take the strain' for work and leisure journeys all over the UK, with British Rail breakfasts being a special feature, especially the black pudding!

He was pleased to say he was educated at great expense by Surrey County Council, firstly in Burpham, where he spent his early (he says) idyllic childhood. In recent years he wrote an essay about his childhood, describing how un-purchased fun was gained outdoors, following the seasons of the year – cricket, scrumping for apples, conkers, and his mum would only expect him home when he was hungry! His big brother Tony could always be relied upon to stave off any rough behavior coming Howard's way by gangs of larger boys.

When the family moved to Hinchley Wood, Dad took up a place at Tiffin School, transferring from Farnham Grammar. But his school career was not greatly successful, and his aptitude for rebelliousness was first revealed. Surprisingly for a man who went on to write four books the only subject he failed at GCE was English Literature. His passion at school, as it was in later life, was the reading of history and subsequently the writing of it. But at the time he was found to be numerate and so was steered into qualifying for Chartered Accountancy.

Mum and Dad had both moved to Hinchley Wood in the 1950s but did not meet each other for 9 years, introduced through Mum's brother John. They married at St Christopher's Church in the summer of 1967. When Dad was giving us some life memories, this high spot got mentioned last of all, much to Mum's amusement. But nevertheless, they recently celebrated their 44th anniversary.

There was a low spot in 1970 when Mum & Dad discovered that they were unable to have children. But luckily for my sister and me, this devastating news was turned into very positive thoughts of adopting their family..... and Hannah and I arrived three years apart, both at 6 weeks of age.

It seems to me that my Dad had a very varied and fulfilling career within the Accountancy profession. For the most part he worked for Thomson McLintock, moving from the ICI audit, to a time of secondment with the Department of the Environment, working for Michael Heseltine on Inner City Regeneration Projects. He then moved on to the cost control of high-risk capital projects such as nuclear power stations, the Thames

Barrier and the Channel Tunnel. I remember it was quite exciting having a Dad working on such big, important projects about which they taught us at school.

When Thomson McLintock was swallowed up by Peat Marwick, Dad began to specialize in the property industry, dealing with receiverships, and became a partner. After 30 years with the firm he left to become an entrepreneur in the property industry with his partner Martin Lambert.

Changes in the business world in 1999 made retirement a more attractive option. However, to be honest, at a time when he was supposed to be slowing down he was busier than ever.

He enjoyed a few years of golf and bowls, before he became ill. At Surbiton Golf Club he got his handicap down from 21 to 15 in three weeks. For several years he was a regular at the OT Golf Society meetings. He was a regular attendee at the quarterly OT Social Lunches, and in recent years had much pleasure in being a Friend of Tiffin Music.

But a true high spot for Dad has been the writing of his four books in the space of five years.

His first book, *'Where IS Gallipoli'*, was inspired by the inheritance of a clock, which had been presented to his great great grandfather on his retirement from the Lancashire Fusiliers. In the course of his research into the family history he discovered what many of his friends had already long suspected – that (in Dad's own words) ... he comes from a long line of peasants! He followed this with a *'History of Hinchley Wood'* and *'Send it by Semaphore'*, a scholarly study of the old telegraphs during the wars with France.

His last book, *Guildford via Cobham* was awarded a trophy for being The Railway Book of the Year; a truly unexpected accolade, which made Dad very happy.

Buying our Edwardian house in the centre of Claygate was another high spot, if not a surprise to us kids. I arrived home from three weeks travelling around Europe to find Berkeley Gardens on the market and Gordon Road bought! As with many things, Dad was a man of few words but decisive action! But both Mum and Dad had great fun researching and restoring the house, while getting excited about finding and purchasing such things as old door knobs and taps!

As most of you may know the trains run along the bottom of the garden, so one downside of this new abode was we all knew when the trains arrive, so Dad could no longer make the old 'delayed' excuse. We knew he was down at the Foley Arms having a swift, or not so swift, pint.

Mum & Dad have both enjoyed the rhythm of the day provided by the trains, and the views across the fields. Claygate has been good to us.

Dad's personal high spot has been working with the Old Tiffinians. He told me that he could cheerfully have spent the rest of his days enjoying membership of the Old Tiffinians without seeking high office, but that he felt truly honoured to be asked by his peers to act as Chairman. When Dad took over as Chairman, the Association was ailing for lack of funds and membership. I am told that with his insight the organisation is now healthy and more focused in supporting activities at Tiffin School, rather than being just an Old Boy's Sports Club. As a tribute to his work for the Old Tiffinians, he was recently elected a Vice-President.

In retirement Dad has also been Chairman of the Social Committee at St Christopher's Church, and for three years a Claygate Parish Councillor. He also enjoyed belonging to Probus and the activities and talks that are a part of that Club.

In his later years he was an imaginative and very competent cook – if a little heavy handed with the chilli powder! He seemed most proud of his peasant food creations, using the cheapest ingredients known to man... but luckily most of you were not victim to these experiments, unlike us; he saved the good stuff for guests.

He really enjoyed meals with friends and the accompanying after dinner debates, which, if memory serves, usually revolved around the war, putting younger participants at a distinct, factual disadvantage. He was not always easy to handle, especially if you wanted him to accept an alternative point of view. He really enjoyed spending time exchanging ideas, stories and laughs, whether at snooker, golf, bowls, the pub or one of his societies.

He was one of a long line of Mallinsons, proud and somewhat overprotective of his front garden. For a number of years he genuinely

looked forward to winning the Best Front Garden Cup at the Claygate Flower Show.

He had a unique fashion sense, one which peaked with the combination of outrageously colorful plus fours, long socks and sandals, prompting Hannah to say: "Dad...you can't possibly go out in that can you?" He did... He was reluctant to buy any new clothes, saying that at his age (60 plus) his jackets and winter coat would all see him out – at Mum's insistence he did buy a new jacket; but when he became ill soon afterwards, one wondered if he could see the future!

The last two years of Dad's life were very difficult – he was disappointed to give up the chairmanship of Old Tiffinians and his other voluntary activities. But during his long periods of hospitalisation he was more inclined to reflect on the joys that life had brought, than on joys denied; and he never said "Why me?".

He was expected to succumb to his illness two years ago and to everyone's amazement, even the medical profession, he slowly regained his strength and has enjoyed 14 months of getting out and about on his mobility scooter (the Ferrari as we called it), and the company of friends and family, enjoying food again and playing bridge. He has been a little unwell for two months and was frustrated with his recent decline in health. But we feel blessed that in the end he suffered for just one day, and his end was very peaceful with mum at his side.

(The above is based on the eulogy read by Dudley Mallinson at the funeral.)



BERNARD KENNETH PEARSON 1914 –2011

Bernard was born in Worcester Park, where his father was in business as a corn and seed merchant, specialising in roses. He was one of six children and attended Tiffins from 1926 to 1932. He will best be remembered at school as Pug and for his ability in Boxing and Rugby. He was in the School Boxing team for six years under Major Thompson and then John Harper. He was cox for Gordon House and later Molesey Boat Club, when they won a major competition on the Thames.

On leaving school he went to work in the City for an insurance company specialising in the motor business. He played regularly for the Old Boys' Rugby Club, and indeed it was a bad fracture of the leg and ankle whilst playing that delayed his entry into the war.

He was called up in June 1940 to the Tank Corps, and within two months he was scrum-half of the strong depot rugby team and in boxing won his first five fights on successive nights, beating the PT sergeant in the final to win the Depot Championships.

He was selected for Officer Training at Sandhurst and was commissioned into the Royal Tank Regiment, where he was again involved with boxing and rugby, and with the physical training of the troops. He went to Normandy on D-Day+1, where he was badly injured in the August, and that ended his direct participation in sport.

He married Betty in 1941 and had two sons, John and Nigel, and his job took him to Leeds in 1946 and Manchester in 1958. He retired in 1975 as head of the North West Claims Bureau for Guardian Royal Insurance Company. Bernard loved his sport and never missed watching a live rugby match on a Saturday afternoon. He also supported Betty, who was the leading light of amateur dramatics in Leeds and Manchester for many years. They were both very keen on County Cricket and were members of Lancashire CC after Bernard's retirement.

Bernard loved his garden and had a wonderful show of roses each year. He also enjoyed playing bridge and played to a high standard for the Manchester Bridge Club. Bernard loved children and was very proud of his four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was lucky to have enjoyed good health throughout his life, but in later years he suffered greatly from severe memory loss. His interest in Tiffins continued right to the end.

We regret to announce also the deaths of **SALIM HILMY (2005)**, **TONY BRANDRETH (1935)**, **HUGH FLETCHER (1946)** and former member of Staff **BEN LYON**.

We heard recently of the death at the age of 91 of **ALAN PARRY**, husband of Pam Parry, who was School Secretary for many years. Alan himself appeared on the Tiffin scene as a cricket supporter, and also playing badminton and golf with his Tiffinian friends. The School was well represented at the funeral in St George's Church, West End, Esher.

Summer Reunion Event

Following the success of last year's gathering, a second summer reunion event was held on Friday 1 July 2011 in the Head's Garden at Tiffin School. Around eighty Tiffinians from across the generations gathered on a warm, sunny evening for drinks, tours of the school, and an opportunity to connect and re-connect with their fellow alumni. A number of past and present members of staff were in attendance, including present Headteacher Hilda Clarke, who welcomed the attendees to the school with the news that it had officially become an Academy, Elizabeth Barrett, Alan Chatfield, Ben Driver, George Dryden, Caroline Everson, Mike Gascoigne, Ian Langrish, John King, Rosemary Pitts, Richard Plummer, Steve Thompson, Simon Toyne, and Martin Williams.

Such was the success of the gathering that it overran the scheduled 9:30 end time, even as the light faded, until finally the remaining attendees de-camped to the nearest pub!

More photos and a video montage can be found on the TiffinFriends.org website.

JAMES STRONG



School Carol Service

The Tiffin School Carol Service will take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14 December 2011 at Kingston Parish Church. Tiffin Alumni and Friends of Tiffin School are warmly invited to attend the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. After the service there will be a reception, where mulled wine and mince pies will be served. Please email Alex Swift (TAL@tiffin.kingston.sch.uk) if you would like to come.

Queen Elizabeth Road News

School Choir Activities



The choir enjoyed a spectacular tour of Australia at the end of the Summer Term, performing to large and appreciative audiences in Brisbane, Canberra, Sydney, Melbourne and Perth. Hugging koalas and feeding kangaroos in Brisbane only 36 hours after having sung at the Founders' Day Service was the beginning of trip that will remain in all our memories for the rest of our lives. The choir sang superbly, impressing all who heard them (who were not only staggered to hear such a sound coming from a school choir, but amazed that we are a state school) and making new friends across the country. We were hosted by five of the leading schools in Australia – St Peter's Lutheran College (Brisbane), Canberra Grammar, Sydney Grammar, Trinity Grammar (Melbourne) and Hale School (Perth) – all of whom welcomed us with real warmth and generosity. It was fun working with the choirs of all the schools on joint items – especially being able to put on Handel *Zadok the Priest* with massed choirs and orchestra – and also performing in some of the finest venues in the country.

At the centre of the tour was a broadcast concert at St James's King Street, Sydney – you can hear the choir's performance of Howells' *Like as the hart* online at <http://home.exetel.com.au/2mbs/tiffin/howells.mp3> and of Fauré's *Cantique de Jean Racine* at

<http://home.exetel.com.au/2mbs/tiffin/Cantique.mp3> – which coincided with a reception for Old Tiffinians in Australia at the Consul-General's Residence, at which the close harmony group *The Tiffinians* performed many of their popular repertoire (including a specially adapted version of the School Song).

Non-musical highlights included a cruise around Sydney Harbour, Seaworld on the Gold Coast, surfing on Bondi beach, the Bradman Museum at Bowral, the Melbourne Cricket Ground, the Perth beaches, and a relaxing final weekend in the port town of Fremantle. And finishing the tour by coming into Perth by boat, docking at the Cathedral, singing evensong and then flying back to London straight afterwards, was a magical way to conclude an outstanding year's music-making from a great group of musicians.

The tour was made possible by substantial generous donations from a large number of Old Tiffinians, and we are all enormously grateful to you for your support. Not only did this enable the tour to be a genuine "trip of a lifetime" for the boys, but it made it possible for every member of the choir to take part. The tour fundraising is still active, and you can see from our justgiving page (www.justgiving.com/tiffin-boys-choir) that we still need to raise around £3,000: any further help you are able to give would be much appreciated!

The Autumn Term traditionally sees the Oratorio and Carol Services as the main focus of the choir's activities – the Oratorio this year is Handel *Saul*, which will be performed in the Rose Theatre, accompanied by the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment and with a star-studded cast led by Roderick Williams as Saul, with Robin Blaze as David, Andrew Staples as Jonathan,

Sarah Fox as Merab and Mary Bevan as Michal. The performance date is Sunday 20 November at 7.30 pm (with pre-performance talk at 6.30 pm) – tickets are available from the Rose Theatre Box Office.

The Carol Service is in Kingston Parish Church on Wednesday 14 December at 7.30 pm, and we hope that many Old Tiffinians will join us – after the service, a reception will be held at the East End, at which close harmony group *The Tiffinians* will sing. The previous evening, the trebles will be backing Russell Watson with the LPO at the Royal Festival Hall; the same boys are recording Old Tiffinian Antony Pitts's new oratorio *Jerusalem-Yerushalayim* for the Naxos label earlier in the term; and the whole choir makes its usual appearance at Kingston Parish Church on All Souls' Day, Wednesday 2 November (7.30 pm), when it will be singing the Rutter *Requiem*.

Choir dates for the 2012 diary include a London concert on Friday 27 January (8.00 pm, St John's Waterloo) in which the choir sings Bernstein *Chichester Psalms* and Rutter *Requiem*; Britten *War Requiem* with the Philharmonia Orchestra and Lorin Maazel on Sunday 25 March (7.30 pm, Royal Festival Hall); and Mahler Third Symphony with the London Symphony Orchestra and Semyon Bychkov on Sunday 1 April (7.30 pm, Barbican Hall).

Music Activities

The new term has seen a number of changes to ensembles and also to personnel. We are delighted to welcome Rebecca Bevan as Music Administrator, who leads a team of administrative staff in the department including Carmelina Critcher as Music Secretary and Tom Pelham as Senior Music Assistant. Rebecca should be your first port of call in communicating with the department – her email is rbevan@tiffin.kingston.sch.uk – she manages the diary of all the performing groups and monitors all the students' involvement in extra-curricular music. An important aspect of her role is our footprint in the local community – already strong through our work with Kingston's primary schools and Kingston Music Service – which we are looking to expand and make more profound. Our Academy status enables us to develop a deeper relationship with King's Oak (formerly The Mount) and St Joseph's Primary Schools, and we are running choirs in both schools as well as involving over 30 Lower sixth students as teaching assistants. The Thames Youth Orchestra (www.thamesyouthorchestra.co.uk) continues to go from strength to strength and is currently rehearsing a programme including Mahler's Fourth Symphony for a concert in Kingston Parish Church on Saturday 14 January 2012. Many Tiffin boys are involved in the orchestra, which rehearses on Monday evenings – do please spread the word, as we want the scope of the membership to extend more substantially beyond the two Tiffin Schools.

Last year we formed the Thames Youth Choir (www.thamesyouthchoir.co.uk), conducted by Philip Viveash – and there are now 40 boys and girls aged 14-18 rehearsing at Tiffin on Tuesday evenings, 6.30 – 8 pm. The standard is terrific; like the TYO, there is no equivalent performing group in Kingston – again, please spread the word. They will be performing in *Saul* at the Rose Theatre, as well as in their own Christmas Concert at the Kingston URC on Thursday 15 December (7 pm).

The Friends of Tiffin Music have enabled every Year 7 boy to have a short taster lesson on up to 3 instruments of his choice, and we are seeing a notable change in requests for instrumental lessons this term – we have full days' teaching for oboe, bassoon, trombone and viola now! Further to this, we have restructured the instrumental ensembles so that every boy who plays an orchestral instrument has an ensemble he can join from the moment he starts to learn the instrument. With only 14 of the current Year 7 arriving already learning an orchestral instrument (a statistic which should ring alarm bells in the primary sector), we have to work fast at opening up the orchestral world to our students before it gets too late.

The work of the 'lead' ensembles in generating aspiration among all the students is of paramount importance. The Swing Band made a terrific CD at Maida Vale studios last term, and this was launched at a special Jazz

evening on the Main Stage of the Rose Theatre in July, at which the Swing Band, as sole performers, played a full length concert to a packed auditorium. Entitled *Just in time*, and featuring favourites such as *Sweet Gingerbread Man*, *Scoot, I won't dance* and *Old Devil Moon* as well as the Stravinsky *Ebony Concerto*, the CD makes a perfect Christmas present, and is available from the School Shop priced £7.50. The band's previous disc *Tiffin Swing Band Live*, is available from the shop priced £5.

The Instrumental Concert this term is on Wednesday 9 November at 7 pm, and features all the instrumental groups of the school – they are all thriving; we are especially pleased with our Chamber Orchestra, which will perform Corelli's Christmas Concerto and the Purcell/Britten Chacony. This group will accompany Kingston Parish Church Choir in its Christmas concert on Saturday 17 December.

Finally, do come and see Sondheim's *Sweeney Todd*, which is our main school production, in the School Hall every night from Wednesday 7 to Saturday 10 December: we have a great cast, band and production team. Booking will open immediately after half-term.

SIMON TOYNE

The full calendar of musical events is available to download from the school website at www.tiffinschool.co.uk/uploads/files/Music/eventscal.pdf.

School Boat Club

The Tiffin rowers began the busy summer racing season by facing a mercilessly windy National Schools Regatta in Nottingham. The fierce weather conditions meant that the Championship 4x and the two J15 4x+ were denied side by side racing but made strong showings in large and competitive processional events on the Sunday. Though Friday and Saturday's racing did feature multilane races, the weather proved a very challenging opponent, and we were proud of the day's racing, particularly of the J16 4x+ who made it in to the semi-final round. All in all it was a tumultuous weekend of racing; here's hoping for calmer waters next year!

The next few weeks saw intensive training, particularly by the senior quad of Aaron Moran, Jack Claydon, Richard Clarke and Joel Nulsen who charged into Marlow Regatta at full speed, hoping to get a good look at their Henley competition. They did just that by competing well against two strong Leander boats to finish an impressive fifth. They then almost immediately faced increased competition days later at Henley Royal Regatta, competing in the Fawley under new rules where combinations are no longer permitted. The end result of this rule change was a massive 68 crews competing for 12 non-allocated spaces. The Tiffin quad just missed out on qualification finishing 18th, some 2 seconds behind the 12th placed crew. Although they were disappointed not to have gone further, the club is extremely encouraged by their successes.

The summer season was capped with Kingston Regatta, held on our home stretch of the Thames. The weekend saw wins for the J18 2x of Greg Street and Will Beedham, as well as our Women's J15 4x+. Additionally the Sunday saw five boats reach their event final, including the impressive J14 Tom Hodson in his single and the cox-rower pairing of Sam Mitchell and Michael Morris in their J15 2x. We then finished the year with the annual House Regatta, during which our newly appointed Captain of Boats Will Beedham was introduced, along with Vice-Captain Richard Clarke and Head of Lower School Rowing, Guy Thomson.

Now TSBC looks forward to an exciting and challenging season of racing, which will surely be enhanced by the new high-quality facilities we've helped to develop alongside Kingston Rowing Club. June saw the official launch of the newly renovated boathouse, which Tiffin worked hard to help fund. The boathouse now has spacious new changing rooms and enlarged boat bays. Additionally, our brand new landing stage will be officially launched on 1 October, and both Tiffin and Kingston rowers are excited to share this professional and wonderfully solid structure! We also look forward to the bi-annual 'OK Row', in which roughly 30 Tiffin boys and girls will scull in quads from Oxford to Kingston, with only a brief overnight stop in Henley. The OK Row is just one of the fundraising efforts TSBC is running this year; for this event the club will be splitting the money earned between a local charity and the club, and we plan to use our portion to fund the purchase of new smaller boats. As we hope to purchase at least two new racing doubles this year, our fundraising efforts will be a large focus of the racing season,

any support in the form of donations or sponsorship from the wider TSBC family is very welcome! We thank you very much for the continued support of the Tiffin rowing team, and hope to see you at some head races this autumn.

KRISTINA FERRARO

School Cricket

We opened the new cricket nets last night, on the 5th October, and what a pleasure it was, not only to be playing cricket in the height of the rugby term, but to be playing in a bank of 8 nets that really are at the cutting edge of cricket technology! The nets were opened quite fittingly, with the 2 most successful teams from last season demonstrating their talents. Last year's Under 13s had an outstanding season and show enormous promise for the future. The Under 12s rely at the moment on a few extremely talented players while they wait for their colleagues to gain the necessary experience of competitive cricket. The Under 14s too have some talented players but have yet to reap the success that will eventually come their way. It may take a year or two yet. The Under 15s had a curious season distorted by the demands of Wimbledon tennis but we look forward to seeing them at 1st and 2nd XI level next year. At the top end, the 1st XI enjoyed a highly successful season and seems to have played more fixtures than any other school according to this year's Wisden entries. For the players to have played over 20 matches and to have produced an outstanding set of examination results speaks volumes for the importance of organising a healthy balance between cricket and work! There were outstanding results against Trinity, St. George's College, Kingston Grammar School, KCS Wimbledon, Reigate, John Fisher and a few of the local schools followed by a tour of Holland that has now become a regular part of the cricketing calendar. The season's plaudits went to the Captain, Gevindu Liyanage who managed to shape around his diminutive self a team that played fantastically entertaining cricket. The strength of the side was undoubtedly its togetherness for it contained no out and out stars but every player had his day (sometimes two or three!) in the limelight. The nearest we came to a celestial body was in the form of next year's captain, Kamran Toor. That Kamran played at all was remarkable. The badly broken leg that he suffered in mid-October didn't stop him from being at the first net session in January! For most of the season he played blissfully, keeping wicket throughout and leading the batting averages. His was one of 3 centuries in 2011, Mobeen Khan and Gevin du Liyanage against the MCC hitting the other two. Peter Bray had an outstanding season opening the batting and bowling, Josh Thomas and Priyesh Patel provided the class in the spin department whilst Chris Belcher dented a number of prolific reputations with his deceptive pace. In the wings, but no less important to this tight blend of players, was the remarkably competitive Tim Fawcett. It was a delight to see so many of these outstanding sportsmen, who have given such terrific commitment to the school over seven years, receive their special awards at the Leavers' Celebration in late September.

A rampant staff side, fresh from its solitary game in 2010, retained the Widger Trophy with consummate ease on the last day of term, prior to departure for Devon where 4 highly enjoyable days were spent mainly at The Fox and Hounds, but occasionally on the cricket field. The Tercels fielded 5 teams during the summer with mixed success, but it is always good to welcome so many old faces back to the Tiffin cricket scene.

MARTIN WILLIAMS

