



# Newsletter of Tiffinian Association No. 246 December 2010

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## From the Head's Study

Dear Tiffinian,

Few of you can have missed in the past few months the many changes that are being proposed by the current government in education. We are all facing a range of cuts in whatever walk of life we are in. In education there is no difference, and the systems of funding for schools are changing. In addition, the way schools are being run is also being changed. The Governing Body of Tiffin School announced on the 24th November that it would be applying to the Department for Education (DfE) to change the status of the school from a local authority maintained school to an Academy, which would be a state funded independent school.



If this application is accepted, the only major things that would change would be that we were no longer under the control of the local authority, and we would do everything under the direct control of the government and would be funded directly by the DfE. This would release some money that we would normally have had to pay to the Local Authority. The school will be run by the same governing body, but as a charitable company and the land would still be owned by the Tiffin Foundation. There will be no changes to its name, its status as a boys' grammar school or its ethos. There will be few signs of change and we will operate as we do at the present. This new status offers us greater freedoms and some additional funding that will help us as we face the significant cuts that are coming to all schools. If you would like to know more about this change of status or comment on the consultation process that is ongoing, please look on the school website under Academy status.

Tiffin has taken the step to change its status, as it has done on several occasions in the past e.g. grant maintained status, voluntary aided status, in order to preserve the best interests of the school, its staff & students and to continue to pursue the primary objective of providing a high quality, selective education for boys. We will take all opportunities to develop the school and to improve all aspects. At the current time, the world of education is going through a series

of changes that challenges us to be proactive in charting the best course for the school.

Whilst navigating the changing course of government policies, we have been busy working on other projects to benefit the school. We have won a £99,000 grant from British Rowing, in partnership with Kingston Rowing Club, to refurbish Canbury Boathouse over the next six months. With matched funding, we can carry out a series of improvements to the Boathouse and help support the growth of rowing at Tiffin School, which is currently enjoying significant success.

I should like to give you prior notice of the forthcoming Tiffin Choir tour to Australia in late July 2011, and we hope to hold a special reception for all Tiffinians in Australia and New Zealand at this time, to celebrate the successes of the School and Tiffinian Association with its growing network around the world. May I take this opportunity to send the best wishes of the School to all Tiffinians for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

HILDA CLARKE, Headteacher

## All Old Tiffinians and Friends

are invited to the  
**School Carol Service**  
in Kingston Parish Church, at 7.30 pm  
**on Tuesday, 14th December**  
followed by refreshments in the Church

PARKING AVAILABLE  
IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS AS USUAL

If you and your friends have not already done so, do register on the new website [www.TiffinFriends.org](http://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,

This time of year is a busy one for Tiffinian affairs. It is with considerable regret that I had to miss the Annual Dinner this year, as I was abroad. I have heard nothing but praise for the event though, and thanks must go to Jack Foster, John Wright and Stuart Vidler, the organising committee, and of course David Tyrell (also a Tiffinian), who provided the excellent dinner. With around 112 attendees – a significant increase on previous years, helped, I believe, with the venue at the school and a lot of hard work by a few individuals – it shows what can be achieved. This bodes well for next year, which will be the 100th anniversary of the Annual Dinner.



Whilst on the subject of eating, on October 30th I attended the Rugby Club VP and Ex Players' Lunch at Grist's, followed by their league match against the Law Society, which they won and are now top of their league. These are great days, with 50 plus attending the Lunch and then supporting the Club afterwards. The next date is in February and I would commend the afternoon to you – even if you didn't play; your support would be welcomed. A few weeks prior to that I attended a reunion, held at Grist's for a contemporary of mine from Australia, Mick Rootsey – again a wonderful opportunity to share experiences, not only from across the world but also from those who did not wander quite so far but rarely our paths cross.

Looking forward, we have the AGM on 24th November, although by the time you receive this, it will almost certainly have passed. There is nothing controversial on the agenda, and so it is additionally an opportunity for me to thank my fellow Trustees (and others) for their hard work over the past year.

Our website [www.TiffinFriends.org](http://www.TiffinFriends.org) continues to serve us well, and we now have well over 200 new (to the Association) registrations. If you haven't registered yet, please do so, as the larger community we have, the greater the opportunity for beneficial interactions and networking opportunities.

As with any organisation, we have to take due regard of our financial situation, particularly in the current economic climate. We no longer pay subscriptions for membership of TAL and our contributions are now donations – and as we are a charity, provided contributors register, we can also claim back gift aid. We have not yet asked readers to change the amount they donate, but for most of us it is still around £10–£15 p.a. If you feel able to increase this amount, it will enable TAL to put more back into the school and related activities. It should be relatively easy to increase standing order amounts, but if you prefer, send a cheque to Alex Swift and make sure you have registered for gift aid! With so many people now on-line, the Trustees wish to reduce the cost of sending out 'Tiffnews', and the intention is to cease mass mailings during next year. We do fully understand that not everyone is on-line nor indeed will want to change from receiving the paper version. This will be possible, but to better reflect the time and costs involved, we will be asking that people increase their donation to a minimum of £35 p.a., if they wish to continue to receive a paper copy of Tiffnews. Further details will follow.

December is now growing closer as I write, and there is the Carol Service on the evening of the 14th. TAL will be serving mulled wine and other beverages after the service, at the back of the church. I hope I shall see many of you there. Mary and I are going to the school play – 'Richard III', but updated to the modern day. If it is half as entertaining as last year's production of 'West Side Story', then we are in for a delightful evening.

I think it just leaves me now to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous 2011.

Enjoy

IAN REDINGTON, Chairman

## Dates for your Diary

### Tuesday 14th December

- Carol Service (Parish Church 7.30pm)

### Friday 17th December

- Term ends

### Thursday 30th December

- Golf Society at Effingham

### Tuesday 4th January

- School Term begins

### Thursday 27th January

- Tiffinian Lodge Open Evening

### Tuesday 15th February

- House Singing Final 7.00pm School Hall

### Monday 21st February

- School Half Term week

### Saturday 5th March

- OT Rugby Club VP & Ex-Players' Lunch
- Oxbridge Reunion Dinner at St John's College, Cambridge

### Thursday 10th March

- Golf Society v. O. Hamptonians at New Zealand

### Thursday 7th April

- OT Social Lunch

### Friday 8th April

- School Term ends

### Tuesday 3rd, Wed 4th & Thursday 5th May

- School Concert 7.00pm School Hall

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

## 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 is this month. We currently have some available numbers. 200 Club membership costs £13 per year per number. Please contact me if you would like to join. My details are on the front of the newsletter. The 200 Club details and membership form are now on the TAL website.

Since the previous Tiffnews the following members have drawn a £10 prize :

50 G Chivers	55 N W Angus	130 Mrs A Glasscock
185 J Moore-Gillon	44 Mrs J Smith	57 S R Day
191 A W Holden	3 J Ebenezer	34 K R Steeper
132 D A Barnard	51 D J Henson	145 B Holden

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

MARK DARBY

# Association AGM

The AGM was held on Wednesday 24th November 2010. The Chairman, Ian Redington, welcomed everyone to Grists. He presented his report on the year and it was approved at the meeting.

Mark Darby, the Association Treasurer presented the Annual Accounts to the meeting. He pointed out that donations to the School amounted to about £41,000 in the form of staff salaries and prizes for the boys.

Toby Brown and James Strong, who were installed as Trustees earlier this year, were re-elected, as were those trustees due to stand down by rotation, Mark Darby, David Evans & Ian Redington.

The Tiffinian Association Working Group, set up by Stuart Lester and now chaired by James Strong, was thanked for its ongoing work on the [www.TiffinFriends.org](http://www.TiffinFriends.org) website. This website which has been functional since June now has over 400 members (of which about 250 were not previously members of the Tiffinian Association). James Strong noted how important it is to maintain the site with current, relevant and interesting information regarding the Association and requested alumni to forward the Association possible content for the website – photographs and videos.

There are currently about 190 members of the Association's Facebook page 'Tiffin School, the Tiffinian Association'.

Brian Holden, Howard Mallinson, Peter Smith and Michael Taylor were proposed and duly elected as Life Vice Presidents of the Association in recognition of their contribution to the Tiffinian Association over many years.

The official AGM matters having been dealt with, the floor was thrown open for general discussion. The Chairman gave an update on Association activity and thinking. The recent TAL Dinner at the School, organised by John Wright, Jack Foster and Stuart Vidler was deemed a great success. It was noted that next year will be the 100th anniversary of the first Association Annual Dinner.

John Wright, who organised sponsorship of Willie Stockdill's New York marathon run, reported that it raised about £300 for the Neil Desai Charity and £600 for the Tiffinian Association.

It was noted that Kush Abeysekera (2005) is setting up a Tiffin Alumni Medics Group with the full support of the Association.

ALEX SWIFT

## Editor

Once again the **Annual Dinner** was voted a great success, with an increased attendance, and a good number taking up the offer of a tour of the School by John King, Senior Deputy Head. The logistics of producing a hot meal and adequate supplies of beer & wine in the School Hall venue represented a real challenge for David Tyrrell's team and for the Dinner Committee (Jack Foster, John Wright & Stu Vidler), but all went well. Congratulations to all concerned. The photos on Page 7 were provided by Dan Godfrey & John Pullan.

If you happen to be one of our many members living 'down under', do read carefully the paragraph on the **Tiffin Choir tour of Australia** next summer (on our School Pages at the end of this newsletter) and see whether you can get involved. We know that our Australian members, though so distant, are particularly loyal to the School and will wish to make contact with the touring party, if at all possible.

In our Christmas newsletter I sometimes mention a particular charity that has attracted my attention (last year it was Street Pastors Kingston). This time I urge you to support **Princess Alec Hospice**, after reading elsewhere in this edition what they have done to help our very own Howard Mallinson in the long struggle to regain his health.

Finally I wish you all the Very Best for Christmas and the coming year.

BRIAN HOLDEN

## Remembrance Day

On Thursday 11th November the School held as usual the Remembrance Day services with the Sixth Form in the Hall and Years 7 to 11 in the Sports Hall. Two Old Tiffinians in particular were commemorated this year.

From the First World War we remembered John Leonard Salamé who left school in 1901. He joined the East Kent Regiment (The Buffs) and died of injuries in the Loos salient in 1917. The name is of French origin, and when he died he was nearly 32 years of age which was old for the First World War.

From the Second World War we remembered Alfred Graham Ward who left school in 1940 and joined the Royal Navy in 1941. He served in motor launches and died when HM ML 916 was blown up by a mine in the Scheldt estuary in November 1944. His body was not recovered, but his name is commemorated on the Naval War Memorial at Chatham and in our School Hall.

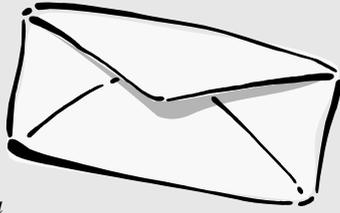
Wreaths were laid on the war memorials by Phil Phillips (Chair of Governors), John Woodville (Tiffinian Lodge) and Robert Hawkins (Head Boy). Several old boys attended the ceremony, including Albert Jenkins who left school in 1937.

JOHN KING



Brian Holden (1955), Bert Jenkins (1937), Hilda Clarke & Phil Phillips (1974)

# Letters



Dear Brian,

I was very interested in reading Graham Ison's letter highlighting his lack of academic achievement at Tiffins, as I had a somewhat similar experience of remaining in the bottom quartile of the bottom stream for all five years, leaving at 16 and prudently obtaining my first job before my GSE results were published. Nevertheless, it's a tribute to the excellence of the quality of the teaching and the dedication of the teaching staff that, despite this, I obtained all my professional qualifications before I was 21, and as a result of that was transferred to Westminster Bank's Head office to do the filing and postage! I had the the youngest managerial appointment at 28 and subsequently made 'Who's Who'. Current students may not appreciate that in our day very few went to university, and most people obtained their professional qualifications at evening classes, but this is no-longer an option for most careers, so the School is to be very strongly congratulated on its outstanding A-Level results.

Godfrey Jillings (1956)

Dear Brian,

In cleaning out old papers, a task which at our age becomes more and more pressing, I discovered the enclosed original copy of the School Song (words by C H Porter and music by A H Tuddenham). I cannot remember this coming into my hands at school – or remember anything but the first verse and its various unflattering versions. I can only assume it is a residue of my father's papers. I had not remembered Alfred Tuddenham as a musician. As a Form 1A entrant, I do recall my first English lesson, when the whole class individually had to read from the Burns' poem 'The Wee, Wee Man'. I do not believe anyone got further than the title. That first lesson was my first experience of the cane too, on this occasion produced as an ever-present 'Sword of Damocles'. The other slightly unnerving habit I remember was the heaving of the master's ample girth onto the edge of a front desk, cramping the working area for its tenant.

Yours sincerely,

Bill Neate (1956)

Dear Brian,

You scored a hat trick by photographing Chris Barnes and David Nield together in the September 'Tiffnews'. How delightful to see one of the most charismatic actors of his generation in company with one of the most gifted and dynamic teachers of the same epoch.

Prior to his distinguished professional career, Chris Barnes made an auspicious Shakespearean debut in our school's celebrated 1965 production of 'Hamlet'. As an extraordinary Laertes (to my Gravedigger), of fiery passion and persuasive eloquence, he went on a year later to deploy his natural physical grace and mischievous wit as a definitive Algernon (to my Rev. Canon Chasuble D.D.) in 'The Importance of Being Earnest'.

The majority of your published CV concerns Chris's distinguished career on the legitimate stage, but may I take this opportunity to draw attention to his performance in 'Seven Days to Live'? This 2000 film never gained the wide release it deserved. As is so often the case, it gained better recognition in Europe than in its intended English-language market. The French version, 'Sept Jours à Vivre', won a prestigious place as a much sought-after Sélection Officielle at the 2001 Festival du Film Fantastique of Gerardmer in the Lorraine region of France. Subsequently it gathered a devoted following from cineastes following its release on DVD. In the film, Chris plays the pivotal role of a Hannibal Lecter-style psychopath. It is distinguished by the malevolence and devastating power of his performance. In drawing inevitable comparisons with Sir Anthony Hopkins' delivery of the same sort of material, the Tiffinian is infinitely the superior. (Those seeking more information on Chris through the internet's International Movie Database should ignore references to the third-rate American actor who has since assumed the same name, and click their mouse once or twice more to locate the real thing!)

David Nield has always been a brilliant musician, as well as an exceptional and inspiring teacher. Less well known were his skills and prowess as a leader and master strategist. I will remember him arriving at Tiffin from university to take command of the brass band (in which I was promoted through the ranks to assume the exalted office of Principal Tenor Horn in E flat). Facing the new teacher was not the crack ensemble he had hoped for, but rather, a sadly demoralised unit struggling each lunchtime to coax a tune from a sorry collection of dilapidated instruments in an advanced state of disrepair. There was some question over whether or not finance was available for replacements, even when Mr Nield presented the Headmaster, Brigadier JJ Harper, with examples of items fit only for the scrapheap. It has to be said that the band at that time lacked the reputation and prestige of other ensembles within the school, especially the choir. To his credit, the Headmaster had many valiant struggles with a cheeseparing local authority to secure even the minimum funding required to support our 'unremitting pursuit of excellence', and even he may have been undecided about the long-term future of the band. Faced with this, David Nield ceased all argument and thundered on to the offensive. His actions were as swift as they were resolute. At the next rehearsal, he switched the band to an uncompromisingly all-military repertoire. Out went the tired old arrangements of Mozart's 'Eine kleine Nachtmusik' and in came a non-stop programme featuring Colonel Bogey, The Liberty Bell, and The Dam Busters march. A few days later, our Headmaster was seen listening attentively to the martial strains floating through the trees outside The Range. A week after that, orders were placed for a set of new instruments to refit the band and restore its firepower as an effective force in the school's musical armoury.

Yet it was the unforgettable sight of our much-loved Headmaster listening intently to the band, his forefinger characteristically lodged in his upper waistcoat pocket which Chris Barnes evoked much later. In the Sicilian rural vista pictured in Sir Kenneth Branagh's film of 'Much Ado About Nothing' (1993) we spy a well-tanned Chris as a contented gardener musing on the idyllic scene, forefinger, of course, lodged in his upper waistcoat pocket.

Peter Lawley (1967)

Dear Brian,

I spent my first year at the School in 1930/31 in the Junior Class, which was located on the first floor in Elmfield. We were taught by Wyndham-Smith for all subjects save some science and art, which were held in the main school.

Now in those years fog was very prevalent in the winter months. It will be remembered that in those days coal was the main source of heating. Smoke from all the chimneys polluted the atmosphere, which was both dense and dirty. When it became very bad, visibility was often reduced to a few yards, which had a severe effect on transport. Trolleybuses coped best for obvious reasons. However, I have clear recollections of buses coming out of Kingston Garage with a conductor walking in front with a torch, shouting instructions to the driver. Trains were also interrupted, services delayed or sometimes cancelled.

As a consequence, in such weather conditions we were allowed to leave school early, say one hour. This was to enable us to arrive home safely and before dark. Now our class was held on the first floor in Elmfield. Two of the boys had desks near the main window and these were on 'point duty'. At the slightest sign of fog, or even mist, up would go their hands – "Please Sir it looks foggy outside". Now Wyndham Smith's reaction was that, if these boys were looking out of the window, they could not be paying attention. Extra homework would be given to those concerned.

I do not remember how long the practice of closing early continued or whether this applied to the Juniors and Lower School only. I think it continued through the 1930s.

Yours,

Dick Halloway (1937)

[Ed: It has been pointed out that a letter in the September edition implied that the title 'Headmaster' was changed to suit the arrival of the present Head. In fact the term 'Headmaster' was last used regularly by John Harper and his successor, John Roberts. From 1988 Tony Dempsey used the term 'Head' and, more recently, Sean Heslop preferred the title 'Headteacher'.]

# OT Football Club

We have made a promising start to the season and are pleased to have recruited some new young players, including a number of Old Tiffinians, to the Club this year. This season the Club has three sides playing league football in the AFC (Amateur Football Combination) and a Vets team. Tom Wightwick has taken over the captaincy of the firsts from Justin Smith, Paul Cotterell retains control of the seconds and Ralph Stadie remains as third team captain.

On the field a couple of early season victories have worked wonders for morale, and we have seen the enthusiasm levels lifted and passion for the game revived, with all teams doing well in their leagues. The 1st XI are currently 2nd in the league after beating current league leaders Old St Mary's 2-1. The 2nd XI are currently mid-table with 2 wins, 2 draws and 2 defeats so far, including a creditable performance against current league leaders Old Grantonians, before succumbing to a 2-3 defeat. The 3rd team is enjoying considerable success this season, and a 2-1 win against local rivals Glyn saw them rise up to 2nd in their league. On the whole, the signs are that this will be a successful season for all of the competitive teams, as we reap the benefits of a fairly successful recruitment campaign and a resurgence of commitment to the Club from existing players. If new players continue to join we could soon be looking at re-establishing a 4th eleven. A more detailed report on the 3s from skipper Ralph Stadie features below.

If you are interested, you can obtain details of all our league and cup fixtures and results on a weekly basis from the league website [www.amateurfootballcombination.com](http://www.amateurfootballcombination.com)

The Vets side have a regular programme of fixtures throughout the season and are enjoying competitive games against regular old foes. Results so far have been mixed, with 3 wins, 2 draws and 2 defeats.

## LEAGUE RESULTS TO 15 NOV 2010

1sts – AFC Division – Intermediate South. Captain – Tom Wightwick

P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Position
8	4	3	1	17	13	4	15	2nd out of 10

2nds – AFC Division – Five South. Captain – Paul Cotterell

P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Position
6	2	2	3	9	10	-1	8	6th out of 10

3rds – AFC Division – Eight South. Captain – Ralph Stadie

P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	Position
6	4	1	1	18	11	7	13	2nd out of 10

The 3s' season started off on a positive note with a win 4-2 win over City of London, and we've managed to keep the momentum going to record another three wins, with only one draw and a semi-controversial loss to blemish our record. This puts us up to the lofty position of 2nd in the league, which we haven't experienced for quite some time.

Unfortunately, because of a mix-up with the league scheduler, we were only entered in one cup competition this season (the LOB cup) and were duly dispatched 7-1 by an Economicals team that was 4 divisions higher than us.

Amongst the positive notes for this season is the addition of a new goalkeeper, Dexter Thillien, who has proved to be quite a find (when he's available to play). Also, owing to a general influx of new players, we've had selection problems of a different sort this year, where we occasionally have to turn players away. This new 'difficulty' has resulted in our being able to field stronger teams for all three Tiffs competitive sides, which is a much better prospect than we have been experiencing in previous seasons when we were struggling for a bare 11 for some matches.

Another player making his debut this season is Ben Lewis (younger brother of Sam Lewis, who is an Old Tiff established in the 1s). Ben ran the John Fisher players ragged with his surging runs up the wing and looks to be establishing himself as a regular in the side. Combined with James Platt, another new boy, they have given an injection of youth into a side that appears to have an ever-decreasing average age (another good thing!). A lot of credit to the revival of fortunes in the team is down to the performances of Jon Angell and John Edwards (both Old Tiffs), the latter of whom has proved his versatility by playing virtually every position on the pitch, except for keeper (yet!).

Bruce Houghton has also shown his invaluable contribution to the side by having played in all 4 wins and being absent for the 2 losses and draw (or could this just be a coincidence).

*Ralph Stadie*

**FINALLY PLEASE NOTE: New players of all standards are always welcome and NEEDED. If you would like to play Saturday afternoon football, then please contact Club Secretary Errol Walker in the first instance on 07984 473 074 and join us for training at Grist, which is currently being held on Wednesday evenings at 7.00pm.**

Good luck to all players and teams for a successful and enjoyable season.

*STEVE JOHNSON*  
*Chairman*

# OT Rugby Football Club

Old Tiffs are flying and don't want to land. Now regularly getting two sides out, the Club is thriving on a mix of good rugby, commitment and camaraderie.

Unbeaten at home and only one loss away, the 1s are currently perched on top of Surrey 2, while the 2s have had a solid and free-scoring campaign against a mixture of opposition, with only a few losses.

Please go to [www.otrfc.com](http://www.otrfc.com) to see how the Club is getting on, and do get in contact if you'd like to join us.

*JAMES FENTIMAN - 07947 546 390*

## Results :

### 1st XV

September 25th	Old Tiffinians – CL London	9 - 7
October 2nd	Raynes Park – Old Tiffinians	16 - 18
October 9th	Old Tiffinians – Farnham	30 - 19
October 23rd	Battersea Ironsides – Old Tiffinians	21 - 18
October 30th	Old Tiffinians – Law Society	26 - 19
November 13th	Old Tiffinians – Old Caterhamians	53 - 0
November 20th	Old Emanuel – Old Tiffinians	10 - 38

### 2nd XV

September 18th	Old Paulines 2nd XV – Old Tiffinians	12 - 0
September 25th	Old Tiffinians – London South Africa 2nd XV	28 - 19
October 2nd	Old Tiffinians – Old Georgians RFC 1st XV	15 - 15
October 9th	Old Tiffinians – Cobham 3rd XV	31 - 17
October 30th	Woking 1st XV – Old Tiffinians	22 - 58
November 13th	Met Police 2nd XV – Old Tiffinians	39 - 22
November 20th	Old Tiffinians – Battersea Ironsides 2nd XV	5 - 32

*JAMES FENTIMAN*

## VICE-PRESIDENTS' & EX-PLAYERS' LUNCH

**The next Lunch will take place on Saturday 5th March at Grist, and the opponents that day will be Emanuel. Tickets are priced at £20 (which includes some beer & wine on the tables). All are welcome. Book your place with Peter Smith on 020 8398 4748.**

# OT Golf Society

Our recent meeting at Cuddington was well attended with 26 golfers. It was good to see some new faces in our group (as well as some old ones), and a special welcome goes out to Mike Hickman, who is the groundsman at Grist, his son Alistair Hickman and Richard Halalla, a guest of Nigel Pimm. The weather was kind and the autumn colours on the course were getting very attractive. Our winner on the day and therefore the recipient of the Autumn trophy was John Pitchford with 39 points, second was Paul Baker with 38 and third Ian Redington with 35 points. The front nine prize went to Geoff Howes and the back nine to Nigel Pimm. Michael Pengilly won the guest prize with 34 points, having come all the way from Perth, Western Australia, to play with us!

John Pitchford is also to be congratulated on winning Victor Ludorum for 2010, which he did by miles. John has proved to be the most consistent golfer of the year.

Dillwyn presented the knockout cup to Geoff Howes, who had managed to beat David Lester in the final, which recently took place at Surbiton. Congratulations to Geoff. Nick Wright then showed us some possible new club ties and after a useful discussion, Nick agreed to get a sample made. We need a new tie as soon as possible, as currently we have no stock for our new members.

There was good support for a winter meeting, even if we suffer frozen (or temporary) greens. Accordingly our next meeting is at Effingham Golf Club on **Thursday December 30th**, which will enable the teachers to join us. We have the tee from 10.00, so we should meet at 09.15 for coffee, and afterwards we will have a two course lunch. The cost will be £47 per head for OTGS members and £50 for any guests, who are most welcome.

## A Double Celebration

**PAMELA PARRY** was School Secretary from 1965 to 1983. She and her husband **ALAN** have this year been celebrating two events with their children Neil (1973) and Lynne. First of all, in July, Alan celebrated his 90th Birthday, and then in September they reached their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. This they celebrated by renewing their vows at St George's Church, West End, Esher, in the presence of all their family.

Pam and Alan have their health problems, but seem very happy in their retirement in a comfortable flat in West End, Esher.



We have a varied collection of fixtures for 2011 as follows :

- Thursday March 10th match v Old Hamptonians**  
at New Zealand
- Monday May 16th match v Old Kingstonians**  
at Surrey Downs
- Thursday 9th June pm match v Old Surbs**  
at Puttenham
- Friday 1st July pm Surrey Schools Old Boys**  
at Clandon Regis (Team of 6)
- Wednesday 17th August pm match v KCS Old Boys**  
at Royal Wimbledon (team of 10)
- Thursday 27th October Autumn Meeting**  
at Cuddington

Any Old Tiff who would like to attend either Effingham in December or any of the 2011 venues, please contact me on 01483 282411 or email [allan.piggott@btinternet.com](mailto:allan.piggott@btinternet.com).

*ALLAN PIGGOTT*



*Nigel Pimm putting out*

## OT 100 Club

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

				Previous win
Aug '10	£50	Gordon Mylchreest	Wonersh	'06
Sep '10	£50	Jim Aston	Burgess Hill	
Oct '10	£50	Phil Read	West Ewell	'09

The above draws were held at the OT Social Lunch in September last.

Just by chance both Gordon & Jim are regular attenders at this Social Lunch but neither was present. In Jim's case he has won in his first year of membership.

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 Greer Kirkwood, 28 Raiton Road, Guildford, Surrey GU2 9LX (Tel: 01483 850705).

*GREER KIRKWOOD*

# Association Annual Dinner

Friday 12th November 2010

A very successful event with a high attendance, including magnificent support from the OT Rugby Club, organised by the Dinner Committee and catered for admirably by David Tyrrell and his team.



# Howard's Journey

*A profile of Howard Mallinson was published in the September 'Tiffnews', and he has since been elected a Life Vice-President of the Association, but not all will be aware of the extent or serious nature of his long illness. Those of us who know him well were delighted to see him coming to meetings again – and even attending the Association Annual Dinner this year. In their Christmas Appeal Letter the Princess Alice Hospice in Esher used his remarkable story to highlight the work they do. Howard, being so impressed by the care & compassion and the sheer professionalism of their staff, has given us permission to re-tell the story of his struggle back to reasonable health, based on the information in the Hospice Letter.*



Eight years ago Howard was diagnosed with amyloidosis (the accumulation of amyloid deposits in various organs and tissues in the body so that normal functioning is compromised), which at that stage was non-cancerous but meant that he had to make many life changes. The amyloidosis destroyed his shoulder blade, his spine was affected, and a growth in his neck meant that he was fed by a tube.

At New Year 2009, Howard was taken into hospital with acute pneumonia. In April 2009 he was diagnosed with multiple myeloma (a tumour of the bone marrow). He had to spend five of the first seven months of that year in hospital and had to accept tube feeding, with nothing to eat or drink, probably for the rest of his life. He wasn't encouraged to get out of bed. When he did, he had a heart attack. He was finally discharged home to die. He lay downstairs in a hospital-style bed waiting for the end, facing into his garden. Princess Alice provided a nurse, free of charge, to help Howard & Irene cope.

During one of those visits, Howard's remarkable journey started. "Can I sit up?" he asked. He couldn't face the prospect of watching the winter close in on him. Very carefully, he and the Hospice's specialist physiotherapist, Helen, started a programme together to see just how far they could go on this journey.

It took effort, courage and faith from Howard, but it wasn't long before he was sitting up on the edge of the bed. Then he started taking a few steps. And then he managed to walk through to the kitchen for the first time in five months: Howard's great passion is cooking, so it was a great moment – even though it was tinged with sadness, because he could no longer eat normally, let alone cook a meal.

As Howard's birthday approached last year, he asked if he could go out in the car. Watched by Irene, Howard managed to get out of the front door and into the car. Irene drove him slowly around Claygate, while the Helen sat in the back (like a gooseberry!) keeping a close eye on things. That short car trip, for Howard, was one of the greatest achievements he could then imagine.

On his birthday Howard was out in the car again. Helen waved Howard and Irene off from their drive and spent the next hour and a half pacing up and down the office wondering what was taking so long, until she received a call saying that they were back home in the house, without any assistance from her, and that they had had a lovely (but exhausting for Howard) drive!

Early in December Helen visited Howard to find him writing a list. He showed her and asked her what she thought – did she think he would be able to achieve the things on his 'Wish List'? Going to church again... visiting the library... visiting friends... then a huge gap at the bottom and a last wish: returning once more to Yorkshire before he died.

Progress from then on was rapid. By the end of December he had done most of these things (apart from Yorkshire!). He then set the goal of

getting rid of the downstairs hospital bed and sleeping in a normal bed upstairs. The Princess Alice occupational therapist helped out, and a few weeks later even that goal had been achieved.

In spring of this year Howard was due back in hospital to have surgery to correct the defect in his swallow. But at the eleventh hour the surgeon had second thoughts and the operation was cancelled. But all this did was to make Howard wonder if the surgery was necessary after all. A Speech and Language Therapy reassessment for Howard's swallow was arranged. The upshot was that Howard managed to eat and drink almost as well as he'd always done! It was a remarkable transformation. Howard's dogged refusal to give in to his illness and the desire to live a normal life made it possible, of course. But there was still one unfulfilled goal on his wish list...

In August of this year, when Helen got a picture postcard from Howard and Irene in Yorkshire, she felt a real rush of pride in everything that Howard and the team at Princess Alice had managed. Howard – who just 12 months before had been lying in a bed staring out of a window – had achieved his most precious goal of all and had made it back to Yorkshire under his own steam!

**If you have been touched by Howard's story of recovery, do consider making a donation to the Princess Alice Hospice this Christmas. They can be contacted via their website [www.pah.org.uk](http://www.pah.org.uk) (Tel: 01372 461835).**

## Tiffinian Lodge

The Tiffinian Lodge year ends in October when our Worshipful Master finishes his year and we install a new Master. It had been a very successful year for the outgoing Master, WBro Michael Giddy, but it was a fantastic final meeting, as he became the Installing Master. A well-attended meeting saw WBro John Woodville installed as the Master for the coming year. The work in the temple was, as is a standard with Tiffinian working, exemplary. A splendid time was had by both members of the Lodge and guests, both in the temple and at the dinner afterwards.

Our November meeting was a very exciting one as we had a new initiate. Chris Balasingam became the newest member to join the Tiffinian Lodge. The First Degree ceremony is always special as every member of Masonry will have experienced it, and watching someone else experience it brings back fond memories from when they joined Masonry. Bro Chris Balasingam (as he can now be referred to) did a fantastic job, and all those involved in his initiation ceremony ensured that it was a ceremony that he would remember.

Coming up for the Lodge at our next meeting is an Open Evening. The 27th January will be our White Table evening. This is when friends and relatives of the Lodge will be invited as guests into the temple to hear a talk and explanation of many aspects of masonry. However, anyone who is interested in Freemasonry, be it keen interest from someone who would like to join the Lodge to someone with a small curiosity wanting to know a little more and ask some questions, are more than welcome to join us at this meeting. This will be followed by a delicious dinner for all who wish to attend.

The next publication will report how that meeting went. However, until then we would urge, and gladly welcome, any Old Tiffinian, any member or ex-member of Staff or Governor who may have an interest in Masonry to get in touch. With the Open evening approaching, this is an ideal time to discover a little more and even find out how to join the School Lodge. Please feel free to contact me, the Lodge Membership Officer and Press Secretary, on 07941 430706 or [richard.feltham@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:richard.feltham@blueyonder.co.uk) for more details. I will be happy to answer any questions and queries and supply you with further details for the Open Evening.

*RICHARD FELTHAM*

## People



**DAVID BARON (1955)** continues to battle against the increasing aircraft noise in his area of Kent. David was the founder of GANG (Gatwick Anti-Noise Group) and blames the aircraft nuisance for his heart attack earlier in the year. Figures show that the number of aircraft passing over Hever, where David has now lived for 11 years, has increased tenfold over the last decade and can reach the rate of 20 to 30 per hour.



**JIM DE RENNES** (English Dept 1967-2003, Head of Dept 1974-2003) last September attended a reunion of graduates in English Language & Literature at his old college, St Edmund Hall, Oxford. There he was delighted to meet up with two of his former pupils from the beginning and end of his time at Tiffin. **Hugh Kirby** (1974) is now retired after a successful business career and is enjoying teaching in a local primary school. **Rob Gallagher** (2004) has followed his Oxford first by taking a PhD at London University. Jim is keeping healthy in his retirement. He referees 3 or 4 football matches each week, as well as visiting the gym.

**PETER FREEMAN (1959)** in his retirement is still involved with Carre's Grammar School, of which he was Head, conducting mock interviews for Oxbridge candidates in the Sixth Form, amongst other things. He is also in demand for playing the Last Post and Reveille. Peter still plays with his band, called Sleaford Vintage Brass. All members of the band are retired, and it is very popular, mainly because they don't charge, so charities are able to raise considerable sums of money with their help. He is still grateful to Tiffins for the marvellous start it gave him all those years ago and hopes to attend the Oxbridge Dinner next March.

**GARRY LYONS (1974)**, who was Head Boy at the time he left Tiffins, recently had a play produced in Drama on 3. His play, 'Amazonia' with Rory Kinnear and Michelle Dockery, tells the story

of Arthur Ransome, who years before he found fame with 'Swallows and Amazons' was swept up in the dramatic events of the Russian Revolution, living a dangerous double life as a journalist and agent for both the Bolsheviks and the Foreign Office. The play is a biographical portrait of this much loved children's author.

**TONY SALMON**, who taught Maths at Tiffins 1956 to 1959, has recently been in touch with the School again. At the time of his appointment, his first after National Service, by J J Harper he was newly married and living in Norbiton. He retired from teaching in 1991 and is now living in Shrewsbury.

**ALEX SENA (2002)** has now gained a PhD from University College London (Centre for Nano-Technology) earlier this year.

**ROY TAYLOR (1947)** has been in touch recently. He is trying to trace **Brian Dobson**, the regular goalkeeper in the OT 1st Eleven of the Dicky Webb/John Squire era. Can anyone help? Roy lives in the USA and continued to play soccer in Dallas for a number of years, until he passed his 55th birthday. He still avidly follows soccer on the sports channel in Texas (Fox Sports).

**SIMON TUPPER (1980)** has won yet another award for his work as an architect, this time for the new pedestrian entrance to the School (*see School pages*).



**FRANK WHATELY**, former Head of Drama at Tiffins, has been honoured by Kingston University at a Celebration of Staff Achievement event. Principal Lecturer Frank Whately received special recognition for his outstanding achievements. He received a bouquet of flowers from the Vice-Chancellor.

Frank, retired but teaching part-time at the drama school, was singled out for his remarkable contribution to drama over the course of a decade, forging links between the University and the wider professional and local community, including playing a key role in establishing Kingston's strong links with the Rose Theatre. "I was surprised," he said. "One just gets on and does things."

## John Stockdill & The New York Marathon

You will not have seen it in the National Press, nor will you have seen it mentioned on any of the Breaking News Television Programmes, but John "Willie" Stockdill ran in the New York Marathon on Sunday 7th November 2010.

While his main intention was to finish the course he undertook a vigorous training programme, which included running in the 'Run to the Beat' from the O2 and the Royal Parks Half Marathons. He achieved his aim and completed the race in the very creditable time of 4 hours 48 minutes and was one of the highest placed Britons in his age group.

John kindly agreed to run on behalf of the Tiffinian Association Limited Appeal Fund and the Neil Desai Foundation.

Tiffinian Association Limited, as you will be aware, is a charitable organisation established to support Tiffin School, its students and community. A principal objective of its Appeal Fund is to provide for the continual development of the Grist Memorial Ground, particularly any Pavilion Projects that may arise.

Neil Desai was a Tiffinian who touched so many and who made a lasting impression on those with whom he had contact at the School and elsewhere. The Neil Desai Foundation is a charitable organisation created by Neil's family and friends to donate to and

support causes that were important to him. They include Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY), KIVA (a Third World Business Start-up Organisation) and Sports in the Community and Schools and Academic Achievement.

So far we have received in excess of £1000 donations (including Gift Aid), but the 'Appeals' remain open, so it is still possible to support John by making a contribution to either of his chosen charities. If you would like to do so, please go to [www.TiffinFriends.org](http://www.TiffinFriends.org) or [www.neildesai.org](http://www.neildesai.org) to make a donation, or contact John Wright at 1 Delta Road, Worcester Park, Surrey KT4 7HP, and he will send you the appropriate Gift Aid Form.

In this respect, provided you are resident in the UK and pay basic rate tax, HMRC will effectively treat, for example, a £20 charitable donation as having been paid out of taxed income of £25 and refund the difference to your chosen Charity. For every Gift Aided donation made to TAL the Association will receive 25p in the pound, plus until 5th April 2011 an additional 3p which was introduced to compensate Charities when the basic rate was reduced to 20%.

Gift Aid is a tax efficient way of donating to charity, and particularly so for two of our membership groups. Those who pay higher rate tax can claim back the difference between that rate of tax and the basic rate. And because of the way the additional Personal Allowances for those aged over 65 are structured it helps reduce the income tax liability for those in receipt of income in excess of £22,900.

# Mick Rootsey's Reunion Visit to Grists



*Mick Rootsey & 'Nobby' Clark with 'Huck' Wright  
(in background are Jack Foster, Nigel Angus, Peter Smith,  
Ian Dopson, Stu Vidler & George Dryden)*



*Mick Rootsey & 'Nobby' Clark in the bar putting the world to rights*

A chance remark over a quiet pint in the Wagon and Horses set in motion a chain of events that initially led to a text message that established that:

- yes Mick Rootsey was coming from Australia on a visit to England with his wife Di
- no he would not be here for the Annual Dinner
- yes he would love to meet-up with old friends at the Rugby Club
- and, by the way, did we realise we had woken him from a deep sleep, as where he was it was 5 o'clock in the morning!

An invitation was issued to interested parties, where, although some might query Alex Swift's description of Mick as a Rugby Club Legend as being 'outwith' the realms of normal poetic licence, it did induce sufficient of his old team and school acquaintances to create a memorable atmosphere at the game against Farnham, which was played on Saturday 9th October.

Those present saw an exciting game with plenty of open running which resulted in the first fifteen eventually overcoming a heavier Farnham team by thirty points to nineteen. Having retired to the Pavilion to consider the game, the conversation soon turned to swapping anecdotes about the 'old days' and, as Mick wrote in a recent email, – "It was great to see so many old faces and catch up with what has been happening to them in the past thirty years."

Mick and his wife Di are planning to come back next year to attend Brian Boustead's son's wedding, which is currently scheduled for mid September, and when hopefully he can catch up with the same crowd again. But if in the meantime anyone reading this report is inspired to arrange a similar reunion, please let us know and we will be happy to put the wheels in motion.

*JOHN WRIGHT*



## **TAL Admin Officer**

Alex Swift is known now to a good many members, but usually just as an email contact or a helpful voice at the end of the phone. Since her arrival at Tiffins she has played a valuable part in answering OT queries, grappling with the new software, and always taking a full part in the organisation of any reunions or other social events. In short, she has become an important part of the Association organisation. Alex recently attended the Annual Dinner at which the attached photo was taken (by John Pullan). We hope that this photo will enable members to put a face to the friendly voice on the phone.

## **Membership Matters**

I should like to thank all those who have already sent their subscription payments for the current year (or who have paid by standing order). I should be very grateful, if those in arrears could send their payment as soon as possible, so that I do not have to send out reminders. (If sending from abroad and unable to send a cheque drawn on a UK bank, please mail the equivalent in local or sterling currency notes, as bank charges here can otherwise be extortionate.)

We always appreciate it, if you can put us in touch with any OTs whom you may meet and who may not yet be Members. Both we and the School are anxious to contact as many Old Boys as possible, whether or not they are members of the Association.

'The Tiffinian' magazine will be published around Easter. I should like to mention that it will only sent to those Old Boys of the School whose subscriptions have been recorded by me as fully paid-up. If you want your copy on publication, please ensure that you are not in arrears.

May I end by wishing you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

*DENNIS BARNARD*

## **Book Column**

**'Hardcastle's Obsession'** by Graham Ison (1950)

This is the ninth in the Great War series featuring Divisional Detective Inspector Hardcastle and was published by Severn House in November. See Graham's website at [www.grahamison.co.uk](http://www.grahamison.co.uk).

*The Great War had been in progress for two years, and the nation was still reeling from the losses at the Battle of the Somme. It is September 1916, and a Zeppelin aiming for Victoria railway station discharges its deadly cargo of bombs on central London, but instead of hitting the station, the bombs destroy a house in nearby Washbourne Street, killing all the occupants.*

*In the basement of the house, police make a grisly discovery that presents Divisional Detective Inspector Ernest Hardcastle of the Metropolitan Police with a convoluted murder enquiry. Then, a second murder, apparently connected with the first, complicates the investigation.*

*Aided by Detective Sergeant Charles Marriott, the intrepid Hardcastle questions a titled entrepreneur and his wife, an earl's daughter and her officer husband, countless prostitutes, a pair of butlers, and attends a court martial before the killer is eventually brought to trial.*

# OT Rugby Club VP & Ex-Players' Lunch

Saturday 30th October 2010

Another very successful lunch, organised by Peter Smith and arranged by David Tyrrell's team.



## OT Social Lunch

Our sixty-fourth lunch was held on Thursday 30th September at our usual venue, viz., the Ristorante Sorrento, 379 Ewell Road, Tolworth — meeting at 12.30, for lunch at 1.00, departure about 3pm.

The 13 present were :-

Dennis Barnard, David Baron, Paul Bettison, David Chaffey, David French, Dan Godfrey, Brian Gosling, Dick Hackman, Roger Keep, Greer Kirkwood, David Larmar, Bob Neville & John Wright.

Our Autumn Lunch had a surprisingly small turnout as shown above, but nevertheless again no less enjoyable. The usual excellent varied lunch was provided. The session finished with draws for the OT 100 Club at which two of our regular diners won £50.

Apologies were given from several stalwarts wishing us well on the day.

The next dates are Christmas Lunch 9th December & Spring Lunch 7th April. All are welcome and, if you wish to attend and bring guests, please let me know on 01483 850705 or email: [r.greer.kirkwood@ntlworld.co.uk](mailto:r.greer.kirkwood@ntlworld.co.uk)

*GREER KIRKWOOD*



# De Mortuis



## PETER DIPROSE 1964 – 2010

It is with great sadness that I write to tell you that Pete Diprose, a beloved brother and son, died on the 7th November. We believe that it was a result of diabetes which he had been suffering from for a few years.

He was a sports fanatic, spending what time he wasn't travelling, playing squash, tennis or watching Harlequins

Rugby Club, where he was a keen season ticket holder.

Following an enjoyable time at Tiffin School (1976–83), representing the school at both rugby and cricket, with trials for England Schools, Pete graduated from Nottingham University in 1988. He joined Price Waterhouse and trained in audit, progressing into commercial finance roles in industry with Bell South, General Electric and Worldcom. Most recently he was working for Assurant Solutions an International Client Business Analyst, travelling extensively across the world.

Pete loved travelling, either through work or for pleasure, visiting California, South Africa, and Thailand recently. He was also a sports and fitness fanatic, competing in the squash and tennis leagues at David Lloyd, Hampton, whilst training hard in the gym to control the diabetes he developed when he was 40. Pete worked very hard to control his diabetes. Unfortunately it was an illness that led to his death. Instead of flowers, his mother Ann and his brothers Chris, Jan and I would very much like to encourage awareness of diabetes, and donations to Diabetes UK in Pete's memory. Their website is <http://www.diabetes.org.uk/>, clicking onto the Donate in Memory page.

I know Pete recently registered with the new Tiffinian Association's new website and was looking forward to re-connecting with past Tiffinians. He loved his sport and loved travelling worldwide, often combining the two. Pete will be remembered as a generous, kind and fun-loving brother with a terrifically dry sense of humour. He will be missed terribly by his mother Ann and three brothers, Chris, Nick and Jan, and many nephews and nieces.

NICK DIPROSE



## JAMES THOMSON GREENWOOD 1928 – 2010

Jim Greenwood came to Tiffins as Head of English in 1963, but he became widely known as the Scottish rugby coach who helped to forge the modern game.

Jim, who has died aged 81, must have relished the news from Argentina this summer that Scotland's rugby union

team had beaten the Pumas in back-to-back Tests. Good news for Scottish rugby followers tends to be rationed, given the relatively few north of the border who play the game, but the country has given the world some of the sport's great innovators and thinkers. Sir Ian McGeechan is one and Greenwood, less heralded than the man whose name has become synonymous with the Lions, was another.

Greenwood captained Scotland and played for the Lions and the Barbarians in the 1950s, but will be best remembered as a coach and the author of *'Improve Your Rugby'* (1967) and the better-known *'Total Rugby'* (1978). A whole year of Tiffin rugby players will remember the former, as many of their photos were used as illustrations of his coaching technique, though it tended to be backsides rather than faces that appeared! The former England full-back Don Rutherford acknowledged the help Greenwood gave him in producing his book *'International Rugby'*, another important work in drawing the distinction between the social game of 'rugger' and what had grown into a major international sport. Sir Clive Woodward has claimed no man has done more than Greenwood to transform the modern game of rugby union.

Greenwood was born in Dunfermline, Fife, and educated at Dunfermline High School and Edinburgh University, where he read English. He followed university with national service in the RAF for which he played rugby. His displays in the back row attracted the attention of Harlequins and Eastern Counties. Back in Scotland, Greenwood joined his hometown club, Dunfermline. By the age of 24, he had been called by Scotland for his first cap against France.

The early 1950s were unhappy times for Scotland, but Greenwood, a No 8, soon made a lasting impression with his skill and pace. By 1955 the Scottish selectors had recognised that skill and tactical acumen and made

him captain, and that year he was picked by the Lions for their tour of South Africa.

The Lions turned Greenwood into a flanker with spectacular success, and he scored tries in the first and fourth Tests of a drawn series, combining in the first with the precocious Tony O'Reilly for his try and setting up the Irishman for a score of his own in a memorable win. Greenwood played in 16 games on tour and was in contention for a place on the 1959 tour, but he dislocated his shoulder against Ireland that year. The injury ended his representative career. He won 20 caps for Scotland, nine as captain.

He forged a career as a teacher at Glenalmond College in Perth, Cheltenham College and Tiffin School. From Tiffins he moved to Loughborough College to teach English and found himself in charge of the rugby team, which, in the 60s and 70s, had a formidable fixture list. His coaching at Loughborough inspired a new generation of England players, including the prop Fran Cotton. Incidentally, at Loughborough he joined another former Tiffin Staff member, Robbie Brightwell, the renowned athlete who came second in the 4x400 metres in the 1964 Olympics.

The publication of *'Total Rugby'* in 1978 (reprinted four times) established his reputation, and Greenwood toured the globe, helping to establish coaching structures in Argentina, Japan, the US and Canada. He also coached the England women's team. It was always something of a mystery why his native land did not recognise Greenwood's influence and recruit him as a national coach.

Scotland's current coach, Andy Robinson, and Woodward were both students at Loughborough and heavily influenced by Greenwood's ideas. Woodward has said: "Basically, I went to Loughborough for one reason, to play my best rugby, and for one man, Jim Greenwood. If I was going to play for England, it made sense to go where the best coach was. Jim's book *'Total Rugby'* is the only rugby coaching book I've ever read. It was way ahead of its time." Scotland's rugby supporters will reflect ruefully that the work of one of their own helped forge England's victory in the 2003 World Cup. Greenwood was the first rugby coach to be elected to the National Coaching Foundation's hall of fame.

Jim Greenwood is survived by his wife, Margot. There were no children.

*(We acknowledge with thanks that much of the above is taken from 'The Guardian' newspaper.)*

*The following memory of Jim was sent in by Dr Peter Elliott MBE (1964) :*

I was sad to see the recent announcement of Jim Greenwood's death. I had the pleasure of being at Tiffs at the same time. I enjoyed his English lessons. It was on the rugby field where he had the biggest impact on my life, however! When Jim arrived at the school, I was a budding wing-forward. Jim pulled me to one side at one training session, and told me I was to become a hooker! I did swap, and the first XV that year had good success. I was only sorry that Jim's 1967 book *'Improve Your Rugby'* used the following year's students to illustrate his points! When I subsequently went for my interview at The London Hospital Medical College, the chairman of the rugby club, one of the interviewers, told me the club were short of hookers – I'm sure that was why I was offered a place! The rest, they say, is history!



## GEOFFREY DAVID WARD 1940 - 2010

Geoff was born on 30th July 1940 in Brisbane, the youngest child of John and Mavis. His father was an accountant and was made chief auditor to the Australian HC in London in 1956, and so Geoff moved with his parents, leaving his two older siblings in Australia, to London, where they settled in Surbiton.

He arrived at Tiffin School in the summer of 1956 and soon made an impact, participating in the school sports, where he threw the discus with some success, a feat which was to be repeated in subsequent years, and also demonstrating his prowess in the annual swimming gala.

However, it was on the rugby field that Geoff made his major contribution to the school's sporting activities. Geoff played for the 1st XV for three years, being awarded his colours in each year, and in the third year was made captain of the 1st XV and 1st VII. Ben Lyon recalls welcoming a new arrival who could "kick a rugby ball". This must have been more of a commentary about the other new arrivals, since even Geoff never claimed that his skills lay in the "subtlety of his kicking".

His contributions were more aptly recorded in *'The Tiffinian'* as "enthusiastic in all [his] play and particularly in the line-out", and "our biggest, most conspicuous forward, [who] led the pack indefatigably and

zealously, and his line-out work, largely unsupported, proved adequate to most exigencies".

Geoff was made a Prefect in his second full year at the school and appointed Head Boy in his final year. In 1959 he was awarded a Surrey County Major Scholarship and gained entrance to University College London to read medicine.

He had demonstrated his leadership qualities at school, and close friend and fellow medical student, Mike Grundy, recalls that "Geoff was a natural leader and was quickly made President of the U.C. medics. The rest of us were managed in much the same ways as I imagine lesser boys were at Tiffin. The leadership was noisy, boisterous and autocratic and sometimes controversial, but beneath it all we knew that we had a true friend, and we loved him. Later, when we had crossed the road to do clinical medicine, he became captain of rugby."

Apart from his studies, Geoff became involved in everything with his customary enthusiasm – rugby, bridge, poker, swimming and the Rockefeller Nursing Home predominating! Around this time Geoff met fellow student Ros, and shortly after qualifying, and not before, on the insistence of both parents, they got married.

After qualifying, Geoff did house jobs at UCH then Obstetrics and Gynae at Hackney and the Westminster, with Registrar posts at St Mary's Harrow Road and Slough before becoming a Senior Registrar in Sheffield. He was appointed as a Consultant to Walsall in 1974 and retired in 2001.

Geoff set about putting the hospital "on the map", and, when he retired 27 years later, he had certainly achieved this aim. At the beginning it was difficult to get even Senior House Officers to go to Walsall, but it was not long before the hospital was flourishing Senior Registrars. Early on he persuaded somebody to buy him the first laser for Colposcopy to be found in a non-teaching hospital and this led to a major Oncology or Gynae Cancer practice. He loved managing difficult pregnancies and very much rejoiced with the patient on a successful outcome. He was a very good teacher and lecturer and was made post-graduate tutor to the hospital, and on the first occasion that the Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists arranged a local ballot (they were previously always appointed by the College) he was elected the RCOG regional adviser, and this was against a lot of talented academic opposition from Birmingham. He was treasurer of the Birmingham and Midlands O&G Society and later became their President.

Walsall was now on the map as a leading centre and in no small measure due to Geoff. His children recall embarrassing moments going around Walsall market with him. Mr Ward was very well known and would be greeted loudly from afar, and on one particularly embarrassing occasion, to the children at least, one store-holder thanked Mr Ward very loudly for getting his wife pregnant!

He had many, many social pursuits. There was golf which he played with enthusiasm rather than skill, boats, the wine club, oysters, cooking and gardening all of which were undertaken with passion. Mike Grundy recalls that "long before Geoff had his own boat he came sailing with another friend and me. He had never been on a yacht before and our time ashore, as we made our way back along the Brittany coast, was punctuated by expeditions to look for oysters, a particular addiction of Geoff's. On our final trip at night back to Falmouth he became my watch partner but not before I had been castigated by our Captain for inviting someone who was red and green colour blind. This wasn't quite the end of the story for those were the days when you had to put up a yellow Q flag as you entered your home port in case the Customs launch wanted to inspect you. On this occasion they weren't interested, so I took the relevant declaration form to the Custom's House, which stated we had nothing to declare and that we were carrying the relevant crew members and their passport numbers. All was well for a week and then I had a very irate phone call from the Immigration Authority threatening to imprison me for illegally importing an alien on an Australian passport. After a very distraught five minutes whilst I tried to explain, he asked me how long I had known the alien and only calmed down when I said 30 years so I was let off with a severe reprimand".

Geoff had always loved food, and his mother was a marvellous cook, but his skills in this area originally developed out of necessity, since when Ros went back to work full-time she was on a 1 in 3 on-call rota, so Geoff was left in charge to prepare meals for the family – a task which he found he enjoyed and developed a flair for, having obviously inherited some of his mother's skills and recipes, which he recognised by publishing a small collection of her recipes last year.

Suitably, to accompany his enjoyment of food, Geoff developed a strong interest in wine and he joined the Truro wine tasting group, where on one occasion he came second in a blind tasting competition and first on another occasion for bringing along on members' night the bottle that members enjoyed most.

The most important thing in Geoff's life was undoubtedly his family. He was immensely proud of all their many achievements ranging from their university degrees and what they achieved after them. He was equally proud of the people they all married and delighted in his five grandchildren who called him Papa and sent him beautifully decorated cards and presents, which he treasured, and he was especially proud of Ros for how she coped and brought them all up, when he was working, and then how she went back to study after many years, later becoming a Consultant Anaesthetist.

Geoff was a generous friend as evidenced by the large numbers at his funeral in Truro – many of whom had travelled considerable distances to get there – and will be missed by so many; most of all by Ros, their three children, Katherine, John and Susannah, their spouses and Geoff's five grandchildren.



#### **PETER WARN 1937 – 2010**

My friend and contemporary, Peter Warn, died of myelodysplastic syndrome on 14th August 2010, eleven days after his 73rd birthday. He and I went back to prep school days. His family lived in a bungalow 'at the bottom of the garden' in Stoneleigh. We took the 11+ together and attended Tiffins together (1948 to 1956). In

the third year he took the science road and I the arts, Peter going on to take a BSc in Mathematics at King's College, London.

His talent for maths eventually led him into the exotic world of supercomputers, but the French side of his family also played its role in his life. He was always close to his two Anglo-French cousins, the sons of an uncle who had lived in Paris and married a French lady. We had stayed with them briefly in 1955, when Peter and I did a Continental cycling tour, covering over 1,200 miles.

In late 1959 he joined De Havilland in London as a mathematician calculating trajectories of ballistic missiles – possibly the ill-fated Blue Streak. The following year he moved to Hawker Siddely Aviation in Kingston upon Thames, programming optimal orbital paths for communication satellites and, eighteen months later, took up a three year engagement with Ferranti, working on their ATLAS computer.

Not all of this was hi-tech excitement, but October 1964 saw a complete change in the Warns' life. Peter joined Control Data Corporation, CERN, with bases in Switzerland, France and Belgium. Peter and his family moved to Waterloo in Belgium, the first of several homes on the Continent, before they finally settled in Nyon, near Geneva in Switzerland.

Over the next 25 years Peter's increasingly senior responsibilities took him across much of Europe. In Geneva, he rose to Manager (Systems Analysts) for CDC; in Ferney-Voltaire, France, he was responsible for marketing support for sales to subsidiaries in Scandinavia, the Benelux and Switzerland; in Brussels, one of several roles was that of Supercomputer Sales Manager, International Operations; in Lausanne, from 1983 to 1989, Peter was closely involved in supercomputer sales to the Hospital of Geneva and CERN itself.

The final nine years of his career began in June 1989, when he was appointed an independent consultant for the Japanese NEC Corporation. This encompassed sales, marketing and personnel hiring for a range of powerful and expensive computers. Peter retired with the termination of this contract in March 1998.

Peter's great passions were walking in the Swiss mountains, stamp collecting and, above all, his grandchildren. All those who knew Peter valued him as a loyal and generous friend. Only recently, he put his knowledge of philately to work for Eddie Bruck's widow when she found herself left with fifty volumes of stamps of quite considerable value. Despite his Continental lifestyle, Peter always kept in touch with his English roots.

Peter is survived by Erna, his Dutch wife of almost fifty years, daughter Nicola and three grandchildren.

*DEREK JONES*

We regret to record the death of **MICHAEL JARVIS (1955)** and also the untimely death of **NIGEL WHITNALL (1974)**.

# Tiffin History

## MUSIC IN THE NEW SCHOOL (contd.)

### War time

The band suffered a blow immediately the war started, for Mr Silley was called up to join the RAF weather department. Captain Acres, a former military bandmaster took over. Exactly what happened after that is uncertain; *'The Tiffinian'* states that Mr Spriggs picked the band off the floor in the winter of 40/41.

The orchestra folded, its 'employer', the Tiffin Musical & Dramatic Society, closed down for the duration, owing to government restrictions on crowd gathering and because of the loss of players of all sorts to the armed services.

The choir carried on in a reduced way; while it continued to sing in assemblies its 'show' singing ceased.

To revert to the band, after the Spriggs take-over the band ceased to be primarily a marching band, though at times it still marched. The woodwind section was disbanded, and it became a normal military band. Tuition, particularly for new players, is a subject that needs to be spoken about. Prior to the war there were always enough older musicians skilled enough to look after younger players who were allowed to take instruments home for practice, but there were no visiting musical tutors as there are today. In 1942 'Pop' Whiting, a retired army bandsman, came onto the scene. He taught most effectively, and apparently he wielded the drumstick to quite a purpose.

George Spriggs devoted enormous energy to reorganising the band, and from 'on the floor' it rose during the war years to peaks of achievement which it had never reached pre-war.

Ten days after Spriggs took over, the 'new' band played at the inspection of the new 328 squadron, which was the 28F expanded with the addition of the Grammar School cadets. Then the band played at the Kingstonian Football ground, and at the end of term it played excerpts from *'Faust'*. The hope was that the band could take over certain functions of the moribund orchestra.

The band expanded its spheres, and by 1941/42 it had appeared 28 times in parades and services concerned with the war effort. Among them were 'Warship Weeks' in both Kingston and Malden, but the highlight of this period was the first but not last appearance of the school band at the Kingston Empire, this particular time being the final part of the 'Aid to Russia' week. After minor events, such as a concert in the school hall (so had gathering regulations been abolished by then?), there were youth rallies at the school and then in the Ks' football ground. It also became involved in 'Holidays at Home', a government sponsored scheme to reduce unnecessary travelling, and there were performances given at Kingston, Malden, Walton, Weybridge, Hersham, Wimbledon, Dorking and Guildford, where the audience was 6,000 and £1,500 was raised for the war effort. In the next year (42/43) the 'Holidays at Home' campaign continued and the band played at various ATC sports meetings.

There were still heights to be reached and these came in the last two years of the war. There were two further concerts at the Kingston Empire, in one of which Alfredo Campoli, a world famous violinist, featured. At the Cambridge Theatre up in London the band played alongside the Luton Girls' Choir, at that time famous entertainers. The problem of transporting the band from Waterloo Station to Seven Dials was solved by the band marching across London. Later on the school band went to the Odeon Cinema at Luton with the Girls' Choir, the audience was 2,500 strong and the band was described in advertising as the 'nationally famous Tiffin School Band'.

A wider audience was reached when two broadcasts were made on the BBC, then the only broadcasting service, one from Maida Vale, recorded, and one from Broadcasting House, which was live and directed in person by Sir Harry Mortimer, a brass band supremo, who declared the band's performance to be superb. Before the live broadcast

Sir Harry came to the school – quite an honour. Then on the 29th April Sir Adrian Boult spent over an hour in the school, conducting the band, and he too was impressed by the standard of playing that he heard: of course this was not the first time he'd been at the school.

While George Spriggs was shaking hands with the high and mighty, 'home' events were taking place: the Grist Memorial Fund had been announced, and the band appeared in a grand concert, they also appeared in lunch hour concerts at Hawker Aircraft, Leyland Motors Kingston and at the KLG works in Kingston Vale. Concerts were also held in Richmond, Walton, Kingston's Canbury Gardens, Hampton Court Palace and Chessington Zoo, where a deceased friend of mine first heard the school band and announced that he wanted to go to Tiffins and play in the band, the first he did, the second he didn't though he did play in the re-established orchestra.

The school choir is rarely mentioned in the wartime school magazines, though they performed and practised most Tuesdays and Thursdays. Again, the school magazine states that the choir was too weak to give public performances. Even so, late in the war it held two end-of-term concerts, which took place in the school hall.

*(to be continued)*

BRIAN BUNKER

## THE KEITH SOUTHAN SCHOOL BUS

*The following letter and photo have been received from Mike Griffiths (1964) :*

"You might like to have this photo for the Archives. When I joined the School as a new pupil in about 1958 the bus was painted blue with a red waistline stripe and was quite a wreck. Nonetheless, it used to drive to Grist's and also carry the boats for Henley on its roof.



"Dating from 1929, amazingly the bus still exists and has been fully restored. I re-made its acquaintance at Basingstoke (the birthplace of Thornycroft vehicles) at a Thornycroft celebration rally in summer 1996. Note the destination blind (reading TIFFIN) which, having identified my interest to the owner, was set up specially for this picture."

*Below we reproduce a piece about the bus which appeared in 'Tiffnews' in December 2006.*

We gather the School Bus was obtained in the Autumn of 1955 from Worcester School for the Blind, where Keith had taught. We have a photo of the bus at a rally of the Historic Commercial Vehicle Club in September 1958 (with a Tiffin pupil in the front seat), but we don't know when it was disposed of. Thanks to Brian Bunker's researches, we know it was a Thornycroft A2-Long UY 6596. It was purchased from Tiffins by someone, supposedly for preservation, but the top was replaced by a lorry body (regarded as outright vandalism by bus fanatics), so the chassis apparently still exists! It has been said that Keith may have licensed it as a car (quite possible apparently in those days). We wonder whether the School or Keith himself paid for it? We gather that it was obtained mainly to transport rowing eights (introduced to Tiffins in the late 1940s). Would KS have used it also for scouts and chess away matches? If you can help with any further information, please contact us.

# Queen Elizabeth Road News

## Performing Arts

The first half of term has seen the traditional rebuilding of ensembles after the departure of the Upper Sixth and the arrival of Year 7, and all of the school's instrumental ensembles acquitted themselves very well indeed in the mid-November Instrumental Concert. A larger-than-ever Concert Band performed Holst's 'Suite in F', as well as a crowd-pleasing 'Amarillo', the Second Orchestra under their new conductor Philip Viveash was alert, well-disciplined and musical, the Intermediate Strings continued to make great strides, and the orchestra performed Mussorgsky's 'Night on a Bare Mountain' with vivid character. Mike Osborn's percussion ensemble opened the evening with a show-stealing 'American Bugle Call', complete with twirling drumsticks, and the evening finished with an extended set from the Swing Band, on top form, and vocalists James Walsh, Rob Hawkins and Rosie Hawkins. The Swing Band has now moved to be a one-per-part operation, meaning that rehearsing simultaneously on Friday evenings is 'Swing Band Two', run by Hugo Fagandini, and already very popular. Later this term comes a whole day devoted to Strings playing, in which every boy in the school who plays a string instrument will be playing in ensembles, ranging from string quartets to a massed string orchestra of over a hundred players.

November also saw the Oratorio Choir's second visit to the Rose Theatre, this year performing Mendelssohn's 'Elijah' with Old Tiffinian Michael Bundy in the title role, soloists Sarah Fox, Miranda Westcott and Julian Lavender, and the period-instrument Sinfonia Britannica. As before, the theatre was packed with a very appreciative audience; special mention must go to the newly-formed Training Choir, who excelled themselves in their first performance, and to the numerous individual boys (including treble Kit Davey) who formed different smaller choirs dotted around the building.

Currently 17 boys are rehearsing 'Tannhäuser' at the Royal Opera House, and a further 15 boys (plus 15 girls taken from the Children's

Chorus) are preparing 'Hänsel und Gretel', also at the Royal Opera House.

The Carol Service is on **Tuesday 14th December**, and we hope to see as many Old Tiffinians as possible. The choir is singing superbly at the moment, and the service will feature a premiere of a new work by David Nield, 'Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen', written for choir and solo soprano saxophone (played by Christian Brewer).

Now – some Old Tiffinian help is needed. The choir is planning to tour Australia at the end of July and beginning of August, and we would like to make contact with any Old Tiffinians living Down Under. Of course, we hope to see you at our concerts, but if you have any contacts for either performance venues or offers of accommodation, then please do email me at [stoyne@tiffin.kingston.sch.uk](mailto:stoyne@tiffin.kingston.sch.uk). We are planning a separate reception for all Old Tiffinians during our time over there, and we will be contacting you about this in due course.

Looking ahead into January 2011, there are three public concerts to which I would like to draw your attention: on **Friday 14th January** at 9.30 – 10.30 pm, the choir will be giving an a capella concert by candlelight in St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square. Works to be performed will include Tippett 'Spirituals', Tallis 'Lamentations', and works by Byrd and Gibbons. The following evening, **Saturday 15th January** at 7.30 pm, the Thames Youth Orchestra gives a concert in Kingston Parish Church, featuring the wonderful programme of Elgar 'Cockaigne Overture', Adès '... but all shall be well' and Vaughan Williams 'Pastoral Symphony'. Then at the end of the month, on **Saturday 29th January** at 7.30 pm, also in Kingston Parish Church, the Boys' Choir joins forces with the London Mozart Players for a French programme including Fauré 'Cantique de Jean Racine', Poulenc 'Concerto for organ, strings and timpani' and the Duruflé 'Requiem'. I hope we might see you at some of these events!

SIMON TOYNE

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## School Boat Club

After very successful summer racing, the rowers of TSBC have embraced the bracing autumn head race season. With high expectations for the Club's achievements, the 2010-11 Captain of Boats, Greg Street, and Vice Captain, Jonathan Williams, have encouraged increased training across year groups, and the rowers have responded with enthusiasm and solidarity. This club-wide commitment to improvement was further strengthened by the Club's half-term training camp, for which we decamped to Walton Rowing Club. An intensive three days of three sessions each culminated in a mini-head against the Walton Junior rowers, in which TSBC dominated.

Our first official test came at Teddington Head, held on our stretch of the Thames on November 6th. Tiffin made a very impressive showing, winning seven events across two divisions. Notable successes were Ed Hale's win in the J16 singles category, Sam McArdle and Nathan Holt winning J18 doubles, and the formidable double of J14 rowers Harris Robinson and Tom Hodson, who won their category easily, overtaking six boats on their way down.

The next few weeks saw a flurry of racing; our J18 quad was tested at Four's Head of the River, their time placing them 25th in a massive

category. Also racing was Richard Clarke in a Tideway Scullers/Stowe School/Tiffin composite quad, which placed an impressive fifth in the same category. Kingston Small Boats Head soon followed, and Tiffin put out a staggering 22 crews. The J18 quad found satisfaction this time and easily won their category. An exciting win also came for our only Tiffin Girls' entry in the Women's J15 quad.

Tiffin celebrated last year's successes at our Annual Dinner on 12th November, where we were joined by the Heads of both the Boys' and Girls' Schools. Our guest speaker was Steve Gunn, who is the head of the Great Britain Rowing Team's Start Program, and former British Rowing Men's High Performance Coach. J15 rower Jack Pearce was named Outstanding Junior Rower, and Aaron Moran of U6 won the Coaches' Senior Rowing Prize.

TSBC have been making improvements this year both on the water and off. In conjunction with Kingston Rowing Club we applied for a £99k grant from British Rowing for matched funding to improve our boathouse and landing stage. Both clubs are committed to the development of the existing boathouse as a destination centre for those rowing at the Tiffin Schools and within the Royal Borough of Kingston. In order to obtain the grant we had to submit a lengthy Sports Development Plan giving financial details of both parties

combined with measurable milestones which highlighted our commitment to development and increased participation in rowing as a successful British sport up to and beyond 2012. Jointly, both clubs plan to increase overall participation by an average of 66%, which we will achieve by offering Learn to Row courses, as well as by continuing to expand and develop rowing within Tiffin Girls. We also plan to launch 'Explore Rowing', a new British Rowing initiative which aims to make rowing appealing for those who, often due to academic constraints, don't feel they can commit to heavy training, but still want to improve their skills and enjoy the sport.

We believe that all of these initiatives, combined with the current program employed within the Boys' School, plus the funding resulting in some important changes and improvement in space within the boathouse, will ensure Tiffin Rowing is both inclusive and successful for many years. We thank everyone for their continued support!

*KRISTINA FERRARO*

## School Rugby

The Senior sides in the school have had a very promising start to the season. The 1st XV have won 9, lost 3 and drawn 1, whilst the 2nd XV have won 8 and lost 4. At the other end of the school our current Year 7s have had a very encouraging start to their rugby careers at Tiffin, winning 5 of their 8 matches to date.

*STEVE CATHCART*

## School Badminton

The excellent Tiffin Under-19 players are well placed to defend their Surrey Titles, being undefeated in the opening skirmishes of the season. Fixtures begin in earnest in December through to March by which time we may well need to call upon the services of our capable substitute Aaron Cheng, who may have to postpone less important England duties for the odd fixture.

Down the school, the game still attracts much popularity; we just need more people to help out with fixtures, coaching and organisation.

*MARTIN WILLIAMS*

## School Cross Country

The school has had a good number of fixtures, as ever. The most successful was the first one, where we won the Croydon Runathon silver cup. More recent exploits included a bronze in the Surrey School relay series at Grist's in the junior section, with a Year 7 & 8 team of Hugo Thomas, Christian Beatie, Kirusanth Mugahraih and William Andrews. The Kings Trophy had a change of course, missing out the raging brook crossing due to Health & Safety. The fun was not to our liking, as we came 10th school out of 16 teams, with a team of Oliver Garner, Ed Purse, Edwin Harris, Greg Ledderbource-Vicinic, Max Ledderbource-Vicinic and Ben Whitfield. The Haskell Cup saw the Seniors much improved as 8th school out of 32 teams. The team was Oliver Garner, Aaron Moran, Edwin Harris and Ed Purse. This was also a good improvement from last year's performance, where we were in the top 16 teams.

In the Borough Championships, held on 16th November, the Seniors won, led home by Aaron Morat 2nd, Greg Ledderbource-Vicinic 4th, Max Ledderbource-Vicinic 5th, Shanker Saanthakumar 6th, Zhu Li 7th & Tim Smith 10th.

In Year 7 the late selection of Ewan Traynor made a great deal of difference to the Borough Title, with Daniel Riding in third & Matthew Hinks in 4th ahead of him and team regular Tom Jackson closing out the team in 14th just 3 places behind him. The team produced a great win for the school in their first Borough XC competition of their year group. Will Sharp, Ben Studdert, Krishan

Sachdeva and Anish Khanna ran well in the B team competition and team regulars Mo Eitia, Will Burdess and Karlis Pauzers finished a great race for the school. Tom Jackson and Matthew Hinks collect the Year 7 Borough trophy.

In Years 8&9 the Junior race saw some good packing, with Harry Jarvis, Kevin Lucher, Christian Beatie, Aneesh Sachdeva and Jonathan Ashenafie all good enough to gain Borough selection for the County Championships.

In Years 10 & 11, the Intermediates were against the best in the borough, and the Year 10's Tim Livingstone 3rd, Ben Gibbons 5th, Edwin Harris 11th combined with the Year 11's Oliver Garner 2nd, Will Nichols 7th and John Willison 9th to retain the Intermediate Borough trophy. Ben Whitfield, Sam Grant, Joe Klein, Adam Curran, Nicholaj Schubert and Marc Oppenheimer all ran well in the B team. Team strongmen Alex Lever, Michael Moore, Harshul Patel and Julian Hewitt concluded the proceedings in some style.

Oliver Garner and Tim Livingstone collect the Intermediate Trophy.

*ROBIN SHAW*



*Cross-Country team at Trinity*

## Townscape Award

The School has been very pleased to receive a Townscape award from the Kingston upon Thames Civic Society for the project to create the new pedestrian entrance at the junction of Queen Elizabeth Road and Birkenhead Avenue. The award was presented to Hilda Clarke, John King and Simon Tupper on Wednesday 17th November in the School's Judge Lecture Theatre, where the society meets. The redevelopment of the accident-prone corner was a joint venture with the Royal Borough of Kingston, Transport for London (who provided the funding) and the School. The project was designed by Simon Tupper, an Old Tiffinian and architect, who left the School in 1980 and who in addition designed the Dempsey Centre (for which an award was also given by the Kingston Society).

